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I was brought up doing CND, anti-war demonstrations around the anti-nuclear movement when I was kid. We went to Greenham Common and Molesworth, where they were putting warheads in an army base. A lot of what I do is with Campaign Against the Arms Trade. A lot of their activism is non-violent direct action against UK companies that make and sell arms to the rest of the world. So they have an arms fair at Excel. Now I've been there and stopped the trucks carrying the weaponry that is peddled there. So I started getting involved in the Green Party locally. One of the biggest things that happened in the last year was the fact that we opposed the latest bombing of Syria, we decided that we would make it really clear how we felt about my MP, Stella Creasy's voting no in the Syria vote, by having a very peaceful walk from a mosque, up one road to Stella Creasy's constituency office. When I arrived at the mosque there were old Muslim guys, there were young white British kids, there were so many people. I've never been part of something so diverse. People of all sorts of different faiths talked, and I thought whatever happens, I know people agree with me. I know I'm not alone. And then ten hours later, that vigil had been lied about by media outlets that I thought I could trust, and the lies were maintained by people in the Labour Party and nobody for many, many hours, came to our defence.

The activism that I've believe I do is about finding solidarity with the people that you're fighting on behalf of. So most recently I've been in a refugee camp in Calais, I've been helping cook food for people that need it right now. It's really direct thing. Humans are never desperate 100% of the time because there is a wish to live, and there's entrepreneurs, there's people that want to make something happen in any old situation.

You see kids running around and on bikes and looking perfectly happy, but then you immediately think this is a temporary space that should not be here. I felt like this can't be between France and England. Because France and England have welfare systems, so they're either in one or the other, they're not in this weird no-man's land. So there were lots of different aspects of it.

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