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TOMORROW'S PEOPLE SPONSORS FABIAN LIFE CHANCES LECTURE

Employment charity, Tomorrow's People today **sponsored a Fabian Society lecture** by The Rt. Hon. John Hutton MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on life chances and the Government's commitment to reducing child poverty.

The full text of John Hutton's speech can be found on the Department for Work and Pensions web site at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/aboutus/2006/10-05-06.asp>

John Hutton made a keynote address on the importance of the Government's goal to eradicate child poverty by 2020 as the key to a sustained improvement in life chances in the UK. This was followed by a discussion of the challenges that must be faced to achieve the target.

Debbie Scott, Chief Executive of Tomorrow's People said: "Helping people into employment, which is my organisation's core focus, was a key area covered in this debate about reducing poverty. We were, therefore, delighted to support today's event.

"The theme of reducing poverty informs many of the policies and political debates taking place currently. As part of our mission to help people find and keep work, Tomorrow's People continues to campaign, on a cross party basis, for improvements to welfare to work policy."

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Notes to Editors:

- Tomorrow's People is a national charity that has helped change the lives of over 400,000 people across the UK who had been resigned to long-term unemployment and welfare dependency, since it was established in 1984. It engages with the people who are the hardest to reach by giving them one to one support in their own community, helping them find the right job and to keep it long term. On average, 76% of people helped by Tomorrow's People are still in employment 12 months on.

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