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## The Anne Marie Jones 2018 Memorial Lecture

6.00 pm, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Eric Sunderland (MALT) Lecture Theatre,  
Bangor University

We are delighted to announce that this year's Anne Marie Jones Memorial Lecture will  
be given by

*Graham Allen*

*Graham was the driving force behind the establishment of the Early  
Intervention Foundation*

*“Early Intervention-why leave it so late?”*



Graham represented the Nottingham North constituency [where he was born] as MP for 30 years from 1987-2017. It is one of the UK's poorest areas, sending the fewest number of children to university, and with double the national average of single parents and free school meals. During his time in parliament he held a wide range of front bench portfolios, and served as Whip to the Deputy Prime Minister and then to the Chancellor, positions he held for 5 years.

Graham was a vociferous opponent of the war in Iraq, helping to organise the two biggest parliamentary rebellions within a governing party in UK's political history. Thereafter, recognising that he would not be favoured in Tony Blair's government, he became a hyper-active backbench MP on behalf of his constituency and early intervention to support families, something that had always been close to his heart, became his driving passion.

Graham took on the executive role of Chair of Nottingham's Local Strategic Partnership in 2005 which he renamed One Nottingham and set it the mission of making Nottingham into Britain's first "Early Intervention City". In 2007 he wrote *“Early Intervention: good parents, great kids, better citizens”* with Iain Duncan-Smith underlining his reputation for getting things done by working cross party.

Cross party respect for Graham, and recognition of the importance of his work with Iain Duncan Smith, led in July 2010, to a request from Prime Minister, David Cameron, for him to carry out an Independent Review of Early Intervention for Her Majesty's Government. He produced two influential reports, the first, *“Early Intervention: the next steps”* published January 2011, and the second, *Early Intervention: Smart Investment, Massive Savings*, published in July 2011. CEBEI was fortunate to have an opportunity to contribute to the work in developing the reports.

Graham then set about obtaining funding for a national **Early Intervention Foundation** to implement the findings of the reports and was successful in persuading the Government to do this. The EIF opened for business in February 2013 and Graham chaired it unpaid. [http://grahamallenmp.co.uk/campaigns/early\\_intervention](http://grahamallenmp.co.uk/campaigns/early_intervention)

As an MP Graham convened Parliament's "20 most deprived constituencies group" and in 2014 he created, founded and is the unpaid Chair of, the Charity **“Rebalancing the Outer Estates”**. This is a unique initiative to facilitate, convene and build local and national partnerships to tackle outer city deprivation and replicate effective practise nationwide on jobs, skills, community and public health issues. The Charity with its high-powered Board and connectivity has built an impressive list of achievements to date and has an ambitious future programme.

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