

## **£800k Funding Boost for Stranmillis and St Mary's University Colleges**

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has announced an additional £400,000 of annual funding for each of the north's University Colleges.

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## **DfI Launches Road Safety Campaign: Be Bold. Be Seen**

Minister for Infrastructure Liz Kimmins has launched a new road safety campaign to encourage road users to be more visible as the darker winter months approach.

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## **Kimmins highlights importance of collaboration with Open University for staff development**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has highlighted the importance of a new collaboration with The Open University which is providing an online learning platform for staff.

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## **New posters launched to strengthen Ending the Harm campaign**

A new series of posters have been launched as part of the Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime's ongoing 'Ending the Harm' campaign.

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# Green Party membership surges past Conservatives, making the Greens third-largest political party in the UK

The Green Party of England and Wales' membership has surged past the Conservative Party, making the Greens the third largest party in the UK [1]. From this position, and with Labour's clear shift to the right, it's clear that the Greens are now the Party of choice to counter Reform and their brand of divisive politics.

In just over two hours, the Green Party saw 1,000 new members join on Sunday morning after Zack Polanski announced the news on BBC One's Laura Kuenssberg show. The Green Party membership now stands at over 126,000. This latest milestone marks an 80% increase since Zack Polanski was elected Leader of the party last month. The Greens now have more than double the [reported members of the Liberal Democrats](#).

Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said:

"More than 126,000 people have now joined the Green movement, showing that British politics is changing and support for old-style parties built on privilege and power is shrinking. Increasing numbers of people are walking away from the politics of austerity, inequality and division and choosing a new kind of politics that offers a bold, hopeful vision of prosperity, equality and unity".

"Our membership boom reflects growing public frustration with the political status quo and a hunger for genuine alternatives".

Since Polanski was elected leader, the Greens have become a clear voice on the cost-of-living crisis, climate breakdown, and the collapse in political trust.

Polanski added, "This milestone shows that people are ready for something new. The old two-party system is broken. The Green Party is growing because we speak to the real challenges of this moment, and it's clear that with our message, people can see that politics can be a force for good".

The Green Party is now preparing to launch a series of autumn campaigns on fair taxation and tackling the cost-of-living crisis, as the Labour Party prepares what is likely to be another austerity-driven budget.

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[1] The last publicly available membership figure for The Conservatives is 123,000, although it is widely assumed to be now considerably lower. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2025/07/23/tory-membership-falls-under-badenoch/>

The Green Party's membership is based on the membership of the Green Party of England and Wales. The Scottish Green Party and Northern Irish Greens are separate political parties. The Scottish Green Party recently [announced](#) its own membership had grown to over 8,000 members.

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