

# The spare bedroom won

Published: January 13, 2026, 1:44 pm

---

When I began tax justice campaigning I was often asked by the curious where I came from. I was often tempted to say 'from my spare bedroom' but never did so. Having a corporate identity became useful when answering this question.

I was reminded of this when this week the Green Party's deputy leader Zack Polanski referred to me during a meeting as 'Richard Murphy from Twitter'.

Where is that, I thought?

And is it better than 'from his spare bedroom', I wondered?

Then I mused on what it must be like to be from a file server.

At that point the spare bedroom won.