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New EDMs

274 Importance of youth work

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes the incredible work and dedication of youth workers across the UK who have been supporting young people throughout this pandemic when all other support networks have been closed or have been inaccessible; further notes the decision by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to recognise youth workers as key workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that youth work is a degree entry profession and that the JNC agreement states that all professional youth workers must have a degree or equivalent qualification; recognises that youth workers have faced real-terms pay cuts of as much as 24 per cent over the past 10 years; believes that all young people across the UK should have access to a statutory funded, wide-ranging and universal youth service with ring-fenced funding from central Government which is delivered by local authorities working closely with schools and youth voluntary organisations; and further believes that the joint trade union claim for youth worker to receive a 10 per cent pay rise plus an improvement in work-life balance would deliver real improvements to the well-being of staff, and consequently to the quality of youth services provided.

275 Hawkhill Community Centre

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the hard work of the volunteers at the Hawkhill Community Centre; commends their unflappable determination to give a lifeline to people who need it in Clackmannanshire; and finally thanks Centre Manager, Sandra Clements for her leadership and ambition in developing the Community Centre going forward.

276 Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates the Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble for their recent second place (gold) result in the Whitburn Band Virtual Festival, in the Youth/Percussion category; recognises the importance to young people's lives that music can play, particularly in the context of bands and orchestras; and wishes these talented young performers every success in the future.

277 Growth in employee-owned businesses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the growth in Scotland of employee-owned Scottish companies; and supports the Scottish Government's target of having 500 employee-owned businesses by 2030 to help maintain a strong and resilient commercial sector in Scotland, where being an employee-owned enterprise is seen as a positive option to enhance skills, productivity and company revenues.

278 Open Doors' report entitled Destructive Lies, and religious minorities in India

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House notes with grave concern the contents of Destructive Lies, the recently published report from the Christian charity Open Doors, based on work done by a research team from the London School of Economics, which concludes that due to a sharp rise in extreme Hindu religious nationalism, Christians, Muslims and other religious minorities in India are living in an atmosphere of deep trauma, fear and anxiety; is alarmed to learn that religious minorities in India are suffering systematic persecution and are, in the words of the report, facing an existential threat due to the increasing instances of beatings and murders carried out by extremists mobs, whose crimes all too often go unpunished by the police and local courts; is deeply saddened that as a result, India is now ranked 10th in the world on the Open Doors Watch List of where it is the most dangerous place to be a Christian; notes that since the start of the covid-19 pandemic, religious persecution has significantly worsened amid false accusations that Christians and Muslims have deliberately spread the virus, accusations are repeated and amplified on several social-media platforms; demands that social media companies do more to ensure that such dangerous and harmful content is immediately removed; and calls on the UK Government to raise the plight of Indian religious minorities with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the High Commissioner as a matter of urgency.

279 Care Radio

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House welcomes the launch of Care Radio, the UK's first dedicated radio station for carers; notes that there are around 9 million paid and unpaid carers across the UK, including NHS workers, care home employees and at-home carers; recognises that carers have played an important role throughout the covid-19 pandemic supporting older, infirm and vulnerable people; understands that Care Radio is a not-for-profit station entirely run by volunteers; pays tribute to the many volunteers, individuals and organisations supporting Care Radio; believes that a dedicated

radio station for carers will help to raise awareness about the role of carers and celebrate their achievements; and wishes the Care Radio team every success with their launch.

280 ISS workers at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 2

John McDonnell
Mick Whitley

That this House believes that all workers in Government buildings deserve to be paid fairly and treated with respect and dignity at work; regrets that, all too often, people employed in roles outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work in comparison to their centrally contracted colleagues; notes that such workers are more likely to be female or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds; further notes that support staff working for ISS on Government Property Agency contracts at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy seek improved pay and conditions, the agreement of a protocol on covid-19 health and safety, agreed bonus payments for working through the covid-19 lockdown, the restoration of annual leave entitlements deducted unilaterally and to avoid redundancies; is disappointed that ISS management have failed to respond to these reasonable proposals; and gives support and solidarity to PCS members left with no choice other than to ballot for industrial action.

281 Award of George Cross for the NHS

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the wonderful decision of Her Majesty the Queen to grant the NHS the highest gallantry award for civilians in the form of the George Cross which is an acknowledgement for acts of the greatest heroism or for most conspicuous courage in circumstance of extreme danger; notes the only two other collective designations have been to the Island of Malta in 1942 and to the men and women who served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1999; joins with her Majesty in thanking the NHS on their 73rd anniversary for supporting the people of the UK with courage, compassion and dedication, demonstrating the highest standards of public service; and offers sincere and heartfelt thanks to every member of that incredible world-class NHS team both past and present.

282 Incoming Iranian President and human rights abuses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses concern about the selection of known human rights abuser Ebrahim Raisi as President of Iran; notes that he was elected with the lowest turnout in the history of the Islamic Republic in an election marred by undemocratic processes and where moderates were barred from standing; further notes with extreme concern Raisi's role in a death commission, which forcibly disappeared and extrajudicially executed in secret thousands of political dissidents; recognises the increasing restrictions placed on those practicing minority faiths and beliefs in Iran, including Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Bahaism and the Sunni branch of Islam; is alarmed by reports of a forced exodus of the Christian community and the warnings of Release International that the persecution of Christians in the country is set to intensify following Raisi's election; echoes Amnesty International's call for Raisi to be investigated for crimes against humanity; calls on the Iranian government to repeal its blasphemy laws, which specify that blasphemy can be punished by death for men; and further calls on the Iranian government to release all prisoners held for demonstrating

their peacefully-held beliefs and urges the it to allow its citizens' full religious freedom, including the removal of restrictions that prevent Iranians from choosing their own faith.

283 Homophobic attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House strongly condemns the attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi; expresses its regret that the Tbilisi Pride march has had to be called off as a result; expresses concern for the safety of LGBTQ+ campaigners and other community members, as well as those journalists who were attacked; calls on the Government to condemn the words of Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili that the march was not reasonable; further calls on the Government to further promote and uphold LGBTQ+ rights and all other human rights worldwide; and resolves that the right to protest must be upheld in all parts of the world.

284 Hassan Mushaima and political prisoners detained in Bahrain

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Andy Slaughter

That this House is deeply concerned by the decade-long detention of 73-year-old Hassan Mushaima in Bahrain who was sentenced to life imprisonment for his peaceful role as a political opposition leader in 2011; decries that Mushaima was brutally tortured, subjected to protracted medical negligence and that his condition continues to severely deteriorate; profoundly regrets that since April 2021 two political prisoners and Jau Prison inmates, Husain Barakat and Abbas Malallah, died at Jau Prison; emphasises that Jau Prison authorities' failure to prevent covid-19 outbreaks amongst inmates puts the lives of vulnerable prisoners like Mushaima at serious risk; notes that the European Parliament recently called for the release of Mushaima and others; is concerned that the UK Ambassador to Bahrain recently praised Jau Prison as a well-run facility with good medical provision despite the UN, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy expressing concern at authorities persistent failure to provide adequate medical care in Bahrain's prisons; unreservedly condemns Bahraini authorities' perpetration of systematic medical negligence against vulnerable prisoners; further condemns false assurances provided to this House by the UK Government regarding the provision of medical care to political prisoners in Bahrain; and calls on the Government to use all available leverage to press Bahrain for the immediate and unconditional release of all Bahraini political prisoners detained solely for peacefully exercising their right to free expression, association and assembly, with particular reference to political leaders with heightened vulnerability to covid-19, namely Hassan Mushaima, Abduljalil Al-Singace and Abdulwahab Husain.

285 180th anniversary of first package holiday

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes July 1841 was the first known organised group holiday event which later evolved into an international travel business known as Thomas Cook; recognises the humble beginnings of the Charitable and Christian endeavours of the founder, expressing the hope that his humility and compassion in gospel outreach which continued as his travel business expanded across much of Europe will be remembered long after the 180th anniversary of that initial package holiday trip; and hopes holidays will quickly return to become a normal feature of modern life.

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.

218 Israel and Palestine

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 18

Debbie Abrahams
Mohammad Yasin
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens
Andy Slaughter
Owen Thompson

Kim Johnson

That this House expresses its profound concern at recent events in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel; welcomes the ceasefire which began on 21 May 2021; calls for every effort to be made to end all attacks and forms of aggression, address the underlying causes and hold those responsible fully accountable; recognises that genuine calm and de-escalation can only be achieved with the full realisation of Palestinian rights and the end of Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory; and calls on the UK Government to work to end the 54 years of occupation and 14 years of the blockade of the Gaza Strip, lift the blockade of Gaza and allow the free flow of goods both way and ensure the tunnels under the Gaza-Egyptian border are closed off permanently with international monitoring, strengthen support for UNRWA and work with international partners to put it on a sustainable long-term financial footing to ensure the dignity of Palestinian refugees until such a time as a just and sustainable solution is achieved, work to ensure the holding of free and fair Presidential and Parliamentary Palestinian elections throughout the occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, end Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians including its own Palestinian citizens, ensuring all mob attacks are fully investigated and use every diplomatic method to bring about a peace process that can resolve this conflict on the basis of international law, justice and the end of all discrimination to ensure a secure and lasting peace.

223 Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 17

Andrew Rosindell
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes its concern over the recent arrests of a further five employees of Hong Kong newspaper Apple Daily on the suspicion of national security violations; recognises the importance of a free, open and robust media for holding the powerful to account and is concerned that these arrests mean that such a media no longer exists in Hong Kong; condemns the Hong Kong authorities for using the national security law to target Hongkongers who support democracy and human rights; welcomes those Hongkongers who have arrived in the UK to make a new life for themselves and to escape the brutality of the Chinese Communist Party; and commends the bravery and resilience of those Hongkongers who continue to fight for the freedom of their homeland.

231 Rise of anti-Indian racismTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **39**

Navendu Mishra
 Kim Johnson
 Barry Gardiner
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Paula Barker
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Clive Lewis
 Tommy Sheppard

Dawn Butler
 Tony Lloyd

Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

233 Use of restraints on children and young peopleTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **23**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Jim Shannon
 Kenny MacAskill
 Ian Lavery
 Navendu Mishra
 Claudia Webbe

Mick Whitley

That this House believes that no child or young person who has not committed nor been suspected of committing a crime be placed in handcuffs or subject to similar forms of restraint; notes with concern the prevalence of handcuffs being used against vulnerable children in the UK's care system by independent providers of secure transportation; understands that there is currently no legal obligation for these providers to report the use of handcuffs to the appropriate authorities and that this prevents an empirical understanding of how often and why handcuffs are being used; recognises the negative impact of such practices on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that further action to protect the health and wellbeing of these vulnerable children is needed through early intervention such as mentoring; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Hope instead of Handcuffs campaign to ban the handcuffing of innocent children and young people in the UK's care system unless there is a considerable risk of the child harming themselves or others and mandate that all organisations involved in the secure transportation of children be legally obliged to report any instances of the handcuffing of these children.

236 GKN Automotive alternative planTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **61**

Jack Dromey
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Kate Osborne
Preet Kaur Gill
Zarah Sultana

Chi Onwurah

That this House is alarmed by GKN Automotive's decision to close its Birmingham factory next year, with the loss of over 500 highly skilled jobs and work transferred to continental Europe; notes that GKN's origins trace back to the industrial revolution, with over 260 years of history that include making cannonballs for the Battle of Waterloo and parts for Spitfires in the Battle of Britain; further notes that GKN was subject to a hostile takeover in 2018 by venture capitalists Melrose Industries with promises made to rebuild the company into a British manufacturing powerhouse; is disappointed that GKN has rejected Unite the union's alternative business plan to save the factory, which is a major supplier to car plants across the West Midlands; believes that, with the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles ending in 2030, there is an urgent need to develop domestic infrastructure for producing electric vehicles; further believes that the factory can play a key role in the transition to electric vehicles by producing vital components such as the e-Drive axel, an existing GKN technology; welcomes assurances from Ministers that they are committed to doing what they can to save these high-skilled jobs, which could involve investment in capital equipment or skills to stoke the plant's competitiveness (Official Report, 28 April 2021, Cols 127WH 128WH); and calls on GKN to work with the Government and Unite to secure a viable future for the factory, and on the Government to provide whatever support is needed to achieve this.

250 Welfare support for terminally ill peopleTabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **33**

Drew Hendry
Andrew Gwynne
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Marion Fellows
Joanna Cherry

Paula Barker

Tommy Sheppard

That this House notes that Marie Curie and the Motor Neurone Disease Association estimate that more than 6,000 people have died waiting for a decision on their benefits claim since the Department for Work and Pensions announced its review of the benefits system for terminally ill people and the Special Rules for Terminal Illness scheme in 2019; further notes that that review has yet to be published despite the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Terminal Illness's inquiry report of 2019 revealing that the six-month rule leaves terminally ill people facing devastating and far-reaching financial hardship and crippling debt; and calls on the Government to urgently publish its report into how the benefits system treats terminally ill people and bring forward proposals to end that punitive six-month rule without further delay.

254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome Awareness

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 22

Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Brendan O'Hara
Dr Philippa Whitford
Joanna Cherry

Drew Hendry

Martyn Day

That this House commends Rett UK for the invaluable work they do as the only specialist charity in the UK to provide professional family support, information and advice to those affected by Rett Syndrome; recognises the need for greater awareness of Rett Syndrome as a rare neurological condition that impacts one in 10,000 girls born each year; notes their vision that everyone with Rett syndrome should be given every possible opportunity to achieve their individual potential so that they may live their life to the full; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work, particularly in their increased service support during the covid-19 outbreak and wishes them well for the future.

256 Government contractor Mitie Group plc and employment practices

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 27

Paula Barker
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Kim Johnson
Rebecca Long Bailey
Navendu Mishra

Beth Winter

That this House believes that the practice of threatening employees with being fired and rehired unless they accept inferior terms and conditions is immoral, unacceptable and should be made unlawful; notes that Government Ministers have previously condemned the use of such threats as a negotiating tactic; is concerned by reports that Mitie Group Plc, who have been awarded public contracts for Facilities Management, and are on the Government's strategic supplier list, are presently reportedly attempting to force through changes to pay arrangements which would be detrimental to staff including security guards employed on a number of central Government outsourced contracts; fears that unless the Cabinet Office makes clear to companies on its strategic supplier list that all such threats must be withdrawn, the same tactics may proliferate to further undermine the pay, terms and conditions of low paid, outsourced facilities management workers; and therefore joins the PCS union in calling on the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office to instruct Mitie to withdraw threats of fire and rehire immediately, and to demonstrate to all its strategic suppliers that such tactics will not be tolerated.

264 Families of children with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 21

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alan Brown
Patricia Gibson

Chris Law

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises the challenges faced by parents of children with unique or extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders in receiving tailored medical care and locating support groups specific to their situation, as well as in being able to know what to expect or gauge against; commends the work of Unique, whose database helps to track down and pair families with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders; notes that Unique was founded in 1984 by Edna Knight after two of her four daughters were born with a rare chromosomal disorder; and welcomes significant progress in recent years in helping families overcome diagnostic obstacles through DNA sequencing.

265 Co-operative businesses 250 years after Robert Owen

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 4

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Jarvis

That this House notes that the UK co-operative movement has grown to a combined annual turnover of £38.2 billion and has increased by £340 million in the last year; notes that over 7,000 independent co-operatives in the UK are owned by over 14 million members and 241,714 employees; recognises the contribution of the co-operative sector in response to the national effort against the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; further recognises the role co-operatives can play in rebuilding the economy in the aftermath of the covid-19 crisis; notes that Co-operatives Fortnight takes place from 21 June until 4 July 2021; recognises that 2021 marks 250 years since the birth of Robert Owen and notes his contribution and legacy as the father of co-operation; and urges the Government to take steps to increase the size of the co-operative sector.

266 Sarcoma UK and Sarcoma Awareness Month 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 35

Marion Fellows
Dr Philippa Whitford
Kirsten Oswald
David Linden
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon

Chris Law
Drew Hendry

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Martyn Day

Chris Bryant

That this House recognises Sarcoma Awareness Month from 1 to 31 July, and its importance in spreading awareness of Sarcoma as an uncommon and fast-spreading cancer; acknowledges the necessity of early, fast and accurate diagnosis for the 5,300 people diagnosed with the disease annually in the UK; recognises the hard work of carers, NHS and Hospice staff for all they do to

support patients; commends the charity Sarcoma UK for its excellent work in providing essential information, support and advocacy for those diagnosed with Sarcoma and their families; and further commends the staff at Sarcoma UK for continuing to advocate for Sarcoma patients to have access to the best physical and psychological care possible.

268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 12

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Patricia Gibson
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse

Paula Barker

Ian Blackford

That this House notes that from 4 to 11 July 2021, the UK will mark Srebrenica Memorial Week with commemorations taking place in hundreds of schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres, and police forces to name but a few, all of which bring the nation together in powerful acts of remembrance to mark the 26th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide; further notes the theme for this year is Rebuilding Lives, which will enable individuals to gain an insight into the challenges that those who survive genocide and ethnic cleansing face and how they have been able to overcome these challenges whilst encouraging others to think about our own responsibility in ensuring that prejudice does not take root in our communities; recognises the courage of the survivors who continue to be a source of inspiration, and who despite experiencing the very worst of humanity, have shown great strength and determination to rebuild their lives; and commends the work done by the charity Remembering Srebrenica who since 2013 have educated 130,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,800 community actions to take place right across the country each year, and have created 1,450 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities.

269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 8

Stephen Flynn
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates pupils from the International School Aberdeen on being selected as finalists in 2021's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition; notes that over 1,500 young people from across Scotland took part, creatively expressing their messages of inclusion with some fantastic artwork, poetry, creative writing, t-shirt designs, music and short films; acknowledges that the competition encourages children to develop a piece of creative work that gets across a clear message of anti-racism and the positive impact this can have on the attitudes of young people, and wider society; and praises the continuous work of Show Racism the Red Card in Scotland in encouraging and educating young people to respect each other.

270 In remembrance of Willie Duncan

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 7

Peter Grant
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Pete Wishart
Chris Law

Jim Shannon

That this House remembers Willie Duncan of Cardenden, fondly known by many as Dunc, who was a stalwart of the local community right up until his recent passing; recognises the significant contributions he made over many years to the development of the ABCD villages (Auchterderran, Bowhill, Cardenden and Dundonald); highlights that his work was so appreciated by the community that a couple of years ago the Cardenden Community Development Fund named Dunc's View in his honour after the refurbishment of the popular beauty spot right in the heart of the community; notes his willingness to work with anyone and everyone if it benefitted the local area in some way; commends his true and unwavering commitment and the jovial nature to which he dedicated so much of his time to the local area and its people; and sends its condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.

271 Levenmouth, Fife, Climate Beacon for COP26

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 8

Peter Grant
John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Pete Wishart
Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates The Leven Programme, ONFife and Levenmouth Academy, alongside other local organisations, in becoming Fife's Climate Beacon and bringing arts and science together to raise public engagement on Climate Change; recognises the role of the Scottish Government's Climate Change and Culture Divisions, Creative Scotland and Museum Galleries Scotland in providing funding and expertise for the project which will see these organisations coming together to inspire positive action on climate change across Fife and the whole of Scotland in the run up to and beyond the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26); commends the important role this will play in sharing stories of the proud industrial heritage of Fife and to show the world how Scotland and our communities can transform to a resilient low carbon community for the future; highlights the pioneering aspect of the project to ensure that negotiations from COP26 will be linked back to our communities and felt not only in Glasgow but across the whole country; thanks all of the individuals involved with this programme; and encourages the public to get involved and consider how they too can make a positive impact on climate change.

272 Rose Duncan, Collydean Community Centre

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 6

Peter Grant
 John Nicolson
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans
 Pete Wishart
 Chris Law

That this House commends the work of Rose Duncan, Manager of Collydean Community Centre for the last two and a half years; highlights the vital work of Rose and the many volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak whereby they supported vulnerable people in the North Glenrothes area by extending a hand of friendship and ensuring that the most vulnerable were able to receive supplies to their homes; thanks her and the team for their work on various other projects such as the Community Larder, their Detached Youth Work with young people and their work on getting Senior Citizens online access; recognises the vital role that Rose has played in taking the Community Centre to the next level in ensuring it is accessible to all and in becoming an integral part of the local community where people are at the heart of everything they do; further thanks Rose for being such an inspiration to the community and beyond; and wishes Rose all the best in her future endeavours.

273 Service reductions at the British Council

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 15

Chris Stephens
 Wera Hobhouse
 John Nicolson
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans
 Stephen Farry

Mick Whitley
 Chris Law
 Navendu Mishra

Rosie Cooper
 Grahame Morris
 Valerie Vaz

Paula Barker
 Kim Johnson
 Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges the vital role of the British Council in promoting education, training and language across the globe; notes that it was created in 1934 to improve global cultural relations and social mobility and currently works with over 100 countries worldwide changing the lives of millions and helping people to understand other cultures as well as promoting British values; is aware that the British Council employs over 11,000 people across the world with over 1000 being UK based staff; is further aware that ordinarily the British Council generates 85 per cent of its income through teaching and examinations but has faced major difficulties due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that in 2020 thanks to the campaigning efforts of the PCS Union and other supportive organisations and individuals, additional money was secured from Government to see the organisations through its financial difficulties; is concerned that the loans provided as well as emergency funding has come with stringent and detrimental conditions determined by the FCDO including the sale of a section of its commercial business in India, a restructure resulting in a 15 to 20 per cent cut to staffing and estates related to the organisation potentially resulting in the loss of around 2000 skilled and vital jobs; and therefore calls on the FCDO to halt the redundancy process and support the British Council in future strategic and detailed planning which retains jobs and the valued reputation of the organisation across the world.