



MARKING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A RESOURCE PACK FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Ten years ago, Jo Cox's murder shocked the nation. But in the days that followed, people responded not with fear, but with something Jo believed in deeply: connection. Neighbours came together. Differences were set aside. Communities chose unity over division.

That response revealed something Jo lived by and fought for every day: that we are stronger when we come together, that politics can be respectful, and that we have far more in common than that which divides us. For Jo, connection wasn't abstract – it was built through listening, talking, and treating one another with respect, even when we disagreed.

This pack is designed to help local councillors and councils consider how they can mark the 10th anniversary of Jo's murder and support The Jo Cox Foundation's campaign to inspire people to choose connection as we mark this milestone.

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ANNIVERSARY PERIOD AND ACTIVITY

The Jo Cox Foundation will be marking the anniversary of Jo's murder over a two week period from 14th to 28th June 2026, with the anniversary itself taking place on Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Ten years on, Jo's message that we have more in common than that which divides us matters more than ever. This anniversary is not just about remembrance – it is a moment of choice, and an opportunity to once again connect our communities.

During this period, we will mark the anniversary and celebrate Jo's legacy through a number of events and activities at different levels. Key to this will be the 10th annual Great Get Together, which will take place from 19th to 21st June 2026.

We would like to invite all councillors and councils to join us to mark the occasion, by:

- Sharing information about the Great Get Together;
- Organising your own Get Together;
- Marking the anniversary on social media;
- Coming together as councillors from across the political spectrum in the spirit; of the cross-party approach that Jo brought to her own politics; and/or
- Passing motions in council meetings in the run up to the anniversary.

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER, 19–21 JUNE 2026

About the Great Get Together

The Great Get Together is an annual celebration of what unites us. This year, it will take place for 19–21 June 2026 – the weekend closest to Jo's birthday – and will once again bring people together across the country.

Over the past ten years, millions of people have taken part, sharing food, stories, and time with those they might not otherwise meet.



A Great Get Together is a people-led event, big or small, formal or informal, designed to bring people together across lines of difference. [Evidence from The Jo Cox Foundation](#) shows that these events help people feel more connected, increase belonging, reduce loneliness, and strengthen communities.

Promoting the Great Get Together

One simple way to support the Great Get Together is to promote the campaign, which will launch on 16 March 2026.

In the section below you can find draft social media posts and digital assets that councils and councillors could use to promote the Great Get Together, encourage people to sign up to events and attend them in June.

We also encourage you to share posts about the campaign from our social media channels once it launches on 16th March 2026 if this is easier for you:

- Twitter/X: [@jocoxfoundation](#)
- Facebook: [JoCoxFoundation](#)
- Instagram: [@jocoxfoundation](#)
- LinkedIn: [The Jo Cox Foundation](#)

If you would like further support to promote The Great Get Together, for example if you would like to include a longer form article about it on your website or in a council newsletter or newspaper, please [visit our website to see our press release for The Great Get Together](#) or [get in touch](#).

Organising a Great Get Together

Organising your own Great Get Together is a brilliant way to support The Jo Cox Foundation this year, celebrate Jo's legacy and bring your community together.

Great Get Togethers can take any form that you choose, from a group walk or craft workshop, to a street party or coffee morning – the possibilities are endless.

You can find all of our resources and further information about how to organise your Great Get Together by visiting www.jocoxfoundation.org/greatgettogether.



TEMPLATE MOTION FOR COUNCILS

Below is a template motion that you can take and adapt for your council:

This council notes:

- The murders of Jo Cox MP on 16 June 2016 and Sir David Amess MP on 15 October 2021
- That the 10th anniversary of Jo Cox's murder will take place on 16 June 2026
- That abuse and intimidation remains an ongoing issue for elected representatives including local councillors, with research finding that 72% of councillors have experienced abuse or intimidation in the last 12 months

This council believes:

- That, as Jo Cox said in her maiden speech, "the truth is that we have more in common than that which divides us"
- That abuse and intimidation should have no place in our politics
- That we should follow the example of Jo Cox, who embraced working across party divides and modelled high standards of respect and civility in public office

This council resolves:

- To mark the 10th anniversary of Jo Cox's murder by running a Great Get Together / promoting the Great Get Together / coming together across political difference to mark the occasion*
**Councillor to fill in what you are asking the council to do*
- To support/continue to support* efforts to increase civility and reduce abuse in politics, including by supporting the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign / COSLA's Civility in Public Life campaign / NILGA's work to advocate for civility in public life / NALC, One Voice Wales and the SLCC's civility and respect campaign*
**Include as appropriate depending on where your council is based and your type of council*



OTHER WAYS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY

There are many other ways that you could consider marking the 10th anniversary of Jo Cox's murder on 16 June 2026. These could include:

- Holding a moment of remembrance and arranging for it to be attended by members from each group on your council
- Wearing one of our 'More in Common' pin badges to mark the occasion and encouraging other councillors at your council to do likewise ([see the resources section below](#))
- Posting on social media on the day to mark the occasion and Jo's legacy

RESOURCES

We have a number of resources available for councils to support their activity to mark the tenth anniversary.

Pin badges are expected to be available to order from our website from the beginning of May. All other resources are included in a printable format, so that you can arrange to have them printed via your own supplier:

- Pin badges will be available free of charge, with a donation requested.
- A4 foamex signs for use in photographs:
 - [More in Common quote](#)
 - [Loneliness quote](#)
 - [Abuse and intimidation should have no place in politics](#)
- Pull up banners:
 - [Banner - photograph of Jo Cox](#)
 - [Banner - more in common quote](#)
 - [Banner - Great Get Together](#)
- [Great Get Together selfie frame](#)



TEMPLATE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT FOR THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

Short posts:

- Bring people together and celebrate what connects us at the tenth
#GreatGetTogether
 19–21 June 2026
www.greatgettogether.org
#GreatGetTogether
- Ten years on, let's honour Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common than that which divides us. Join the tenth #GreatGetTogether
 19–21 June 2026
www.greatgettogether.org
#GreatGetTogether
- Ten years since Jo Cox's murder, we're encouraging our residents to join the tenth Great Get Together to celebrate everything that connects us
 19–21 June 2026
www.greatgettogether.org
#GreatGetTogether

(Slightly) longer posts:

- We're encouraging our residents to take part in the tenth Great Get Together this June, led by @jocoxfoundation. It's a powerful opportunity to bring colleagues, neighbours and communities together and show that we have more in common than that which divides us.
 19–21 June 2026
Learn more: www.greatgettogether.org



- Ten years since Jo Cox’s murder, communities across the UK will once again come together for the Great Get Together. From 19–21 June 2026, we’re supporting @jocoxfoundation to bring people together to celebrate what connects us and show we have more in common than that which divides us. Find out how to get involved: www.greatgettogether.org #GreatGetTogether

Digital Assets

Please use any or all of the digital assets listed below in a way that suits you in order to help promote the Great Get Together.

Logos:

- [Jo Cox Foundation logo](#)
- [10 year Great Get Together logos \(including supporter logos\)](#)

Social Media (for Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter/X):

- [Great Get Together \(including supporter assets\)](#)
- [More in Common quote](#)

Other:

- [Photos of Jo Cox](#)