

## **Final opportunity to register for Soil Nutrient Health Scheme as deadline extended by one week**

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir is urging farm businesses to take this final opportunity to register for the Soil Nutrient Health Scheme. To help with this, the closing date for registration has been extended to midnight on Monday 8 September 2025.

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## **Minister Kimmings announces the award of £1.6million contract for Creenagh Bridge replacement and carriageway works**

Infrastructure Minister, Liz Kimmings, has announced the award of an estimated £1.6million contract for a road improvement scheme on A45 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland with works expected to commence in September 2025 and to be complete in summer 2026.

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## **Givan: Nearly 3 in 10 Pupils Falling Behind in Literacy and Numeracy**

Education Minister Paul Givan has responded to the publication of 2024–25 End of Key Stage Assessment outcomes, highlighting the urgent need for a renewed focus on literacy and numeracy across Northern Ireland's schools.

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## **Minister Lyons announces £100k funding for the Travel Awards for Bands Programme**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has confirmed funding for a new programme which will support bands to play at showcase opportunities outside Northern Ireland.

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## **Education Minister publishes SEN Policy Statement**

Education Minister Paul Givan has today published a Policy Statement on Special Educational Needs (SEN).