

MSP Supports Marie Curie Scotland's #DaffodilAppeal



John joined with with **Richard Meade** of Marie Curie Scotland in order to support this year's Great Daffodil Appeal. Every March, thousands of people across Scotland support this fundraising event by giving a small donation and wearing a daffodil pin. It helps to provide funding for individuals living with terminal ailments.

Richard Meade, Marie Curie Head of Policy and Public Affairs Scotland said: *"Last year thanks to the generosity of our supporters we provided care in Scotland for more than 7,400 people living with a terminal illness. We're calling on everyone in Scotland to help us do more by donating to Marie Curie."*

Contact John Mason MSP directly...

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John Questions School Bus Service Changes

I have been contacted by many constituents in both Broomhouse and Carmyle whose children are at Caledonia Primary, St Francis of Assisi Primary, Bannerman High or Trinity High Schools. They are very concerned about the recent news that Glasgow City Council have decided to remove free school bus provision from their children.

This decision will see children as young as 5 being asked to walk for a considerable distance along fairly busy routes that not all parents will be able to cover. I am worried that not enough thought has been put into the routes that unaccompanied children will be expected to walk. Most of these routes also appear to have a lack of suitable crossing points and I believe this must be taken into consideration.

I have therefore written to Glasgow City Council and have asked whether more can be done to preserve the bus services in these instances and also what thought had been put into the specific routes that children from Broomhouse and Carmyle will be expected to take.



Registered to vote?

The deadline to make sure that you are on the electoral register for the upcoming General Election is 20th April 2015. You can register to vote, or register for a postal vote, on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

If you are uncertain about whether or not you are registered to vote, or need advice, you can contact Glasgow's Electoral Registration Office at:

Phone: 0141 287 4444 **Fax:** 0141 287 7529 **Email:** voters.roll@fs.glasgow.gov.uk

Address: Glasgow City Council, Electoral Registration Officer, PO Box 15311, Glasgow, G4 7DL

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John Mason MSP Calls For E-Cigarettes Action

Glasgow Shettleston MSP John Mason has called for tougher regulations on the use of electronic cigarettes. This comes after the publication of a new report which shows that one in five 14-17 year olds have bought or tried e-cigarettes.

John has lodged a members' business motion for a debate in the Scottish Parliament with a view towards raising awareness of the issue and encouraging better controls on the sale and use of these products.

Commenting on his motion, John said; *"The idea that one in five children as young as fourteen might be trying electronic cigarettes is deeply worrying for both parents and anyone interested in public health."*

"We know that e-cigarettes are not as bad for your health as real cigarettes, but we also know that they can act as a gateway to nicotine addiction and, later, tobacco use."

*"I agree with the researchers when they say that e-cigarettes are like the **alcopops of the nicotine world** and believe that more must be done to ensure that children are not able to purchase or make use of these addictive instruments."*

"Whilst I accept that for some people this can be a way out of smoking, a failure to act on this issue could lead to a whole new generation of smokers"



Pupils Pay A Visit!

Pupils from St Bridget's P7 class met with local MSP John Mason at the Scottish Parliament this month for a guided tour and Question and Answer session. Commenting on the visit, John said;

"I was delighted to meet with the students and extremely impressed by their thoughtful and interesting questions.

"They were able to take in all of the sights and sounds of the Scottish Parliament and I could definitely see some of them taking a seat in the debating chamber one day!"

Are you interested in taking your local club, class or group for a similar visit? If so, please do get in touch!

Motions lodged at Parliament in March:

- ♦ **S4M-12501: The Armenian Genocide** — Raising awareness of and noting with sadness the 100th anniversary of this tragic event.
- ♦ **S4M-12616: Female Genital Mutilation** — Welcoming the Scottish Government's announcement that £220,000 of funding will go to prevent FGM in Scotland.

The full text of all motions can be viewed at <http://www.john-mason.org/category/motions/>