WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Campaigns



I met Firefighters at Crewe Toll to discuss the removal of the height appliance and loss of staff. I also met the Community Safety Minister and senior Fire Officer. Communities and Firefighters must feel safe and I will support them in the face of cuts.

Community Success



After working with local parents at Polkemmet Road for almost 2 years, I was glad to finally see the crossing in place and protecting children on their way to school. Well done to the community!

School Visits



I met with many Lothian Primary and Secondary school visits to the Scottish Parliament to help them learn more about our democratic process. It's great to see so many young people engaged in politics!

Round Table events



I brought together third sector organisations & MSPs to discuss funding for community based organisations. I will continue pressing for more long term and fair funding wherever possible.



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If you need help or advice with any issue or concern, get in touch and book your slot at one of my surgeries.

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Annual Report

The past year has been challenging for many individuals, organisations and businesses, as cuts to public services, rising NHS waiting lists, a housing emergency, rising energy costs and the cost of living continues to worsen.

I have continued to hold surgeries, roundtable events, visited community projects, supported campaigns and businesses.

I continue to ask questions and submit motions in the Scottish Parliament on behalf of constituents and organisations.

I was honoured to win the Open all Hours Award at Holyrood Political Awards 2023. Thanks to the people who nominated me and my hard-working team.

It's a privilege to represent my constituents and I'll continue working hard to do so.

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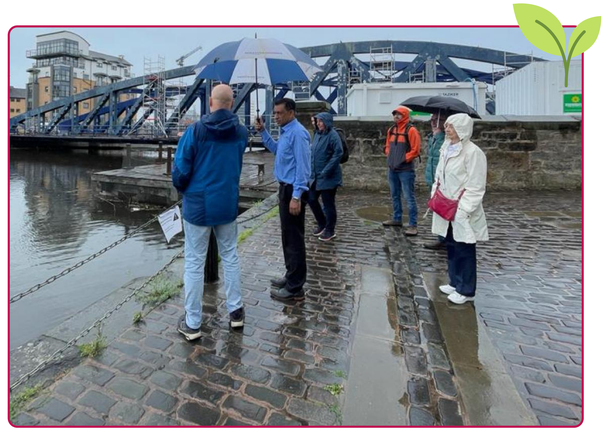
Environment



I was delighted to join Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC) and Friends of the Earth to advocate for a Circular Economy Bill and attend an exciting Circular Fashion Show at the Scottish Parliament.



I recently met with the Winchburgh developer along with elected members and the community. We agreed to work together to deliver this overdue train station for Winchburgh and the wider community.



I met with SOS Leith who are deeply concerned about sewage spilling into the Water of Leith. Overflow systems must be improved to ensure waters are safe for locals and wildlife. I will push for a clean and safe Water of Leith.

Petitions Committee



As a member of the Petitions Committee, I hear many inspiring petitions, which has made this Committee a joy to attend. This Committee gives the public the opportunity to influence and change Government policy.

Housing and Planning



Constituents are stuck on waiting lists for permanent homes & forced to live in unsuitable homes with dampness. With the declaration of the Housing Emergency by the Edinburgh City Council, we also need to tackle rising homelessness.



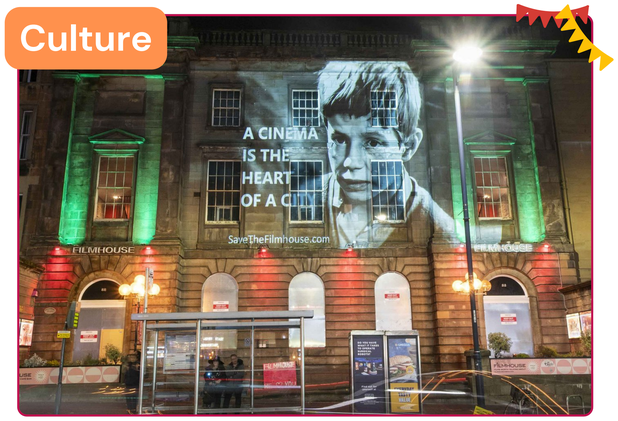
Planning applications for Eyre Place Lane, which would have impacted local residents due to the scale and design, were rejected. Great success for the community! Planning needs to be reformed to give communities a stronger voice in planning applications.

Equality



I attended an event to mark the Scottish Government's response to the recommendations from the Empire, Slavery & Scotland's Museums Steering Group. I also visited Kelvingrove Museum to see the Glasgow: City of Empire exhibition, curated with communities.

Culture

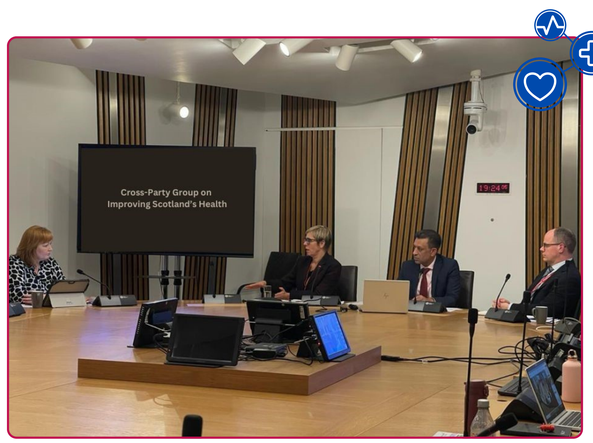


I visited the Filmhouse to discuss their fundraising campaign and the reopening in 2024. Alarm bells are ringing about the long term funding arrangements for Scotland's culture sector. I will continue to reiterate my plea for sufficient funding to save the sector.

Health



The Scottish Government have stopped all new capital funding for Health projects in Lothian. This has resulted the freezing the funding for a new East Calder Medical Centre and new Eye Pavilion.



As Co-Convener of CPG on Improving Scotland's Health, the issue about the disparities between richest and poorest communities continues to be raised. A boy born in Muirhouse will live 13 years less than a boy born 3 miles away in Cramond. Urgent action is needed now!

International



I've advocated for support for peace in the Middle East through an immediate ceasefire, return of hostages and a proper two-state solution. We must also tackle rising Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia at home.



I led a delegation to Bangladesh with the Cross-Party Group on Bangladesh alongside Miles Briggs MSP and Evelyn Tweed MSP. We want to strengthen relations between Bangladesh and Scotland, sharing opportunities that will benefit both our nations.

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