

## Funding boost to help tackle domestic and sexual abuse

The Departments of Justice and Health have awarded funding to 11 organisations to enable them to deliver programmes aimed at reducing domestic and sexual abuse.

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## Labour Market Statistics January 2025

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

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## Inauguration response: Trump will put us all in danger unless we unite

Responding to President Trump's inauguration speech, Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay said:

"Trump's inauguration speech showed us that the peace many take for granted, and indeed the very foundations of our democracy, are under threat.

"His obsessive isolationism risks leaving fatal cracks in the international co-operation that we need to build a fairer and greener future.

"While he focuses on short-term national populism, surrounded by his mega-rich backers, he offers nothing to ease the hardships and discontent felt by many who have been beaten down by decades of low wages or insecure work.

"His polarising rhetoric risks fuelling the discontent and resentment exploited in Britain by the reactionary right-wing.

"His energy policies that promise to "roll back" the incremental steps Biden took and instead to "drill baby drill" will leave us all open to the growing impacts of the climate crisis from floods, wildfires and of course a devastating loss of nature.

"Our shared environment cannot afford four years of his denial of the climate crisis.

“From rolling back Biden’s regulations on power plants, to ending his pause on liquefied natural gas exports, Trump has made clear today his contempt for the severity of the climate crisis and the fate of those whose lives are already been upended by it.

“This represents a severe threat to us all.

“As Trump seeks to drive fear and division through his political opponents, now is the time to respond with unity and hope.

“For Britain this means doubling down on our response to the climate crisis; it means rapidly re-building closer ties to the EU; it means being unequivocal in our support for the most vulnerable and for a fairer future where no one is left behind.

“United we can help soften the blows coming over the next four years and lay a foundation to build a future.

“But divided, be under no illusion, we will fall.”

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## Minister welcomes removal of Portadown interface structure

A legacy interface structure that has been standing for 27 years has been successfully removed by the Department of Justice with local agreement.

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## Statement ahead of President Trump’s inauguration: “a dangerous turn toward right-wing populism”

**Green Party Co-Leaders, Adrian Ramsay and Carla Denyer** released a joint statement ahead of President Trump’s inauguration saying:

“We must stand up for peace and democracy in what will be a dangerous turn toward right-wing populism in the wake of Donald Trump taking office.

“The antidote to Trump in the US, and the likes of Reform in the UK, is to

offer people a real hope for real positive change that will transform their lives.

“That means a new offer to people beaten down by decades of low wages, insecure work, decimated public services and a realisation that the impact of the climate crisis is all around us in the form of floods, wildfires and a devastating loss of nature.

“We need the green investment to deliver the jobs of the future – well-paid, meaningful and secure – and we need the UK government to invest properly in schools and the NHS, and stand up for international law and human rights.

“A greener future is a more just and fairer future.

“The Green Party is clear – President Trump is a misogynist, a racist, a convicted criminal and, we believe, a fascist.

“We will be pressing the Labour government to recognise that to defeat fascism, political parties that believe in democratic values must work together to keep the flame of democracy alive and show people that democratic politics can deliver real change.”

**Statement ends**

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