

Chancellor must guarantee support will continue as long as necessary, say Greens



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The Chancellor has today announced that the government's furlough scheme will be continued for another four months.

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley said: "We welcome the government's commitment to extending this important scheme, but what we need to see now is a further guarantee that the level of support will not drop and will continue for as long as necessary.

"Nobody should be forced into poverty during a global pandemic yet we already know that the government's job retention scheme does not cover new starters and the self-employed.

"A Universal Basic Income would provide security to all those that need it and ensure workers and employers have greater flexibility in these precarious times."

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