

# Funding the Future

## 100,000 thanks to Jack Monroe

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I was aware yesterday that I was both approaching 100,000 Twitter followers and that the [short thread I wrote yesterday](#) was both proving popular and had added a couple of hundred or so followers when I saw an on-screen notification whilst watching The Last Leg that food and poverty campaigner [Jack Monroe](#) had liked several tweets in the thread.

Then the notifications of new followers began to flow in. By the time I went to bed I had 300 more followers and just now this was the situation:



A screenshot of a Twitter profile for Richard Murphy. The profile picture shows a man with glasses. The background image is a landscape of rolling green hills under a cloudy sky. The profile information includes the name 'Richard Murphy', the handle '@RichardJMurphy', a bio describing him as an economic justice campaigner, professor, and co-founder of the Green New Deal, his location as Ely, Cambridgeshire, UK, and a website link 'www.taxresearch.org.uk/blog'. At the bottom, there are two statistics: 'FOLLOWERS 100,422' and 'FOLLOWING 998'.

Category	Count
FOLLOWERS	100,422
FOLLOWING	998

So, my thanks to Jack, and those new followers. There is campaigning to be done, and Twitter is, for all its critics, a force for good in this way.