

European Parliament Election
4th June 2009

London Electoral Region



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Jan Jananayagam

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Independent candidate

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I STAND FOR:

- ▶ Civil Rights and Individual Freedom
- ▶ Financial Transparency and Effective Regulation
- ▶ Equality and Diversity
- ▶ Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Ethical Foreign Policy
- ▶ Animal Welfare

I WILL WORK TO:

Defend Britain's long tradition of civil rights and freedom of expression

Reverse the past decade's erosion of the civil rights of individuals and communities

Resist the encroachment of the state on the freedom and privacy of the individual

Strengthen access to justice in practice and to prioritise the protection of the legal rights of the individual including the right to Habeas Corpus (right to be safeguarded from unlawful detention)

Commit to a values-based international policy rather than an interest-based approach

Achieve peace by means of a two state solution for Palestine, Tibet and Tamil Eelam

Challenge the failure of states to abide by the human rights agreements they have already signed, for example, the UN Genocide Convention, the UN covenant of the civil and political rights of peoples which includes the right to freedom from torture and the right to self-determination

Oppose the criminalisation of whole communities under the pretext of counter-terrorism and promote de-proscription of organisations acting responsibly to facilitate their transformation into a mainstream political body with the aim of achieving peaceful resolution of conflicts

Fight discrimination in any form, recognising it exists not just at the workplace but also in the justice system and in the provision of services by the state

Recognise that the competitive strength of Europe rests crucially on the skills and talent of its workforce

Promote free access to education for all and prioritise funding for research

Promote small businesses through access to start-up capital, less regulatory bureaucracy, simpler import and export rules and standardisation across Europe

Improve transparency of the banking system and complex derivatives markets through transparent electronic exchanges and state regulation

Oppose the lack of accountability of publicly funded financial institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank

Promote European legislation to protect animal welfare

Early Years and Education

Jan's parents were teachers in Nigeria and Zambia where she lived in her youth. In England she lived in Southport in Merseyside, Croydon and Winchester.

She studied for her GCE A levels by correspondence course from Africa and gained entry to Manchester University where she graduated with distinction in Computing and Information Systems.

She also holds a Masters in Applied Mathematics from Imperial College, University of London and an MBA from INSEAD Business School in France.

Professional Life

Jan excelled in research and development in computing before moving to the banking industry where she worked for many leading firms. She currently works as a project manager for Italy's second largest banking group, splitting her time between the London and German offices.

She has also been involved in setting up and managing start-up e-commerce ventures and understands the needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Activist Life

Jan has been a human rights activist since 1995, when she co-founded HURT. She is a prolific writer and the UK spokesperson for "Tamils Against Genocide", an advocacy group that seeks to obtain convictions for genocide against high-ranking Sri Lankan officials and the state. She is also a Director of a Law Foundation that focuses on public and international humanitarian law.

Jan is a vegetarian and is fully committed to animal welfare.

Personal Statement on Civil Rights

I hold the freedoms of the people of Britain to be precious because I have lived in countries where civil rights are limited, but I have watched with dismay the gradual erosion of civil liberties in the UK and in Europe since 2001.

I oppose the decline in individual privacy that has come with the trend towards a police state. I oppose the increased collection and storage of data on citizens by the state because I fear potential misuse.

I have researched genocide in order to prevent it. Now a genocide has happened in Sri Lanka and the international community has failed to stop it.

It is clear that the EU and UK are contravening the agreements they have signed up to in areas such as extraordinary rendition and genocide.

I oppose our anti-terror laws because they can be used to suppress any form of dissent including opposition to the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Racism is on the rise in Europe, and racist parties now have a real chance of winning seats in London.

One cannot leave matters in the hands of the established political parties.

As an independent candidate:

- ▶ I don't have to follow any party politics
- ▶ I won't be afraid to speak the truth
- ▶ I will be a catalyst for change
- ▶ I intend to make a difference.



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