

Fun Day at Helenslea Park

John Mason MSP recently attended a Fun Day organised by the local community.

The Fun Day was hosted at Helenslea Park with something for everyone.

There were also mental health and drug misuse groups at the event providing information on services.

Commenting on the event, John said;

“Had a great time at Helenslea fun day, there was something for everyone. I was particularly happy to see mental health groups and drugs misuse groups present at the event.”



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John Welcomes Named Person Scheme

John Mason MSP welcomed the recent court ruling on the named person scheme which found that it works in the best interests of the children in Scotland.

The named person will typically be a teacher or health visitor the family already knows and will save families the time and trouble of having to re-tell their story to different services. The Named Person will not be a social worker.

The named person only offers advice and assistance when it's needed, there is no obligation on parents or children to approach the service.

Speaking on the ruling John Mason MSP said;

“Caring for vulnerable children and supporting families is something I believe in strongly, I feel that the named person scheme helps deliver our obligation to make sure families and children across Scotland are able to get any help they need. Therefore I am delighted that the Court has made this ruling in support of the scheme.”

New Member of Staff!

John has welcomed a new member of staff, **Alex Kerr**, to the constituency office in Gallowgate as of August 31st. Alex's primary responsibilities include media enquiries, political issues and parliamentary business. He replaces Greg Hepburn who was recently elected as a councillor in Calton Ward.

You can contact Alex through email: **Alexander.Kerr@scottish.parliament.uk**



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John Demands Action On Refugee Deaths

John Mason MSP demanded more action from the Prime Minister on the Refugee crisis in the EU saying;

“It is simply not acceptable for the Prime Minister to pull up the drawbridge and pretend that these poor people are no responsibility of ours.”

“I join hundreds of thousands of people across the country in calling for Westminster to follow Germany's example and help solve this crisis by taking in our fair share of refugees.”

He also announced his support for “Scotland Supporting Refugees”, a new organisation that has been started in response to the plight of refugees worldwide.

Commenting on Scotland Supporting Refugees John said;

“Amidst all the sad news being reported in the last couple of days it's extremely heartening for me to see the people of Scotland pulling together to show solidarity and give help to those Refugees fleeing persecution and war in search of a better life.”

“I hope to be able to support organisations like Scotland Supporting Refugees in the upcoming months to help do our own bit for those in need.”



Parliament Returns

Parliament returned from recess on the 1st of September.

During August John spent his time visiting organisations including Alzheimers Scotland, Shettleston men's shed and the Bethany.

Commenting on the return to parliament John said;

“Looking forward to getting back into parliament, plenty of work for us to do including the budget and the new succession bill.”

“Don't hesitate to get in touch if there are any issues you want me to raise!”

Motions lodged at Parliament in August:

- ◆ **S4M-13964: Internet Access In Glasgow**—Noting low internet access rates in poorer areas.
- ◆ **S4M-13966: Executive Pay**—Condemning the recent rise in Chief Executive pay which now sees FTSE 100 bosses being paid 183 times that of average worker.
- ◆ **S4M-14021: President Jimmy Carter**—Wishing former US President and Global Peacemaker Jimmy Carter well after the recent announcement that his cancer has spread.

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