

[Meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland on 9 January 2026](#)

The Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland met on 9 January 2026 and considered a number of matters including the pay and grading structure of agricultural workers. All of the proposed changes set out below are designed to become effective from 1 April 2026.

[Lyons announces projects receiving USA-NI250 funding](#)

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has announced funding for projects that will promote Northern Ireland's history, heritage, arts sector and tourism offering as the US marks the 250th anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence.

[Individual Wellbeing in Northern Ireland, 2024/25](#)

The Executive Office today published figures for Northern Ireland for 2024/25 across four areas of individual wellbeing:

[Labour Market Statistics – January 2026](#)

The labour market statistics were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.

Muir launches draft Strategy to protect nature for future generations

Members of the public are to be consulted on a draft Nature Recovery Strategy to restore, manage and protect Northern Ireland's habitats for future generations.