

JAYNE BRYANT MS CONSTITUENCY UPDATE



NEW WALK AND CYCLEWAY INTO CITY CENTRE

It has been a long wait, and now it's here. So pleased to finally see the Devon Place subway replaced with a walkway/cycleway leading to the City Centre, A huge investment funded by Welsh government. There was such an excellent turnout for the launch. Lovely to see local school children taking the first steps over the bridge also great to have the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters MS there, and to see him cycle the route himself too.

IN THE SENEDD

SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

At a time when A&E and GP surgeries are under pressure, it's vital that we grasp every opportunity at preventative care. Social prescribing offers accessible and affordable benefits and I fully believe that it is imperative that Wales fully utilises the assets it has.

CELEBRATING THE WINDRUSH GENERATION.

2023 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Windrush generation arriving in the UK. Many came to Wales and to Newport. The Windrush generation and their families have made an invaluable and lasting contribution to Wales. I asked the Minister what is being done to mark this special anniversary.



UTILISING THE SKILLS AND STRENGTHS OF THE YOUNGEST GENERATIONS.

Within Wales, our pupils and young people have such a vast array of skills and talents. In terms of future employment, It benefits everyone for there to be a system in place that allows them to access educational opportunities that utilise and play to their own strengths. I pushed the First Minister on his assessment of the Junior Apprenticeship Programme pilot and asked will we see more pupils across Wales being able to access such opportunities.

You can watch my contribution on my YouTube channel: [@JayneBryantMS](#)

WALES FIRST IN THE UK TO INCREASE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE PAYMENT (EMA)

The Children Young People and Education committee has been calling for an increase in the EMA payment for some time and I am pleased to see the Welsh Government step in to help pupils during this cost of living crisis. EMA has now increased from £30 per week to £40 for eligible further education students in sixth form or college and will directly help over 1,000 16 to 18-year-olds from low-income households in Newport alone.

Further information can be found here:

www.gov.wales/wales-first-uk-increase-education-maintenance-allowance-payment



WALES RETAINS FAIRER STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT SYSTEM

Welsh graduates will continue to repay loans for a 30-year repayment period rather than 40-years as will be the case in England. Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles, has confirmed the decision to retain the current, fairer and more progressive system for future years, subject to annual review to ensure it remains sustainable.

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