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Promotional material: Green GB Week toolkit

Updated: September update.

This toolkit is designed to help you get involved in Green GB Week (15-19 October 2018) with ideas and tips to host your own events or activities during the week, including social media, branding and accessibility tips.

The toolkit is for use by universities, businesses, schools, colleges, community groups, and individuals and families.

Press release: British Home Secretary visits Pakistan, announces new anti-corruption partnership

The Home Secretary held meetings with Prime Minister Imran Khan, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister for Education Shafqat Mahmood, Minister of State for the Interior Shehryar Afridi, Minister of Law and Justice Mohammad Farogh Naseem and Special Assistant for Accountability Mirza Shahzad Akbar.

During his visit, the Home Secretary announced a new Justice and Accountability Partnership to help Pakistan tackle the scourge of corruption. This partnership includes an initial £750,000 to support Pakistan pursue those involved in money laundering and the appointment of a new Envoy on Justice and Accountability, Donald Toon, who is the Director of Prosperity (Economic Crime and Cyber Crime) at the UK National Crime Agency.

The Home Secretary also announced that the UK and Pakistan had agreed to restart the bilateral Prisoner Transfer Agreement, which will help prisoners from both countries service their sentences closer to their families

Speaking during his visit, the Home Secretary said:

The UK and Pakistan have an important partnership. Our shared history and the 2% of the British population who, like me, trace their roots back to Pakistan, mean that we have uniquely strong ties to this country. We firmly believe that the UK is Pakistan's most committed and enduring partner.

That is why today I am delighted to announce a new Justice and Accountability Partnership. Corruption reduces tax and is a barrier to investment. The UK has done more than any country to tackle corruption and we are absolutely committed to supporting Pakistan to tackle this problem. Our announcement today demonstrates this commitment.

The Home Secretary also hosted: a joint education event with the British Council, the UK's Department for International Development and the Minister for Education; a round table on forced marriage with the High Commission's forced marriage team and operational partners; and a round table with British businesses. The British High Commission held a reception for Mr Javid with senior media representatives, religious leaders and senior politicians.

Further information

Donald Toon – Biography

Donald is the Director, Prosperity (economy crime and cyber crime) in the National Crime Agency, responsible for leading and coordinating the UK's enforcement response to a range of criminality, including money laundering, international corruption, fraud and cyber crime.

Donald joined HM Customs & Excise in 1991, where he held a number of policy, strategy and leadership roles in anti-smuggling, project management, counter-drugs enforcement and criminal finances. In early 2011, Donald was appointed as HMRC's Director of Criminal Investigation, where he led the delivery of a five-fold increase in prosecutions for tax fraud. In 2014, he was appointed as the Director, Economic Crime Command in the NCA.

Before joining the Civil Service, Donald spent the first ten years of his career as an officer in the Royal Navy. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Imperial College, London and a Bachelor's degree in Systems Science and Management from The City University, London.

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[News story: Nuclear companies honoured for safety at Sellafield](#)

A range of companies have received multiple RoSPA Health and Safety Awards, some of the world's most prestigious safety prizes.

Sellafield Ltd won nine awards, with contracting companies also sweeping the board for their contribution to the site's clean-up mission.

Two special medals honoured the work of those in the Pile Fuel Storage Pond and projects department, for five years of consecutive gold awards.

Mark Neate, environment, safety and security director for Sellafield Ltd said:

These awards reflect the hard work of our employees and contractors.

While we are keen to celebrate this safe working, we also recognise that we must continually improve.

We remain focused on keeping safe and secure, looking after each other and protecting our environment.

I am proud of our employees and our supply chain's continuing efforts towards improving safety.

The awards recognise safety performance in 2017/18.

Teams working directly for Sellafield Ltd won seven gold and two silver awards;

Gold

- Generation Magnox Storage Pond
- Pile Fuel Cladding Silo
- Spent Fuel Management
- Environment, Health, Safety and Quality
- Remediation
- Pile Fuel Storage Pond

- Projects Delivery Directorate.

Silver

- Magnox Swarf Storage Silo
- Warrington offices

Among the many contractors to have won are Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick, Hertel UK Ltd, National Nuclear Laboratory, PPS Electrical, Shepley Engineers, OneFM and Jacobs Field Services.