

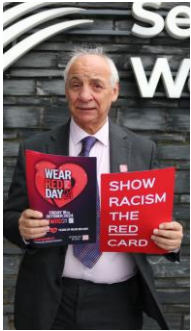
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ANNUAL SENEDD REPORT 2024

Welsh Labour  Llafur Cymru



WEAR RED DAY 2024

Pleased to visit Show Racism the Red Card as they celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year.



NAS SWANSEA BRANCH

I regularly visit NAS and other organisations parent carer coffee mornings to meet unpaid carers.



ST ILLTYDS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

I enjoy visiting schools within Swansea East to meet pupils and staff.



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT – WEAR IT PINK

I was proud to visit Breast Cancer Now at the Senedd to add a splash of pink to my usual attire to raise awareness of breast cancer and to encourage constituents to support Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink.

Every 10 minutes, someone in the UK hears the words “you have breast cancer”. It's the most common cancer in the UK. Each year around 11,500 women and 85 men lose their lives to the disease. That's why I'm so passionate about encouraging everyone in Swansea East to take part in wear it pink day on their awareness days.

Wear it pink is great way to come together with friends and family to have fun whilst raising money for Breast Cancer Now's world-class research and life-changing support. As you can see from my photograph, all it takes is an additional splash of pink to your normal outfit! I am proud to raise awareness of the impact of the disease locally, and to support and advocate for Breast Cancer Now's research. Breast cancer affects so many people in Swansea East so I hope that everybody here will get involved this October and support this very important cause.

If you're affected by breast cancer, or have a question about breast health, Breast Cancer Now are here to support every step of the way. Speak to their expert nurses now by calling their free Helpline on 0808 800 6000 or visit forum.breastcancer.org

WRITTEN ARTICLES AND PAMPLETS

I have produced a number of articles that have appeared in the South Wales Evening Post, Nation Cymru. Labour list and the Welsh Fabian website.

I have also produced a pamphlet on improving the Welsh economy which can be read on <https://www.mikehedges.org.uk/research-papers>. It compares the Welsh economy with successful parts of Europe. It suggests the need for an economic policy based on high wage growth areas such as life sciences. It further calls for the relocation of more Westminster civil service jobs and the use of Universities as economic drivers.

All my newsletters and pamphlets can be found on : <https://www.mikehedges.org.uk>

Visited

Gower College Swansea, Bishop Vaughan, Morriston and Bryn Tawe on A level results day

Pentrefafod, Bryntawe, Morriston and Bishop Vaughan on GCSE results day
Primary Schools across Swansea East

Housing complexes

St Clears, Llys Gwernen, Penrhiw, Mountbatten, Plasmelyn, Llwynceithin, Conway Court and Tirdeunaw

Sports teams

Presented medals Swansea Senior League Cup Final

Morriston, Ospreys and Penlan Rugby
Morriston, Landore and Ynystawe cricket
Swansea City, Morrison Town, Ynystawe Athletic and Penlan Football

All Swansea East based Swansea League Football teams

Choirs attended

Morriston Orpheus, Morriston Rugby, Morriston Ladies, Phoenix Choir, Swansea male

Community

Chair Glyncollen School Governing Body
President Swansea Hard of Hearing Group
President Ynystawe Cricket and Football Club
President Penlan Football Club
Vice President Morriston Hospital League of Friends
Life Vice President Morriston Town
Vice President heart of Wales line
Patron Paul Popham Kidney Support Charity
Patron Singleton singers

In the Senedd

Chair Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Chair European Programme Monitoring Committee
Chair of the following Cross Party Groups:
Age and Ageing, Kidney, PCS, UCU, Rental Housing and Leasehold

ROLL OUT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS COMPLETE

The roll-out of the programme has now been completed across Wales, meaning every child up to and including Year 6 is now able to receive a free school meal every school day.

The Welsh Government set out the commitment in 2021 as part of its efforts to tackle child poverty. Since its launch, nearly 30 million meals have been served and this new rollout entitles 176,000 more learners to a free school meal. Free school meals also help reduce health inequalities, promote healthy eating, and have the potential to boost social skills at mealtimes, help improve behaviour, and improve attainment of learners. Local authorities have also been supported and encouraged to source food locally, where possible.

Work is underway to review Regulations which set out the types of food and drink that may be provided during the school day, including defining the nutrient content of school lunches.

A healthy school meal is vital in ensuring that no child feels hungry during the school day, helping their concentration and wellbeing and enabling them to achieve their full potential. Free school meals are also providing welcome support to families and helping tackle child poverty. This is a momentous occasion for children here in Wales. I'm incredibly proud that Wales has become the first UK nation to offer free school meals to all primary pupils. I have seen the difference that this offer has already made for children and families firsthand. This is an important step we have taken to tackle child poverty.



2024 in numbers

Articles written	58
Oral Questions	69
Speeches	69
Casework	3377
Surgeries	72
Visits	216

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ADVICE SURGERIES

1st Friday of month Brynhyfrd Library 3-4 pm
2nd Friday of month Morriston Library 3-4 pm
3rd Friday of month Penlan Library 2-3 pm
4th Thursday of month StThomas Library 3-3.30pm
4th Friday of month Llansamlet Library 3-4 pm