

# Arrival of the new Governor Designate of Montserrat Mrs. Sarah Tucker

World news story

Sarah Tucker will sworn in as new Governor of Montserrat on Wednesday 6 April



Governor Designate Sarah Tucker, accompanied by her husband Howard, will arrive in Montserrat on the afternoon of Tuesday April 5, ahead of being sworn in as Governor on Wednesday 6 April at the Montserrat Cultural Centre.

Mrs. Tucker said:

I am honoured to be representing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and am committed to working with and for the benefit of the people of Montserrat.

She and Howard are looking forward to exploring Montserrat and learning about its rich culture, amazing wildlife and sampling the legendary goat water dish.

You can now follow the new Governor on Twitter on [@SarahGeorgina68](https://twitter.com/SarahGeorgina68)

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## End of year report: one year on

News story

The Commission for Countering Extremism's end of year review, covering work done by the Commission over the last 12 months.



The Commission for Countering Extremism has published its End of Year Review today, highlighting work done by the Commission over the course of the last 12 months in helping tackle extremism in the UK.

Robin Simcox was appointed as Interim Commissioner in March 2021. Those he has engaged with over the course of the last 12 months includes Ministers, policy and intelligence officials, law enforcement, and arms-length bodies, among others. In doing so, he has helped advise on the issues they face regarding extremism – be it online, in schools, prisons, charities, or elsewhere.

Robin Simcox says:

Over the past 12 months I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to input into the vital work that is taking place in this area.

Extremism is a scourge on our society and the challenges it poses are great. Communities divided, viewing each other with mutual suspicion and hatred. A rejection of democratic values and principles. A mindset that can justify or lead to hate crime or terrorism.

There is much to do. The engagement I have undertaken has demonstrated to me a need to not only increase awareness of extremism across the public sector but also increase the sophistication of our collective response. Meanwhile, the challenges Government faces around engagement, particularly with groups where there is an extremism concern, endure.

The extremism landscape is dynamic and evolving. However, the challenges it presents are consistent. I will do all I can to ensure the CCE is at the forefront of addressing them.

[Read the full end of year report.](#)

## [UK Space Command marks one-year anniversary](#)

Over the past year, [UK Space Command](#) – the Ministry of Defence’s lead for space operations, space workforce, and space capability – has taken command of RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire and the UK Space Operations Centre at RAF High Wycombe.

As the Command celebrates its first anniversary, it also reaches Initial Operating Capability (IOC), marking the completion of its initial development as an operational military command. This follows a year of rapid capability and workforce growth within UK Space Command.

In future, UK Space Command will command and control all of Defence’s space capabilities, including SKYNET satellite communications, the National Air and Space Operations Centre, and the ISTARI programme.

**Air Chief Marshal Sir Mike Wigston, the Chief of the Air Staff, said:**

We are all dependent on space. It is fundamental to our security and to our way of life. Formed one year ago, UK Space Command has now achieved Initial Operating Capability, and is working 24-7-365 to make space safe, sustainable and accessible for the benefit of all.

**Air Vice-Marshal Paul Godfrey, Commander of UK Space Command, said:**

Space Command’s first year has been exceptionally busy, and our staff have been superb. Every one of them should be proud of their role in enabling us to declare Initial Operating Capability as part of our first anniversary. We will continue to develop our workforce and capabilities to ensure the UK and our allies continue to have access to space and the services derived from it.

The Command works closely with several allied nations in the Combined Space Operations Initiative (CSpO), Five Eyes, NATO, and other bilateral relationships, to collectively promote the free, responsible, and sustainable use of space.

Its first year has also seen close collaboration with the UK Space Agency to deliver joint civil and defence space policy as outlined by the [National Space Strategy](#). The two organisations have worked closely together since the Command's formation, especially throughout incidents like the [re-entry of Long March-5B](#) in May 2021, and the Russian anti-satellite missile test in November 2021.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the missile-tracking capabilities of UK Space Command have been a contributor to the UK and international response. Personnel at the UK Space Operations Centre and RAF Fylingdales have been monitoring this crisis continually since its outset having tracked more ballistic missiles in the last six weeks alone than in the whole of the previous year.

Now in its second year, UK Space Command will continue to deliver on the UK's Space Programme outlined in the [Defence Space Strategy](#) from February 2022, setting out the government's vision for Defence as a global actor in the space domain.

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## [Part time and postgraduate students in Wales invited to sign up to SFW mailing lists](#)

Press release

The Student Loans Company (SLC) is asking part-time and postgraduate students in Wales to start planning their student finance for next academic year.



The student finance application service for part-time and postgraduate students will open in the summer, but students can sign up now to the Student Finance Wales (SFW) [part-time](#) and [postgraduate](#) mailing lists to receive an email when the services are live.

SLC advises students to apply as early as possible for their student finance, even if they don't have a confirmed place on their course. This helps to ensure that their funding is in place at the start of term.

Part-time and postgraduate Master's students in Wales can apply for a combination of loans and grants to help with their course and living costs. Postgraduate Doctoral students can apply for a loan to help them with their course and living costs.

Chris Larmer, SLC Executive Director, Operations said:

"SLC is committed to enabling opportunity through access to higher and further education, and we want to support as many students as possible to apply for student finance early, to ensure they have their funding in place at term start.

"By signing up to the mailing lists part-time and postgraduate students can be assured that they won't miss the application window opening."

To help students stay up to date with the latest student finance news and information, SLC's top tips include:

- Sign up to the SFW [postgraduate](#) and [part-time](#) mailing lists to be one of the first to know when the application service opens.
- Visit the Student Finance Wales website to find out more about what funding is available
- Follow SFW on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

Full-time undergraduate students can apply now for student finance at <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/discover-student-finance/>

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## [Nuclear skills showcased at industry awards ceremony](#)

News story

Hundreds of nuclear professionals gathered at the 14th UK Nuclear Skills Awards at the Kimpton Clocktower Hotel in Manchester.



Corhyn Parr, CEO of Nuclear Waste Services, addresses guests at NSAN Nuclear Skills Awards

Sponsored by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, the event was organised on behalf of the nuclear industry and Cogent Skills.

The NDA group was heavily represented with six finalists from Sellafield, Magnox and Energus.

Winners of the night included Megan Robertson from Sellafield, who was named 'Intermediate Apprentice of the Year'. In addition, the five other finalists were named runner up, including:

- Ellie Rosewell, Magnox – Intermediate Apprentice of the Year
- Luke Doran, Sellafield – Higher & Degree Apprentice of the Year
- Luke Crampton, Sellafield – Graduate of the Year
- Ross Simpson, Sellafield & Energus – STEM Ambassador of the Year
- Sellafield and Gen2 – Best Employer & Provider Partnership Award

Corhyn Parr, CEO of Nuclear Waste Services, opened the event on behalf of the NDA:

We are celebrating the younger members of our sector tonight and all the fantastic work they do, it is a good opportunity to think to the future and how we set ourselves up as an industry of choice for long term opportunities, exciting challenges and plenty of personal and professional development.

Across the NDA businesses including Sellafield, Magnox, Dounreay and the newly created Nuclear Waste Services, we have some of the most complex challenges in decommissioning and waste management in the world. Our programme is over 100 years to clean-up the UK's legacy sites. We invest in skills because it gives us an energized and committed workforce now and in the future.

Hosting the event, attended by representatives from across the nuclear industry, was Chris Hollis, Sports & Factual Entertainment Presenter, and main presenter for BT Sport.

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