

Follow the view from the Mile End Road

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My old friend Prof David (Danny) Blanchflower posted this on Twitter yesterday:

https://twitter.com/D_Blanchflower/status/1513514551605702658?s=20&t=t5H5-0rQ8Gw7Oc-nsfBNCA

The competition began when we both had something like 17,000 followers, many years ago. And Danny is right. He won for years. And then I began to take Twitter seriously.

But Danny is worth following if you are on Twitter. Together we are the Mile End Road economists. The name is deliberate. The Mile End Road leaves the City for the east end in Bow, and beyond. From there the perspective is very different from that in the City, whose views tend to prevail in economics in the UK. By looking at the world from beyond the City gates we appreciate things are very different. We think policy has to be written to suit the needs of the Mile End Road.

Danny has long held that view, at risk of being unpopular. I share it. Give him a follow if you can.