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Edinburgh General Election candidates will cease campaigning for an hour tomorrow (Sunday, 21 May 2017) in memory of the murdered Labour MP Jo Cox.

Prospective MPs from across the different parties will join Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale in a spirit of solidarity and to remember the legacy of the Yorkshire MP.

Ms Cox was murdered by Thomas Mair after attending a constituency surgery during the EU referendum.

Her widow, Brendan Cox, has urged politicians to focus on what unites people, not what divides them.

Last week, Mr Cox met with Scottish political leaders to emphasise his hope that they would embrace Ms Cox's legacy of togetherness.

Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale said:

"Jo Cox was an inspiration and one of the UK's brightest political lights.

"She was someone who devoted her life to helping others, believing there is more that unites than divides us.

"As we gather we will think of a mother and a wife who inspired us to remember that we have more in common than that which divides us.

"Candidates from the different political parties will gather in Edinburgh to reflect on that legacy of peace and compassion that unites us all.

"By putting aside our differences, we can instead focus on what unites us – our commitment to make Scotland and the UK a better, more progressive place."