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### **VETERAN "EQUAL PARENTING" CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER STANDS AS ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE CANDIDATE IN LEEDS CENTRAL**

I am proud to announce that **Julian Fitzgerald**, the political activist already much-publicised (inter alia) as a veteran campaigner for the rights of children to enjoy equal parenting, is the Alliance For Change's candidate for Leeds Central constituency in the British General Election on 5 May 2005. Julian is adamant that our children should no longer become the victims of the "adult power games" of their parents' lawyers. He considers that the present legislative framework of family law is deeply flawed, leaving children exposed to the risk of this, and millions of them *victims* of those power games.

Julian has a daughter of his own, with whom he has not been allowed to have contact for the past *eight years*.

This is the second Parliamentary election that Julian has fought in Leeds Central, focussing upon the particular issue that he brings. His sharp analytical mind has enabled him to played a major part in shaping the debate around this important issue, internationally, placing the ills he would address soundly within a wider intellectual apprehension of the set problems contemporary humanity faces. Previously, Julian suffered the usual handicaps of an independent candidate. This time, he is a welcome participant in The Alliance For Change.

Julian observes that every child has had both a mother and a biological *father*, and should be entitled to maintain a relationship with both, in all but the most exceptional of circumstances. He wants officials and judges to be held accountable for breaches of family rights and intrusions into family life. At [www.Amnesty-4-Families.org](http://www.Amnesty-4-Families.org), he draws an apt parallel between his campaign for children's rights to equal parenting, and the campaigning work of Amnesty International in connection with other human rights violations.

Julian is the founder of the Equal Parenting Campaign and a former international contact for Fathers-4-Justice. He believes that we need to establish fundamental human relational rights of children to both their parents, as equal citizens, if we are to retain basic human values such as trust and love as the bedrock of our society. The alternative is a dysfunctional, materialistic society with many marginalised and alienated individuals. Julian sees such fundamental rights as the precondition for the transition from a mechanistic worldview, towards a worldview based upon the ever-advancing biological sciences, and capable of contending with the environmental problems we are increasingly faced with.

Like both the other Alliance For Change candidates, Julian too supports the Core Policies of The Alliance For Change, listed on the website.

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