

# Edinburgh MP in international discussion on HIV/AIDS

✘ Mark Lazarowicz, MP for Edinburgh North & Leith, took part in a discussion yesterday on policy both in Scotland and internationally on HIV/AIDS and measures to combat discrimination.

The meeting entitled 'Scotland is positive' at St John's Church in Princes Street was organised by [Waverley Care](#), a pioneering organisation that offers care and support to people affected by HIV/AIDS. Canon Gideon Byamugisha, an Anglican priest from Uganda, was also there to speak about his experience of living with HIV.

Mark Lazarowicz said:- "About 5 years ago I attended an event in this same church at which the names of those in Edinburgh who had died of AIDS were read out – and I recognised some of the names of constituents I had known in Wester Hailes some 20-25 years earlier, which was a sombre reminder of the continuing toll from AIDS.

Now as an Opposition Spokesman on International Development I see the devastating way that HIV/AIDS continues to affect developing countries and I am all the more determined that the UK should continue to provide a strong lead so that the progress made in the last decade is maintained and the continuing challenges that we face are met."

The work carried out by [Waverley Care](#) is considered by the charity to be important in raising public awareness of HIV/AIDS, and encouraging public support and funding necessary to respond to the continuing challenge.