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New EDMs

1303 **Loanhead Children's Gala Day 2020**

Tabled: **30/12/20** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House thanks Santa for touring Loanhead during Loanhead Children's Gala Day on 16 December 2020; further thanks the gala's committee for organising that event; understands that that event allowed children to meet Santa in their street with safety and social distancing, bringing festive cheer and magic; further understands that that event allowed the gala committee to gather donations for future events; and thanks all those who donated during that event.

1304 **East Lothian village school pupils tackle speeding**

Tabled: **30/12/20** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House recognises the great community effort by Saltoun Primary School pupils in helping to tackle speeding in the village of East Saltoun in East Lothian; notes that those pupils joined forces with community police officers and slowed down speeding cars to ask them a number of set questions as to why they were speeding in an effort to help influence drivers behaviour; understands that those pupils waved down vehicles and were set up beside the school and village hall alongside their teachers and the police; further notes that the police officers ensured that drivers not complying with the 20 mph limit were invited to speak to pupils and that both drivers and pupils were educated on road safety; remarks that that action will surely help those drivers think twice and abide by the speed limit when next driving through East Saltoun and other rural villages; and thanks the pupils, police and Saltoun Primary School staff for their efforts in raising awareness and taking action on rural speeding.

1305 Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House notes that on 27 January 2021 the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 is Be the Light in the Darkness; pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors and Kindertransport refugees who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz project, which has so far given more than 40,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; welcomes the establishment of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre adjacent to Parliament; pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising the national Holocaust Memorial Day event; and urges all right hon. and hon. Members to observe that day so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

1306 Education of children living in homes where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 1

Margaret Greenwood

That this House recognises Government guidance states, Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school; notes that hon. Members cannot underestimate the profound psychological impact that it would have on a child to go to school, come home with covid-19 and infect a family member and for that family member to then die; further notes that for a child to feel that the death of a family member was their fault would be traumatic in the extreme; regrets that the Government does not hold information centrally on the number of school pupils who live in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable; notes that the Association of Directors of Children's Services estimates that the number of children withdrawn from school for elective home education increased by 38 per cent in England in 2020 and that feedback from responding local authorities to their research indicated that covid-19 health concerns were a primary reason for parents or carers choosing to formally home educate their child in 2020; calls on the Government to bring forward guidance to ensure that children who live in a household where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable are able to learn from home during the covid-19 pandemic if that is what their parents or carers think is best; and further calls on the Government to provide the necessary financial support to schools so that head teachers can facilitate that home learning without having to worry about resource implications.

1307 Touring artists after UK's departure from the EU

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the enormous economic and cultural benefit musicians and other touring artists from the EU provide to the UK, and vice versa; further recognises that visa-free travel arrangements are of vital importance to the facilitation of artists touring in other countries; and therefore calls upon the UK Government to agree with the European Union a touring artist visa waiver scheme that would facilitate touring artists travelling between and performing in both the EU and UK without visa requirements.

1308 Future participation in Erasmus+Tabled: **30/12/20** Signatories: **45**

Carol Monaghan
Ian Blackford
Alison Thewliss
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Hannah Bardell
Mhairi Black

Kirsty Blackman
 Alan Brown
 Douglas Chapman
 Angela Crawley
 Dave Doogan
 Stephen Flynn
 Peter Grant
 Stewart Hosie
 Kenny MacAskill
 John McNally
 Brendan O'Hara
 Alyn Smith
 Richard Thomson

Steven Bonnar
 Amy Callaghan
 Joanna Cherry
 Martyn Day
 Allan Dorans
 Patricia Gibson
 Neil Gray
 Chris Law
 Stuart C McDonald
 Gavin Newlands
 Kirsten Oswald
 Chris Stephens
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Deidre Brock
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Ronnie Cowan
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Marion Fellows
 Patrick Grady
 Drew Hendry
 David Linden
 Anne McLaughlin
 John Nicolson
 Tommy Sheppard
 Owen Thompson
 Pete Wishart

That this House expresses deep regret regarding the UK Government's decision to withdraw from the Erasmus+ scheme; recognises the importance of Erasmus+ to the many thousands of students and young people who have benefited from the opportunity to live, study and work abroad; notes that EU membership is not a requirement of participation in Erasmus+; welcomes the decision of the Irish Government to fund Erasmus+ grants for Northern Irish students; notes that the UK Government's Turing scheme will not replicate many aspects of the Erasmus+ scheme such as youth work, adult education, sport, culture and vocational training; and urges the Government to reverse its decision on participation in Erasmus+.

1309 UK and EU Administrative Defence AgreementTabled: **30/12/20** Signatories: **17**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Carol Monaghan
Angela Crawley
Dave Doogan
Owen Thompson

Peter Grant
 Allan Dorans
 Steven Bonnar
 Ian Blackford

Marion Fellows
 Deidre Brock
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Stewart Hosie

Patricia Gibson
 Neale Hanvey
 Richard Thomson

That this House recognises that an Administrative Defence Agreement with the EU would allow the Ministry of Defence (MOD) transparency on the defence projects and activities of the EU, giving the MOD maximum notice, visibility and details on which to base its decisions on participation in specific projects and programmes; calls on the Government to enter into immediate discussions and deliberations with EU allies to facilitate and agree a UK and EU Administrative Defence Agreement at the earliest opportunity.

1310 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 31

Chris Stephens
 Peter Grant
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Steve McCabe
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss

David Linden
 Anne McLaughlin
 Brendan O'Hara
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 John Nicolson
 Patricia Gibson
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Marion Fellows
 John McNally

Carol Monaghan
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Gavin Newlands
 Kirsten Oswald
 Owen Thompson
 Allan Dorans
 Ronnie Cowan
 Angus Brendan MacNeil

Patrick Grady
 Richard Thomson
 Neale Hanvey
 Martyn Day
 Joanna Cherry
 Steven Bonnar
 Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

That this House notes that 2 January 2021 will be the 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster which killed 66 people and injured over 200 people; notes that this was the worst football disaster in Britain until the Hillsborough disaster in 1989; notes that all 66 who died on 2 January 1971 were aged under 50 years of age, including five schoolmates from the town of Markinch in Fife; remembers all those who died and expresses continued sympathies and prayers with the families who lost loved ones; and further notes that the disaster is commemorated with a statue at Ibrox stadium; recognises the major changes to football stadia design and standards and that spectator safety is always paramount in enjoying sport.

1311 EU ban on Scottish seed potato exports

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 1

Dave Doogan

That this House notes with dismay the damaging effect that the UK leaving the EU is set to have on Scotland's vital seed potato sector by virtue of the UK's trade deal with the EU; understands that conventionally around 22,000 tonnes of Scottish seed potatoes, which are highly regarded internationally for their high plant health status, are exported to the EU and Northern Ireland each year; regrets that from 1 January 2021 Scottish seed potatoes will be banned from being exported to the EU and Northern Ireland; further notes that Scotland accounts for 75 per cent of UK seed potato production and 80 per cent of exports; and calls on the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urgently provide support for that vital sector.

1312 EU visa system for touring artists and musicians

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 1

Dave Doogan

That this House notes with concern that while the deal agreed between the UK and the EU provides exemptions to visa rules for certain workers travelling to different European countries, this does not include artists and musicians; understands this will result in artists having to apply for separate visas for each individual country visited while touring in Europe resulting in significant added cost; further notes that the petition launched by artist Tim Brennan on that matter has exceeded the 100,000 signatures needed to secure a debate in the House; and urges the UK Government to urgently introduce a visa for touring musicians and other artists to facilitate their work across Europe without requiring the need for multiple visas and attendant additional costs.

1313 Scottish fishing and the effects of the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 12

Deidre Brock
Stewart Hosie
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Dave Doogan

Dr Philippa Whitford
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Owen Thompson
Steven Bonnar

Ronnie Cowan
Joanna Cherry

That this House notes that the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement ties UK fishing fleets into a continuing Common Fisheries Policy with quotas of total allowable catch being allocated through agreement with the EU which will mean decreasing allowable catches for Scottish boats; further notes that any termination of the fishing heading will also terminate the agreements on trade, aviation and transport under FISH17; considers that fishing communities will consider this a betrayal and that the promised Seas of Opportunity have become lost opportunities; and calls on the Government to address the concerns of the Scottish fishing industry on fishing quotas.

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.

1293 GenOMICC consortium

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Midlothian-based researchers for the role they have played in identifying potential covid-19 treatments as part of the the GenOMICC consortium; further commends all involved in the consortium; notes that this work has led to the discovery of five genes associated with the most severe form of covid-19 by studying the DNA of 2,700 patients in 208 intensive care units in the UK; understands that this work was carried out by researchers from the GenOMICC consortium, a global collaboration to study genetics in critical illness; further understands that the research compared the genetic information of covid-19 patients in ICU with samples provided by healthy volunteers from other studies, such as UK Biobank, Generation Scotland and 100,000 Genomes; and notes that, through institutions such as the Roslin Institute, Midlothian plays a key role in leading scientific research.

1294 Magical Music of Christmas fundraising show

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Midlothian young people who took part in the online Magical Music of Christmas fundraising show organised by Little Voices Big Stars; understands that the Bonnyrigg-based group put the show together to help raise funds for the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity, and beat their £500 target within days; notes that the show featured kids as young as four and adult members of the group taking part in a fun concert from the comfort of their homes for all ages to enjoy; and commends all those who are finding new and innovative ways to fundraise for important causes during the pandemic.

1295 District heating project

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Claudia Webbe
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the outstanding technological achievements which have led to Clydebank's environmentally friendly system being installed which uses water from the River Clyde to heat nearby homes; notes that this heating system is the first large-scale water source heat pump scheme of its kind in Scotland, and will transform the way homes, businesses and public buildings in the centre of the town are heated; recognises the hard work and planning of West Dunbartonshire Council in conjunction with partners to create and launch the system; and hopes that this impressive technological achievement will inspire other such advancements across the nation to combat the growing climate change emergency.

1296 Jade West and Skylark IX

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 4

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the outstanding work of Dumbarton charity worker Jade West in keeping the heritage of the tragedy of Dunkirk alive by working to restore Skylark IX, which is believed to be the only surviving Dunkirk vessel in Scotland, that over the nine day mission rescued over 600 cold and tired soldiers helping transport them onto larger naval ships whilst under fire; notes her work to build skills and job opportunities for the local community; and recognises that the projection of her image onto the ancient site of Stonehenge was well deserved to recognise her work and achievements.

1297 Jim McLaren given local legend of Glasgow award

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the well deserved achievement for Clydebank resident Jim McLaren in being awarded the "Local Legend" award for Glasgow for his valuable work during the Covid pandemic through helping the most vulnerable in our community; further notes that Jim's work with his Golden Friendship's charity has performed outstanding work in the local community with disabled people and the elderly; further recognises that Jim's charity continues to provide an invaluable service despite the global pandemic and being unable to access their local hall and hopes that this charitable work will inspire others to do what they can for their local community.

1298 East Renfrewshire schools Christmas picture competition

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon

That this House applauds the fantastic artistic endeavours of the almost 700 East Renfrewshire primary school children, from schools across the local area, who took part in the 2020 Christmas picture competition organised by the hon. Member for East Renfrewshire; notes that children produced festive and creative artwork, designed to share good cheer; appreciates the efforts and participation all of those who took part; acknowledges the high standard of all entries received; heartily congratulates all winners; recognises that the overall winner was Adam Geejo of St Cadoc's Primary School; understands that the winners in the P1-P2 category were Aasiyah Ali of Maidenhill Primary School and Molly Ness of Netherlee Primary School; notes that the winners of the P3-P5 category were Keeva Smith of St John's Primary School and Phoebe Mann of Eaglesham Primary School; appreciates that the winners of the P6-P7 category were Olivia Aitken of Hillview Primary School and Fergus Cao of St Joseph's Primary School; thanks the outstanding school teams across East Renfrewshire for all their efforts throughout this challenging year; and wishes teachers, families and children a peaceful and happy Christmas.

1299 Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

That this House appreciates this has been a challenging year and that this Christmas will be a difficult one for many families; recognises that there are unsung heroes in all our communities working hard to ensure Christmas magic is delivered where it is needed most, even against the odds; notes the tireless efforts of community based groups and organisations including Glasgow's

Spirit of Christmas, in making Christmas possible for families and children all over West Central Scotland; appreciates the vast undertaking and huge efforts which have enabled thousands of individually selected Christmas gifts to be collected, funded, sorted, wrapped and delivered; appreciates the enormous work of East Renfrewshire resident Julie Griffin and her colleagues in bringing together the generosity of donors, with a wide range of referring organisations who support families experiencing difficulties; believes that this selfless kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas; and wishes 'Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas' well for their continued endeavours.

1300 **Fatma's Waltz for the Beatson Cancer Charity**

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 13

Patrick Grady [R]
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

David Linden
 Deidre Brock
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Dave Doogan
 Kirsten Oswald

Richard Thomson
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates all those involved in the launch of Fatma's Waltz, a specially-composed piece of music, performed and recorded by 28 artists from Scotland and around the world, with the aim of raising over £5000 for the Glasgow-based Beatson Cancer Charity; notes that the unique and uplifting piece was written by Scottish traditional musician Adam Sutherland, inspired by the experience of his student Fatma Neilson who has bravely fought cancer and been supported in her fight by the services of the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre and its associated Charity; thanks the musicians who gave freely of their time to make audio and video recordings of their parts for the performance, and producers Marc Clements who mixed the audio and Paul Jennings who produced the video, despite the economic hardships caused by coronavirus; further notes that the entire performance has been produced using remote and virtual technology due to coronavirus restrictions; and wishes the team behind the project all the best in reaching and exceeding their fundraising target.

1301 **Expansion of Heathrow airport**

Tabled: 17/12/20 Signatories: 5

Sarah Olney
Munira Wilson
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House is disappointed by the decision of the Supreme Court to rule in favour of Heathrow airport's appeal to the decision in February 2020 that the Airports National Policy Statement was not legal because it had been written using a warming target of 2° rather than the Paris Agreement target, signed by the UK, of 1.5°; notes that a third runway at Heathrow would increase takeoffs from 2030 onwards by 54%, which would increase air and noise pollution and impact the mental and physical well-being of millions in the surrounding area; recognises that an expansion would increase carbon emissions as well as the harmful contribution of aviation to other forms of global warming; notes that projections continue to show that the Government is unlikely to reach their 2050 net zero targets; further notes that the international community is also currently unlikely to reach the 1.5° warming target as recognised in the Paris Agreement; calls on the Government

to update aviation policy to meet its target for net zero carbon by 2050; and further calls on the Government to eliminate any possibility of net expansion to UK airports including Heathrow in line with guidance from the Committee on Climate Change.

1302 Stay Connected project Coatbridge

Tabled: **17/12/20** Signatories: **4**

Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the hard work and endeavours of all the volunteers involved with the Stay Connected Project in Coatbridge; commends the project for the support they have shown to the local community this festive period by providing supplies to those who are elderly, vulnerable or isolated; and in particular praises all the local school children who have shown incredible community spirit by providing huge numbers of donations to the project.