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EQUALITY & COMMUNITY

BULLETIN

> *I have been advocating for equality and justice my entire life.*

RECOGNITION WHERE IT'S DUE

Pleased to celebrate my dear friend and mentor, Sir Geoff Palmer in receiving the Public Life Award at the Saltire Society's Fletcher of Saltoun Awards. Geoff, Scotland's first black professor has been instrumental in advocating for equality. Congratulations to all the winners, your contributions to Scotland are celebrated and recognised.



Congratulations to the winners of

THE FLETCHER OF SALTOUN AWARDS 2024

Award for Arts & Humanities	Patrick Doyle
Award for Science	Professor Lorna Dawson, CBE FRSE
Awards for Public Life	Sir Geoff Palmer, KT, OBE, CD & Paul Murton



Rise of 165% in 2 years

ANTI-MUSLIM HATE INCIDENTS ON THE RISE, HIGHEST EVER

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

This International Women's Day, I celebrated the strength, resilience, and achievements of the women in our community and beyond.

From business leaders to educators, healthcare workers to activists, women continue to shape our society and inspire future generations.

Together, we can build a more inclusive and equitable future.

EMPOWERING CHANGE: THE CORRA FOUNDATION

The Corra Foundation is driving social justice and equality by tackling poverty, inequality, and human rights challenges through strategic funding. By supporting grassroots initiatives, like women's empowerment and racial equity projects, Corra strengthens communities from within.

This commitment to change amplifies community voices, fosters inclusion, and ensures policies reflect the diversity of Scots.

QUESTIONING THE FIRST MINISTER ON ISLAMOPHOBIA

During First Minister's Questions, I pressed the First Minister on what actions the Scottish Government is taking to combat Islamophobia in light of reports from Tell MAMA, which indicate that anti-Muslim hate incidents across the UK have reached record levels in 2024.



> ***The UK Labour Government has now convened a working group on Islamophobia to establish a definition. Will the Scottish Government implement this definition?***
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> ***And can the First Minister confirm when we will see real progress on implementing the recommendations from the Inquiry into Islamophobia in Scotland?***
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> Questioning the First Minister



APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

I celebrated Scottish Apprenticeship Week with Lothian Buses and their apprentices. We need to celebrate the achievements of apprentices and their impact on community.



SCOTLAND'S MUSLIM CEMETERY CRISIS

The shortage of dedicated Muslim burial spaces in Edinburgh and the Lothian region is not just a hurdle, it is a failure to uphold the basic religious and cultural rights of a significant part of our population.

I have long championed this cause, working for several years with Edinburgh City Council's heritage team, bereavement services and planning authorities.

> *This is not just a Muslim issue – it is a Scottish issue.*

While these discussions have explored possible sites, including Mortonhall House and Prestonpans, the lack of concrete action is disheartening. It is time to move beyond consultations and feasibility studies; we must secure land now before the crisis escalates further.

LET'S CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER SCOTLAND.

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