

Media Release – Another First for West Lothian

Enterprising sixth year students at two West Lothian high schools have opened a credit union collection within their schools for the benefit of both students and teachers.

Students at Whitburn Academy launched their credit union savings scheme (WACU) on 14th October to the whole of the school, tying in with another all-day event. On this day, over 150 students and teachers signed up to save with the credit union. The weekly collection point will run in the school's foyer on Thursday mornings from 5th November, with the support of Blackburn and Seafield District Credit Union. Head Teacher Ian Adair said that he was delighted to have a credit union presence at Whitburn Academy, which was highlighted in the recent HMIE report on the school.

Meanwhile, students at Inveralmond Community High School launched their weekly credit union collection on Wednesday 4th November, with the support of Livingston Credit Union. They hope to serve both the school and the community with regular savings opportunities.

Students from both schools sought advice from West Lothian Credit Union Forum and were provided with the necessary support and information on the background of credit unions, advertising, launching and running a credit union collection, over a number of weekly meetings.

Any school interested in setting up a credit union collection should contact West Lothian Credit Union Forum on 01506 633222 (info@wlcuf.org.uk).



The picture shows credit union staff along with Michelle and Stacey Doyle from Whitburn Academy



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