

Media Release

Credit Unions – Global and Local

West Lothian Credit Union Forum held a party at the Royal British Legion in Bathgate to thank volunteers, staff and partners for all their work in the last year, as part of the celebrations for International Credit Union Day, which takes place on the third Thursday in October throughout the world each year.

The theme of this year's celebrations was "Together We're Better". At the event, Liam Murphy, Chairman of West Lothian Credit Union Forum, emphasised that without volunteers and support from partner organisations, credit unions could not carry out their work in their local communities. Those attending were also able to view an exhibition of entries in a competition run for children from schools where there is a credit union collection to design a new logo for junior savers – winners to be announced shortly.

Credit unions offer savings accounts, low-interest loans and other financial services and, like banks and building societies, are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, which now provides 100% cover for the first £35,000 of a member's savings. There are three credit unions operating in West Lothian, and everyone living in the county is eligible to join at least one of these organisations.

Another advantage of credit union membership has just been announced. Members can benefit from discounts for products and services from companies including Barrhead Travel, Blackcircles.com, Intercontinental Hotels, National Car Rental, RAC, BUPA, Cadbury Gifts Direct, Scottish Hydro Electric and Global Contract Solutions.

You can find more information about the discounts available and how to join a credit union on www.wlcuf.org.uk. Alternatively, contact Janet Mundy of West Lothian Credit Union Forum by phone 01506 436678 or e-mail janet.wlcuf@btconnect.com.



Credit Union staff and volunteers enjoy a chat at the International Credit Union Day party at Royal British Legion in Bathgate



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