

Labour are “plumbing new depths” with filmed immigration raids

Responding to the news that Labour are now publishing videos of police immigration raids, Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer MP, said:

“This Labour government are plumbing new depths with their plan to broadcast footage of people being detained and deported. Those involved should be searching their consciences to ask if such breath-taking cruelty is really worth it all for the sake of aping the rhetoric of Reform. The bitter irony is that following Reform to the right on migration won’t win Labour any support – it will only lend legitimacy to Reform’s extreme views. It’s time this government showed a bit of backbone and told the truth – that migration is good for this country.”

[Adblock test \(Why?\)](#)

Greens call for Drax subsidies to be shifted to home insulation scheme

Green MP and party co-leader Adrian Ramsay has urged the government to divert planned new subsidies for the privately owned wood-burning Drax power station to a national home insulation scheme.

Adrian Ramsay said:

“Drax is a green energy scam, burning trees – some imported from ancient forests from as far away as Canada – subsidised by the taxpayer.

“The billions of pounds worth of subsidies run out in 2027, but the government is expected to try to renew them next week, turning taxpayer money into profits for a private company, instead of using the money to fuel a green energy revolution.

“Drax has benefitted from over £6 billion in subsidies since 2012 and neither taxpayers nor the environment can afford a penny more.

“The money should be used to help fund a national scheme of home insulation that would cut people’s energy bills and help to reduce energy use.

“Green MPs and Peers will be pressing the government to end this subsidy scandal and invest people’s money where it will make a real difference to them.”

Working together we can end domestic abuse – O'Dowd

Finance Minister John O'Dowd has pledged his support to the Onus Safe Place Campaign: never to commit, condone or stay silent about domestic violence or abuse.

Captive Bird Temporary Control Zone in place following initial results of Avian Influenza outside Magherafelt

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has introduced a 3km Captive Bird Temporary Control Zone (CBTCZ) around a nature reserve outside Magherafelt.

Ministers launch Creative Connections Programme supporting creativity and the arts in learning

Education Minister Paul Givan and Ireland Education and Youth Minister Helen McEntee have invited primary, post primary and special schools to apply to take part in Creative Connections, a pilot creative partnership programme.