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Opening welcome to the official Launch of Labour Friends of Sure Start.

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Education is facing the biggest cuts since the 1950s. But these cuts are not being shared equally. The biggest cuts are to the Early Years.

First the Government removed the ring-fence around Sure Start - and now it is cutting funding.

We know that investment in Early Invention is vital for life chances as children grow older. So these cuts are a false economy.

400 Sure Start Centres have closed since 2010. Now is the time to raise the temperature on this issue.

The best way to create a fairer, more equal society is by supporting children when they are very young.

Sure Start is the best thing the last Labour Government did and I am delighted that Labour Friends of Sure Start is being launched tonight.



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