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## London Met academic to become member of the House of Lords

Buckingham Palace has announced that Dr Maurice Glasman, Director of the Faith and Citizenship Programme at London Metropolitan University and Senior Lecturer in Political Theory, will be elevated to the peerage. Maurice will join the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

Maurice is one of 54 new peers to join the House of Lords, taking the total strength of the Upper House to almost 800.

Professor Malcolm Gillies, Vice Chancellor of London Metropolitan University said, 'This is a great recognition of his work through his faith and citizenship programme here at London Met and his wider role with the London Citizens organisation... We wish Maurice all the best in his new role'.

Maurice is the author of *Unnecessary Suffering: Management, Markets and the Liquidation of Solidarity*. His teaching and research interests are on the relationship between religion and politics, the theory and practice of community organising, and Jewish conceptions of community self-government.

In partnership with Dr Luke Bretherton at King's College London, Maurice has been awarded a three year Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant to study religion and politics in London. His research interests focus on the relationship between citizenship and faith and the limits of the market. He is an acknowledged international authority on the work of Karl Polanyi.

Maurice was born in Walthamstow and went to JFS Comprehensive School and Cambridge University where he studied Modern History. From there he went to the University of York to read a Masters in Political Philosophy and completed his Doctorate at the European University Institute in Florence.

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### Notes to Editors:

**The Faith and Citizenship Programme** was established by Dr Maurice Glasman, with the support of London Metropolitan University. Its purpose was to test the thesis that both citizenship and the Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam are mutually supportive traditions and are no longer in opposition. The Faith and Citizen Programme has been working in this area for more than four years, establishing a reputation for itself with pioneering programmes and research.

Having found a growing audience interested in their work, the Programme decided to create a public forum to engage with its partners and share knowledge and expertise with other institutions.

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