

‘Mayor for a Day’ initiative on Tuesday 3rd March, 2026 to mark International Women’s Day.

Feedback

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Four female Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils from Cross and Passion College and Ballycastle High School took part in a special **‘Mayor for a Day’** initiative on Tuesday 3rd March to mark International Women’s Day.

The pupils along with a teacher from each school shadowed the Mayor throughout a programme of engagements across the Borough, gaining first-hand insight into civic leadership and the role of local government.

The day began at Cloonavin in Coleraine, where the pupils assisted the Mayor in opening a special International Women’s Day event for Council staff. They then attended the Good Relations Schools Darts Competition at Top Darts in Coleraine, meeting pupils from across the Borough and seeing the positive impact of cross-community initiatives in action.

Following this, the group visited the Limavady Shared Education Campus, including St Mary’s and Limavady High School, to learn more about collaborative education and shared learning opportunities.

In the afternoon, the pupils returned to Cloonavin for a tour of the Council Chamber and lunch with civic representatives, offering further insight into Council business and democratic processes.

The programme concluded with a visit to the newly refurbished library in Ballycastle, highlighting Council’s ongoing investment in welcoming, inclusive spaces that support learning, growth and community connection. It provided a meaningful end to a day focused on participation, possibility and seeing leadership in action.

The initiative aimed to inspire young women by highlighting pathways into public service and leadership, while celebrating the contribution of women and girls within our communities.

By offering a behind-the-scenes insight into the work of the Mayor and the wider Council, the initiative aimed to build confidence, broaden horizons and demonstrate that leadership is both accessible and achievable - ensuring that the leaders of tomorrow are empowered to step forward with confidence and shape the future of the Causeway Coast and Glens.