

Language Commissioners and Director of the Office of Identity and Cultural Expression appointed

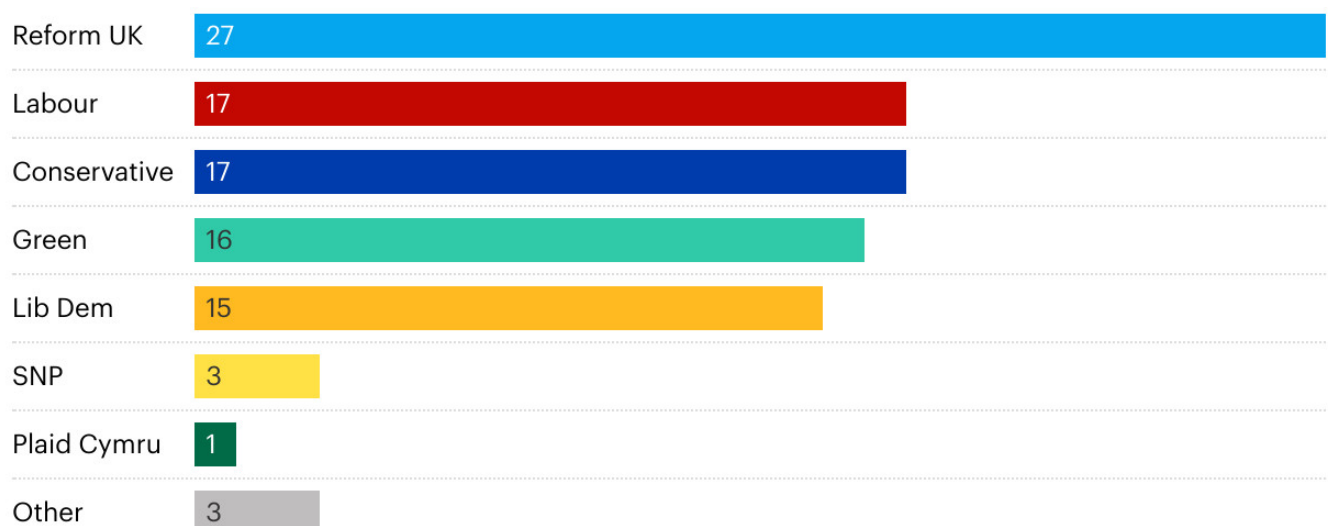
The First Minister and deputy First Minister have announced the appointment of Dr Katy Radford as the Director of the Office of Identity and Cultural Expression (OICE), Pól Deeds as the Irish Language Commissioner, and Lee Reynolds as the Commissioner for the Ulster Scots and the Ulster British tradition.

Greens within touching distance of Labour

28 October 2025 / 28 October 2025 by [Green Party](#)

YouGov Westminster voting intention (26-27 October 2025)

If there were a general election held tomorrow, which party would you vote for? %



YouGov

26 - 27 October 2025

Reacting to a new [YouGov poll on voting intentions](#) which shows the Green Party on a record 16%, just one percentage point behind Labour, co-deputy leader of the Green Party, Mothin Ali said:

“When we said we were here to replace Labour and take the fight to Reform we meant it. People are flocking to the Greens because they see we are the party pushing for bold change and are making hope normal again.

“We have now surged beyond 150,000 members – a more than 100% increase in just over a month. In the same period our poll ratings have shot up to their highest ever YouGov showing and the Green Party is now within touching distance of Labour”

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Communities Minister announces changes to funding for new social homes

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons today announced a number of changes to increase the delivery of new social homes across Northern Ireland.

Ex-post Evaluation of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published the ex-post evaluation of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2014-2020.

Minister says Pension Credit check could unlock crucial cost of living support

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has urged people over State Pension age to

check if they are eligible for Pension Credit to help with living costs.