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John at Holyrood with BT Group.

NIMS

John recently visited the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) Group alongside members of the Finance Committee. The visit provided valuable insight into the development of their site near Glasgow Airport and the organisation's wider strategic goals. During the visit, discussions focused on the benefits of clustering industries, the challenges and opportunities of scaling up businesses, and the role of both public and private finance in supporting innovation. The group also explored the importance of creating and sustaining skilled jobs within Scotland's manufacturing sector.

BT Group

John met with BT UK in Parliament as part of 999 Day, taking the opportunity to learn more about their crucial role in handling emergency calls. He engaged in meaningful conversations with the team about how they swiftly respond to 999 calls and efficiently pass them on to the appropriate emergency services. Their dedication and professionalism provide a vital link in the emergency response chain, helping to save lives

Drug Consumption Statement

John was saddened to hear about the high number of drug-related deaths in Scotland, as highlighted in a statement by his colleague Maree Todd MSP. While there is a fall in deaths from 2023 to 2024 by around 155, this figure remains far too high. John acknowledges the life-saving work of the Thistle Drug Consumption Room (near the Barras) and welcomes its contribution, but also stresses that more time and evaluation are needed to fully understand its long-term impact.

Doors Open Day (**Scots Article**)

John fair enjoyed his visit tae the Rohart Campus in Brighton durin the Doors Open Day event in Glesga. The campus wis fu o life, showin aff a braw mix o creative folk, studios, an organisations. He got the chance tae hae a keek roond various workshops, blether wi local airtists an makers.

Residential Outdoor Education Bill

John has been actively involved in scrutinising the Residential Outdoor Education Bill as part of the Education and Young People's Committee. He welcomes the principles behind the Bill, which aims to ensure that all children have the opportunity to access outdoor education during their time in school. John recognises the many benefits outdoor learning can offer young people in terms of wellbeing, engagement, and personal development. However, he believes that how this provision is funded and fairly distributed across schools and local authorities should be targeted at less affluent families. An important issue that requires further discussion and careful consideration.



John at parliament with Libereco

International Day of Democracy

John lodged a motion in Parliament recognising the significance of the International Day of Democracy, a global event established by the United Nations to promote and strengthen democratic governance. He emphasised the importance of core democratic values such as freedom, equality, participation, and the rule of law as essential foundations of a fair and just society.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

John recently took part in a Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by CLC All Trades in Bridgeton, joining colleagues and community members to support those affected by cancer. The event was part of an initiative to raise funds and awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support. Guests enjoyed coffee, cake, and conversation, while donating generously to the cause. John's participation reflected his personal support for the charity and CLC All Trades commitment to giving back to the community.

LIBERECO

John met with LIBERECO, a European non-governmental organisation (NGO) that advocates for human rights in Belarus and Ukraine. Since then, he was pleased to learn that some of the 52 political and religious prisoners in Belarus had recently been released.

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