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New political website launched for ethnic minorities

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TMP - www.tmponline.org - a new online political magazine and forum aimed at left leaning ethnic minorities, launches today with an article by Labour deputy leadership candidate frontrunner, Jon Cruddas MP.

TMP is the first political website of its kind and will primarily cover British politics, in addition to international affairs. It is expected to become the authentic voice of ethnic minority political activists on the centre-left of British politics.

Commenting on the launch of the site, TMP editor, Chuka Umunna, said:

“Up until now, there has been no space for ethnic minorities on the centre-left to come together and talk about politics from our perspective.”

“Often it seems the media just wants to know what we think about discrimination, gangs, guns, fundamentalism and other issues perceived as affecting us in particular. But we have so much more to offer.”

“We are aiming to provide a vehicle through which ethnic minorities on the centre-left can come together and explore how we can build a more fair, free, equal and democratic world.”

It is intended that the website will be of use not only to ethnic minorities but also to those seeking to canvass their views or who are interested in the multicultural progressive perspective on current and foreign affairs.

TMP welcomes any article which may be of interest to site visitors. Articles can be submitted for consideration by emailing info@tmponline.org.

Murad Qureshi AM, the first and only Asian member of the Greater London Assembly and part of the advisory board of the website, said:

“A website like TMP is long over due. Ethnic minority political activists on the centre-left have been crying out for a heavy weight site like this. It is very timely.”

Dawn Butler MP, Member of Parliament for Brent South, said:

“I think the website is an excellent idea. People say we are disinterested in politics; the advent of the site suggests the opposite.”

Notes to Editors:

1. TMP is an online political magazine and forum aimed at left leaning Black, Asian and minority ethnic people. Its URL is www.tmponline.org.
2. TMP is edited by Chuka Umunna, a member of the Executive of the Labour Party affiliated organisation, the Black Socialist Society.
3. Members of the advisory board of TMP are:
 - Joseph Harker, deputy comment editor of *the Guardian* newspaper;
 - Josephine Osikenna, Programme Manager for Democracy and Development at the Foreign Policy Centre thinktank;
 - Miranda Grell, a member of the management committee of left pressure group, Compass; and
 - Murad Qureshi AM, a member of the Greater London Assembly.
4. For further information, visit the site and/or contact Chuka Umunna on 07766811878 or email chuka@tmponline.org.