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SPECIAL DOUBLE FEATURE:
MENTAL HEALTH & CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

BULLETIN

> *Access to mental health care is a right, not a privilege*

STANDING WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

I am deeply concerned by the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board's proposed funding cuts that are threatening vital community mental health services in Edinburgh. I have raised concerns about the feasibility of these cuts and the lack of consideration given to the long-term impacts on service users. I remain committed to supporting third sector organisations affected by these cuts.



"Does the First Minister understand that prevention will not be possible if IJBs are in permanent financial crisis?"

- IN THE CHAMBER



Mental health is the cornerstone of a thriving community. I won't stop fighting for the mental health support our community needs



URGENT CALL TO FIRST MINISTER TO PAUSE MENTAL HEALTH CUTS

In response, I have taken decisive action, including collaborating with fellow MSPs to send a letter to Ministers urging them to pause the EIJB cuts and conduct a thorough strategic assessment. Our main concerns include the distress caused by the cuts, the threat to essential services, the lack of consultation and the potential for even further cuts. We emphasise the need for a collaborative approach as promised by the EIJB.

VOICES FROM THE THIRD SECTOR

I had an important and engaging discussion with the team from Change Mental Health, who tirelessly support those affected by mental illness. Their services remain vital for Edinburgh's most vulnerable residents. Our meeting reinforced the importance of proper planning and stakeholder engagement to prevent the proposed cuts.

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WOMEN IN FOOTBALL

I had the pleasure of meeting with Women In Football to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women both on and off the pitch. I was inspired by the dedication and passion, to challenge discrimination and advance gender equality.





YOUNG VOICES FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

I had the honour of taking part in the 'Protect Our Future' demonstration, representing over 7,000 students across 30 schools across Scotland. These students embody the commitment and courage needed to tackle the climate crisis. Let's keep supporting our young advocates and unite in our efforts to protect the environment.

25 YEARS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT WITH LOTHIAN MSPS

It was a privilege to join the Presiding Officer and fellow Lothian MSPs in Midlothian to celebrate #ScotParl25. I was grateful to hear from community members about how our Parliament can continue supporting them.

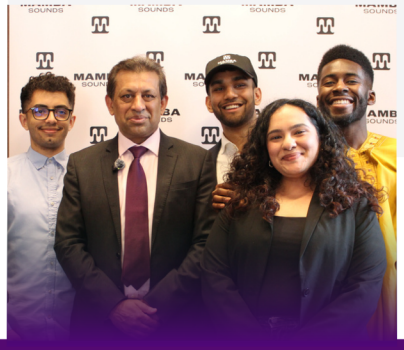


CELEBRATING CULTURAL INNOVATION WITH MAMBA SOUNDS

I recently attended the launch event for Mamba Sounds' new music streaming platform, celebrating a major milestone for the company. Mamba Sounds has achieved significant success, collaborating with top African artists and proving the commercial success and global reach of its platform. The company is dedicated to supporting artists with tech-enabled tools and fair growth strategies, with 70% of their talent identifying as Black or multicultural.

> ***Paving the way for this new wave of Scottish innovation***

This celebration highlights Mamba Sounds' impact on the music industry and its commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices and advancing creative entrepreneurship. Through all this, Mamba Sounds is poised to transform the landscape of artist development and music distribution.



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