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New EDMs

1497 Support to tackle food waste

Tabled: 11/02/21 Signatories: 15

Neil Parish
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Sir Mike Penning
Gordon Henderson

Sir Graham Brady
Chris Stephens
Dave Doogan

Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Tommy Sheppard

Andrew Selous
Rosie Duffield
Alyn Smith

That this House recognises the valuable work of FareShare, the UK's biggest charity fighting hunger and food waste, in providing two million meals per week to people in need during the covid-19 pandemic; acknowledges that it is deeply regrettable that two million tonnes of food goes to waste in the UK every year, as well as noting that food waste has a significant negative environmental impact, which can be mitigated by FareShare's work with British farmers and the food industry to divert waste food to people's plates through their Surplus With Purpose scheme; and encourages the Government to continue to support FareShare in that endeavour.

1497A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Wera Hobhouse

At end, add "; and furthermore, this House recognises the valuable work of other organisations in the surplus food redistribution sector and acknowledges the benefits of an agile and diverse network, which is able to receive surplus food in the UK in a collaborative manner, and to ensure that surplus food reaches more end beneficiaries until such time that food poverty levels are reduced."

1630 Abigail Pryde's debut single

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Abigail Pryde on her debut single, Lady, to be released mid-March; congratulates the young singer on the beginning of her solo-career in music, after touring worldwide with traditional folk band Heron Valley; notes that growing up in Argyll, Abigail learnt the fiddle and guitar at home, later joining the band Heron Valley whilst studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Junior School; and wishes her success in her career and in the music industry.

1631 Fundraising for healthy options

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commends Argyll and Bute constituent Elizabeth Mason for her fundraising efforts for Healthy Options, a charity which supports the health journeys of people who have or are at risk of developing lifelong health conditions; congratulates Elizabeth on a successful recovery after her accident in 2018 and wishes her well on her continued physiotherapy; highlights that despite her injuries, Elizabeth has walked an average of 18,000 steps daily to raise funds for Healthy Options, reaching a total of 496,145 in February, raising £1000 for the charity; and encourages anyone who can do so to donate to Elizabeth's local giving fundraising page.

1632 Retirement of Achahoish postmistress after 58 years of service

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House recognises the career of Winifred Ryan, who ran the Achahoish Post Office from her home for almost 58 years; notes that on March 1st Winifred turned eighty-one and decided to retire as postmistress after 58 years in the role; thanks Winifred for her dedication to the postal service and to her local community; and wishes Winifred a restful and well-earned retirement after years of loyal service.

1633 Campbeltown police officers and International Women's Day honours

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates police officers in Campbeltown for receiving awards on International Women's Day, in recognition of their work keeping the local community safe; highlights Detective Constable Lindsay Wallace, who won police officer of the year and Police Constable Karen Cairns, who won the community service award at the Scottish Women's Development Forum on 8 March 2021; notes that the awards, held virtually due to the covid-19 outbreak, honour the contributions and achievements of police staff, officers and those who volunteer with Police Scotland; and recognises the hard work and dedication of Lindsay and Karen, alongside all women who work within Police Scotland.

1634 Death of Colin Reed, Station Master at Markinch Railway Station

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 2

Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey

That this House records its sadness at the sudden death of Colin Reed, well-kent face of Markinch Railway Station; expresses its appreciation of the wonderful customer service Colin provided to residents and visitors to Markinch during his many years served there as station master; highlights the way in which he went about his role with kindness and offering a friendly word for anyone who needed it including giving his personal telephone number to those who needed assistance and calling the elderly or those living in isolation for a friendly chat during the pandemic; notes the many tributes that have poured in for Colin over recent days from the hundreds of local people and those further afield who will remember him fondly and appreciated his daily efforts to put smiles on the faces of those travelling to and from Markinch; sends its condolences to his surviving family including his wife Effie of 33 years, and children Michael, Alex, Tracey, Karen and Claire at this exceptionally difficult time; and remembers with affection the exceptional way that Colin carried out his role by going over and above for everyone he came across, and always with a smile on his face.

1635 Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 2

Marion Fellows
Kirsten Oswald

That this House commends the work of the Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap led by the Scottish Union of Supported Employment as lead partner; recognises it aims to increase employers' confidence, awareness and capacity to recruit and retain disabled people in their workforce; notes the innovative ways of working the partnership is undertaking to achieve these aims; endorses the importance of employing disabled people in the workforce and reducing the unacceptable employment gap; and notes that they will contribute to the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland for Disabled People – Employment Action Plan's ambition to halve the Disability Employment Gap by 2038.

1636 Sarah Everard and women's safety

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 5

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Florence Eshalomi
Helen Hayes
Ms Harriet Harman

That this House expresses deep concern for the disappearance of Sarah Everard, a young woman who went missing in Clapham as she was walking home on the 3rd March; extends thoughts and prayers to Sarah's family and friends at this difficult time; notes with great sadness that women's safety remains a serious issue; and believes that in 2021, women should not have to fear that harm may come to them if they are walking by themselves; is appalled by the results of a recent YouGov poll which found that 97 per cent of women aged 18-24 have been sexually harassed and 80 per cent of women of all ages have experienced sexual harassment in a public space; stands in solidarity with all women who have survived harassment, assault and violence; believes that more resources should be dedicated to violence against women and girls; is disgusted by the victim shaming heard since Sarah Everard's disappearance; and strongly refutes any suggestions that the onus should fall on women to change their behaviour to prevent becoming victims of an attack.

1637 Local Government funding (No. 2)

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House notes with concern research by the National Audit Office which states that 25 Local Councils are on the brink of bankruptcy; notes with further concern research from the NAO which found that 94 per cent of English councils expect to cut spending next year to meet budget requirements; notes that a decade of austerity has reduced the spending power of councils by a third, leaving local government ill-prepared to cope during a health pandemic which has seen demand for local services rise; expresses disappointment that no announcement was forthcoming in the Budget regarding councils' public health grant, nor to address the need for a further £2.6 billion in funding the Local Government Association have estimated will be required to cover cost pressures faced by Councils due to Covid-19; believes local authorities have a vital role to play in rebuilding community resilience as part of a post Covid-19 recovery; and therefore calls on the Government provide the necessary funding to ensure Local Councils are able to meet all extra cost pressures and income losses and rebuild their communities without making further cuts to services.

1638 Rail fares

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House notes the recent rise in rail fares in England and Wales of 2.6 per cent; notes with concern that this rise means rail fares have risen above RPI inflation for the first time since 2013; condemns increasing the price of train travel at a time when millions of people are suffering financially; notes that since 2010 the price of a regional season ticket has risen by 38 per cent; believes that a better way to encourage passengers back to using the railway post lockdown would be by reducing prices rather than raising them; and calls on the Government to freeze the price of rail fares whilst offering discounts to entice customers back onto trains.

1639 Kashmir

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House affirms that UK foreign policy should promote the values of human rights and equality internationally; expresses concern regarding the long-standing conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir; states that the June 2018 Report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and its update in July 2019, the revocation in August 2019 of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, and continuing reports of human rights abuses, are a cause for alarm; and therefore urges both the Indian and Pakistani governments to enter into a process of peace and reconciliation; and calls upon the Government to support UN inspection and engagement to assist cooperation between India and Pakistan to secure a peaceful and sustainable solution to the conflict.

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.

1552 Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 31

Wera Hobhouse
Sir George Howarth
Dr Lisa Cameron
Tim Farron
Olivia Blake
Layla Moran

Claire Hanna

Ben Lake

That this House notes the commencement of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021, which runs from 1 to 7 March 2021 and focuses this year on binge eating disorder; recognises that eating disorders are serious illnesses experienced by at least 1.25 million people in the UK; notes with concern that, while binge eating disorder is the most common type of eating disorder and affects 1 in 50 people in their lifetimes, only 1 in 4 who have had that condition ever receives treatment; believes that everyone affected by an eating disorder should have access to the treatment they need; and calls on the Government to ensure that all eating disorder services are commissioned to provide NICE-recommended treatments for people with binge eating disorder, without exceptions based on geography, age or severity.

1559 Wales triple crown

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 5

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

This House congratulates the Welsh men's national rugby team for winning the Triple Crown following their victories over Ireland, Scotland and England in the Six Nations Championship; and wishes that team well in their remaining two games against Italy and France.

1564 Worldwide right to education for girls

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 14

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Claire Hanna

Ben Lake

That this House is concerned that, globally, 132 million girls are not in school; believes that all girls should have the right to education; acknowledges that conflict, gender-based violence and child marriage all present barriers to girls' education worldwide; notes that the Covid-19 pandemic has increased the disparities in education globally, especially in areas of conflict; further notes the economic and social benefits of increasing the proportion of girls in education; supports international efforts to reduce the gender disparity in education and improve educational outcomes for girls worldwide; and urges the Government to undertake a review of international aid spending on girls' education, in light of the additional pressures caused by Covid-19 and the recent merger of the Department for International Development with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

1565 Government's commitment to global polio eradication

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 14

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
John McDonnell

Ben Lake

That this House affirms the Government's commitment to the priority of global polio eradication; recognizes the vital and valuable contribution played by the global polio eradication infrastructure toward health systems strengthening, global health security, global public health infrastructure and pandemic preparedness; and encourages the Government to remain fully committed to collaborating with Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners and with the global community including through key multinational fora such as the G7, the G20, the Commonwealth and with national governments globally to ensure that there is sufficient political and financial support to achieve and sustain the goal of a polio free world.

1568 Report on an alternative vision for the UK defence sector

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 12

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley

Ben Lake

That this House notes the publication of a report by Professor Roger Seifert entitled Alternative Vision for the UK Defence Sector on behalf of the Public and Commercial Services union, and welcomes its findings; acknowledges the vital and necessary work carried out by civilian staff in the Ministry of Defence across the UK; further notes that the report highlights the Department's concerning reliance on outsourcing work to the private sector; is alarmed by the report's findings of bullying and harassment of civilian staff as well as low pay and poor industrial relations leading to a culture of denial and poor accountability by MoD management; supports the report's call for appropriate investment across the Department to ensure retention of jobs and skills in the civilian sector linked to improved pay and training opportunities; and urges Ministers and senior officials at the Ministry of Defence to meet with civilian staff representatives to discuss the concerns raised within this report, and to work towards a more united Department that respects and rewards its civil servants for their continued dedication.

1569 Anti-Irish discrimination

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 18

Colum Eastwood
Claudia Webbe
Brendan O'Hara
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
John McDonnell

Ben Lake

That this House condemns anti-Irish racism in all its forms; notes that recent reports of anti-Irish and anti-Irish Traveller sentiments are disturbing; further notes the immeasurable contribution to public life of Irish people and recognises the important role Irish culture through language, dance, music and the arts plays in the lives of many people across the UK; recognises that Irish people have made an immensely positive contribution to society on the island of Britain; and urges the Government to do more to protect Irish people from discrimination and to consider bringing forward legislation to enshrine in law those protections.

1570 Access to cash and banking services in communities

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 18

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Neale Hanvey

Ben Lake

That this House recognises the UK's obligation to maintain access to cash for all people that need or want to use it; is aware of recent analysis from Which? showing that 10 million people are not ready or able to stop using cash, with over two million dependent on it for every transaction, and that it is disproportionately relied upon by vulnerable people, notably those who are elderly, disabled or on low incomes; believes that banks should be mandated to work with post offices, which already provide an unofficial support network for over 300,000 vulnerable people, to provide banking services to all communities across the UK when they close a branch; and calls on the Government to legislate to ensure that local communities have access to the banking services they need to function.

1571 Access to cash

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 22

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe

Ben Lake

That this House calls on the Government to set out a timeline for introducing legislation to protect access to cash for people who depend on it, as well as publishing its vision for the long-term future of cash in order to support a managed transition towards digital payments; recognises that the UK's

already fragile cash system has been put under unprecedented strain as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, is convinced that the ability to access and spend cash is not only important for the many vulnerable people who rely on it, but will also play a critical role in the recovery of local economies, particularly as lockdown measures are relaxed and high-streets begin to re-open; is concerned that covid-19 and successive national lockdowns has resulted in a wave of ATM and bank branch closures across the country adding to the urgency of ensuring cash-dependent consumers are not cut off from accessing their only payment method; appreciates that the Government has an important role to play in ensuring that regulators and industry work together to develop a solution for the cash system that meets consumers' needs and responds to changes in consumer behaviour; recognises that the slow rate of progress and lack of clarity around the scope and timings of legislation on this matter is a cause of concern; and accepts that while industry and regulators will undoubtedly play a critical role in designing a framework to guarantee cash access, HM Treasury must urgently provide much-needed vision to support this.

1575 International Women's Day and freedom of religion or belief (No. 2)

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 13

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Alan Brown
Marion Fellows

Ben Lake

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on 8 March 2021; recognises that women from marginalised religious or belief communities encounter unique persecution and challenges due to their gender; expresses deep concern that these women have become much more vulnerable since the outbreak of covid-19 resulting in increased cases of domestic violence, kidnapping and forced marriage, as seen in the case of 14 year old Maira Shahbaz and 13 year old Arzoo Raja in Pakistan; notes the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Freedom of Religion or Belief's new report entitled, Commentary on the Current State of Freedom of Religion or Belief (2020) which draws attention to the intersection between gender inequality and freedom of religion or belief violations with many specific examples; and urges the UK Government and the international community to act to mitigate the impact that the covid-19 pandemic has had on freedom of religion or belief globally and, in particular, on women and girls who are doubly discriminated against because of their gender and their beliefs.

1576 Use of explosive weapons in populated areas

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 22

Tony Lloyd
Colum Eastwood
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Jeremy Corbyn
Claire Hanna

Ben Lake

That this House notes that the use of explosive weapons in towns and cities is a leading cause of civilian casualties in modern conflict; further notes with regret the devastating long-term humanitarian consequences caused by the destruction of critical civilian infrastructure including homes, schools, hospitals, water and sanitation systems and power supplies as a result of conflict;

is disturbed by the UN's finding that in 2019 the use of explosive weapons in populated areas was responsible for almost 40 per cent of verified incidents where children were killed or maimed in conflict; notes the call by the UN Secretary-General and the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross for States to develop an international Political Declaration on avoiding the use of explosive weapons in populated areas; welcomes the process to develop such a Political Declaration led by the Republic of Ireland; believes that the UK Government has a moral responsibility to work with international partners to strengthen the protection of civilians against the use of explosive weapons in their towns and cities; notes that as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the penholder for Protection of Civilians, and as a leading member of NATO, the UK Government has the influence to persuade other States to follow where it leads; and calls on the UK Government to endorse the Irish-led Political Declaration on explosive weapons, encourage other States to do the same, and lead efforts to develop guidelines for its effective implementation.

1581 **Big Yellow Friday 2021**

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 14

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Ben Lake

That this House notes that 5 March 2021 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that every week 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease that can mean a lifetime of care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2021 and showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1582 **Intensive factory farming**

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 13

Dr Lisa Cameron
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Drew Hendry
Hannah Bardell
Anne McLaughlin

Grahame Morris

That this House notes that intensive farming methods inflict terrible suffering on some one billion land animals in the UK each year; recognises that intensive factory farming methods include the extreme confinement of pregnant sows in farrowing crates, the overcrowding and selective

breeding of broiler chickens, ducks and turkeys, the routine mutilation of egg-laying hens and piglets, and the zero grazing of dairy cows; further notes that factory farms often provide a fertile environment for the amplification and transmission of viruses and bacteria between different species and humans; further recognises that today three in four of the world's new or emerging infectious diseases reportedly come from animals; notes that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock farming is contributing to the rise and spread of antimicrobial resistance; notes that a poll in January this year revealed some 90 percent of UK residents want the Government to introduce an immediate ban on intensive farming methods; supports vegan charity Viva's request for Defra and Government to listen to the UK public on this issue.

1584 Farmers' protests in India

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 19

Layla Moran
Claudia Webbe
Jamie Stone
Munira Wilson
Jim Shannon
Ed Davey

Ben Lake

That this House expresses its profound concern at the growing number of arrests of Indian farmers protesting controversial privatisation legislation in India; further notes that militarised police violence has repeatedly been used against these peaceful protestors; echoes the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights' call on "the authorities and the protestors for maximum restraint" in the ongoing Indian farmers' protests; draws attention to the petition 'Urge the Indian Government to ensure safety of protestors & press freedom' led by Liberal Democrat Councillor Gurch Singh which has now received more than 115,000 signatures; urges Her Majesty's Government to fulfil the petition's calls by making an official statement setting out the need to ensure the safety of protestors and press freedom in the Indian farmers' protests; calls upon Her Majesty's Government to work together with Indian authorities to ensure the safety of Indian farmers.

1585 Accessibility of covid-19 vaccination and testing for people with sight loss.

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 32

Chris Stephens
Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

Paul Girvan

Ben Lake

That this House recognises the need for all information regarding healthcare appointments and procedures to be made available in line with the Accessible Information Standard; further notes that reasonable adjustments should be made at covid-19 testing and vaccination centres to ensure that they are fully accessible; commends all NHS staff and volunteers for their work on the covid-19 vaccination rollout and urges the Government to adopt the guidelines produced by Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, RNIB and Thomas Pocklington Trust which aims to ensure a fully accessible covid-19 vaccination process for people with visual impairment.

1589 Overseas NHS Workers Day

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 29

Christine Jardine
 Claudia Webbe
 Sarah Olney
 Jamie Stone
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Daisy Cooper

Caroline Lucas
 Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

That this House supports Overseas NHS Workers Day in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of all foreign nationals working tirelessly in the UK's fight against Covid-19; applauds the efforts of the Doctors' Association UK with support from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), British International Doctors Association (BIDA), Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association (HCSA), Royal College of Surgeons and Unison for creating this awareness day to celebrate foreign nationals in all their roles within the NHS; notes the almost 200 different nationalities represented within the NHS; further notes that although the NHS is the UK's biggest employer, there is still not enough staff to meet demand; believes that the most meaningful way to recognise the contributions of foreign nationals and secure staffing capacity is to grant indefinite leave to remain in the UK; and calls on the Government to grant indefinite leave to remain to all foreign nationals currently working in the health and social care sector, and to their families.

1590 International Women's Day: support for girls' education across the globe

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 26

Layla Moran
 Claire Hanna
 Stephen Farry
 Hannah Bardell
 Apsana Begum
 Jamie Stone

Ben Lake

That this House notes with concern the findings of UN Women's report 'From Insight to Action: Gender Equality in the Wake of COVID-19' that without coordinated action to mitigate the gendered impacts of COVID-19, there is a risk that the fragile gender equality gains achieved over the past 25 years will be lost; acknowledges the continued importance of the Sustainable Development Goals as road maps to combat gender inequality in the UK and abroad; notes that before 2020, 130 million girls had no access to education and that this number has now increased as a result of inequality gaps caused by the coronavirus pandemic; further notes the important role that UK development spending has historically played working to ensure girls across the globe have access to education; draws attention to the fact that UK development spending cuts will drastically impact girls' access to education across the globe, as education programmes see a reduction in funding; and urges the Government to recommit to 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income to be spent on international development, as set out in their manifesto.

1591 Representation and the JudiciaryTabled: **4/03/21** Signatories: **10**

Claudia Webbe
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Kim Johnson
Tahir Ali
Apsana Begum

Ben Lake

That this House is concerned at the gross under-representation of ethnic minority Judges at all levels of the Judicial system; laments the absence of adequate bullying, harassment and anti-discrimination policies and practices; notes the failure to address the bullying, harassment, whistle blowing and discrimination that have been the subject of employment tribunals in recent years; further notes the position of the Secretary of State for Justice and the Lord Chancellor that the Executive has no responsibility for the health of all Judicial Office holders; questions the Government's position that the actions of the senior judiciary in respect of disciplinary and grievance proceedings are covered by judicial immunity; welcomes the forthcoming establishment of a support network for Judges on 18 March 2021, United Nations anti-racism day, in order to support Judges who may be experiencing bullying, harassment or discrimination of any kind; calls upon the Lord Chief Justice and Secretary of State for Justice to endorse this support network, adopt specific annual targets for the appointment, retention and promotion of African, Caribbean, and Asian Judges and Magistrates; and further calls on the Government to investigate allegations that cases of sex, race and disability discrimination have been regularly dismissed by members of the senior Judiciary, Judicial Conduct Investigations Office, the Judicial Appointments Commission, and the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman.

1592 Scots language added to SpotifyTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **27**

Owen Thompson
Jonathan Edwards
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alan Brown

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

Carol Monaghan

That this House welcomes Spotify's long-overdue decision to add Scots as one of its recognised languages; congratulates singer Iona Fyfe for leading the public campaign for that music giant to make that change; recognises that Scots is one of Scotland's three traditional national languages alongside English and Gaelic, with more than 1.5 million speakers and official recognition under the European Charter for Minority Languages; asserts that recognising a language's existence on large platforms such as Spotify is the first step towards acceptance and empowerment of its speakers; and thanks all those working to lift up the Scots language as well as welcoming Government efforts to promote and protect that language.

1594 Congratulating Annabel Stewart, Foundation Apprentice of the Year

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 6

Kenny MacAskill
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Law
 Carol Monaghan

That this House congratulates Annabel Stewart on being awarded Foundation Apprentice of the Year at this year's Scottish Apprenticeship Awards, notes that Annabel is a former Dunbar Grammar School pupil who took on a placement at Charles River Laboratories' base in East Lothian; notes Charles River Laboratories Study Director Fiona Ross's congratulations and comments that Annabel was always willing to learn and take part in everything; commends the Foundation Apprenticeship scheme as an effective way of engaging young people in areas such as science and technology; and wishes Annabel every success in her future studies and career.

1595 Celebrating International Women's Day

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 17

Daisy Cooper
 Jamie Stone
 Sarah Olney
 Wera Hobhouse
 Ed Davey
 Layla Moran

Caroline Lucas

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House notes the achievements of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March; welcomes the 2021 theme of #ChooseToChallenge as a call to action for people to challenge gender inequality and bias; celebrates Kamala Harris, the first female, first Black and first Asian-American Vice President of the United States of America; celebrates Zara Mohammed, the first woman to be Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain; celebrates Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the first woman and first African person, to head the World Trade Organisation; and further celebrates British vaccinologist Professor Sarah Gilbert, recipient of the prestigious Albert Medal in recognition of her leadership on the Oxford Covid vaccine; gives thanks to all those women working on the frontline of the pandemic; notes with grave concern the estimates by UN Women that the covid-19 pandemic could wipe out a quarter of a century of increasing gender equality; and calls on all people to consider the ways that society benefits when it is able to tap into the talent, creativity and leadership of women.

1596 Monklands Women's AidTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **17**

Steven Bonnar
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss
 Dave Doogan
 Kenny MacAskill

Carol Monaghan

That this House celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women on International Women's Day; acknowledges the positive contributions made by Monklands Women's Aid in providing a necessary lifeline to women who have suffered abuse across the Lanarkshire area; recognises the importance of independent dedicated women's services; and calls upon the Government to protect these vital grassroots organisations.

1600 Uprating of state pensionsTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **19**

Andrew Rosindell
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Margaret Ferrier
 Alison Thewliss
 Peter Dowd

Caroline Lucas

That this House regrets that over half a million UK pensioners continue to have their pensions frozen as a result of where they live and notes that 90 per cent of those people live in Commonwealth countries with which the UK has strong cultural and historical ties; is further concerned that this leaves UK citizens without the financial support needed to maintain livelihoods and dignity in retirement and believes all pensioners should be paid the full state pension wherever they live; welcomes the Canadian Government's request for a reciprocal social security agreement with the UK to cover the uprating of pension payments; and urges the Government to respond positively to this request as a first step to end this injustice for UK pensioners everywhere.

1602 EU Settlement Scheme documentation for married womenTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **10**

Angela Crawley
 Steven Bonnar
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss
 Alyn Smith

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

Carol Monaghan

That this House is aware EU Settlement Scheme paperwork has been issued to married women showing names they do not currently use; understands that when processing EU Settlement Scheme documentation the Home Office takes information only from the machine readable zone of an applicant's passport; notes that passports from many EU countries list both the maiden and married name for married women, and that only the former shows up in the machine readable

zone; recognises that discord in the names shown on different forms of documentation may cause complications for affected women when proving their right to live and work in the UK, causing unnecessary barriers when applying for jobs, renting, setting up bank accounts or applying for social security; deplores the cultural insensitivity shown to European women who retain their maiden names on their passports after marriage; and calls on the Home Office to amend married women's settled status documentation to allow information to match the name used on other forms of identification and in their day to day lives.

1603 Violence in Tigray Province, Ethiopia

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 5

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Claire Hanna

That this House strongly condemns the violence unfolding in Ethiopia's Tigray Region; notes that fighting between Ethiopian Forces and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has claimed many civilian lives; acknowledges reports that Eritrean fighters have participated in the conflict on Ethiopian terrain; notes the findings of the United Nations Security Council Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide that extrajudicial killings, sexual violence, mass executions and property looting are prevalent in Tigray; recognises United Nations allegations that possible crimes against humanity have been committed in Tigray; is alarmed by reports that humanitarian organisations' access to the Region is being restricted; is concerned that an estimated 60,000 refugees have fled Tigray into neighbouring Sudan to escape the violence since November 2020; is appalled by recent reports of massacres carried out by Eritrean personnel against civilians, including at Maryam Dengelat church and the holy city of Aksum; calls for an end to violence committed by all parties in the conflict; fully supports the United Nations in its mission to facilitate peace, transparency, and emergency relief; and calls on the UK Government to exercise all its diplomatic capabilities to bring an end to this conflict.

1604 Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 15

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes the annual Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal; highlights that the charity has stated the Great Daffodil Appeal means even more in 2021 than previous years due to Marie Curie Nurses having been on the front line of the pandemic providing vital care for people with a terminal illness and supporting their loved ones; further highlights that due to the pandemic and restrictions Marie Curie have been unable to carry out normal fundraising activities; and encourages those who are able to give what they can to support this wonderful charity and ensure Marie Curie are able to continue providing the highest standards of care for those with a terminal illness, alongside support for the families who would be lost without them.

1606 Reorganisation of the NHS and social care

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 13

Margaret Greenwood
Paula Barker
Peter Dowd
Mike Hill
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes the Government has published a White Paper setting out proposals for a major reorganisation of the delivery of health and social care in England; further notes that the Government plans to divide the NHS into local statutory Integrated Care Systems creating the potential for organisations which are not publicly accountable to take key roles in developing plans to address the health, social care and public health needs of local systems; is concerned that such organisations will then be in a position to influence decisions about the deployment of public resources and that this presents the possibility for conflicts of interest; recognises there is concern that local plans will differ and lead to a postcode lottery; notes that NHS England and NHS Improvement carried out a consultation, Integrating care - Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems over Christmas and New Year which proposed fundamental changes to the NHS; is further concerned that the consultation was held over such a short period during the covid-19 outbreak, particularly given that the NHS and social care workers who would be affected had been working incredibly hard under immense stress and many would have been unlikely to engage with that consultation; is concerned it was not possible for people to attend public meetings during this time; and calls on the Government to pause the whole process until all covid-19 restrictions are lifted and then carry out a public consultation setting out clearly what those proposals would mean for patients and staff.

1613 North Lanarkshire Nursery Grant

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 2

Steven Bonnar
Carol Monaghan

That this House praises North Lanarkshire on becoming the first council in the UK to introduce a clothing and footwear grant for nursery children; recognises the positive impact this will have in providing extra support to the most vulnerable; and commends the efforts taken in tackling the scourge of child poverty.

1616 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 7

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Steven Bonnar
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House recognises 10-16 May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Week and congratulates the Mental Health Foundation for its 21st Mental Health Awareness Week, this year focused on nature and the environment; notes with concern the obstacles that have hindered people's access to nature

especially during the pandemic; further notes with concern the 2017 Mental Health Foundation study that found that 65% have experienced a mental health problem recently recognising that this issue has been exacerbated by the pandemic with a study by the Office of National Statistics finding that the number of UK adults with symptoms of depression had doubled; recognises the importance of Mental Health Awareness Week in bringing mental health and wellbeing to the fore and applauds the efforts of all the volunteers and staff working in this sector.

1617 **World Glaucoma Week**

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Dr Lisa Cameron
Carol Monaghan

That this House notes that March 7 to 13 March is World Glaucoma Week, a global initiative which raises awareness of glaucoma; commends the work of Optometry Scotland members in delivering essential community eyecare services in the detection of glaucoma and other eye diseases; and highlights the positive impact that optometry has had on patient care throughout the course of the covid-19 pandemic.

1621 **World Kidney Day**

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Steven Bonnar
Mohammad Yasin
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

Dr Lisa Cameron

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes that World Kidney Day takes place on Thursday 11 March 2021 on the theme of living well with kidney disease; recognises that people living with Chronic Kidney Disease are particularly vulnerable to covid-19 and have faced difficulty in accessing treatment, in attending life-maintaining dialysis sessions and have struggled with their mental health; commends the important work charities, such as Kidney Care UK, have done to support kidney patients throughout the pandemic and raise awareness of issues facing vulnerable patients; further recognises that only a small number of life-saving kidney transplants have been able to take place as health systems have not been able to support them safely during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to ensure that the backlog of transplants will be reduced as the NHS begins to recover from the outbreak.

1622 Clydebank Blitz 80th Anniversary

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 9

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Amy Callaghan
Ronnie Cowan
Carol Monaghan
Gavin Newlands
Mhairi Black

Jonathan Edwards

Steven Bonnar

Patricia Gibson

That this House remembers with respect and sadness the Clydebank Blitz, which commenced on the 13th March 1941, proportionally the worst blitzkrieg inflicted on the UK during world War II; recognises the official record of deaths caused by the two nights of bombing and the many more who died as a result of their injuries in the days, weeks and months that followed; salutes the courage of those in the fire, ambulance, military and other public services who acted so bravely including the miners of Scotland who travelled from far and wide to dig for survivors; and acknowledges the work of the citizens of Clydebank who through 80 yearly acts of remembrance have sought to remind the world of the horrors of war, the devastation of aerial bombardment and the need for peace and reconciliation between nations.

1624 UK's annual blossom season

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 6

Tracey Crouch
Catherine McKinnell
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Mike Penning
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

That this House celebrates Britain's annual blossom season as one of the most beautiful in the world; recognises blossom's significance as a national symbol of spring, renewal and hope that all communities can enjoy, made all the important in the midst of the nation's effort to tackle coronavirus; notes the importance of trees and nature for tackling climate change and supporting physical and mental wellbeing; further notes that Hanami, the Japanese blossom season boosted its economy by about \$2.7 billion in 2018 and provides annual opportunities for connection with nature and tourism; and therefore welcomes the National Trust's #BlossomWatch campaign to celebrate and raise awareness of the arrival of spring and blossom nationwide

1628 GP surgeries and the private sector

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 9

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Wera Hobhouse
Zarah Sultana
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Ms Diane Abbott

Mick Whitley

That this House expresses alarm that Operose, a subsidiary of US health company Centene, has taken over AT Medics which has a large number of APMS contracts, including 49 GP practices; is concerned that the prioritisation of profit in the provision of NHS services will lead to a loss of more

GP surgeries, will hurt the quality of care patients receive, and will further undermine the pay and conditions of those who work in GP surgeries and in the NHS; and calls for all outsourcing to the profit-driven private health sector to end and for the NHS to be returned to a publicly funded, publicly provided, comprehensive health care service, available to all that is free at the point of delivery.

1629 Young Carers Action Day

Tabled: **11/03/21** Signatories: **9**

Ed Davey
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Blomfield
Daisy Cooper
Jamie Stone

Steven Bonnar

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

That this House supports Young Carers Action Day, led by Carers Trust, which takes place on 16 March 2021; recognises the invaluable contribution more than 800,000 young carers make to their families and local communities across the UK; notes the Day's theme of Protect Young Carers' Futures, and the importance of employers and higher education recognising the incredible skills young people develop through being a carer; highlights the challenges young carers face and that the covid-19 outbreak has exacerbated many of these challenges; and calls on the Government to ensure that young carers get the support and services they need.