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New EDMs

324 Lord Elystan-Morgan

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Ben Lake

That this House mourns the recent passing of Lord Elystan Morgan who died peacefully at the age of 88; recognises him as a great figure in Welsh politics, and that his tireless campaigning in favour of devolution for several decades helped pave the way to the creation of the Scottish and Welsh parliaments; recognises his lifelong commitment and service to the people of Ceredigion, whom he represented as Member of Parliament between 1966 and 1974 prior to his elevation to the House of Lords in 1981; celebrates his contributions as both a barrister and circuit judge; recalls his capacity for kindness and good humour, even during the most divisive of political debates; remembers him fondly as a man of integrity, who argued his case with an eloquence founded on an unshakeable belief in its merits, and a masterful understanding of the detail; and conveys its deepest condolences to his family and friends in their time of grief.

325 Stirling Constituency Olympic Athletes

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Alyn Smith

That this House congratulates Andrew Butchart, Kathleen Dawson, Ross Murdoch and Duncan Scott for being selected by Team GB to take part in the Tokyo Olympic Games; notes the hard work and dedication that it has taken to get to the games; and wishes them good luck and success in these Olympic Games.

326 Professor Samson Kambalu and the Fourth Plinth commission

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House welcomes the commission of Professor Samson Kambalu and his sculpture Antelope for installation on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square in 2022; recognises that the sculpture is a recreation of a 1914 photograph of pan-Africanist Malawian preacher, John Chilembwe and European missionary John Chorley, where Chilembwe wears a hat in defiance of colonial rules which forbade this in front of white people; acknowledges that, the year after the photograph was taken, the preacher led a rebellion against colonial rule and died; understands that the artist depicts a larger-than-life Chilembwe, in contrast to the life-size Chorley, to elevate Chilembwe and his story and reveal the hidden narratives of underrepresented people in the history of the British Empire in Africa and beyond; notes that Malawi-born Kamablu, who is Associate Professor of Fine Art at the Ruskin School of Art and a Fellow of Magdalen College, has described the commission as a litmus test for how much he belongs to British society as an African and a cosmopolitan; and congratulates Professor Kambalu on having his work chosen for public display in Trafalgar Square to be engaged with and appreciated by millions of people.

327 Arlington Baths Club 150th anniversary celebrations

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady [R]

That this House congratulates the Arlington Baths Club in the West End of Glasgow as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its opening on 1 August 1871; notes that plans for July 2020 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Club's foundation were much reduced as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and looks forward to three days of free community events over 31 July to 1 August 2021 to mark the occasion; recognises the efforts of its staff, many volunteers and the commitment of club members who have helped to keep the baths afloat throughout the difficulties of lockdown and covid-19 restrictions; recognises the heritage and cultural importance of the baths as the oldest club of its kind in the world; and wishes everyone associated with the club every success in the future.

328 Support for bionic limbs and NHS England Prosthetics Service Review

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Mohammad Yasin

That this House is concerned with the current prosthetic service, especially for upper limb amputees; notes the incredible skills and efforts of those working within the NHS but believes that the Government should be doing more to actively fund and support research and development into the use and supply of bionic limbs, including for people with life-altering injuries and deficiencies to their upper limbs; and calls on the Government to support the NHS England Prosthetics Service Review and the estimated 55,000-60,000 prosthetic patients a year to access the best, most appropriate technology and that funding Hero Arms, a relatively low-cost lightweight bionic arm with multiple grips on the NHS will allow people with otherwise limited or no use of limbs to live a more independent life which would mean less reliability on social services.

329 Diamond anniversary of the Stamperland Bowling Club

Tabled: 15/07/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House celebrates the 60th anniversary of Stamperland Bowling Club, which was established in 1961; notes that in this, the year of its Diamond Anniversary, the club organised a Diamond Cup tournament to celebrate this notable milestone; recognises that the past year has been extremely difficult for bowling clubs and other sports venues; praises Stamperland Bowling Club for showing resilience and expressing confidence in the future by making improvements to the club's facilities; understands that the club has been pleased to welcome old and new members onto the green as Covid-19 restrictions ease; expresses its appreciation of all the hard work done by staff, committee, and members in running a club so well-rooted in the local community, and wishes Stamperland Bowling Club all the best for another 60 years and beyond.

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.

269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 16

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 10

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 11

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 10

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

Neale Hanvey

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.

277 Growth in employee-owned businesses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 13

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry

Neale Hanvey

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: 19

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
John Spellar
Patricia Gibson

Tim Farron

Neale Hanvey

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: 10

Christine Jardine
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

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.

288 Townhill Primary School and Fernhill School Green Flag award

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 7

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Carol Monaghan

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Townhill Primary School in Hamilton and Fernhill School in Rutherglen on their receipt of the Eco-Schools Green Flag award; notes that the award recognises outstanding effort in environmental awareness and action on climate change; recognises the commitment of the schools to the Eco-Schools Scotland programme and their work in engaging their local community in environmental activism; acknowledges this has included programmes where pupils made bird boxes, carried out community litter picks, talked about litter issues in school assemblies, and created an outdoor classroom area; and commends the pupils and staff of those two schools on this significant achievement.

289 Aberdeen FC Women's Premier League 2 title

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 13

Stephen Flynn
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Richard Thomson
Marion Fellows

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Aberdeen FC Women on their historic Scottish Women's Premier League 2 title; applauds all players for their outstanding performances in securing qualification for SWPL 1; notes that the team secured the title on 27 June 2021 at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee; commends the manager Emma Hunter for leading the team to remarkable success; and wishes the team every success in the Scottish Women's Premier League 1 next season.

290 APPG Report on UK funding facilitating human rights abuses in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 20

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Deidre Brock

Neale Hanvey

That this House expresses concern at the findings of the July 2021 report by the APPG on Democracy and Human Rights in the Gulf which shows that at least £53.4 million in public funds have benefited Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states since 2016; is shocked that beneficiaries of UK-funding include institutions in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia accused of facilitating and perpetrating human rights abuses and potential war crimes; is alarmed by the considerable lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the Integrated Activity Fund (IAF), despite the government recommending a root and branch overhaul to strengthen the transparency, accountability and governance of the IAF as early as 2019; is concerned that £10 million has been allocated to GCC states through the IAF's successor, the Gulf Strategy Fund (GSF), for 2021-22, including support for abusive Bahraini oversight bodies; maintains that funding assistance to those bodies places the Government at risk of complicity in their abuses; raises concern over claims made by Ministers regarding the IAF and GSF; notes serious problems with the Government's human rights due diligence process which the report finds is flawed, improperly applied and entirely absent in some cases and urges that it should be replaced with binding statutory safeguards; affirms that the Government's pursuit of closer ties with the region must not come at the expense of human rights; and asks the Government to seriously consider responding to and implementing the report's recommendations, including suspending the GSF pending an independent investigation.

291 Alison Palmer, headteacher Arrochar Primary School.

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 11

Brendan O'Hara
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans
 Drew Hendry
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law

Neale Hanvey

That this House sends its sincere thanks to Alison Palmer, who for the past 16 years has served as headteacher at Arrochar Primary School in Argyll and Bute; appreciates everything Alison has done for the her pupils and everything she contributed to the local community in her 28 years as a teacher; acknowledges Alison's dedication to education and commends her on a hugely successful tenure as headteacher, which saw Arrochar Primary School receiving the best inspection report any Argyll and Bute school has ever had; notes that in 2012 Alison was a finalist in the head teacher of the year awards; congratulates Alison in securing a new role with the Educational Institute of Scotland, an organisation that she has been closely involved with throughout her teaching career, having previously been a delegate, treasurer, then local and national president; recognises that in 2019, the EIS made Alison their Degree Fellow for her contribution to education; and wishes Alison well in her new job in the future.

293 Access to cash

Tabled: 7/07/21 Signatories: 47

Marion Fellows
 Owen Thompson
 Kirsten Oswald
 Navendu Mishra
 Allan Dorans
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Neale Hanvey

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the importance of access to cash for the UK population; notes that due to bank branch closures and the loss of free-to-use ATMs across the UK, millions are at risk of losing access to cash; further notes that all communities should be guaranteed a right to cash services including withdrawal and deposits to cash and that these services should be available to the penny and free at the point of use recognising the importance of cash to those most vulnerable and small businesses; supports the services offered by all Post Offices for cash withdrawals and deposits under the current banking framework; further supports the Post Office's Save Our Cash campaign which highlights the importance of access to cash; and calls on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure access to cash is protected by law.

294 Sheena Nelson and the Rotary International Champion of Change award

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 9

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
John Nicolson
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Sheena Nelson from the Helensburgh Garelochside Rotary club on her Champion of Change award from the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland; acknowledges that the award is in recognition of her voluntary work as the club's Heartstart Volunteer Co-ordinator to train members of the public in the vital cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques to improve the chances of survival of those in cardiac arrest and heart attacks; commends Sheenah's outstanding fundraising efforts which has seen 200 community defibrillators installed across Helensburgh, Lomond and West Dunbartonshire and is now focused on ensuring that there are no gaps in the defibrillator network; acknowledges that an estimate of 27 lives over recent years have been saved due to Sheenah tireless campaigning; and wishes Sheenah the very best in her continued work to educate the public on the use and benefits of community defibrillators.

295 Brynn Hauxwell, Young Fundraiser of the Year

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 9

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Chris Stephens
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Shetlander Brynn Hauxwell for being awarded the Young Fundraiser of the Year award at the 2021 Pride of Scotland ceremony; notes that Brynn has raised around £10,000 for Ability Shetland across the last 18 months during two separate challenges; that these challenges included a gruelling 1,679 mile effort, the length of the coast of Shetland, and 16 half-marathons in May; and welcomes the funding and awareness Brynn has raised for Ability Shetland in its remit to support the efforts of disabled people to realise their full potential in all areas of life.

296 Access to safe and legal creditTabled: **8/07/21** Signatories: **8**

Sir David Amess
 Chris Stephens
 Jonathan Edwards
 Wera Hobhouse
 John McDonnell
 Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the serious harm caused by illegal money lending and a lack of access to safe and legal credit; notes the rise in vulnerable women becoming victims of sexual exploitation and being forced into prostitution by loan sharks; further notes that the demise of the home collected credit market will only see an increase in loan sharks forcing vulnerable women into debt bondage; and supports the preservation of legal and regulated credit for vulnerable people.

297 Nutrition aidTabled: **8/07/21** Signatories: **12**

Alyn Smith
 Chris Stephens
 Hywel Williams
 John Nicolson
 Allan Dorans
 Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

That this House urges the Government to recognise the importance of investment in nutrition to support its aims for girls' education; notes that impacts of malnutrition are particularly heavy on women and girls and that cases of anaemia, stunting and malnutrition are correlated with poor school performance; stresses that the UK was previously considered a leader in combatting malnutrition and now risks undermining its international reputation in addition to putting millions of lives at risk; and calls on the Government to incorporate nutrition aid into its focus area of girls education.

298 VAT on sunscreenTabled: **8/07/21** Signatories: **19**

Patricia Gibson
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Stephens
 Deidre Brock
 John Nicolson
 Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House calls for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more

than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

299 Pride of Scotland Lifetime Achievement Award awarded to Professor Sir Geoff Palmer

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 23

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Amy Callaghan
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House expresses its profound congratulations to Professor Sir Geoff Palmer on being awarded a Pride of Scotland Lifetime Achievement Award; notes that Professor Sir Geoff Palmer has made significant contributions to fields as diverse as brewing and human rights activism; recognises that he discovered the barley abrasion process, which was subsequently adopted by the UK's biggest breweries; notes that in 1998, he became the fourth person to be honoured with the American Society of Brewing Chemists Award of Distinction; further notes that he became Scotland's first black professor in 1988 and is now serving as emeritus professor in the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt University as well as the University's chancellor; understands that he lived in Jamaica until shortly before his fifteenth birthday before moving to England to join his mother, who had moved here as a member of the Windrush generation; commends his role over the past year as a powerful voice in the movement for change prompted by Black Lives Matter, including leading the successful campaign for a reinterpretation of the Melville Monument in Edinburgh honouring Henry Dundas.

300 Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill

Tabled: 8/07/21 Signatories: 27

Richard Burgon
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts
Tommy Sheppard
Jeremy Corbyn
Tahir Ali

Dr Philippa Whitford

Neale Hanvey

This House notes that the UK Government has authorised hundreds of millions of pounds worth of arms sales to Israel between 2016 and 2020; believes that the UK Government should end these arms sales as part of efforts to end Israel's militarized repression of Palestinians, violations of international law and the illegal occupation of Palestine; and therefore welcomes the presentation of the Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill laid on 7 July 2021 that seeks to stop the UK Government from authorising arms sales to Israel.

301 Human rights situation in Egypt

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 7

Margaret Ferrier
 Hywel Williams
 Kenny MacAskill
 Jonathan Edwards
 John McDonnell
 Jim Shannon

Tony Lloyd

That this House is deeply concerned about continuing serious human rights violations in Egypt, including reports of systematic torture, enforced disappearances, unfair trials and the blatant misuse of counter-terrorism and national security legislation, following the military overthrow of the Morsi Government in July 2013; notes with profound regret that according to Amnesty International, Egypt has become among the top three countries in numbers of executions and death sentences globally, and at least 51 men and women were executed in that country in the first half of 2021, with more executions pending; further notes with alarm the relentless persecution, abuse and false criminalisation of lawyers, journalists, academics, politicians and civil society representatives, and their family members, in an attempt to silence legitimate dissent in Egypt; highlights the arbitrary detention in often harsh conditions of lawyer Mohamed El-Baqer, activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, video reporter Mohamed Ibrahim Radwan, blogger Esraa Abdel Fattah, activist Sanaa Seif, researcher Patrick Zaki, student Ahmed Samir Santawy, and defender of the Coptic Christian minority, Ramy Kamel, who are among hundreds the Egyptian authorities should release immediately and unconditionally; and calls on the Government, further to the joint statement on Egypt co-sponsored in March 2021 at the UN Human Rights Council, to suspend arms exports to and preferential trading arrangements for that country until a moratorium on the death penalty is imposed and prisoners of conscience released, and to apply punitive measures on Egyptian individuals and entities responsible for such gross abuses.

304 England national football team Euro 2020 runners up

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 11

Ed Davey
 Tim Farron
 Daisy Cooper
 Andrew Gwynne
 Jamie Stone
 Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the incredible achievements of the England men's football team in the UEFA Euro 2020 championship, reaching the final of a major tournament for the first time in 55 years; expresses deep pride and great respect for the way that team's players and manager conducted themselves on and off the pitch; thanks those players and that manager for the way that they inspired, excited and united the nation after such a difficult 18 months; strongly condemns the racist abuse directed towards that squad's Black players; and looks forward with anticipation to that team's future success.

305 DVLA and Department for Work and Pensions' help for Personal Independence Payment claimants

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 4

John Nicolson
John McDonnell
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises how difficult, long and arduous form filling can be for people with disabilities, especially when those forms are in hardcopy; and advocates for improved communication between DVLA and the Department for Work and Pensions in order to make the 50 per cent reduction in vehicle tax, for those in receipt of the standard rate mobility component on Personal Independence Payment, an automatic process.

306 150th Anniversary of the Durham Miners' Gala

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 18

Mary Kelly Foy
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Durham Miners' Gala or the Big Meeting; expresses severe regret at the cancellation of the Gala for the second consecutive year but commends the Durham Miners Association for prioritising public health; welcomes the news that County Durham Miners Banners Groups will instead organise events in communities across the county this summer; recognises the important historical and cultural ties between the mining industry and County Durham; further recognises miners and the National Union of Mineworkers for their contributions to the labour movement, trade unionism, and the Labour Party; thanks miners for their economic and cultural contribution to Durham and Britain across centuries; looks forward to the refurbishment of Redhill's Durham Miners Hall and transformation into a cultural centre; further looks forward to the resumption of the Big Meeting in 2022; commends the Marras for the announcement that all banner groups will be paid double band allowance next year to help with the financial stress caused by the covid-19 outbreak; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

307 Funding success for Black Bull Close project

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 4

Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the Black Bull Close project in Dunbar, East Lothian on being awarded a grant of £250,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; notes that the National Lottery Heritage Fund invests money raised by National Lottery players to grant funds to museums, parks, historic places, archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions; and wishes everyone involved in the Black Bull Close project every success.

308 Dame Carol Black's independent review of drugs

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 11

Grahame Morris
Kenny MacAskill
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Crispin Blunt [R]
Tommy Sheppard

Jim Shannon

That this House thanks Professor Dame Carol Black for her comprehensive Independent Review of Drugs, Part 2 which outlines a clear way forward on drug treatment and recovery to bring hope and real change to the many individuals, families and communities whose lives are blighted by drug addiction and by the criminals who exploit it; welcomes her recommendations to achieve this, presented as concrete proposals deliverable within this Parliament; agrees with her analysis that the current situation is intolerable and that a whole-system approach, with cross-departmental co-ordination and commitment, is required; supports her view that substance misuse disproportionately affects our most deprived communities; acknowledges her call for improved pathways from criminal justice settings and for enabling the diversion of drug users into treatment; recognises that, although Part 1 of her review showed that the societal costs of drug misuse are £20 billion each year, in 2020 to 2021 only £650 million was spent on drug treatment; notes that every £1 currently spent on harm reduction and treatment saves £4 from reduced demands on health and justice; endorses her call for significantly increased investment in drug treatment and wider support; further notes her conclusion that ring-fenced, focused funding for treatment is absolutely necessary; notes that drug deaths are at record levels; and calls on the Government to adopt and implement the Review's recommendations in their entirety.

309 England and Euro 2020

Tabled: 12/07/21 Signatories: 29

Mr Clive Betts
Dan Jarvis
Dame Angela Eagle
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paul Blomfield
Ian Byrne

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the England Football Team, manager Gareth Southgate, the players and all the back room staff for the way that they have represented the country with dignity and commitment; particularly commends that manager, those players and those staff for the clear and demonstrable opposition to racism and discrimination which they have shown before every game and throughout that whole tournament; and believes that they should be proud of themselves as this House is proud of them.

310 Edward de BonoTabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **3**

Sarah Olney
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the life of Edward de Bono, author and doctor, who has died aged 88; admires his authorial legacy, especially his work on encouraging creative thinking; notes his creation of the term lateral thinking, the employment of unorthodox means to solve a problem; further notes the lasting impact of his transformational book entitled Six Thinking Hats in business settings; and remembers his humour, tenacity and commitment to imagination.

311 Racism following the Euro 2020 finalTabled: **12/07/21** Signatories: **28**

Mary Kelly Foy
Andrew Gwynne
Jeremy Corbyn
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House unequivocally condemns the racist abuse aimed at the England men's football team after the UEFA European Championship Final on 11 July 2021; notes that 19 year old Arsenal forward Bukayo Saka was forced to take down his Instagram account as a result of that racist abuse; further notes that the mural of 23 year old Manchester United forward Marcus Rashford in Withington was defaced following that match; further condemns the abuse suffered by fans outside the stadium and the violence that broke out before and after that game; recognises the work of Show Racism the Red Card in its 25th anniversary year and supports its call for the Government to hold social media companies and individuals to account; and calls on the Government to display leadership on that issue and to match its rhetoric with action, to tackle the rising threats of online hate crimes and to acknowledge that some Ministerial statements on the booing of taking the knee are incompatible with eradicating racism from all walks of life.

315 BBC regional political monitoring of ParliamentTabled: **14/07/21** Signatories: **5**

Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Kate Osborne
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra

That this House is deeply concerned by proposals to reduce the number of staff working in the BBC Regional Political Unit based at Millbank by over a third; notes that the unit is the eyes and ears of the BBC English regions in Westminster, co-ordinating political newsgathering for the BBC's early evening regional TV news programme, as well as the regional breakfast, lunchtime and late evening TV bulletins and Sunday political programmes and across all local radio output; further notes that the unit is often the only part of the BBC watching backbench business and adjournment debates where hon. Members can raise important local issues which might not make it onto the national news; fears that such a staff reduction will have an impact on capacity to spotting stories, keeping the regions informed about what their hon. Members are doing and enabling public awareness of

questions and contributions from backbench hon. Members; is concerned by BBC management's failure to identify the activities currently undertaken which will be withdrawn or diminished as a result of staff reductions; fears that such a reduction in staff numbers will substantially reduce the monitoring of backbenchers' contributions and threaten a substantial fall in the number of local clips of hon. Members speaking in Parliament provided for TV and radio; and therefore calls on the BBC to ensure that it continues to finance a properly staffed Regional Political Unit so that the public can be well-informed on debates in Parliament.

316 Legacy of Wyn Jones (Wyn Fflach)

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 5

Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra

That this House notes with great sadness the passing of Wyn Jones, a Welsh musician and producer from Cardigan, at the age of 61; celebrates the legacy of Wyn Jones who, along with his brother Richard, founded the legendary Welsh language new wave band Ail Symudiad in 1978 and Fflach Records, an influential recording company, established in 1981 in the town of Cardigan, that went on to help nurture successive generations of Welsh musical talent and which now boasts a catalogue of more than 400 titles; acknowledges his deep love for the town and people of Cardigan and his passion for the Welsh language and Wales' vibrant culture; and passes on the House's sincere sympathy to his family and those who knew and loved him.

317 Tactile paving

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 8

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Paula Barker
Layla Moran
Navendu Mishra

Tim Farron

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House acknowledges the Rail Accident Investigation Branch report into the fatality of Cleveland Gervais, a blind passenger fatally struck by a train on 26 February 2020 after falling from platform 1 of Eden Park station; notes that 35 per cent of platforms are seriously dangerous for blind and partially sighted people due to the absence of the vital safety measure of tactile paving and that up to 15 per cent of people falling from platforms are blind or partially sighted; notes the work of Guide Dogs and Royal National Institute of Blind People in raising awareness of the importance of tactile paving; recognises Network Rail's commitment to ensure all train platforms have tactile paving by 2029, but laments that this commitment is far too slow; urges the Government to ensure the 100 per cent provision of tactile paving across all Network Rail stations by 2025 at the very latest; and calls on the Treasury to make the necessary financial provisions available for the installation of tactile paving.

318 Support for the coach industry in England

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 4

Emma Hardy
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra

That this House is concerned at the level of support provided for the English coach industry during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that pre-pandemic the coach sector was a healthy sector with a viable future; recognises that sector's vital role in tourism, school transport, rural services and train and airport emergency support; further notes the sector's £14 billion total contribution to the economy; notes that unlike the bus sector, its investment in new Euro 6 emission compliant vehicles came without Government subsidy and as a result many operators had finance in place which they had to service through the pandemic restrictions; regrets that by the end of 2020, over 100 operators had closed for business and 7,000 jobs had been lost; notes the financial support which continues to be provided to the coach industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland is not matched in England; notes that the support made available to the train and bus sectors in England was not extended to coaches; notes that access to the Additional Restrictions Grant became a postcode lottery for operators; notes that the industry was excluded from Restart Grants; notes that the 12 month finance payment holidays have now ended for most operators; notes with regret the confusion and lost business arising from the Cabinet Office's decision to over-rule the Department for Transport's Safe Travel advice; and calls on the Government to work with the industry as a matter of urgency and to undertake necessary steps to prevent further business closures and job losses.

319 BBC Scotland Studios at Pacific Quayside

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 3

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the importance of BBC Scotland's control of the studios at Pacific Quayside; congratulates BECTU and SNP colleagues who have defended Scottish based jobs against a potential London takeover thus maintaining the broadcasting ecosystem that provides employment for freelancers in Scotland; and looks forward to seeing the new Scottish based creative talent that will be nurtured in these studios.

320 Studio 32 Theatre Company in East Kilbride

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the fundraising efforts of members of the Studio 32 Theatre Company in East Kilbride; namely Colin Stewart, Darren England, Paul Gray, Adam Macguiness, Conor Meechan, Alan Dickson, Dougie Hannah, Benjy England, Aaron Hannah, Adam Stewart, Martin Docherty and Jake Docherty and pays particular tribute to the money they have already raised for the Beatson Cancer Charity in preparation for their participation in the Glasgow 10km men's event and wishes them all the best in their run which is due to take place on the 29th August; also draws attention to the additional fundraising efforts undertaken by Peter Gough over the years and recognises his contribution to the theatre and entertainment community in East Kilbride; and finally draws attention to the strength shown by Peter and John Davis in their battle with cancer and thanks Beatson's Cancer charity for all the support they give to families in the Glasgow and Lanarkshire area.

321 Euan Mcllwraith and BBC Scotland's programme Landward

Tabled: 14/07/21 Signatories: 4

Richard Thomson
 Jim Shannon
 Marion Fellows
 Patrick Grady

That this House notes that Euan Mcllwraith is stepping back from his presenting role on BBC Scotland's Aberdeen-made farming and rural programme, Landward having been a constant presence on-screen for 30 years; recognises the wide range of subjects covered by Euan during his time on the series including the catastrophic foot and mouth disease outbreak of 2001; welcomes the window the programme provides for viewers into issues affecting rural Scotland; further notes that Euan's natural story-telling abilities and warm style have made the programme a must-see for many people; and wishes Euan all the very best going forward where his new priorities will be his grandchildren, sailing and writing.

323 40th anniversary of Mandela's Freedom of Glasgow

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Chris Stephens
 Anne McLaughlin
 Patrick Grady
 Alison Thewliss
 David Linden
 Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker

Neale Hanvey
 Navendu Mishra

Marion Fellows

That this House notes the upcoming 40th Anniversary of Nelson Mandela being granted the Freedom of Glasgow; further notes that 4 August 1981 was the day Glasgow City Council presented the Freedom of the City to Nelson Mandela in absentia, since he was still on Robben Island, and Dr. Alex Ekwueme, Vice-President of Nigeria, accepted the award from Lord Provost Michael Kelly on Mandela's behalf; notes this significant anniversary which the City of Glasgow plan to mark; encourages individuals to contribute to the Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation appeal to bridge the remaining financial gap to allow the launch of the Nelson Mandela statue competition; and recognises Glasgow's special place in the history of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.