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New EDMs

1045 Eden Court Theatre and Cinema's transformation into a community hub

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House commends Eden Court Theatre and Cinema in Inverness on transforming into a community hub to provide an emergency response to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic situation across the Highlands; notes that workers at that venue have been providing help and support to the covid-19 response since March 2020 when that venue was forced to close; further notes that those workers have been nominated for a prestigious humanitarian award, the Achatas Philanthropy Prize, which celebrates cultural giving across the UK; and wishes those workers all the best for the future.

1046 1st Battalion The Highlanders' Guinness World Record

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the 1st Battalion The Highlanders for setting a new Guinness World Record for most attendees to complete a mental health course in 24 hours to mark World Mental Health Day; recognises that a total of 45 members from the area took part in the course, alongside 1,622 members from across the UK; notes that the 30-minute course discussed how to recognise the signs of poor mental health and ways to help to end the stigma and discrimination around those struggling with difficulties; and further notes that all those participants will receive a medal and official Guinness certificate to honour their achievements.

1047 Scottish Poppy Appeal 2020

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises the excellent work of Poppy Scotland through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which runs annually from 26 October to 11 November; further recognises that the Scottish Poppy Appeal is Poppy Scotland's largest fundraising campaign; acknowledges the importance of that appeal in paying tribute to the millions of people who lost their lives during conflict; and calls on the community to support the Scottish Poppy Appeal in recognition of the sacrifices made by service personnel.

1048 National Mentoring Week

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the importance of mentoring, as young people, like the rest of society are facing monumental changes in their lives during the covid-19 outbreak; celebrates National Mentoring Week and The Diana Award who are ensuring that physical distancing during this challenging time does not exacerbate disconnection and disorientation for our young people as they continue to provide support, advice, friendship and constructive role modelling for young people across the UK; applauds the efforts of the over 100 hon. Members and Peers who have signed up for National Mentoring Week with the Diana Award and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mentoring, which is indicative of the value of mentoring; and hopes that such efforts are sustained for years to come.

1049 Psoriasis Awareness Week 2020

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Sir Edward Leigh

That this House notes that Psoriasis Awareness Week takes place between 29 October and 4 November 2020; recognises the vital work of the Psoriasis Association in continuing to provide information, support and help to all those affected by psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis during the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that this year's Psoriasis Awareness Week will focus on types of psoriasis after identifying through the recent Priority Setting Partnership that there are many unrecognised knowns that have already been addressed by research but which are not familiar to patients and healthcare professionals; and calls on the Government to investigate ways to improve access to all relevant healthcare professionals for people with psoriasis whose essential treatment has been unfairly delayed by the impact of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

1050 Police brutality and End SARS protests in Nigeria

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 2

Layla Moran
Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House condemns the reported deliberate shooting of unarmed protesters in Lagos and other parts of Nigeria; calls on the Nigerian Government to demonstrate their commitment to human rights and fulfil obligations to hold the police to account for extra-judicial killings, widespread torture and other ill-treatment of detainees in their custody; supports the call from the Nigerian people and Amnesty International to bring those responsible for committing such crimes to justice in fair trials; calls on the Nigerian authorities to comply at all times with international

human rights standards on policing, in particular the UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials; and urges the UK Government to take action to reprehend such actions.

1051 Closure of TSB Easterhouse branch

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House expresses disappointment in response to the news that TSB Bank will be closing its Easterhouse branch in Glasgow; notes that the closure of bank branches across the UK severely disadvantages the rural population, the elderly and people without access to appropriate technology; highlights that bank branches act as vital services for those unable to access online banking services; condemns the closing of that bank branch during a pandemic, which will undoubtedly cause people to travel further to access in person banking; and urges TSB to urgently reconsider its closure of the Easterhouse branch.

1052 Bath City Farm 25th Anniversary

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 1

Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates Bath City Farm on its 25th anniversary; recognises the integral role the farm continues to play in the local community; commends the staff and volunteers who cooked and delivered thousands of meals during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the importance of city farms in connecting people to food and farming, whilst also supporting those living alone or facing the challenge of mental health; notes with concern that city farms across the UK are facing very challenging times during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to fully recognise the vital role that city farms play in the provision of a wide range of services for vulnerable members of the community.

1053 Minority rights in Southern Mongolia

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 2

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran

That this House expresses concern at reports from human rights groups that the Chinese Government has enforced a severe crackdown on protesters in Southern Mongolia who are reacting to the replacement of the Mongolian language in schools with Mandarin Chinese, with up to 10,000 protesters placed in police custody since August 2020; notes that crackdown tactics are alleged to include mass arrest, arbitrary detention, imprisonment, torture and blacklisting; further notes that these reports of a crackdown come at a time when there are growing concerns about minority groups' struggle against Chinese hegemony; calls on the UK Government to make clear its opposition to this repression of the Southern Mongolian community; and urges the Chinese Government to cease the crackdown on protesters in the region and protect Mongolian minority rights, culture and identity within China.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

988 VAT on period pants

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 7

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Marion Fellows

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the work done by WUKA Wear who have worked hard to promote the use of reusable menstrual products; references research carried out by WUKA Wear which found that 4.3 billion menstrual products are used each year, all of which goes to landfill or ends up in the ocean; notes that reusable period pants, which are environmentally friendly are an effective method to combat this; believes that period pants should have the 20 per cent VAT removed; notes with regret the Government's recent announcement which suggests they will consider removing VAT on period pants for children under the age of 14 and with size limitations, which reinforces harmful body ideals and negates the reality that menstruation can occur after the age of 14; further recognises that all menstrual products are essential items and should be exempt from VAT; and calls on the Government to reconsider its position and remove the 20 per cent VAT on period pants and all other menstrual products.

991 Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley breaks world record

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 6

Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley for breaking the world record of fastest cycle round the North Coast 500; recognises that his achievement took place just nine months after sustaining life-threatening injuries in a crash; acknowledges that he used the challenge to raise money for Baylor Scott and White Central Texas Foundation where he was treated after he was hit by a car at 70mph on a round-the-world cycling trip; notes that he completed the route in a time of 31 hours and 18 minutes, five minutes faster than the current record; and finally wishes him good health and good luck in his future cycling ventures.

995 All In One Education

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 18

Amy Callaghan
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
John Nicolson
Martyn Day
Brendan O'Hara

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates newly formed charity All In One Education on gaining membership of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and achieving charitable status; notes the charity is formed of teachers, campaigners, university and cultural professionals who have come together from across Scotland to address the lack of intersectional teaching in schools across the UK; understands intersectionality refers to the nature of social categorisations such as race, class, gender and ability which create overlapping systems of discrimination in societies; commends All In One Education's aim to develop free lesson plans for educators and pupils to bring perspectives from BAME, women's history, LGBTQIA+, differently abled, colonial and other groups to light; recognises the importance of learning social studies from these perspectives in enabling young people to analyse complex issues and engage meaningfully with both their studies and the world they live in; thanks All In One Education for highlighting systemic inequalities and promoting diversity in education; and urges Governments across the UK to do more to support the development of teaching resources with intersectionality at the core.

996 TSB Closures in Glasgow North West

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 8

Carol Monaghan
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Drew Hendry

That this House condemns TSB Bank's decision to close its Anniesland, Drumchapel and Partick branches; recognises that this follows a long succession of bank closures in Glasgow North West constituency; notes that there are no easily accessible TSB branches nearby to serve the busy communities of Anniesland, Drumchapel and Partick, and that the Post Office cannot be expected to pick up the pieces; recognises that there remains a strong need for choice between face to face and other forms of banking, and for cash and counter transactions; and calls on banks to work to do everything they can to make it easier for their local customers to access their services and not close the doors permanently during a time of crisis during which many businesses are already struggling.

997 Extension of Furlough Scheme

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 22

Christine Jardine
Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Mike Hill
Jamie Stone
Layla Moran

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House welcomes the partial U-turn by the Chancellor in extending the furlough scheme to local lockdown areas; recognises that businesses ordered to close must be supported; notes that this new support is limited to only certain parts of the UK when it is needed across the country; further notes that support offered only accounts for two-thirds of income and many in the hospitality industry will be put in precarious financial positions as a result; and calls on the Government to produce a clear and proactive support strategy and to expand furlough as a matter of urgency across the whole economy until June 2021.

1001 Gift Aid Emergency Relief Campaign

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 26

Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Sir Mike Penning
Martyn Day
Owen Thompson
Stuart C McDonald

Drew Hendry

That this House marks the annual Gift Aid Awareness Day which fell on 8 October 2020; appreciates that Gift Aid Relief is the practical application of the long-established principle that donations to charities should not be taxed; recognises that the charitable sector is in the middle of the biggest financial crisis it has ever faced, with huge falls in income at the same time as increased demand for services; considers that a Gift Aid Emergency Relief Package would go a long way to keeping vital charitable services running; calls on the UK Government to increase Gift Aid from 20% to 25% for two years from the start of the 2020-21 tax year; further calls on the UK Government to introduce changes to the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme to remove barriers for entry to ensure wider access across the voluntary sector and increase the amount that can be claimed from £8,000 to £10,000; and believes that the cost of such measures need not be prohibitive given that the National Audit Office estimates that £560m of eligible Gift Aid is unclaimed each year and that charities are likely to see an overall fall in donations in the current challenging economic circumstances.

1004 Service Medal for British nuclear test veteransTabled: **12/10/20** Signatories: **13**

Carol Monaghan
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

Drew Hendry

That this House honours the UK service personnel who participated in the British nuclear testing programme in Australia and the South Pacific from 1952 to 1967; notes that over 20,000 British personnel were present during the atomic tests and were exposed to ionising radiation with little or no personal protective equipment; acknowledges that British nuclear test veterans have long campaigned for the official recognition of their great and ongoing sacrifice, and compensation for health conditions resulting from exposure to the high-levels of ionising radiation; understands that the UK is the only country which performed nuclear tests that is yet to formally recognise the contribution of its nuclear test veterans; and urges the Government to award service medals, without delay, to our nuclear test veterans, whose numbers are now sadly dwindling.

1010 Uyghur asylum seekersTabled: **14/10/20** Signatories: **11**

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Wera Hobhouse
Stephen Farry

Gavin Robinson

That this House notes reports from human rights groups which state that the Chinese Government is interning over one million Uyghur people in re-education camps across the Xinjiang Autonomous Region; further notes reports from the camps which allege that detainees are being kept in squalid conditions and are forced to renounce their religion or face torture; expresses serious concern at emerging research which alleges that the Chinese state is forcing Uyghur women to be sterilized; condemns the detention of Uyghur diaspora returning to Xinjiang by the Chinese Government; notes that other European Governments such as the Government of Sweden has announced that it will grant refugee status to all Uyghur asylum-seekers from China; calls on the Government to automatically grant refugee status to all Uyghur people fleeing to the UK as a result of religious persecution from the Chinese state.

1011 Dundee Year of the Older Person

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 8

Chris Law
Stewart Hosie
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alison Thewliss

Drew Hendry

That this House celebrates Dundee's Year of the Older Person; commends those at Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action and Dundee City Council who have worked to bring this celebration together; notes that it is believed to be the first celebration of its kind ever in Scotland; recognises that 2020 has been particularly tough for older people; further recognises the important contributions that older people make to our society every day; and hopes that the Year of the Older Person will help involve more older people in the process of building a city that is more in touch with the needs of its older population.

1012 East Lothian resident given honours for Scottish-Italian relations

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Mary Contini of Dunbar on being appointed an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours; understands that Mary has been recognised for her services to the Scottish Food Industry and Scottish-Italian Relations; notes that Mary is the Herald's Magazine food columnist and runs a weekly column in the local East Lothian Courier sharing her expertise of the food sector and insight into the industry; further notes that her businesses which have included Valvonna and Crolla Caffè Bar focus on using ingredients sourced from artisan producers and farmers in both Italy and Scotland that support high welfare practices; notes her positive contribution to the food industry and her community; and wishes Mary all the best in the future.

1014 Democratic process and attacks on Kurds in Turkey

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 8

Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jonathan Edwards
Owen Thompson

John Cryer

That this House notes that the Turkish authorities have issued arrest warrants for 82 members of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), including current and former democratically elected mayors, and the party's current Central Executive Board; further notes that the HDP is the third largest political party in Turkey; notes that in 2019 the HDP won 65 municipalities in local elections and that the Turkish State has arbitrarily taken control of 51 of those municipalities; is deeply concerned that at least 200 democratically elected HDP representatives including 7 MPs

are imprisoned; believes that this mass incarceration amounts to a violation of fundamental rights including the rights to political association, political participation and freedom of expression; is further deeply concerned that this undermines the rights of the Turkish people to have their democratic will upheld; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to express these concerns to his Turkish counterpart as a matter of utmost urgency.

1015 TSB Lochee bank branch closure

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 6

Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jamie Stone
Drew Hendry

That this House condemns TSB's decision to close its Lochee branch; notes that the decision will leave the proudly independent community in Lochee without a bank, following other closures over the last decade; expresses concern on the effect that the closure of the bank and removal of the cash machine may have on footfall on the local high street; expresses further concern for the many elderly or vulnerable people who may have to travel further for their banking requirements; recognises that physical banking is still the easiest method of banking for many vulnerable people; calls on TSB to reverse its decision to close the last bank in Lochee; and further calls on banks to look at alternative arrangements to ensure that local communities across the country are not deprived of access to physical banking.

1016 Effect of sodium valproate and foetal valproate syndrome

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 7

Jon Trickett
Ian Lavery
Mick Whitley
Alison Thewliss
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House is concerned that 300 children every year are born with foetal valproate syndrome as a result of the drug sodium valproate being prescribed to women during pregnancy; expresses shock that between 1973 and 2016 no explanation of side effects linked to the drug, such as kidney and heart malformations in children, were provided to these pregnant women before they were prescribed sodium valproate; notes that despite the introduction of a Valproate Toolkit in 2016 to provide information about the drug to patients and healthcare professionals, the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review of July 2020 found that women are still becoming pregnant while on Sodium Valproate without any knowledge of the risks; pays tribute to the work of the Independent Foetal Anti-Convulsant Trust for its work raising awareness of this issue; and calls on the Government to apologise to the thousands of families affected and to immediately establish a task force in order to implement the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review 2020 in full.

1017 Dr Ken Thomson OBE and Institute of Directors Scotland Director of the Year Awards 2020

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 5

Martyn Day
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Forth Valley College's Principal Dr Ken Thomson OBE who has won the Regional Director, Central Scotland award at the coveted Institute of Directors Scotland Director of the Year Awards 2020; recognises that the awards acknowledge the best in business across 12 key director categories, as well as seven regional and two special awards; further congratulates Mr Thomson who was awarded an OBE for services to education, economic development and the communities of central Scotland in 2019; notes that Mr Thomson was also shortlisted for the Public Sector Director of the Year award at the event; and wishes Mr Thomson and all the winners every success in the UK finals.

1018 Brass for Africa

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Brass for Africa on its inspiring work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in Uganda, Rwanda and Liberia through brass music and life-skills education; applauds the work of the charity's Composer in Residence Alan Fernie in composing and recording a special lockdown piece called As One in support of the charity; notes the inspiring video brings together young musicians from Brass for Africa with Loanhead Brass Roots and Newtongrange Junior Band, all playing from their own homes; and welcomes the ongoing efforts of musicians to use their talents to lift spirits in these difficult times and recognises the huge educational, community and personal benefits of music.

1019 East Lothian businessman appointed MBE

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

That this house congratulates Bruce Turner, managing director and chairman at PureMalt in Haddington on receiving an MBE; understands that the award is recognising his services to business and the economy in East Lothian; notes that Bruce started at PureMalt in 1972 and has committed

ever since to his team and creating products to be enjoyed across the world; and wishes Bruce and his team at PureMalt all the best for the future.

1020 Dunbar resident awarded medal for 40 years of service to the RNLI

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

That this house congratulates Dunbar resident Ian Wilson for being awarded a medal recognising his 40 years of dedication to service to the RNLI; notes that Mr Wilson has served across the UK and has taken part in a number of rescue missions including a mission in East Lothian during dangerous stormy conditions which resulted in the safe return of two young surfers; and understands that Mr Wilson's commitment and hard work as a volunteer over the years has made a positive difference to the communities he has served in and wishes Ian all the best.

1021 East Lothian GP appointed MBE

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

That this house congratulates Dunbar resident Dr Carey Jane Lunan GP on being awarded an MBE as part of the Queen's birthday honours; understands that Dr Lunan has been recognised for highlighting that the covid-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected people living in Scotland's most deprived areas and advocated a need to emphasise access to general practice services and care building trust between GPs and patients to allow for greater understanding of the complex challenges that may be faced and supporting patients with the care they need; notes Dr Lunan's contribution in the role that general practice can play in addressing inequalities during the covid-19 pandemic and how her work supported many people across Scotland who required the most support during the challenges that resulted from the pandemic; and wishes her all the best in the future.

1023 Hertfordshire local government

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 3

Daisy Cooper
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the opposition by the residents of Hertfordshire to the proposal by Hertfordshire County Council to create a single unitary authority for its 1.2 million residents; further notes that such a proposal has been rejected by the leaders of all ten District and Borough Council Leaders in the county; takes the opportunity to remind the Government that Covid-19 has shown that localised solutions are often the most effective; notes that the spirit of devolution is that democratic decisions affecting people's lives should be made where they are most effective and

have greatest impact; and calls on the Government to express its opposition to any such plan for an unwieldy and arbitrary super-council in Hertfordshire.

1025 Musselburgh resident receives British Empire Medal for contribution to finance sector

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 5

**Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Christopher Bell on receiving a British Empire Medal for services to the financial sector during covid-19; notes his line of work has supported many who have experienced financial hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic; understands his role extended beyond providing financial relief and included helping organise and deliver food parcels to those who needed it most and found themselves in difficulty during the coronavirus crisis; thanks Christopher for his dedication to his community and others; and wishes him all the best.

1026 East Lothian video game founder awarded CBE

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 6

**Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Chris Van Der Kuhl on being awarded a CBE; notes Mr Van Der Kuhl is the co-founder and chairman of 4J Studios, a video game development studio based in East Linton and Dundee, which produced the hit Minecraft; understands the businesses presence is within East Lothian; commends his dedication, contribution to his local community and beyond; and wishes Chris Van Der Kuhl and his team all the very best in the future.

1027 North Berwick RNLI volunteer given British Empire Medal

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 6

**Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry
Dr Julian Lewis**

That this House congratulates North Berwick RNLI volunteer Stewart Auld for over 50 years of service and his recent British Empire Medal award; notes Stewart has been recognised for his many years of commitment and dedication to his local RNLI through the North Berwick Lifeboat Station; recognises his commitment to his community, his fellow team members and volunteers at North Berwick RNLI; and wishes him all the very best for the future.

1029 G20 Summit in Saudi Arabia and Human Rights

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 12

Kenny MacAskill
Stephen Farry
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell
Clive Lewis

Drew Hendry
Mr Virendra Sharma

Chris Law

That this House notes that Saudi Arabia currently holds the presidency of the G20 and will be hosting the G20 Summit virtually on 21-22 November 2020; is deeply

concerned about Saudi Arabia's on-going serious and systematic violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, particularly the crackdown on non-violent activists and critics since Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman came to power in 2017, which includes the arbitrary detention and torture of women human rights defenders and the brutal murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, as well as the apparently indiscriminate and disproportionate airstrikes on civilians and civilian infrastructure by the Saudi-led coalition in the conflict in Yemen which may amount to war crimes; and calls on the Government to publicly and privately urge Saudi Arabia to take concrete steps to improve its human rights record in the lead up to the G20 Summit, including immediately releasing all human rights defenders and prisoners of conscience, providing full accountability for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and ending the war in Yemen, and to reconsider the level of its participation in the Summit if these steps are not taken.

1030 Ardnamurchan lighthouse brought into community ownership

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 7

Ian Blackford
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Allan Dorans

That this house warmly congratulates Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trustees on successfully securing ownership, through Community Asset Transfer, of the lighthouse site, which sits at the most westerly point of the UK; recognises the endeavour and achievement of trustees over the past 21 years in preserving and promoting Ardnamurchan lighthouse, both as a historical monument and as a tourist attraction for visitors to this remote rural peninsula; applauds the dynamic and enterprising plans for developing the visitor centre and cafeteria at this iconic landmark, which attracts in excess of 18,000 visitors each year, and its important role in preserving the local history and culture; acknowledges that ownership of the site will allow the Trust to access to new funding opportunities to enable these forward-thinking plans to be developed; and wishes the project well for the future.

1031 Young designer creates Skye flag

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 7

Ian Blackford
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Allan Dorans

That this house warmly congratulates 9-year-old Kilmuir schoolboy Calum Alasdair Munro on designing the first-ever official flag for the Isle of Skye which was unfurled at the Nicolson Memorial earlier this month; commends the first class design, which draws on Calum's love of flags and interest in the island's history and heritage, and cleverly reflects the five areas of Trotternish, Waternish, Duirinish, Minginish and Sleat/Strath as well as local clan colours; recognises the tremendous achievement of this youngster in a contest which drew many entries; and applauds contest organisers The West Highland Free Press for developing the idea to raise funds for Skye and Lochalsh Young Carers.

1032 Fiona McAvoy MBE, headteacher of Newton primary school

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 4

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Fiona McAvoy, the Head Teacher at Newton Primary School, Ayr on being awarded the MBE as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List for her services to education over three decades; notes particularly her inspirational leadership and determination to reduce the effects of poverty and disadvantage by supporting children and young people in North Ayr, where she has worked tirelessly to ensure children and families receive the right help, at the right time from the right people; further notes her commitment, above and beyond her role as an educator to partnership working with parents and the wider community to ensure that before and during lockdown, that children and families had access to food, clothing, bedding, toiletries, energy top ups and essential household items; and wishes Fiona and all of the staff at Newton Primary School continuing success in reducing the impacts of poverty and disadvantage in the local community.

1033 Jonathan Rea sixth straight World Superbike crown

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards
Gavin Robinson
Dr Julian Lewis

That this House congratulates Jonathan Rea on his sixth straight World Superbike crown in Portugal; highlights what many are calling his long-standing dominance of the championship; notes that he is tantalisingly close to further rewriting the record books by achieving an incredible, ground-breaking 100th race win to further cement his legacy as the most successful rider in the history of

the series; and wishes him every success in the future as he continues to represent Northern Ireland at the highest level throughout the world.

1034 **Baby loss support**

Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Alison Thewliss
Paula Barker

Allan Dorans

That this House notes the end of baby loss awareness week UK; highlights that for so many the pain continues on; underlines the statistic that 1 in 4 suffering from loss does not include the wider pain and grief of loved ones and family; encourages women and partners to mourn as they need to and understands that their loss matters and is worthy of voicing and remembering; and further underlines that Government must enhance counselling services and other help available to families devastated by the loss of their little child and the promise of a future that will not happen.

1035 **Splash of Colour - Which? trusted trader of the year**

Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **6**

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Splash of Colour, a painter and decorators based in Glasgow Central, on being named Trusted Trader of the Year at the annual Which? Awards this year; notes that this award recognises Splash Of Colour's commitment to consumers and the community; appreciates that this year's awards also took into consideration how organisations have responded to changes in consumer needs as a result of covid-19; recognises that Splash of Colour has been a Which? trusted trader for just over three years, twice receiving Trader of the Month in December 2018 and January 2020; acknowledges that Splash of Colour has been recognised with this award after receiving consistently excellent customer feedback, as well as being involved in projects and charities within the local community; and wishes Splash of Colour every success in the future.

1036 **Anniversary of the invasion of Famagusta**

Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **3**

Bob Blackman
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House supports the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and the High Level Agreements; endorses the Declaration of the European Parliament of 14 February 2012 on the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants; notes that the city

of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974, that a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military, and that the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem; further notes the 1979 High Level Agreement and UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament on Petition 733/2004; calls on the government of Turkey to act according to those UN Security Council Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace; agrees to forward this Resolution to President Nicos Anastasiades, Mr Mustafa Akinci, the UN Secretary General and the government of Turkey; and urges the Government, as a guarantor power of Cyprus, to call for Turkey's cooperation.

1038 Minister for Travel

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 6

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Rachel Hopkins
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House recognises that the travel trade is a crucial sector of the British economy and furthermore an industry now facing an existential threat as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; regrets that many travel businesses have closed with many more on the brink of collapse due to the Covid-19 crisis with at least 90,000 jobs already lost or at risk across high street travel agents and the wider travel trade sector; welcomes the recent call by the TSSA transport and travel union and others for the creation of a Minister for Travel to arrest this trend and champion the industry; and calls on the Government to act without delay to save Britain's travel trade by providing bespoke sector-specific government support while reconsidering an extension of furlough for the industry.

1039 Unionlearn

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 23

Grahame Morris
Mike Hill
Ian Mearns
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Ian Byrne
Kate Osborne

John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Gavin Robinson
Nadia Whittome

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House recognises the exemplary and invaluable role played by Unionlearn in helping people acquire skills and qualifications to boost their job prospects and make a valuable contribution to the economy; applauds Unionlearn for aiding hundreds of thousands of learners at all levels, from basic numeracy and literacy to degree level qualifications; notes that during the past 12 years more than 40,000 Union Learning Representatives have been trained, and over a quarter of a million people are being given training and learning opportunities through their union every year; is appalled that the Government intends to axe this vital resource at such a challenging time for education, employment and the economy; and calls upon the Government to reconsider and reverse this damaging decision.

1039A1 [Amendment]Tabled: **20/10/20** Signatories: **1****Robert Halfon**

At end add 'and urges the Secretary of State for Education to consider the value Unionlearn offers in promoting skills and opportunities and to reinstate the scheme.'

1040 Support for tourism, leisure, hospitality and the artsTabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **7****Liz Saville Roberts****Hywel Williams****Ben Lake****Jonathan Edwards****Jim Shannon****John McDonnell**

Gavin Robinson

That this House recognises the importance of the tourism, leisure, hospitality and arts sectors; further recognises the severe impact Covid-19 has had on their earnings; acknowledges that many of the businesses in these sectors had viable business models and were flourishing before the pandemic and must be supported so that they are ready to open as soon as restrictions can be lifted; notes that outdoor education centres are a specific example of a sector which has been forced to shut down during this crisis; further notes that outdoor education centres are reliant on school residential visits for significant amounts of their funding and so will continue to struggle whilst necessary precautions are in place; recognises the essential role of outdoor education centres in promoting children's health and the necessity of ensuring that such facilities survive the Covid-19 emergency in order to be able to improve young people's opportunities to experience the well-being and health benefits of outdoor activities in future; and calls on the UK Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place to support these sectors, including a further targeted expansion of the furlough scheme.

1041 Harlow CollegeTabled: **20/10/20** Signatories: **2****Robert Halfon****Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the excellent work of Harlow College; further recognises the dedication of the teaching staff at Harlow College; commends the high quality of provision; congratulates Karen Spencer for her recent MBE which is a tribute to her work; notes that Harlow College has a deserved reputation; further notes the transformative impact that Harlow College has had upon my constituency; and calls upon the Government to praise Harlow College for its services to education.

1042 Result of the Bolivian presidential election

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 15

Richard Burgon
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Grahame Morris
 Paula Barker
 Mick Whitley
 Ms Diane Abbott

John McDonnell
 Zarah Sultana

Rachel Hopkins

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Luis Arce and the Movement Towards Socialism party on their victory in the Bolivian Presidential election on 18 October; notes that in his previous role as Economy Minister, Luis Arce oversaw a surge in growth, a sharp reduction in poverty and substantial investment in health and education and wider public services; further notes that these elections were the first held since a military-led coup ousted legitimate President Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, last November and forced him into exile abroad; condemns the wave of human rights abuses under the regime imposed by the military-led coup which especially targeted trade unionists, indigenous activists and Movement Towards Socialism activists; hopes that justice is done for all those whose rights were violated by the regime imposed by the military-led coup including those who lost their lives; regrets the response of the UK and US governments to the military-led coup in 2019; and calls on the Government to engage constructively with the new Bolivian government.

1043 Glasgow: Global Green City 2020

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 11

Patrick Grady
 Alison Thewliss
 Anne McLaughlin
 David Linden
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Carol Monaghan

Drew Hendry
 Allan Dorans

Chris Law

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the people and city of Glasgow on its recognition as a Global Green City for 2020 by the Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS); notes that the award, which is supported by the United Nation's Environment Programme, places Glasgow alongside previous recipients of the award including Vancouver, Vienna, Yokohama and many other cities in Europe, Asia and the Americas; further notes that the UN-affiliated GFHS brings together state ambassadors, UN officials, academics, city leaders, business representatives and non governmental organisations with a focus on how to deliver the UN's Sustainable Development goals; further notes that its Global Green City Award seeks to highlight prominent progress and valuable experience in search of greener and more sustainable cities, with Glasgow scoring highly in criteria including planning, transport, low carbon and energy efficiency, transportation, buildings, open spaces and the economy; believes that the award will act as a significant staging post along Glasgow's path to hosting the rearranged COP 26 climate change conference in November next year, and the city's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030; and congratulates all those in the City's administration and wider economy and society on their efforts towards these targets and success in this award.

1044 Local Government Pension SchemeTabled: **20/10/20** Signatories: **4**

John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Clive Lewis
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern that with the prospect of potentially significant further cuts in jobs in local government, the Government is seeking to drive through plans to cut the pension or severance payments to public sector members of the Local Government Pension Scheme aged 55 and above; and supports those trade unionists campaigning both to expose the implications of the Government's plans and to oppose their imposition.