

Lothian Buses raise funds for schools



Ten Edinburgh schools were each presented with a cheque for £750, after staff at Edinburgh's largest bus company donated £7,500 from their salaries to special schools across Edinburgh.

Rab Fraser, Chairman of Unite 7-21 Branch and Duncan McBride, Secretary of Unite 7-21 Branch, visited the 10 Edinburgh schools in the lead up to Christmas to hand over the donations.

Members of the 2,000 strong Lothian Buses workforce achieved the £7,500 total by making weekly contributions from their salary to the special fund set up by Unite 7-21 Branch. This total also includes a sum from HSF (Hospital Saturday Fund) who donated back the commission they made on policies taken out by Lothian Buses employees.

The ten Edinburgh schools benefiting from the donations are St Crispin's School, Kaimes School, Prospect Bank School, Braidburn School, Rowanfield School, Gorgie Mills School, Oaklands School, Pilrig Park School, Redhall School and Woodlands School.

Ian Craig, managing director of Lothian Buses, said:-

"Through the generosity of our staff, I am delighted that once again we can donate a large sum of money to local schools."

The ten special schools are the latest beneficiaries of this fund's annual fundraising initiative that was first initiated over thirty years ago by Terry Weir, the previous Chairman of Unite 7-21 Branch.

Commenting on the cheque handover, Rab Fraser, Chairman of Unite 7-21 Branch, said:

"It was a pleasure for me to present the cheques to the schools and to meet with the children that will be helped by our contributions.

The fund was set up over 30 years ago and I am thrilled that thanks to the continued support from staff at Lothian Buses it is still going strong today."