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Opposing MPs rise above election noise to unite in challenge to church

Conservative MP, Gary Streeter, and Labour MP, Rob Flello, have come together to call upon Christians and the wider public to participate in politics, not just commentate and complain.

It coincides with the launch of a second <u>SHOW UP video</u> with a powerful and challenging message to the UK church.

The video, using an often overlooked quote from Martin Luther King, questions whether the church is currently playing its full role in society. It suggests the church limits its role to being the "Good Samaritan" when there is more to the Christian mission.

Gary Streeter and Rob Flello commenting on the SHOW UP campaign stated that:

"In the run-up to a general election and amidst all the different party political campaigning, it is all too easy to become disillusioned, shrug our shoulders and not get involved. Instead, what if Christians all over the country got actively involved in politics to make a positive difference?" (Full article can be found below).

INFORMATION

The SHOW UP campaign arose from a conversation between Christians in Politics and the Evangelical Alliance. It is now a growing coalition including the following organisations: the Church of England, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, National Day of Prayer, Catholic Social Action Network, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Spring Harvest, CARE, The Cinnamon Network, Premier Radio, Catholic Education Service, United Christian Broadcasters, Bible Society, Conservative Christian Fellowship, Christians on the Left, Liberal Democrat Christian Forum, Christians in Parliament, Fusion, FaithAction, The Salvation Army, Centre for Theology and Community, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Open Doors, Release International, Kirby Laing Institute For Christian Ethics, JustLove, Jubilee Centre, Jubilee+, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church, the United Reform Church, International Justice Mission, and the Trussell Trust.

RESOURCES

#SHOWUP 2.0 video: www.bit.ly/showupvid2

Full MPs article: www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk/latest/launch-of-the-show-up-campaign/

Show Up website: christiansinpolitics.org.uk/showup

First #SHOWUP video: www.bit.ly/showupvid Show Up book: www.bit.ly/showupbook