

Funding the Future

Please, might we have a politics of care, community, co...

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I didn't mean to write this thread this afternoon, but I have just published it on Twitter. Once I'd written the first tweet, which was meant to be a singular thought, the rest just seemed to follow:

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Without wishing to oversimplify things, there is a binary choice in politics. You can either emphasise the needs of the individual or of society. For the first time in more than a century, the UK's two leading political parties are emphasising the individual and not society.

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No wonder so many are disenchanted with politics. Only those who are willing to turn a blind eye to the needs of others are now represented by the mainstream choices presented to us. Anyone who cares about society has no one to represent them.

     

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This is not healthy for politics, democracy, society or those whom it should be supporting, from the young to the elderly, to the sick, to those with a disability, or who are on low pay, or who simply need a helping hand.

     

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It's not clear that our democracy can survive this. What is certain is that our society, its public services, and all those who depend upon them cannot do so. Nor can we deal with climate change. No wonder so many of us are worried.

     

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What is more, whilst those with the power deny us the right to a proper electoral system, and so the right to choose an alternative to their selfish preferences, the way to change this is not clear.

     

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Everything about what it is to be a caring, compassionate, empathic human being is ignored by the politics of this moment, which wishes to sacrifice everything to the goal of financial capitalism and its need for us to be both workers and consumers but not flourishing people.

     

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Is it any wonder that we're sick, fed up, depressed and despairing? Shouldn't we be able to choose a politics that focuses on us as people in