



We write as survivors and bereaved families of terror attacks.

Those attacks did not happen out of the blue. They were driven by prejudice and hatred - and we know that much of this is increasingly driven by online algorithms.

It is not only the radicalisation that is enabled online. Increasingly attack planning is also being facilitated by digital technologies. Research from the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) shows that widely available AI chatbots easily and repeatedly assist individuals planning violence, including extremist attacks. These tools reinforce harmful ideologies and lower the barriers to carrying out attacks with practical, actionable advice.

We raise this from lived experience of what happens when violence moves from ideas into action.

Current proposals have not adequately addressed these risks. We urge the next parliament to move swiftly to address the radicalisation and extremism risks posed by AI chatbots.

Proposals to require tech companies to assess and mitigate the national security risks of AI chatbots were not adopted in the last parliament. This must change in the next.

Ahead of the King's Speech, we urge the Government to:

- Introduce clear duties on AI chatbot developers to assess and mitigate risks related to extremism and terrorism
- Address how these systems can be exploited to enable real-world harm, not just illegal content
- Ensure transparency and independent oversight of high-risk AI systems and accountability for technology companies
- Accelerate and reinforce implementation of the Online Safety Act

For us, these risks are not theoretical. We have lived through what happens when online harm becomes real-world violence.

The Government has committed to public safety in the age of AI. The King's Speech is the moment to deliver.

Signed:

Lydia Berkennou, Survivor of the Bataclan attack, Paris

Geoff Ho, Survivor of the London Bridge attack, 2017

Kirstine McDowall, Survivor of the London Bridge attack, 2017

Patricia Smith, Survivor

Jayne Drew, Survivor of the Manchester Arena attack

Figen Murray, Lost our son in the Manchester Arena attack

Claudia Vince, Survivor, Fishmongers' Hall
Mike Haines, brother of David, killed by ISIS in Syria
Zoe Thompson, Survivor of the Tunisia beach attack, 2015
Sarah Drinkwater, Manchester Arena attack survivor
Susan Verghese, Survivor of the 7/7 London bombings
Darryn Frost QGM, Fishmongers' Hall survivor, 2019
Stephen Nash, Survivor of Parsons Green
Mike Shoesmith, Witness to the London Bridge and Borough Market attack, 2017
Ruth Leney, Manchester Arena attack survivor
Anne-Marie Henstock, Lost a loved one in the Brussels attack, 2016
Simon Shields, Survivor of the 7/7 and 21/7/2005 attacks in London
Dr Penelope Mendonça, Survivor of Fishmongers' Hall, 2019
Maureen Norton, Lost a loved one in the M62 coach bombing
Lisa Ghiggini, Fishmongers' Hall survivor
Tony Scott, Bataclan survivor
Sheelagh Alexander, My son, Nick Alexander, was killed at the Bataclan Theatre in Paris in 2015
Justine Merton-Scott, Bataclan survivor
Cath Hill, Witness to the Manchester Arena attack
Rosalind Morley, I lost my husband in the 7/7 atrocity
Susan Verghese, Survivor 7/7 London bombings
Carol Glover, Survivor of the 7/7 London bombings, was working in the British Medical Association building when the bus bomb went off outside the front door
Christian Fisher, Survivor of the 7/7 London bombings
Lucia Perdios, A survivor, along with my son, of the Manchester Arena terror attack
Mark Tipper, Hyde Park bombing survivor
Joanne Tipper, Hyde Park bombing survivor
Charlie Kinsella, Survivor of the Manchester attack
Sarah Webb, Survivor of the 7/7 London bombings
Sarah Drinkwater, Manchester Arena attack survivor
Holly Blackett, Manchester attack survivor
Lisa Taylor, Survivor of the Manchester Arena attack
Ellie Taylor, Survivor of the Manchester Arena attack
David S Delew OBE, Heaton Park Synagogue witness
Janet Furlong, My son James Furlong, and his two friends, Joe Ritchie Bennett and David Wails, were killed in Forbury Gardens on 20 June 2020
Gary Furlong, I lost my son James Furlong in the Forbury Gardens terror attack, June 2020
Lydia Berkennou, Survivor of the Bataclan attack, Paris
Barry Alexander, Terrorist attack at the Bataclan, Paris. My son Nick Alexander was killed
Holly Taylor, When I was 13, I became a survivor of the Manchester Arena attack. I am now 22, and it has taken many years to rebuild my life. We must unite in the face of terror
Charlotte Box, Witness and survivor of the Manchester Arena bombing
Deborah Box, Witness and survivor of the Manchester Arena bombing
Travis Frain, Westminster attack, injured survivor
Steve Gallant QGM, Intervened during a terrorist attack on London Bridge
Richard Paciukanis, Witness and survivor of the beach attack at the Imperial Marhaba Hotel, Sousse
Michelle Hussain, Mother of an injured survivor of the Manchester attack
Paul Price, Manchester Arena bereaved survivor

Alex Marshall, 7/7 London
Brendan Cox, Widower of Jo Cox MP
Jo Berry CBE, bereaved Brighton Bomb
Charlotte Sutcliffe, partner to David killed in the Metro Bombing
Ella Young, 7/7 London
Caroline Beattie, Mother of Luke Rutter, who died for peace in Syria in 2017
Linda Chapman, Westminster attack, husband killed
Keith Chapman, Westminster attack survivor
Natalie Potter, Manchester Arena attack survivor
Hannah Perry, Amman shooting survivor, 2006
James Hodder, London Bridge attack survivor, 2017
Gill Hirst, Survivor of the Manchester Arena attack, 2017
Kevin Tipple, Was on duty at the Palace of Westminster North Gate with PC Palmer when the assailant ran at us, 22/03/2017
Cheryl Stollery, Survivor and bereaved, husband killed in the Sousse attack
Lisa Marshall, Survivor of the 7/7 Tavistock bombing
Garri Holness, Survivor of the 7/7 London bombings