

Marie Goldman marks the start of Black History Month 2025

This year's theme, 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', speaks to a long and ongoing history of courage, resilience and leadership – of driving change in the face of injustice – and to the pride, purpose, and strength found in Black communities around the world.

We owe an enormous debt to the Black British community. From the Windrush generation's foundational role in building the NHS to the countless trailblazers who pushed boundaries in politics, the arts, science, and activism, their legacy is woven into the fabric of this country.

Yet, the work is far from done. Too many people still face daily injustices, from racism and hate speech to unequal opportunities and barriers that prevent full participation in society. Prejudice continues to harm lives, communities, and trust. We must acknowledge that reality and act to change it.

I am proud that the Liberal Democrats are committed to standing firm in this fight. We reject racism in all its forms and are determined to drive meaningful change.

That is why we remain stalwart in our commitment to:

- Fully implementing the Windrush Lessons Learned Review and ensuring Windrush victims receive the justice and compensation they deserve
- Tackling inequalities in health, education, justice, and economic opportunity, especially where Black and minority ethnic communities are most affected, through a comprehensive Race Equality Strategy
- Promoting diversity and representation in public institutions, workplaces, and communities – not as a token gesture, but by ensuring real access to power

This Black History Month, as we honour the pioneers, the activists, the unsung heroes, and the next generation, our message is clear: We stand with you. We will stand firm in your power and pride, and we will continue working for a more just, equal, and inclusive Britain.

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[Green Party Leader Zack Polanski reacts to Manchester Terror Attack](#)

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Reacting to the Manchester synagogue attack, which has left two members of the Jewish community dead and four others seriously injured, Green Party leader, Zack Polanski, said:

“This horrific attack feels deeply personal for me as I grew up in the Jewish community in Manchester. My heart goes out to all those impacted by this dreadful act of terror. It is a sad reflection of the growing antisemitism we’ve witnessed for several years, as well as rising hate crime. It emphasises the importance of interfaith work; of bringing people together in our communities.”

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[Draft Climate Action Plan Consultation nears completion](#)

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir is encouraging people to have their say on Northern Ireland’s first draft Climate Action Plan, before the 16-week public conclusion closes on October 8th.

[Publication of Northern Ireland Cancer Waiting Time Statistics: April to June 2025](#)

The Department of Health today published Accredited Official Statistics on cancer waiting times for the quarter ending June 2025.

Kimmins Visits Nature-based Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) Scheme in Antrim

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has visited a Nature-based Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) scheme in a new housing development at Belmont Hall, Antrim.