

Siân Berry's message to labour: stop scapegoating and stigmatising those in need

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Reacting to the statement from Liz Kendall's to parliament today on proposed cuts to welfare benefits [1], Siân Berry MP said:

"I've heard nothing today that reassures me the Government will stop scapegoating and stigmatising those in need, while impoverishing them to the tune of £5 billion. Young and disabled people should have the support and backing of the Government but instead they have been badly let down this month with the active trailing of terrifying plans.

"It's clear that these plans were plotted without the input of those whose lives will be most impacted. Disabled people must be listened to before any changes are made, and I hope that Labour backbenchers will join me in being their fiercest defenders and fight off the worst of these plans.

"The Chancellor must listen as well, to growing calls from Green MPs, the public and even many millionaires for a wealth tax. How can she stoop as low as any Conservative Chancellor and take money away from disabled people rather than get a grip on the obscene wealth being hoarded in this country? This morally indefensible choice will have devastating consequences, and the Government should be ready to answer for it."

Notes

[1] [Deep cuts, Pip and 'right to try' work: the key changes in UK benefits overhaul | Welfare | The Guardian](#)

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