

No Smoking Day ‘smoking survivors’ parliamentary event hosted by the APPG on Smoking and Health - 13th March 2024

Parliamentarians present:

- Alberto Costa MP
- Alex Cunningham MP
- Andrew Gwynne MP
- Andrew Jones MP
- Anna Firth MP
- Bob Blackman MP
- David Evennett MP
- Florence Eshalomi MP
- Helen Hayes MP
- James Davies MP
- Liz Twist MP
- Lord Bethell
- Lord Faulkner of Worcester
- Lord Young of Cookham
- Mary Glendon MP
- Rachael Maskell MP
- Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP
- Steve Brine MP
- Virendra Sharma MP
- Virginia Crosbie MP

Other attendees:

Ailsa Rutter (Fresh), Alfie Dixon Clark, Alizee Froguel (CRUK), Amanda Gill, Andrea Crossfield (Cheshire and Merseyside Public Health Collaborative), Andy Lloyd (Fresh), Annika Pinnow, Catherine Harwood, Cathy Hunt, Christina Rowe (Guy’s and St. Thomas hospital), Cllr Jim Dickson (Lambeth Council), Debbie Fitzgerald, Deborah Arnott (ASH), Dianne Presha, Dr. Irem Patel (King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Edward Clark, Elliot Smith (ASH), Emily Cook (Asthma + Lung UK), Emily Craddock (NHS Greater Manchester ICB), Erene Goodsir, Eric Deeson, Freya Route, Gayle Wilkinson, Geoff Rodley, Gillian Cunningham, Gina Weston, Gloria Nelson, Gower Tan, Hannah Moore, Hannah Pilling (Yorkshire Cancer Research), Harriet Edwards (Asthma + Lung UK), Hazel Cheeseman (ASH), Helen Dent, Ian Thomas, Jim Pattison (ASH), John Waldron (ASH), Jonathan Pyle, Kate Heighway, Katy Connolly (Humber and Yorkshire ICB), Kerry Apedaile (Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust), Lauren Taylor (BMA), Linda Chambers, Louise Norton, Lucy Hewitson (BHF), Makayla Harwood, Nathasha Burgon (OHID), Neil Green (FRESH), Nicole Ridley, Oliver Parsons (RCP), Patrick Pringle (BHF), Patrick Sprakes, Rachel Evans (BMA), Richard Boden (OHID), Richard Edwards, Richard Gill, Rose Connolly, Sarah Power (ASH), Scott Crosby (Breathe 2025), Selina Huang, Sophia Greenblat-Tal (CRUK), Sue Mountain, Tracy Parr (London Tobacco Alliance), William Roberts

Event Outline:

On 13th March 2024, the APPG on Smoking and Health hosted a ‘smoking survivors’ drop-in event in Parliament. Taking place on National No Smoking Day, the event brought together people whose lives have been impacted by smoking and young people who will benefit from the Government’s smokefree generation policy. It was an opportunity for MPs to meet local people and hear about why raising the age of sale for tobacco and creating a smokefree generation matters to them.

The press release is [here](#).

Pictures from the event are available [here](#).

Speakers:

- Bob Blackman MP, Chairman, APPG on Smoking and Health.
- The Rt. Hon Andrea Leadsom MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Start for Life and Primary Care.
- Cllr Jim Dickson, Cabinet Member for Healthier Communities with Lambeth Council and Chair of the London smokefree councillor network.
- Linda Chambers, Smoking Survivor.
- Cathy Hunt, Smoking Survivor.