

Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index Quarter 4 2025

The Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index (NICEI) Quarter 4 2025 was published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA).

Infrastructure Minister launches consultation on overtaking and passing buses

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has launched a consultation seeking views on a proposed approach to improving safety when passengers, particularly children, are getting on or off buses.

Statement by DoH Permanent Secretary Mike Farrar

Statement by DoH Permanent Secretary Mike Farrar following the Education Authority's decision to close down summer schools for children with special educational needs.

Minister welcomes latest Economic Output Figures for the north – March 2026

Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has welcomed the latest economic output statistics published by NISRA today.

[Mothin Ali takes the fight to Reform in his hometown of Leeds in a personal address](#)

Green Party's Mothin Ali takes the fight to Reform in his hometown of Leeds in a personal address at the 'heartbreak' of what the establishment has done to his local community. It's time to end rip-off Britain, and 'scam artist' Farage is not the solution, says Greens deputy leader.

Deputy leader of the Green Party Mothin Ali, delivered a speech in Leeds today to set out his vision for dealing with the unaffordability crisis and the legacy of deindustrialisation in the North of England.

Mothin Ali will also launch a hard-hitting and personal video of the challenges faced by working-class people, whose communities have been torn apart by decades of de-industrialisation.

Never-ending higher bills are breaking people in a system that's not broken, Ali said, but doing exactly what it is designed to do.

In his speech in Leeds this morning he said:

"I have real heartache for the thriving high streets we no longer have, for the local wealth and opportunity that has been taken from us through decades of austerity politics. My heartache at the community spirit that we have lost, and heartbreak at the division, racism, and misplaced anger that have replaced it."

"It tells me that something has gone wrong – deeply, fundamentally wrong – in how our country has been governed by the establishment."

Mothin Ali spoke out against politicians who, instead of looking at ways to fix the problems, have blamed those at the bottom, stirring up hatred which has led to anti-semitic attacks on Jews and attacks on Muslims

He said, "It's the same old story. Instead of looking for ways to fix the problem, to boost the economy, to create local jobs, to encourage local business, we have politicians pointing the finger and blaming those at the very bottom of society."

Mothin Ali called out Nigel Farage, who visited Leeds on Tuesday, as 'spreading a toxic brand of hatred'.

"He's a grifter and a scam artist who is using his political profile to get rich. So, when Nigel Farage pretends to be a man of the people. Remember that his people are not the plumbers or the plasterers; they're the wealthy elites

who have bled our communities dry through their system of what they like to call trickle-down economics.”

Mothin Ali said he understands the anger of Reform voters, but set out real solutions that will improve the quality of life and rebuild communities.

Mothin Ali said ‘enough is enough’, it’s time to end rip of Britain, “The Green Party is offering you something different and better – hope and a plan. First, we will invest in our communities. Not with trickle-down promises. But with real tangible investment. We’ll put the power and the resources back where they belong: in the hands of local people who know what their communities need.”

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