

Green MSP joins Cancer Care charity



Alison Johnstone MSP Joins Marie Curie Cancer Care at Scottish Parliament

Alison Johnstone MSP joined Marie Curie Cancer Care at the Scottish Parliament this week to learn more about the work carried out by the charity to provide free end of life care to people with terminal illnesses.

Sporting one of the charity's daffodil pins in support of the annual [Great Daffodil Appeal](#), Alison Johnstone spoke to Marie Curie nurses and staff about the free end of life care available to local communities across Scotland.

During the event, sponsored by Mary Scanlon MSP, Alison Johnstone was also informed about the importance of donations in helping Marie Curie nurses provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes or one of the charity's hospices. **Every 5 minutes** someone in the UK dies without the care they need at the end of their life. Each donation received by Marie Curie helps look after more people at the end of their life in their place of choice.

People across Lothian can support Marie Curie Cancer Care by:

1. Raising awareness by making a donation and wearing a daffodil pin in March.
2. Leaving a gift in their will.
3. Taking part in one of Marie Curie's events – there is

something to suit everyone from highland walks to skinny dips.

4. Joining a fundraising group and helping with fundraising in their local community.
5. Volunteering their time – from supporting Marie Curie's shops and hospices to helping at events.

Alison Johnstone MSP said: "It was a pleasure to meet with Marie Curie and learn more about the incredible care that they offer. Like many others, I've been wearing my daffodil with pride and I urge everyone to support them all year round however they can."

Commenting upon the importance of continued support for the charity, Emily Hogg, Legacy Adviser who organised the event for Marie Curie said: "Every March, people can support our Great Daffodil Appeal by making a donation and wearing one of our daffodil pins. However, there are many ways for people to support Marie Curie all year round. For example, we depend greatly on the donations left to us in Wills and every gift, whatever size, helps us to meet the challenges of providing free care for terminally ill patients. Currently Gifts left in Wills fund the equivalent of two in every three Marie Curie Nurses so are a vital income stream to the charity."

To access a Marie Curie Nurse, speak to your GP or district nurse.

For more information on any of the above, please visit: www.mariecurie.org.uk.

