

# Press Update September 2007

## GENERAL

### 1. Vikram Dodd: 'Law change urged so Labour can have all-black shortlists'. The Guardian

'The party has chosen Rushanara Ali in London's Bethnal Green and Bow, which it lost in 2005 to George Galloway's Respect party'...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/guardianpolitics/story/0,,2161176,00.html>

### 2. Peter Osborne: 'The Rise of the sleaze-ocrats in Britain's ruling class'. The Mail

'The particular interest lies not in the series of assertions that Mulgan is making about politicians, but in the assumption he is making about wider society. He is not just saying that voters are making extraordinary demands on politicians when they insist that they do not show favouritism to friends...'

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in\\_article\\_id=479478&in\\_page\\_id=1770](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=479478&in_page_id=1770)

### 3. Geoff Mulgan: 'How to spread the word about radical ideas'. The Guardian

'In a Young Foundation study, published today, we surveyed what has been learned around the world about "scaling up", and we have completed a series of detailed case studies on examples ranging from Alcoholics Anonymous to Sure Start, Teach First to the Big Issue.'

<http://society.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,,2166800,00.html>

### 4. David Robins has sadly passed away. Dave Robins was, for a time, Director of Research at the Institute of Community Studies, precursor of the Young Foundation. In an article for Prospect Magazine, titled 'A summer of stabbings' he writes, 'Older commentators will remember the 1950s—flick knives, the rise of the juvenile delinquent, the teenager as the cuckoo in the nest of the postwar working-class family. And then there is the "cool" commercial culture—hedonism, a narcissistic concern with appearance, a macho detachment—to which many of today's teenagers adhere.'

### 5. Mark Ivory: 'Personalised care, individual budgets, self-directed support: what's the thinking?'. Communitycare.co.uk.

'The political will certainly appears to be there. Care services minister Ivan Lewis regularly restates the commitment to personalisation first given in the 2005 green paper Independence, Well-Being and Choice, and next month's government spending review is likely to provide a road map for it. It can also be seen as part of a broader policy to rebuild communities and awaken civic activism in the context of what former Downing Street policy adviser Geoff Mulgan and his one-time boss Gordon Brown like to call the "servant state".'

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2007/09/13/105748/personalised-care-individual-budgets-self-directed-support-whats-the-thinking.html>

### 6. Paul Barker and Rushanara Ali both contributed to Prospect magazine's symposium on 'British values,' in response to the government's recent Green Paper: see Prospect's October issue and the associated web-site [prospect-magazine.co.uk](http://prospect-magazine.co.uk)

### 7. Paul also wrote on equality of opportunity in the House Magazine (parliament's in-house monthly) September issue.

## SEEDS OF CHANGE

The National School, Nesta and the Young Foundation seek to make more explicit what public innovation involves and why it is needed. This is vital, not just at the local service level, but in government, where insular attitudes, structures and practices hamper the development of a public sector culture that is conducive to innovation.

[http://www.cipfa.org.uk/publicfinance/features\\_details.cfm?News\\_id=31346](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/publicfinance/features_details.cfm?News_id=31346)

## GOOD AND BAD POWER

'Good and Bad Power: The Ideals and Betrayals of Government' has launched in paperback. Both The Observer and The Guardian praise the book. The Guardian says 'The result is this blisteringly good examination of...the history of government and the current state of government throughout the world. Mulgan is clearly some kind of genius who knows the answers to all the big questions:...'

## A FREE REIN FOR INVENTION

'Unless entrepreneurs more readily work with private or public sector bodies to bring their innovations to life, they will struggle to survive and possibly risk impeding the social aims they set out to achieve.'

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/career\\_and\\_jobs/public\\_sector/article2473842.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/career_and_jobs/public_sector/article2473842.ece)

## SHARING OF IDEAS

In and Out of Sync, a report produced jointly by Nesta and the Young Foundation, says that if entrepreneurs try to "hoard credit" for their ideas they may in fact impede the social aims they are working to achieve.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/Channels/SocialEnterprise/RSS/login/737302/>

## PARTY CONFERENCES

At the party conferences, political reporter Brian Wheeler at BBC News, covered our joint fringe meeting with The Smith Institute - "British History 'needs a rewrite.'" Speaking at an event organised by the The Smith Institute, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Young Foundation, Trevor Phillips said it "was important that new arrivals learned English"

## PROGRESS

In progress online, Rushanara Ali writes "Housing is likely to continue to be a flashpoint for Labour's traditional communities...Rising house prices, combined with the decline in the stock of social housing (precipitated by policies such as 'right to buy' in the 1980s), have placed great strain on local authorities with large numbers of people unable to afford to purchase their own homes or on housing waiting lists."

<http://www.progressionline.org.uk/Magazine/article.asp?a=2010>

