en

News | 14.12.2016

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."

Recommended

Study



[PFAS levels in Europeans]

01.10.2026

News

©zsofia-vera



PLENARY FLASH Greens/EFA Priorities 15 to 18 June

15.06.2026

Opinion

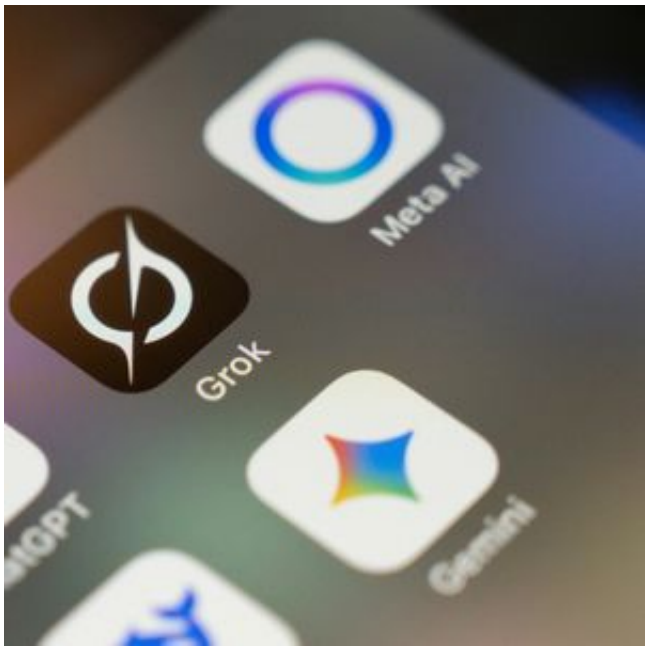


[Toxic Beauty: How the EU’s new cosmetics rules could p…]

07.04.2026

Press release

salvador-rios-tkkOCi1Wgx0-unsplash



[DSA: European Commission opens investigation against G…]

26.01.2026

Responsible MEPs



Jill Evans

Member

Please share

- E-Mail