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## Support for Thalidomide Victims

Plaid Cymru and EFA MEP **Jill Evans** has spoken up in support of thalidomide victims at a key debate in the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

More than fifty years has passed since thalidomide was given to pregnant women to treat morning sickness causing malformations in their babies.



*Jill Evans MEP*

Victims, led by the campaign group Fifty Year Fight, are still fighting for justice and fair compensation.

Speaking in the debate, **Jill Evans MEP** said:

*"This is a step forward in a long campaign to get justice for Thalidomide survivors. It should never have been necessary for the survivors to have to campaign to get justice. But campaign they did. Very effectively.*

*"So we see here cross party backing for financial support for all survivors. We can play a role here, together with the member states, in co-ordinating actions. We urge the German Government to allow access to the health scheme which would enable survivors to deal with increasing health problems and independent living costs.*

*"The health needs are documented. A UK study showed that Thalidomide survivors were amongst those with the poorest health-related quality of life in the population. That would include some of my constituents in Wales.*

*"We owe them justice. We owe their families justice.*

*"It's been over fifty years. It's been far too long. Let's put it right now."*

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