

# National Day of Reflection marked at Holyrood

**On the anniversary of the UK going into the first national lockdown the grim milestone was marked by people around the country.**

Charity Marie Curie led the National Day of Reflection to recognise and remember all those who have died of Covid-19 in the last year. Over 250 organisations were behind the day and landmarks all over Scotland will light up yellow to mark the day.

In addition the nation is invited to appear on their doorsteps at 8.00pm on Tuesday evening shining a light using phones, candles, torches all signifying a beacon of support for the millions who have lost a loved one in the last year.

Marie Curie's Chief Executive, Matthew Reed, said: "The last year has been one of the most traumatic and uniting in modern history. With so many of us losing someone close, our shared sense of loss is incomparable to anything felt by this generation. Many of us have been unable to say a real goodbye or comfort our family, friends, and colleagues in their grief. We need to acknowledge that – and that we are not alone.

"That's why, Marie Curie with over 250 supporting organisations, came together to reflect on our collective loss, celebrate the lives of the special people no longer here, support those who've been bereaved and look towards a much brighter future.

Presiding Officer Ken Mackintosh and Party Leaders in The Scottish Parliament observed the two minutes silence on the Anniversary of the Covid-19 lockdown measures. All photos Andrew Cowan/The Scottish Parliament

















