# <u>Green Party welcome report on positive</u> <u>attitudes towards migration</u>



### 9 March 2023

Green Party Co-leader Adrian Ramsay has welcomed a new report from UK In A Changing Europe, which highlights "sustained shift towards more positive attitudes towards migration" [1].

## Ramsay said:

"More and more people are coming to understand the value of immigration to our cultural and economic life. As this report shows, Brexit and the pandemic highlighted just how vital immigration is to our country.

"Brexit closed down free movement of people and has created labour shortages in important sectors, while immigrants make up a significant proportion of the key workers — from supermarket shelf-packers, to care workers and health staff — who we all clapped for during the pandemic.

"The public increasingly recognises this and the Green Party is the only party that would renegotiate Freedom of Movement with the EU."

### **NOTES**

### 1

Immigration after Brexit: Where are we going? is published by UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE), together with the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford -

https://ukandeu.ac.uk/research-papers/immigration-after-brexit-where-are-we-g
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# Appointment of Non-Executive Members to the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery

The Department of Health has announced the appointment of eight Non-Executive Members to the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing & Midwifery (NIPEC).

# £203,000 road improvement scheme for B69 Baranailt Road, near Claudy

A £203,000 resurfacing scheme on the B69 Baranailt Road, near Claudy, is due to commence on Monday 13 March 2023.

# Public Information Events to be held on proposed Portadown Flood Alleviation Scheme

Two public information events on proposals for the Portadown Flood Alleviation Scheme will be held on 14 and 21 March in Portadown Town Hall.

# **Green Party response to small boats**

# bill



### 7 March 2023

Responding to the small boats bill announced by the Home Secretary Suella Braverman today, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

"This is the latest attempt by the Tories to stop desperate people finding sanctuary. Last year three quarters of all asylum claims were granted [1]. Despite this, the government seems determined to clamp down on those fleeing conflict, persecution or extreme poverty in a host of countries by failing to offer legal routes to the UK. This will force people to continue taking their chances arriving in small boats.

"The UK government appears to be on a mission to push the boundaries of international law and breach the European Convention on Human Rights. This will further damage the UK's already shattered global reputation.

"The Green Party is the only party taking a strong stand against this cruel legislation and saying proudly that refugees are welcome. We want to see safe legal routes for anyone wanting to claim asylum. That's the way to stop small boats making perilous journeys across the channel and break the criminal gangs involved in people smuggling."

#### Notes

1. Top facts from the latest statistics on refugees and people seeking asylum
— Refugee Council

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