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“Our communities have been deeply enhanced by immigration, be it of Irish Catholics across the constituency or of Muslims from Gujarat in India or from Pakistan, principally from Kashmir. While we celebrate our diversity, what surprises me time and time again as I travel around the constituency is that we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us”.



Jo Cox making her maiden speech in the House of Commons

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Jo was born in Batley, West Yorkshire on June 22nd 1974.

She was educated at Heckmondwike Grammar School where she was Head Girl and was the first member of her family to attend university.

Working first as a political assistant, she then joined the international humanitarian charity Oxfam, where she rose to become head of policy and advocacy at Oxfam GB.

She was a member of the Labour Party and was the Member of Parliament for the Batley and Spen constituency from her election in May 2015 until her death 13 months later 2016.

She was married with two young children.

On 16 June 2016, Cox died shortly after being shot and stabbed multiple times in Birstall, where she had been due to hold a constituency surgery.



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IN HONOUR OF JO COX

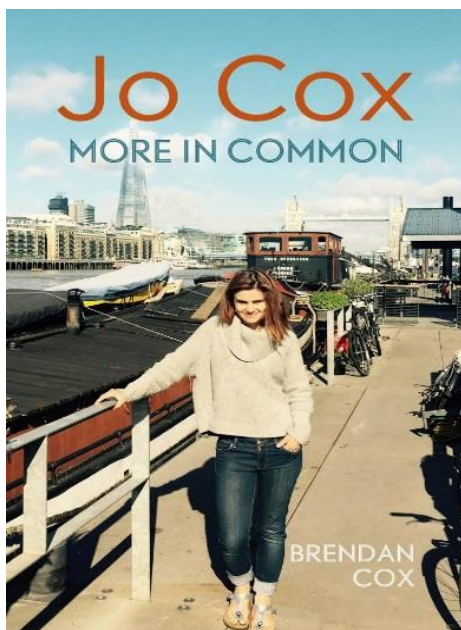
INSPIRED BY JO COX

The Great Get Together is inspired by Jo Cox, who was killed on 16 June last year and has been organized by a groundswell of people who reject divisive politics and simply want to bring communities together and celebrate all that unites us.

As the prime minister said, when she remarked on Jo's death in her New Year's message: 2017 represents an opportunity to move forward and "bring this country together, as never before".

Jo's family and friends came up with the initiative, and The Big Lunch have teamed up with them to move their annual celebration. More than one hundred organisations are now supporting this initiative.

This weekend is inspired by Jo Cox, but it is expected that people will take part for many different reasons.



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