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A Welcome Thorn in the Government's Side

At the Suzy Lamplugh Trust's 20th Anniversary celebration, Minister for the Third Sector, Ed Milliband, urged the charity to "keep on being a thorn in the government's side".

Speaking at the champagne breakfast event held on Friday 21st July, he praised the range and quality of services provided by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and also pointed out the importance for charities of campaigning. He explained that whilst there are many important issues that need addressing, such as personal safety within our communities, it can often be the case that the government is unaware or not well placed to take action. He encouraged the Trust, and indeed other charities, to continue to campaign to convince government of issues of importance and to assert pressure to ensure that something is done.

Chief Executive of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, Julie Bentley, said:

“During the last twenty years the Suzy Lamplugh trust has successfully campaigned on a number of important safety issues, including the introduction of laws affecting mini-cab licensing and stalking, and we have every intention of continuing our campaigning work through the next twenty years. Therefore we were delighted to hear such encouragement from Ed”

Other charities who attended the event in support of the Trust included the Missing Persons Helpline and Get Connected, which were both set up by Suzy Lamplugh Trust, and Alcohol Concern who are a partner organisation.

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Notes to Editors:

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, a registered charity, is the leading authority on personal safety. The Trust works to raise awareness of the importance of personal safety and to provide solutions that effect change in order to help people to avoid violence and aggression and live safer, more confident lives.

The Trust works alongside government, the police, the educational establishment, public bodies and the business sector to encourage safety wherever people may be at risk - in the home, at work, in public and in schools and colleges, on public transport and when travelling at home or abroad.