



The Week that was

Good afternoon readers, we have come to the end of another enthralling week. We will end on a series of good news.

Firstly, the case has now been made for the merger of CDG and Shaw Trust. [Read more...](#) We also learned –thanks to G.O.D- that with all the discussion around the reduction in the 50p rate of tax, that the Office for Budget Responsibility had previously done analysis and had clear evidence that the rate should be 48p as this would maximise tax receipts... hopefully someone will pass the document on to the Chancellor.

Good news too, that City and Guilds has spoken to Nick Clegg about problems with the Youth Contract; yippee, hopefully this knowledge will prevent further disengagement of young people.

Also BASE has raised the point that excluding disabled people from the Youth Contract scheme is discriminatory: Nick has a lot to do.

Finally, last week we thought that the drought was off; it isn't, but good news, it will continue to rain so hopefully the drought and the hose pipe ban will be cancelled next week ... have a great weekend.

Floyd

Opposition Position

This week the focus of the Labour party has been the Ken for London Mayor 2012 campaign, however I'm sure that you have heard enough about the London election.

This week Shadow Education Secretary Stephen Twigg criticised the Government's promise of a pupil premium arguing that it would have little impact due to the budget cuts enforced at the department of education.

Mr Twigg stated ***"it doesn't even make up for the cuts they have had in their budget, it is clear that deprived pupils are suffering under this Tory-led Government"***.

Head line of the week

The Sun, 02/05/2012

"Iron willed"

Rock star Bruce Dickinson, the lead singer of Iron Maiden, has announced that he will create 1,000 jobs in South Wales in his starting aircraft maintenance business.