

## Independent panel's final report recommends independent environmental regulator be established for NI

A panel has recommended the establishment of an independent regulator as part of its review into environmental governance in Northern Ireland.

---

## Lyons announces bands and individuals who will benefit from the £1.1m Musical Instruments Programme

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has announced that 134 grants will be issued to individuals, bands and groups from across Northern Ireland, who have been successful in the 2025/26 Musical Instruments Programme.

---

## Education Minister marks next phase of construction work at Scoil an Droichid Primary School and Nursery Unit

Education Minister Paul Givan has visited Scoil an Droichid Primary School to view progress on its major capital construction project, formally marking the next phase of development.

---

## Launch of Psychological Professions Forum for NI

A new Psychological Professions Forum for NI has been formally launched to

help ensure psychological knowledge and expertise is embedded throughout the health and social care system.

---

## **Lyons – US/NI 250 funding programme will open for applications**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has announced that applications are to open for the US/NI 250 Funding Programme.