



## Why me? asks Police and Crime Commissioner candidates to #SignTheRJpledge

Before the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on May 6th 2021, Why me? asked every candidate to #SignTheRJpledge, which said that they “will work to ensure that any victim of crime in my area is informed about Restorative Justice, and can decide for themselves if they want a referral to our restorative provider.”



Restorative Justice can transform the lives of people affected by crime, giving them the chance to have their questions answered, explain the damage done by the incident and move forward. Every victim of crime with a known offender should be informed about Restorative Justice, but data from the Office of National Statistics shows that, in reality, the vast majority do not recall this happening.

This isn't good enough, and we are trying to change it together.

Victims of crime should be able to decide for themselves whether they want to explore Restorative Justice, and be offered a referral to a restorative provider.

We are thrilled that 44 candidates signed the pledge committing themselves to Restorative Justice. Six signatories won their election on May 6th and became Police & Crime Commissioners. Thank you so much for your support, and we hope that you will continue to use your positions to help give people affected by crime power over their own recovery.

Philip Seccombe - Conservative PCC for Warwickshire



Tim Passmore - Conservative PCC for Suffolk



Dafydd Llywelyn - Plaid Cymru PCC for Dyfed-Powys



Andy Dunbobbin – Labour PCC for North Wales



Emily Spurrell - Labour PCC for Merseyside



Simon Foster - Labour PCC for West Midlands



The campaign allowed Why me? to have conversations with PCC candidates about the benefits of Restorative Justice and formed a platform for further communication with PCC offices. We also galvanized our networks by asking them to write to their PCC candidates, gathering attention online in the process. The campaign served as a springboard for the “Restorative Justice Unpacked” event which was aimed at PCCs, showing them how they can use their influence to increase the use of Restorative Justice in their area. We have since worked with a number of Police & Crime Commissioners on their Policing & Crime Plans, helping them to integrate Restorative Justice into their plans.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this campaign a success, including the following people who signed the pledge:

10 then-PCCs:

Dafydd Llywelyn - Plaid Cymru PCC for Dyfed-Powys  
Martin Surl - Independent PCC for Gloucestershire  
Clive Grunshaw - Labour PCC for Lancashire  
Lord Willy Bach - Labour PCC for Leicestershire  
Arfon Jones - Plaid Cymru PCC for North Wales  
Paddy Tipping - Labour PCC for Nottinghamshire  
Tim Passmore - Conservative PCC for Suffolk  
David Munro - Independent PCC for Surrey  
Philip Seccombe - Conservative PCC for Warwickshire

David Jamieson - Labour PCC for West Midlands

31 candidates who were running to become PCCs:

Cleo Lake - Green PCC Candidate for Avon & Somerset  
John Smith - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Avon & Somerset  
Jas Parmar - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Bedfordshire  
Nicky Massey - Labour PCC Candidate for Cambridgeshire  
Rupert Moss-Eccardt - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Cambridgeshire  
Barbara Cannon - Labour PCC Candidate for Cumbria  
Mark Christie - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Cumbria  
Gareth Derrick - Labour PCC Candidate for Devon & Cornwall  
Brian Blake - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Devon & Cornwall  
Patrick Canavan - Labour PCC Candidate for Dorset  
Chris Vince - Labour PCC Candidate for Essex  
Tony Bunday - Labour PCC Candidate for Hampshire  
Richard Murphy - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Hampshire  
Philip Ross - Labour PCC Candidate for Hertfordshire  
Lola Oyewusi - Labour PCC Candidate for Kent  
Ross Willmott - Labour PCC Candidate for Leicestershire  
Emily Spurrell - Labour PCC Candidate for Merseyside  
Kris Brown - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Merseyside  
Andy Dunbobbin - Labour PCC Candidate for North Wales  
Alison Hume - Labour PCC Candidate for North Yorkshire  
Keith Tordoff MBE - Independent PCC Candidate for North Yorkshire  
Michael Baker - Independent PCC Candidate for South Wales  
James Sandbach - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Suffolk  
Paul Kennedy - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for Surrey  
Paul Richards - Labour PCC Candidate for Sussex  
Ben Twomey - Labour PCC Candidate for Warwickshire  
Margaret Rowley - Lib Dem PCC Candidate for West Mercia  
Kuldip Sahota - Labour PCC Candidate for West Mercia  
Simon Foster - Labour PCC Candidate for West Midlands  
Junab Ali - Labour PCC Candidate for Wiltshire  
John Smith - Independent PCC Candidate for Avon & Somerset

3 candidates running in Mayoral elections:

Luisa Porritt - Lib Dem Mayoral Candidate for London  
Sian Berry - Green Mayoral Candidate for London  
Simon Lepori - Lib Dem Mayoral Candidate for Manchester