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Parlament Szkocki przyjął decyzję o wyjątkowym znaczeniu symbolicznym i historycznym. Z oficjalnym wnioskiem (S6M-21142) wystąpiła posłanka Annie Wells. Uchwała wraz z towarzyszącym jej listem uznania, stanowi potwierdzenie roli Polaków w historii Szkocji oraz znaczenia dalszych działań na rzecz zachowania wspólnego dziedzictwa.

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Wyjątkowe wyróżnienie jest rezultatem [uroczystej prezentacji wystawy „Szlaki Nadziei. Odyseja Wolności”, która miała miejsce 13 marca 2026 roku w Parlamencie Szkockim](#). Wystawa opowiada dramatyczną historię polskich żołnierzy i cywilów, którzy po opuszczeniu sowieckiej niewoli wraz z generałem Władysławem Andersem przemierzyli Azję Środkową i Bliski Wschód, aby kontynuować walkę o wolność Europy podczas II wojny światowej.

[14 marca 2026 r. wystawa została pokazana również w Urzędzie Miejskim w Clydebank](#). Wernisaż stanowił zwieńczenie obchodów 85. rocznicy obrony miasta przed niemieckim bombardowaniem w marcu 1941 roku. W obronie brali udział polscy żołnierze z niszczyciela ORP „Piorun”, którzy chronili miasto, port i stocznię przed atakami niemieckiej Luftwaffe. Wystawę otworzyli zastępca prezesa IPN dr hab. Karol Polejowski i burmistrz miasta Karen Murray.

W wydarzeniu współorganizowanym m. in. przez Stowarzyszenie Polish Sue na czele z Iwoną Golińską, Prezydenta RP reprezentowała Podsekretarz Stanu w KPRP Agnieszka Jędrzak. Tego rodzaju inicjatywy odgrywają kluczową rolę w zachowaniu pamięci historycznej oraz wzmacnianiu przyjaźni między Polską a Szkocją.



Otwarcie wystawy IPN „Szlaki Nadziei. Odyseja Wolności” w Parlamencie Szkockim, Edynburg, 13 marca 2026 r. Fot. Mateusz Niegowski (IPN)



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Motion Number: S6M-21142

Lodged By: Annie Wells

Date Lodged: 17/03/2026

Title: The Trails of Hope Exhibition and Polish Contributions to Clydebank

Motion Text:

That the Parliament welcomes the ceremonial opening on 13 March 2026 of the exhibition, *Trails of Hope: The Odyssey of Freedom*, at the Parliament, which was prepared by the Institute of National Remembrance and attended by government representatives, diplomats, military officers and members of the Polish-Scottish community; acknowledges that the exhibition presented the dramatic journey of Polish soldiers and civilians who, after leaving Soviet captivity with the army of Wladyslaw Anders, travelled across Central Asia and the Middle East to continue the fight for the freedom of Europe during the Second World War; recognises that the exhibition commemorated the courage of the people of Clydebank and the bravery of Polish sailors, including the crew of ORP *Piorun*, who engaged German Luftwaffe bombardments during the Clydebank Blitz of 13–14 March 1941, providing an organised defence of the town and its shipyards; acknowledges that this act is remembered as a symbol of Polish-Scottish solidarity; recognises the role of the Polish Sue Association in Great Britain in coordinating the 85th anniversary commemorations across Edinburgh, Glasgow and Clydebank, including ceremonies at Dalbeth Cemetery and the Trails of Hope exhibition; notes that Polish Sue was established in 2016 in memory of Lady Ryder of Warsaw and that it was awarded the title, the Ambassador of Polish History, by the Institute of National Remembrance in 2024 for its work promoting Polish historical memory abroad; acknowledges the association's contribution to community engagement, organisational and media support, and its strengthening of connections between the Polish diaspora and Scottish institutions, and commends all involved in delivering the exhibition and commemorative programme, which preserve and celebrate the shared history, courage and enduring friendship between Scotland and Poland.

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Please find enclosed motion of congratulations marking the opening of the *Trails of Hope: The Odyssey of Freedom* exhibition at the Scottish Parliament and recognising the important contribution of the Polish community to our shared history and national life.

It was a privilege to welcome so many distinguished guests, members of the Polish Scottish community, and colleagues from across Parliament to this special event. The exhibition was both moving and informative, highlighting the extraordinary journey of Polish soldiers and civilians during the Second World War, while also reminding us of the values of courage, resilience and freedom that continue to resonate today.

It was particularly meaningful to mark this exhibition alongside the 85th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz, a moment of immense hardship for the west of Scotland. The recognition of the role played by Polish sailors, including the crew of ORP *Piorun*, serves as a powerful reminder of the deep and enduring bonds between Scotland and Poland, forged through shared sacrifice and strengthened over generations.

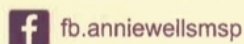
The exhibition also offered an important opportunity to reflect on the lasting contribution of the Polish community in Scotland. Across many decades, Polish families have played a valued role in communities across the country, enriching our civic, cultural and economic life in countless ways.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success. In particular, I wish to recognise the outstanding work of the Polish Social and Educational Association in Great Britain, whose dedication and commitment ensured that these important stories were shared and commemorated with the dignity and respect they deserve. Their efforts in organising the exhibition and wider commemorative programme, including events across Edinburgh, Glasgow and Clydebank, are to be warmly commended.

Events such as this play a vital role in preserving our shared history, strengthening community ties, and celebrating the lasting friendship between our nations. It was my honour to support such an important occasion.

Kind regards,
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