

Laurence Fox defies Kirklees Council to hold Batley rally and shows support for Grammar School teacher

From the [here](#). The turnout to listen isn't bad. Had I relied only on tweets taunting Laurence Fox I might have thought that only 2 men and a dog turned up.

Other speakers included Workers Party candidate George Galloway, who demanded parents be given a say in topics their children were taught. Referencing Kirklees Council's attempt to prevent the rally going ahead, he said: "Trying to ban a meeting on free speech, peak Kirklees Council don't you think?" *Not a huge fan of George Galloway, but when I think a man is right, I'll say so.*

Independent politician Paul Halloran also spoke at the rally, calling the Batley Grammar incident is a "stain on our nation" and the teacher has become a "sacrificial lamb at the altar of political correctness"

Labour candidate Kim Leadbeater did not attend, but announcer Martin Daubney read out a statement she had sent. "The right to free speech comes with responsibilities," he read