

New Health and Community Hub opens in Dungannon

Sportspeople, musicians, dancers, community groups and schools are set to benefit following the official opening of a new £1.3million health and community hub at Thomas Clarke's Gaelic Football Club in Dungannon.

Northern Ireland Labour Force Survey – Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Statistics on young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) were published today by the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency.

Be Blue-Green Algae aware this summer

The public are being urged to remain vigilant and take extra care if visiting coastal areas or along river/lake areas over the summer. Blue-green algae has been found in a number of locations in Northern Ireland including Lough Neagh the Lower Bann and catchments, North Coast bathing waters and lakes in Fermanagh. The blue-green algae in Lough Neagh, confirmed on 6 June, has been moving downstream with the natural flow of water out of the lough down the River Bann, reaching the coast.

GCSE results: a day to congratulate students and teachers but also to

address attainment gap



Green Party

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Reacting to today's GCSE results, Vix Lowthion, Green Party Lifelong Education spokesperson, said:

"Many students will rightly be proud of the GCSE, BTEC and T-Levels grades they have got today – outcomes achieved through hard work and excellent teaching. It's a day to congratulate both students and teachers.

"However, in education as in every other policy area, levelling up is just a slogan. The attainment gap between students from more affluent backgrounds and those from disadvantaged situations has grown ever wider under this Conservative government.

"We know that growing levels of poverty impact on being able to eat nutritious food, the quality of housing and having access to books and the internet which all have negative consequences on opportunities for child development and learning. The attainment of disadvantaged pupils is calculated to be 1.5 years behind that of their non-disadvantaged peers by the end of secondary school.

"We must address the country's chronic inequality by increasing taxes on the super-rich to raise the funds needed to boost key public services like health and education and to bring down the cost of living for the poorest in society through programmes like mass home insulation."

"The Green Party also believes that a move towards continuous assessment and away from a system of high stakes exams is critical to closing the attainment gap."

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Greens repeat call for 10:1 pay ratio to help create fairer greener country



Green Party

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The Green Party has today repeated a call for a 10:1 pay ratio to ensure that the highest paid individuals in an organisation receive no more than ten times the amount of the lowest paid.

The call comes as this year's annual report by the High Pay Centre reveals that median pay for FTSE 100 CEOs increased by half a million pounds, from £3.41m to £3.91m between 2021 and 2022. Median FTSE CEO pay is now 118 times that of the median UK full-time worker [1].

Co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay, said:

“The UK's leading fat cat bosses are raking in obscene levels of pay while many of their workers struggle to make ends meet in a cost of living crisis. That's why the Green Party is repeating a call for a 10:1 pay ratio, mandated by law, to ensure that the highest paid individuals in an organisation receive no more than ten times the amount of the lowest paid.

“Such a policy would drive an uplift in wages for the lowest paid workers while addressing rampant and ever-widening inequality.

“We also know it is the wealthiest that are having a hugely disproportionate impact on the climate crisis. The world's richest 1% are responsible for 15% of carbon emissions, nearly twice as much as the poorest 50% [2]. It is clear that a 10:1 pay ratio would help create a fairer and greener country.”

Notes

1. <https://highpaycentre.org/ftse-100-ceos-get-half-a-million-pound-pay-rise/>

2. <https://news.sky.com/story/wealthiest-1-polluter-elite-are-driving-global-carbon-emissions-says-new-report-12274350>

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