

[John McDonnell responds to IFS analysis that shows real wages will be no higher in 2022 than they were in 2007](#)

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McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, commenting on today's analysis from the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) that shows real wages will be no higher in 2022 than they were in 2007, said:

"This lost decade for living standards is a damning indictment of seven years of Tory economic failure.

"Philip Hammond attempted to present his failing and unfair Budget yesterday as a piece of good news for the self-employed. Today's analysis shows that the reality for low income self-employed people is that changes to the tax and benefit system will leave them worse off. In the words of the IFS, National Insurance changes yesterday "are very small by comparison".

"What we saw yesterday was more failure and more unfairness. After a decade of no real wage growth on top of Tory changes to the tax and benefit system, working people are worse off and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

"Only Labour will take the action needed to end the Tories' economic failure and introduce a Real Living Wage of £10 an hour by 2020."

[News story: Venturefest East Midlands: business growth and innovation support](#)

If you're an entrepreneur or innovator you could benefit from a networking

event to help grow your business through smart use of technology.

[Venturefest East Midlands](#) will invite businesses and investors to come together next month to network and share expertise. The event – supported by Innovate UK – is being held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at Derby Arena, Derby. Entry is free.

The event theme is smart innovation. The aim is to help businesses unlock opportunities to engage in innovation. There will be a focus on how businesses can use technology to improve their processes and become more cost efficient.

Attendees will range from those who want to get or provide finance, and win or contract for new business.

Key speakers include:

Delegates will be able to meet other local businesses and discover how they've improved their business through innovation and design.

[News story: Unknown World War 1 soldiers graves rededicated](#)

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The service, organised by the MOD's Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC), part of Defence Business Services was conducted by Reverend Chris Kellock, Chaplain 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

The service was supported by The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and by staff from the New Zealand Embassy. In attendance were delegates from both British and New Zealand Defence, regimental representatives and local dignitaries.

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Beverley Simon, JCCC said:

We owe a huge debt to those who fought in the Great War and we at JCCC take immense pride in ensuring all those who died in the service of their country are laid to rest with the appropriate dignity, ceremony and respect.

Reverend Chris Kellock QCVS RChD, Chaplain 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers said:

It is always an immense privilege to be involved on such occasions as this. As the current Chaplain to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers it is an honour to join with other Fusiliers, past and present, alongside our friends from New Zealand to ensure a fitting remembrance to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The memory of these unknown soldiers, in particular the Lancashire Fusilier, is part of our history but more importantly provides the motivation for our young Fusiliers as they follow in the proud traditions of wearing the hackle.

Headstones for the unknown soldiers have been provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), who will now care for their final resting place in perpetuity.

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Notice: CH65 4HB, Essar Oil (UK) Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Essar Oil (UK) Limited
- Installation name: Stanlow Manufacturing Complex
- Permit number: EPR/FP3139FN/V008