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The Earl of Clancarty,
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Dear Lord Clancarty,

I thank you for raising the question on whether a new youth mobility scheme will be templated on to Erasmus+, during my Oral Statement to the House on 18 December 2025.

This Government recognises the value of people-to-people connections and schemes which give young people the opportunity to experience different cultures and work or study elsewhere. This is why we agreed at the first ever Summit between the UK and EU held in May 2025 that we will work towards the establishment of a balanced youth experience scheme.

The Government remains committed to providing opportunities to study and work abroad, especially for those participants from disadvantaged backgrounds. We agreed in May that any youth experience scheme will be time-limited and subject to an allotted number of places, and we have also been clear that it should be in line with the UK's existing schemes with countries like Australia and New Zealand. As I'm sure you can appreciate, the exact parameters of any scheme are subject to ongoing negotiations.

On Erasmus, this iteration of Erasmus+ has a bigger focus on participants from disadvantaged backgrounds, and one of its objectives is inclusion and supporting people with fewer opportunities to participate. The UK's association will continue the strong ambition set by the Turing Scheme to prioritise mobilities involving participants from disadvantaged backgrounds. We will work closely with institutions and our young people to maximise take-up – particularly among disadvantaged groups.

I look forward to a further discussion on these topics. I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

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Yours sincerely,