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## Press Release

### **Making a World of Difference to Ethnic Minorities in West Lothian**

Credit Unions from around the world unite each October to honour the movement's history and achievement by celebrating International Credit Union Day. This year's theme, **Making a World of Difference**, reflects the worldwide scope and influence of credit unions.

West Lothian Credit Union Forum has chosen to mark this occasion with a special event to celebrate West Lothian's cultural diversity. The event has been organised in co-operation with West Lothian Council Advice Shop and West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network. It will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Margaret's Academy in Howden, Livingston from 12 noon to 4 pm. It is free to all members of the community and features Ronak Baja Indian Street Band, The Yiddish Song Project and Waa Sylla African Drummers. Children from Carmondean Primary are participating in a poster competition on the theme of Making a World of Difference and will be presented with prizes on the day. Kebab Mahal will provide a buffet lunch.

Other delights will also include a fashion show and henna hand painting.

Support organisations will be available to provide information on their services, particularly to members of ethnic minorities and interpreters will be available where possible to help with language difficulties.

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*Credit unions provide an effective and viable alternative to commercial financial institutions. They are member-owned and run and provide a safe place to save and to access affordable loans. Credit unions are recognised internationally as a force for positive economic and social change and have found great success in both industrialised and emerging nations. They are built on a one-member/one-vote model that provides members with a unique opportunity to experience democracy firsthand.*