

Wear it Pink — 23rd October 2015

John Mason MSP has had his photo taken in preparation for the annual wear it pink day to help raise funds for scientists and clinicians working together to help achieve *Wear it Pink's* aim of having no one dying from the disease by 2050!

Since 2010 Wear it Pink has helped raise over £27 million thanks to the generosity of many thousands of people taking part in approximately 7,093 schools, 39,964 workplaces and 8,256 homes and social venues.

If you want to help us eradicate breast cancer you can find out how to take part in *wear it pink* by checking the website at the following address : <http://wearitpink.org/take-part/>



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Social Enterprises

John Mason MSP wrote a motion congratulating social enterprises across Scotland due to the new report released "*Social Enterprise in Scotland: Census 2015*" which highlights the growing role that Social Enterprises play and the many countless positive impacts that come from this.

Speaking on Social Enterprises John Mason MSP said :

"I am delighted to see the growth of a different way of doing business in Scotland."

"I have always been a supporter of the potential of Social Enterprises as the different way of doing business provides a valuable service to members and the community; this report is a very positive sign for the sector."

Holyrood rocks

John Mason MSP attended the recent Holyrood Rocks Glasgow event at the new St. Luke's venue on Bain Street in Calton .

Holyrood Rocks is a competition between bands which aims to boost youth participation in politics.

Speaking on the event John Mason MSP said :

"It was great to see some of the great bands that took part in the Glasgow heats of Holyrood Rocks and congratulations to Single By Sunday!"

"It was also the first time I have seen the inside of St. Luke's since it was refurbished, and I must say I was very impressed with what has been done with the place. I'm sure this won't be the last time I visit!"

Calton to have most eco-friendly district heating in Europe

Representatives from Glasgow City Council met with John Mason MSP to discuss the new district heating system used in the Athletes Village. The new heating system both produces electricity and heat. This will make the Athletes Village one of the most advanced and eco friendly heated districts in all of Europe.



 The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba	<h1>Parliamentary Patter</h1>	Parliamentary Report John Mason MSP
		October 2015

Scottish Youth Employment Highest in UK

John Mason MSP spoke on the progress that the Scottish Government have made in youth employment over the last parliament in a recent debate on the issue in Holyrood. He pointed out that since 2011 Scotland has went from trailing the other nations of the UK to leading the way on the issue.

Speaking on this John Mason MSP said :

"In the past parliament Scotland has received praise from many different quarters for its progress on raising youth employment to the highest level within the UK. However, I believe there is always more that can be done and I am confident that the Scottish Government will continue the work they have done."

School Visits

Over the course of the month John has recently visited schools throughout the constituency in his duties as parliamentarian.

He was quizzed alongside other politicians by students at Bannerman High.

Commenting John Mason MSP said :

"It was good to get such intelligent questions from such switched on young people. It has made me even more confident that their Scotland's future is going to be very bright!"



Cross Party Group on Rail

The cross party group on rail met once again this month with many important issues being raised by some of those present.

Some of the issues raised included :

- The West coast main line
- The positive impact of the dualling of the A9
- The successful opening of the Borders Rail Line.
- The proposed merger between Police Scotland and the Transport Police

Motions lodged at Parliament in September:

- ♦ **Motion S4M-14152: Removing Rhetoric From Refugee Crisis**—Highlighting the difference between the rhetoric in the media when reporting on the refugee crisis and the reality.
- ♦ **Motion S4M-14213: Decrease in Crime Across Glasgow**—Noting the decrease in crime across Glasgow while acknowledging the work still to be done.
- ♦ **Motion S4M-14316: Social Enterprise in Scotland**—Celebrating the increasingly important role that social enterprises play across Scotland.
- ♦ **Motion S4M-14329: Peaceful Elections in Turkey** —A cross party members bill which aims to highlight the deteriorating situation in Turkey and ways to make the situation more positive

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