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## **Press Release**

### **“Join a Credit Union” urge local MP/MSP**

Over 200 people originating from all corners of the globe came along to “Making a World of Difference”, a celebration of International Credit Union Day by West Lothian Credit Union Forum, West Lothian Financial Inclusion Forum and West Lothian Council Advice Shop on 29<sup>th</sup> October. They were entertained by live music, a presentation against racism by children from Carmondean Primary School and information and services by stallholders from local organisations.

Livingston MP Jim Devine welcomed people to the event and pointed out how much different cultures contribute to West Lothian life. He also spoke of the recent collapse of the Farepak Christmas hamper company, which has meant that 200-300 local people have lost their Christmas savings. He recommended credit unions as an alternative which, unlike Farepak, are regulated by the Financial Services Authority, giving a high degree of security to members’ savings. Linlithgow MSP Mary Mulligan also praised credit unions as an ethical way to save and borrow, as she presented prizes to the three winners of a poster competition organised by Carmondean Primary School on the theme of “Making a World of Difference”.

For more information about credit unions, contact West Lothian Credit Union Forum on 01506 436678 or the Advice Shop on 01506 776444.