

National review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson: terms of reference

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1. 26 May 2022

Added letter from Nadhim Zahawi, Secretary of State for Education to Annie Hudson, Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel responding to the publication of the review.

2. 9 February 2022

Updated the terms of reference for the review which will now also examine the circumstances leading up to the death of Star Hobson.

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Fusion energy record demonstrates powerplant future

- Landmark results from EUROfusion scientists and engineers at world-leading UK Atomic Energy Authority's Joint European Torus (JET) facility in Oxford
- Record-breaking 59 megajoules of sustained fusion energy demonstrates powerplant potential and strengthens case for ITER
- Fusion energy is crucial in addressing climate change through a safe, sustainable, efficient and low-carbon energy supply

Record results announced today are the clearest demonstration worldwide of the potential for fusion energy to deliver safe and sustainable low-carbon energy.

Researchers from the EUROfusion consortium – 4,800 experts, students and staff from across Europe, co-funded by the European Commission – more than doubled previous records achieved in 1997 at the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) site in Oxford using the same fuel mixture to be used by commercial fusion energy powerplants.

Fifty-nine megajoules of sustained fusion energy was demonstrated by scientists and engineers working on the Joint European Torus (JET), the largest and most powerful operational tokamak machine in the world.

The record and scientific data from these crucial experiments are a major boost for ITER, the larger and more advanced version of JET. ITER is a fusion research mega-project supported by seven members – China, the European Union, India, Japan, South Korea, Russia and the USA – based in the south of France, to further demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy.

As pressures mount to address the effects of climate change through decarbonising energy production, this success is a major step forward on fusion's roadmap as a safe, efficient, low carbon means of tackling the global energy crisis.

George Freeman MP, Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, said:

“These milestone results are testament to the UK's role as a global leader in fusion energy research. They are evidence that the ground-breaking research and innovation being done here in the UK, and via collaboration with our partners across Europe, is making fusion power a reality.

“Our Industrial Strategy for Fusion is intended to ensure the UK continues to lead the world on the commercial roll-out of this transformational technology, with the potential to deliver clean energy for generations to come.”

Ian Chapman, UKAEA's CEO, said:

“These landmark results have taken us a huge step closer to conquering one of the biggest scientific and engineering challenges of them all. It is reward for over 20 years of research and experiments with our partners from across Europe.

“It's clear we must make significant changes to address the effects of climate change, and fusion offers so much potential. We're building the knowledge and developing the new technology required to deliver a low carbon, sustainable source of baseload energy that helps protect the planet for future generations. Our world needs fusion energy.”

Tony Donné, EUROfusion Programme Manager, said:

“This achievement is the result of years-long preparation by the EUROfusion team of researchers across Europe. The record, and more importantly the things we've learned about fusion under these conditions and how it fully confirms our predictions, show that we are on the right path to a future

world of fusion energy. If we can maintain fusion for five seconds, we can do it for five minutes and then five hours as we scale up our operations in future machines.

“This is a big moment for every one of us and the entire fusion community. Crucially, the operational experience we’ve gained under realistic conditions gives us great confidence for the next stage of experiments at ITER and Europe’s demonstration power plant EU DEMO, which is being designed to put electricity on the grid.”

Dr Bernard Bigot, Director General of ITER, said:

“A sustained pulse of deuterium-tritium fusion at this power level – nearly industrial scale – delivers a resounding confirmation to all of those involved in the global fusion quest. For the ITER Project, the JET results are a strong confidence builder that we are on the right track as we move forward toward demonstrating full fusion power.”

Fusion energy’s potential

Fusion, the process that powers stars like our sun, promises a near-limitless green electricity source for the long term, using small amounts of fuel that can be sourced worldwide from inexpensive materials. The fusion process brings together atoms of light elements like hydrogen at high temperatures to form helium and release tremendous energy as heat. Fusion is inherently safe in that it cannot start a run-away process.

JET – where temperatures 10 times hotter than the centre of the sun are reached – is a vital test bed for ITER, one of the biggest collaborative science projects in history. The larger French-based project and future power plants plan to use the same deuterium-tritium (D-T) fuel mix and operate under similar conditions to the record-breaking EUROfusion experiments held recently at Culham Science Centre, Oxford.

Megajoules and Megawatts explained

In its recent record-breaking experiment, JET produced a total of 59 Megajoules of heat energy from fusion over a five second period (the duration of the fusion experiment). During this experiment, JET averaged a fusion power (i.e., energy per second) of around 11 Megawatts (Megajoules per second).

The previous energy record from a fusion experiment, achieved by JET in 1997, was 22 megajoules of heat energy. The peak power of 16MW achieved briefly in 1997 has not been surpassed in recent experiments, as the focus has been on sustained fusion power.

Government funds Windrush Day 2022 celebrations

- From today community groups can bid for funds to celebrate the Windrush Generation and their contribution to British society
- The government has funded more than 130 Windrush Day projects since 2019
- This year's scheme encourages proposals that tell the Windrush story in unique and exciting ways

Community projects celebrating the Windrush generation will be supported through a £500,000 government fund launching today (9 February 2022).

The annual Windrush Day Grant Scheme provides up to £50,000 to individual projects to mark the fifth annual Windrush Day 2022 on 22 June through events and activities.

Projects could include art lessons, public celebrations, community activities or developing the educational and entrepreneurial skills of young people from Britain's Caribbean Community and their peers.

This year, councils, charities and community groups are being encouraged to come up with proposals that engage with the Windrush story in powerful, enterprising and thoughtful ways.

2021 celebrations included:

- **Vine Community Centre:** An East Midlands based organisation held a commemoration service in Nottingham town centre with guest speakers, gospel singing, and the raising of the Windrush Generations flag by the Sheriff of Nottingham.
- **Unity Housing Association:** An exhibition of photographs and videos focusing on the contributions made by the Windrush Generation to business and social reform in Leeds.
- **Strike a Light:** A Gloucester based theatre group created performances inspired by the Windrush Generation, and shared stories through live streaming radio and a film.
- **Birmingham Museum Trust:** The organisation produced in-school learning resources supported by the digitisation of The Birmingham Black Oral History Project, and an online lecture as part of the museum's On Demand programme.
- **Harmony Youth Project:** A 3-month creative exhibition and event with a local Caribbean church choir, including a disco for young people and performances at various residential homes by school pupils.

Minister for Levelling Up Communities, Kemi Badenoch, said:

"The legacy of the Windrush generation means so much to so many.

“As a first-generation immigrant myself, I understand personally how important it is to highlight how much we welcome and celebrate the contributions made by those who choose to make Britain home.

“In this spirit, the government is committed to recognising the achievements of the Windrush Generation and the contributions and sacrifices made by Britain’s Caribbean communities.”

Chair of the Windrush Community Funds and Windrush Schemes group, Paulette Simpson CBE, said:

“I am delighted that for the fifth annual National Windrush Day on June 22nd this year, the outstanding contributions that the Windrush Generation and their descendants have made, and continue to make, to British Society will again be marked through funded projects that remember and celebrate their enduring legacies.

“This year we are encouraging new, innovative and enterprising proposals to share the Windrush story and reach out to people that make up our diverse local communities. In doing so, we can ensure projects will impact history, education and celebration in a meaningful way.”

Philippa Smith, Community Producer at Strike a Light, said:

“It is so important to share and celebrate the influences of Caribbean people on British culture.

“Our project for Windrush Day 2021 was entirely co-created with people who came to Gloucester through Windrush.

“A particular highlight was a brilliant poem by 12-year-old community member called ‘Windrush and Me’. Her school saw the poem and asked if they could share it with pupils during Black History Month, and we’re now working with local schools on future projects.”

Robert Bird, Centre Manager at Vine Community Centre, said:

“From speaking with Nottingham residents, it became obvious there were huge gaps in people’s knowledge and understanding of what “Windrush” is – even with direct dependents.

“This project allowed us to showcase the stories of the Windrush Generation – many of which have not been told before – in a safe place, as well as the achievements of black people in our communities.

“Over 200 people participated in a wide range of activities and a particularly poignant moment was seeing the Windrush flag fly over the council house in the city centre – it was a huge success.”

This announcement comes as Basil Watson was confirmed as the winning artist

for the landmark Windrush Monument, expected to be unveiled in London Waterloo by Windrush Day 2022.

The monument will be an ambitious public artwork that stands as a testament to the contribution of Caribbean pioneers in communities across the United Kingdom. It will create a permanent place of reflection and inspiration and be a visible statement of our shared history and heritage. The project is being overseen by DLUHC and led by the Windrush Commemoration Committee (WCC), chaired by Baroness Floella Benjamin DBE.

Windrush Day

2019 saw the first national Windrush Day, with activities and events taking place up and down the country. The government is committed to building on the success of previous Windrush Days and embedding 22 June in the national conscience, ensuring we continue to honour and recognise the outstanding resilience, innovation and creativity of the Windrush Generation and their descendants.

Online bidder workshops

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will be hosting 2 online bidder workshops in February, which will give an overview of the scheme and an opportunity for bidders to ask questions.

Further information can be found on the [2022 Windrush Day Grant Scheme](#).

Additional information

To apply, download an application form from [2022 Windrush Day Grant Scheme](#) and return the completed form to windrushprojects@communities.gov.uk. Please include 'Windrush Day Grant' in the subject line.

We will announce the winning projects later this year.

[National Apprenticeship Week 2022](#)

Apprenticeships are a great way to develop yourself and learn new knowledge and skills whilst on the job. In ODP we offer several apprenticeships at different levels, covering all grades. If you are interested in finding out about the apprenticeships on offer in ODP, visit [our website](#) for more information.

Apprenticeships in ODP with Juliet Mountford, Head of ODP Central Team

Juliet Mountford, Head of ODP Central Team, shares her views on the

importance of apprenticeships in ODP and explains why an apprenticeship could benefit you. Have you ever considered an apprenticeship for your own development, but aren't sure what you could gain from one? This video will answer all your apprenticeship queries!

[Juliet NAW Welcome Video](#)

#BuildTheFuture

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 is #BuildTheFuture and we're really looking forward to celebrating and showcasing all the benefits of apprenticeships.

Why not follow us on [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to get all of the latest on information on National Apprenticeship week.

You can also visit the [Apprenticeships Home](#) to find out everything you need to know about becoming an apprentice.

A brand-new feature for National Apprenticeship Week 2022

Apprenticeships in Action: Live Panel Discussion. Wednesday 9th February 1pm – 2pm

This year, not only are we bringing you some awesome content for National Apprenticeship Week, we are also hosting a live webinar called Apprenticeships in Action: Live Panel Discussion. Join us on Wednesday 9th February at 1pm for this live cross-government panel discussion including: Heads of Profession, Apprenticeship champions and apprenticeship leads across our fabulous profession. Get to hear about the benefits of an apprenticeship to yourself and the departments you work in. We also have a previous ODP apprentice joining us who will share their experience on completing their ODP Apprenticeship, you won't want to miss this!

[Register here.](#)

Line Manager recognition across Operational Delivery Profession Apprenticeships

The Importance of Line Managers with Angela McDonald, Deputy Chief Executive and Second Permanent Secretary for HMRC

In this video, Angela McDonald (Deputy Chief Executive and Second Permanent Secretary for HMRC) explains the important role line managers play in an apprentice's journey, thanking all line managers for their hard work and dedication.

[Angela NAW Line Manager Video](#)

Oana Morgan, 'an ODP apprenticeship gave me the confidence to keep learning.'

Take a listen to Oana's podcast. Oana talks about the role her line manager played whilst on her apprenticeship and how she has transferred this to

provide the required support to the apprentices she then managed.

[Oana's Podcast](#)

Line Managers: What is expected of me with Danny Cooper, Central ODP Team

Take a look at the 'What is expected of me' video which has been designed by the team to help all line managers of apprentices understand the role you play and support you should provide to ensure your apprentices progresses through and completes their apprenticeship.

[Line Managers 'What is expected of me' video](#)

Back to Basics

Not sure what an apprenticeship is?

This insightful video strips it back to the basics for Apprenticeships across England, Scotland and Wales.

The video will cover key terminology, what an apprenticeship is and the differences across the nations. You'll also find an example of a learner journey, off the job training and what End Point Assessments (EPA) involve.

[Back to Basics Video](#)

Interested in ODP Apprenticeships? Want to find out more?

We've got a huge range of helpful information to guide you through an ODP Apprenticeship. Whether you're right at the beginning of your apprenticeship journey or you've completed an apprenticeship and thinking about what next. We've included some useful links below;

[Your ODP Apprenticeship Offer](#)

[ODP Apprenticeship Buddy Scheme](#)

[Apprentices; where next?](#)

Apprenticeships; Where Next?

Becky Donaldson talks us through our apprenticeship where next document and highlights what's available across the profession when you've completed your ODP Apprenticeship. Remember your apprenticeship isn't the end of your development journey, it's just the start!

[Where Next Video](#)

CMA designates Amazon as a grocery retailer to protect suppliers

Press release

The CMA has announced that industry rules setting out how grocery retailers should treat their suppliers will now apply to Amazon.



Amazon.com, Inc's (Amazon) increasing activity in the UK groceries' sector in recent years has led the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) to [designate the company](#) under the [Groceries Market Investigation Order](#) (the Order). As a result, Amazon and its relevant UK subsidiaries must now comply with the Groceries Supply Code of Practice (The Code).

This Code, which applies to retailers with an annual turnover of more than £1 billion from grocery sales, ensures that they treat their suppliers fairly. For example, it restricts firms from making changes to supply contracts at short notice. It also requires retailers to give an appropriate period of notice if they no longer want to use a supplier and provide reasons for ending the contract.

The CMA regularly monitors UK retailers to see if they meet the criteria to be covered by the Code, such as relevant turnover. However, once the CMA has designated a grocery retailer, compliance with the Code is managed by the independent [Groceries Code Adjudicator](#). Any suppliers with concerns about compliance should raise these with the adjudicator directly.

Adam Land, Senior Director, Remedies, Business and Financial Analysis at the CMA, said:

"Households across the UK are increasingly using Amazon to buy food and other essential items. Today's decision to designate Amazon helps to ensure a level playing field for companies active in the groceries sector as people's buying habits evolve.

"These rules mean that the thousands of companies supplying Amazon with groceries are now protected from potential unfair business practices.

“We’ll continue to keep a close eye on the sector to make sure all major grocery retailers are bound by the same rules.”

More information on the Code can be found [here](#).

Notes to Editors

1. Any Amazon suppliers of groceries in the UK that experience Code-related issues can contact the Groceries Code Adjudicator confidentially, either directly or anonymously, via www.telltheGCA.co.uk.
2. Amazon currently supply groceries in the UK through 2 wholly owned subsidiaries: Amazon EU Sarl and Fresh & Wild Limited.
3. Other retailers subject to the Code are Ocado Retail Limited, Asda Stores Limited, Co-operative Group Limited, Marks & Spencer PLC, Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC, J Sainsbury PLC, Tesco PLC, Waitrose Limited, Aldi Stores Limited, Iceland Foods Limited, Lidl GB Limited, B&M Retail Limited, and TJ Morris Limited (trading as Home Bargains).
4. Media queries should be directed to press@cma.gov.uk or 020 3738 6460.

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