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# Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 22 September 2021

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# **New EDMs**

#### 469 Devolved governments and the Shared Prosperity Fund

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### Claire Hanna

That this House notes that nine months on from the ending of the transition period, the UK Government has yet to publish detail on the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF); further notes that no steadfast guarantees have been given that each region will receive equivalent funding to what they received under EU structural funds; notes that there has been little meaningful consultation with the devolved regions in relation to the design and governance of the fund, the scope of which will impinge on devolved competencies, potentially duplicating work already being undertaken, as well as bypassing the expertise of those best placed to ensure local delivery of funds; further notes that the delay in introducing the SPF has caused undue hardship and uncertainty for organisations already suffering greatly as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, many of which have also simultaneously experienced an increase in demand for their services; notes the lack of clarity from the Government on how it intends to show compliance and regard to Section 75 duties in Northern Ireland as well as showing how it will complement funding delivered via the PEACE PLUS programme; and calls on the Government to immediately without further delay disclose full details of the SPF and outline how it will ensure that devolved governments will have an equal voice and role in the SPF moving forward.

#### 470 Nationality on electoral registration forms

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

# Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes that it is not possible to identify as Welsh as a separate nationality on the electoral registration form or on the annual Household Enquiry Form; further notes that census data shows that 58 percent of the population in Wales identify as Welsh and not British; warns that this risks communities across Wales and the rest of the UK feeling disenfranchised

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and underrepresented; recognises the importance of ensuring that such forms reflect all the nationalities that make up the UK; and calls for an inquiry into the matter of nationality on electoral registration forms.

#### 471 Well-Fed (Scotland) CIC charity

# Carol Monaghan

That this House recognises the important work of Glasgow-based charity, Well-Fed (Scotland) CIC; notes Well-Fed's mission of eradicating food poverty in the west of the city; applauds the organisation for successfully running a café, family restaurant, catering service, community pantry and homework club; congratulates Well-Fed for utilising surplus food supplies, which allows the organisation to reduce food waste and operate sustainably and economically; supports the organisation's delivery of healthy, nutritious, and fresh food for Glasgow's residents; considers Well-Fed an important community hub in Whiteinch, which is open 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, and which builds social capital and support networks within the wider community; applauds Well-Fed for the employment opportunities and training it provides to young people locally; sincerely thanks Well-Fed for the nutritional and social support it provides to so many local residents; and views Well-Fed as a prime example of the city's mantra that People Make Glasgow.

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#### 472 Hyndland primary school's cookbook: Our World Kitchen

**Carol Monaghan** 

That this House notes the release of Hyndland Primary School's cookbook, Our World Kitchen; congratulates pupils, staff, and families for all their hard work researching, designing, and publishing the cookbook; notes that the cookbook contains recipes from more than 30 countries across the world, spanning five continents and pulling inspiration from more than 70 families connected with the School; celebrates this global cookbook as a testament to Glasgow's multicultural and welcoming ethos; recognises that the cookbook was part of a fundraising effort for the school as a result of funding difficulties during the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that funds raised will go towards playground equipment; applauds the Parent Council for their ideas and co-ordination for the cookbook; thanks members of staff at the School for their recipe contributions; praises pupils who contributed their recipes and artwork to the cookbook; and encourages communities in Glasgow to purchase the cookbook if they are able to support Hyndland Primary School.

#### 473 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Renfrewshire Council

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Gavin Newlands**

That this House notes that Renfrewshire Council is the first local authority in Scotland to offer all three to five year olds the opportunity to register for the book gifting service provided by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; understands that in 2020 that charity gifted its 150 millionth book; believes that providing books in early years can promote a lifelong love of reading and improve literacy rates; and congratulates Gail Abraham and Julie Paterson at Renfrewshire Council for their hard work and dedication in managing and promoting a project which will raise attainment for all in Renfrewshire.

# 474 Springbank distillery, Campbeltown, and minimising the environmental impact of whisky production

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

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#### **Brendan O'Hara**

That this House congratulates Springbank Distillery, Campbeltown, and its parent company J&A Mitchell & Co Ltd on its plans to adapt their product packaging and review their working processes so as to minimise their impact on the environment; notes that Springbank Distillery's core whisky products will now be sold without any unnecessary external packaging such as a cardboard box or tube; further notes that the Distillery will also be reviewing the environmental impact of their operations, focusing on switching from red diesel to a less polluting gas and reducing water consumption; salutes the efforts of Springbank Distillery to recognise and address the climate crisis and the environmental impact of their products, particularly in the lead up to the COP26 conference in Glasgow next month; and urges other distilleries to follow the example of Springbank in addressing the impact of their production processes and packaging on the environment.

# 475 Annual Ayurveda Day

#### **Bob Blackman**

That this House celebrates the Annual Ayurveda Day on 2nd November, first celebrated by the Government of India in 2016; notes that in the midst of an international health crisis, Ayurveda, the science (Veda) of life (Ayus), offers a time-tested tradition of holistic and multi-faceted approaches to health and wellbeing; acknowledges Ayurveda as an ancient system of natural healthcare; recognises the World Health Organization's recognition of Ayurveda's ethos and value to humanity as preventative and curative for a wide range of health conditions, both physical and mental; notes that health means wholeness and therefore a holistic approach to the promotion of health is needed, at the heart of which is a comprehensive health education programme to bring the individual and society to harmony; further notes that Ayurveda addresses well-being through personalised dietary and lifestyle management strategies that are specific to an individual's unique physical and psychological constitution in all stages of life; and urges the Government to ensure that in its long term planning for the National Health Service, with its stated commitment to prevention of ill-health and promotion of good health, is implemented through establishing a new Department of Natural and Integrative Healthcare to respond to the public's growing desire for freedom of choice in healthcare, and by providing natural healthcare education programmes in schools and colleges as a basis for improving the social and emotional wellbeing of all young people.

# 476 Royal Parks cleaners and playground attendants dispute

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 5

Bell Ribeiro-Addy John McDonnell Grahame Morris Chris Stephens Apsana Begum

That this House supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union employed by Just Ask Estate Services Ltd at the Royal Parks in their dispute for employment equality and security; notes that the Royal Parks outsourced its public toilets and building cleaning contract to Just Ask Estate Services Ltd from Vinci Facilities in May 2021; is aware that 90 per cent of outsourced staff at the Royal Parks are black and migrant workers whilst 90 per cent of directly employed Royal Park staff are white; is alarmed that those outsourced key workers have worked throughout the

covid-19 pandemic with no occupational sick pay, no ability to work from home and are now facing job losses and significant changes to their contracts; is further alarmed that the Royal Parks as the contracting authority has refused to intervene to resolve the dispute; further notes that Just Ask Estate Services Ltd have yet to set out their staffing plan despite giving unions a deadline of 9 September 2021 in which to meet and share the information; applauds the dedication and efforts of those key workers who have voted overwhelmingly to take further strike action during the month of October; and calls on management of the Royal Parks and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, to intervene urgently and to work with all parties to secure fair and equal resolution.

#### 477 Loss and Damage Awareness Day 2021

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### Wera Hobhouse

That this House welcomes the first ever Loss and Damage Awareness Day on 23 September 2021; recognises that many of the communities worst affected by loss and damage are also the world's poorest; recognises the obligations of developed countries to support developing countries to mitigate the disastrous impacts of climate change; believes that, as chair of COP26, the Government should ensure that developed countries fulfil their pledge to deliver at least \$100 billion per year to help developing countries decarbonise their economies and protect against climate impacts; and calls on the Government to ensure a just transition to a greener economy for those communities that are employed by the fossil fuel industry.

#### 478 Orange Heritage Week 2021

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### Jim Shannon

That this House notes and celebrates the 5th annual Orange Heritage Week, taking place from 21 to 28 September 2021; further notes the historical focuses on the origin of the Loyal Order, its role during the Home Rule period, and the service and sacrifice of Orangemen during the First World War; highlights the cultural relevance of the Orange institution dating back to 1795 and notes that it will culminate on Ulster Day, marking the anniversary of the signing of the Ulster Covenant by Unionists in opposition to Home Rule in 1912; further highlights the significant impact that covid-19 has had on Orange Heritage celebrations; welcomes efforts made by organisations to hold commemorations safely; and thanks all those involved in preserving culture and heritage for generations to come.

# 479 Staffing reductions at the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 26

Grahame Morris Chris Stephens Apsana Begum Ms Diane Abbott Jeremy Corbyn Kim Johnson

Richard Burgon Bell Ribeiro-Addy Navendu Mishra
John McDonnell Rebecca Long Bailey Mary Kelly Foy
Kate Osborne Paula Barker Ian Lavery

Ian ByrneIan MearnsJon CruddasPaul BlomfieldBarry GardinerAndrew GwynneEmma HardyJohn CryerJack DromeyRachael MaskellBeth Winter

That this House acknowledges the work and dedication of staff employed across the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA); notes the agency plays a leading role in protecting and improving public health and supports innovations through research and development; is aware that the MHRA has three centres employing almost 1,200 staff and has numerous vital responsibilities across the health sector, including the approval and safety standards of medicines, medical devices and blood components for transfusions; applauds the tireless efforts of the staff during the covid-19 pandemic to ensure the swift approval and distribution of covid-19 vaccines, test kits and ventilators, protecting millions of lives across the UK; is alarmed to learn that the MHRA is now facing staffing reductions of up to 20 per cent despite a greatly increased workload as a result of the UK leaving the EU and the covid-19 pandemic; is concerned that fewer staff will be asked to cover more ground with fewer resources whilst operating under a pay freeze; is further concerned that any loss of expertise in this agency will lead to poor and potentially unsafe decisionmaking in a highly specialised field; is particularly worried about the impact of the loss of the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, which is well-renowned as a distinct centre of excellence; and calls on the Government to intervene immediately to ensure jobs are retained and a properly funded MHRA can continue with its world-leading work in this field.

#### 480 Life and work of Tam Waterson, UNISON activist in the NHS

Tabled: 22/09/21 Signatories: 3

Chris Stephens Owen Thompson Paula Barker

That this House recognises the life and work of Tam Waterson, a UNISON activist for 35 years, who died on 9 September 2021; further recognises his work as a Senior Steward within Lothian Health Branch and as Chair of the UNISON Scottish Health Committee; sends condolences to his family at this time; recognises his tireless work representing the rights of NHS staff at local, Scottish and UK levels; notes his participation in the Scottish Government partnership structures and further notes that his valuable contributions within these structures were welcomed within these forums and helped inform key policies to support all staff in Scotland's NHS; believes that the health service in Scotland benefited from his dedicated service over the years; celebrates his work in his trade union activities; recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences, at this time, to all who knew him.

# **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.

#### 404 Emma Ritch

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin Patrick Grady Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Chris Law John McDonnell

**Alison Thewliss** 

That this House recognises the remarkable achievements of internationally renowned feminist, the late Emma Ritch who was executive director of Engender, Scotland's feminist policy and advocacy organisation; notes that her professional and voluntary work roles over a number of years included Chair of the Board of Trustees at Human Rights Consortium Scotland, Chair of Rape Crisis Scotland, Fellow of the RSA; Member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group, Vice Chair of Close the Gap, Scotland Committee Member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Trustee of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, Member of the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls and in 2019 she was inducted into the Saltire Society Outstanding Women of Scotland; further notes that her work was recognised internationally by the UN and the EU including in association with CEDAW and she was a Board Member of the European Women's Lobby; recognises that her commitment to intersectionality and understanding of the importance of reaching out to others who hold a different point of view was outstanding; and further notes that continuing her work on gender mainstreaming and on all other aspects of women's equality is the most appropriate way to honour her legacy.

# 405 Argyll-based charity Mary's Meal feeding 2 million children a day

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 10

Brendan O'Hara Marion Fellows Patrick Grady Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the Argyll-based Charity Mary's Meals on reaching the remarkable landmark of feeding two million of the world's poorest children every day; acknowledges the dedicated hard work of Mary's Meals eighty thousand staff and volunteers working in nineteen countries, across four continents, and thanks them for everything they have done to improve the lives of so many children by ensuring that not only are those children being fed but that they are receiving a meal in school; recognises the outstanding personal contribution made by Mary's Meals founder Mr Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who since Mary's Meal served its first meal to a Malawian child in 2002 has worked tirelessly to feed as many of the world's poorest children in a place of education; and wishes Mary's Meals every success in the future.

# 407 The Tilly Butcher Aberdeen

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 8

Kirsty Blackman Patrick Grady Marion Fellows Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the award winning Tilly Butcher on their 10 years' serving the community in Aberdeen after opening in Tillydrone; acknowledges the success of a thriving local business championing local produce; and their truly magnificent pies hand made in their shop.

# 408 Success of Toni Shaw at Tokyo Paralympics

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 9

Kirsty Blackman Patrick Grady Marion Fellows Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates 18-year-old Toni Shaw on her Paralympic performance in Tokyo, including winning bronze in the women's 400 metre freestyle S9 event; inspiring the young people of Aberdeen; and showcasing the important contribution of Aberdeen Sports Village for cultivating future talent of sport in the north east.

#### 412 50 years of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 10

Martin Docherty-Hughes Patrick Grady Marion Fellows Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to the staff and volunteers of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau who will be marking its 50th anniversary on the 16th September 2021; believes that those staff and volunteers have provided an invaluable service to the citizens of the West Dunbartonshire district over those 50 years ensuring that individuals do not suffer through a lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, the services available to them or an inability to express their needs; understands that in 2019-20 they advised over 4,925 clients on 28,826 issues and generated £1,725,339 in client financial gains; and wishes the West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau another 50 successful years of supporting the people of Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven.

# 414 Play therapy

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 20

Dr Lisa Cameron Chris Stephens Douglas Chapman Allan Dorans Jim Shannon Marion Fellows

**Daisy Cooper** 

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

#### 416 Adult social care workforce and Local Government

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 25

Paula Barker Mick Whitley Wera Hobhouse Navendu Mishra Kim Johnson Dan Carden

Paul Blomfield

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

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Tabled: **10/09/21** 

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# 419 Trodelvy

Mick Whitley Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Tracey Crouch Ian Lavery

Tim Farron

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

#### 421 Believe in Scotland Day of Action

Douglas Chapman Jonathan Edwards Allan Dorans Dr Lisa Cameron Steven Bonnar Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

That this House welcomes the launch of the first Believe in Scotland mass Day of Action to be held on Saturday 18 September 2021 which will fire the starting gun on a major co-ordinated grassroots independence campaign in Scotland that will run until an independence referendum takes place; and further welcomes the determination of Believe in Scotland and over 100 YES groups to take a confident and positive message on Scotland's future as an independent country to every doorstep the length and breadth of the nation.

# 422 Beekeeping lessons at St Ninian's High School

Kirsten Oswald Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Chris Law Alison Thewliss

That this House applauds the work of biology teacher Angela Yekken of St Ninian's High School who used a course in beekeeping as a means of teaching pupils about science, the environment, leadership, and social justice; notes that Angela worked with a mixed group of Advanced Higher pupils and younger pupils with additional support needs to study beekeeping in nearby Rouken Glen Park, which is home to beehives and a visiting beekeeper under the auspices of Young Enterprise Scotland; further notes that the course was an ideal opportunity to learn safely outdoors during lockdown and that the students were so keen on the course that they carried on looking

after the 50,000 bees during the summer holiday; recognises the part played by the pupils in the Senior Phase of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence who were able to use this as an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by taking the opportunity of supporting younger pupils with Additional Support Needs through the course; and congratulates Angela on her nomination in the Learning for Sustainability Awards run by the Daily Record newspaper and Education Scotland, which highlight the amazing work being undertaken in Scotland's schools and the commitment of teachers, pupils, and volunteers to environmental and social justice issues.

#### 424 Auchengeich Mining Disaster 62nd anniversary

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 25

Steven Bonnar Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Brendan O'Hara

Alison Thewliss

That this House acknowledges that Saturday 18 September 2021 is the 62nd anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to Councillor Willie Doolan and all at the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn Community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster.

# 425 Commemoration of Martyrdom Day of Kashmiris

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman Jim Shannon John McDonnell

That this House commemorates with deep sadness the 31st Martyrdom Day of Kashmiri Hindus on 14 September, those Hindus having lost their lives to cross-border Islamic Jihad who committed atrocities on the population of Jammu and Kashmir, India; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in that act of genocide; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled to save life and limb have still not secured justice for those atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who survived that gruesome ethnic genocide; recognises the role of Panun Kashmir in campaigning for the rights of Hindus in Kashmir; and urges the Government of India to legislate a genocide crime punishment law in fulfilment of their international obligation by being a proposer and signatory to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

#### 426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 18

Mr Toby Perkins Gareth Bacon Chris Evans David Mundell Tonia Antoniazzi Sir Robert Neill

Alison Thewliss

That this House is delighted, amazed and inspired by the performances of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open without losing a set; notes that she is the first qualifier in the history of tennis to win a grand slam event; congratulates Emma and all those involved in her success; further notes that an estimated television audience of over 9.5 million watched Saturday's match; hopes that this success will inspire future generations of girls, boys and adults to take up tennis; and encourages the LTA, the Government and local tennis clubs to use this success to further drive up participation of this sport which can be enjoyed by people across the country regardless of age, sex or ability.

#### 428 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 17

Kirsten Oswald Richard Burgon Ian Mearns Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards

Alison Thewliss

John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; notes that blood cancers are the most common cancers affecting children and young people and that acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a type of leukaemia where cancerous cells build up in the bone marrow, is the most common cancer diagnosed in children, further notes that ALL is an acute leukaemia, which means it develops quickly and needs treatment straight away; recognises there are around 790 diagnoses of ALL in the UK each year, including over 500 in people aged under 25; welcomes signs that improvements in outcomes for children and young people with ALL have been driven by improvements in treatment related to clinical trials, including the use of CAR-T therapy, which has been effective in curing some patients with advanced cancers where other treatments have failed; expresses its appreciation for the work of groups such as the Teenage Cancer Trust and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group who are working to provide and improve the care and treatment of young people with ALL, supporting them and their families through the aftermath of a diagnosis and the extended period of treatment, which may last for two or more years; and calls on the Government to provide additional funding and support for research into promising treatments, such as CAR-T therapy, and effective means of recognising the signs and symptoms of ALL and other childhood cancers to ensure early diagnosis, which plays such an important role in ensuring survival from these distressing diseases.

Signatories: 13

#### 429 Kharkiv Pride 2021

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 8

Tabled: 14/09/21

Tabled: **15/09/21** 

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Jonathan Edwards Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan Marion Fellows Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

This House congratulates people taking part in the Pride march in Kharkiv, Ukraine; notes that the third annual civil rights march attracted a record crowd of between 2000-3000 participants; however, condemns the violence that was instigated by right-wing protestors at the end of the parade; salutes the efforts of LGBT+ campaigners in Ukraine for stepping up efforts to gain recognition, support, and protection in the face of threats and intimidation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Ukrainians and their allies; and offers its support to them in the future.

#### 433 Role of Christian charity

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Carla Lockhart
Sammy Wilson
Bob Blackman
Paul Girvan

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House celebrates the contribution of Christian charity, Faith in Later Life, as it seeks to mobilise the church to reach, serve and empower older people across the UK; notes the contribution of over 480 church champions, as it marks its first Annual conference to equip those who are leading vital work at a local level; and recognises the contribution of the church in this important area as society seeks to engage afresh with older people beyond the pandemic.

# 434 Support for the Plant Based Treaty

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck Colum Eastwood Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Bell Ribeiro-Addy Tony Lloyd

John McDonnell Paul Blomfield

That this House welcomes the Plant Based Treaty aiming to put food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis by encouraging a shift to healthier and sustainable plant-based diets, while simultaneously working to reverse the damage to ecosystems and biodiversity; and calls on the Government to use COP26 in Glasgow as an opportunity to be a world leader in recognising the negative impact of industrial animal agriculture on climate change and commit to developing a global strategy to transition towards more sustainable plant-based food systems.

# 435 **Back British Farming Day**

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 10

Tim Farron
Andrew Gwynne
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Caroline Lucas

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the National Farmers Union's Back British Farming Day on the 15 September 2021; recognises the key role farmers play in producing the food we eat and as stewards of our countryside; believes that farmers are key allies in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies; supports the introduction of a public money for public goods system for farm payments; further believes existing basic payments should continue in full until the new Environmental Land Management Scheme is fully rolled out; considers the Government's failure to protect UK standards on environmental protection and animal welfare to be deeply damaging to farmers; calls on the Government to protect those standards; and further calls for Parliament to be given the final say on any trade agreement.

# Justice for the Yazidi and other religious minority victims of Daesh genocide

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 10

Brendan O'Hara Marion Fellows Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House recalls that on 20 April 2016 the House voted 278 to 0 in favour of declaring the crimes of Daesh as genocide; notes that the Government contributed to the successful establishment of the UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Daesh/ISIL (UNITAD) to collect and preserve the evidence of Daesh's atrocities in Iraq and to support Iraqi domestic efforts to hold the perpetrators to account; further notes that UNITAD identified 1,444 suspected perpetrators responsible for the attacks against the Yazidis, including 14 members deemed most responsible for the atrocities classified as war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide; is concerned that only a few perpetrators have been brought to justice, whether in Iraq or abroad, and for terror-related offences only; and calls on the Government to lead the initiative at the UN Security Council to either refer the situation in Iraq to the International Criminal Court or to establish an ad-hoc International Tribunal for Daesh's atrocities in Iraq to ensure justice for the survivors and families of victims of the crimes of Daesh.

# 20 years of limits on press and freedom of expression in Eritrea

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 16

Patrick Grady Jeremy Corbyn Marion Fellows Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Claire Hanna

Alison Thewliss Neil Coyle John McDonnell

That this House notes that 18 September 2021 will mark the 20th anniversary of the decision by the Government of Eritrea to ban all independent media outlets in the country, and the arrest and arbitrary detention of journalists and political activists; further notes that those prisoners of conscience include Aster Fissehatison and 10 others who had written an open letter to the President of Eritrea calling for democratic political dialogue, unity and the peaceful rule of law; notes reports by Amnesty International that the group has never been put on trial or charged with any offence and that no official word on its whereabouts or physical condition has ever been given to family members or friends; notes that the Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that least 11 journalists were arrested in the round-up, and several more were jailed the following month, estimating that 17 journalists remain in prison to this day, none of whom has been heard from since that time; welcomes the work of these campaign groups and members of the Eritrean community living outside Eritrea to raise awareness of these prisoners of conscience, including a new exhibition of photos and images which will be launched by Eritrea Focus to mark the anniversary; and calls on the Government to work with the international community to address ongoing abuses of human rights in Eritrea.

#### 442 Access to cash (No. 2)

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 10
John Nicolson
Marion Follows

Marion Fellows Chris Law Carla Lockhart Ian Mearns Allan Dorans

John McDonnell

That this House recognises that many people living in rural communities need access to cash, particularly those who are elderly or financially excluded; further recognises that the many post office closures are having a devastating impact on people's access to wider services as well as cash; and implores the Government not to forget the many people who rely on cash in policy going forward.

# 443 North East Child Poverty

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 12

Tabled: 20/09/21

lan Lavery Rebecca Long Bailey Mary Kelly Foy Ian Mearns Kate Osborne Grahame Morris

John McDonnell

That this House notes the rapidly increasing levels of child poverty in the North East, including in Wansbeck, among other areas of the North, rising from 26 per cent in 2014-15 to 37 per cent in 2019-20 now the second highest rate across the country only behind London; further notes the profound effects this has on children growing up in poverty in Wansbeck and elsewhere on almost every facet of life from educational outcomes, health outcomes, economic outcomes which puts them at a huge disadvantage compared with their peers; notes that these problems will all be compounded by the £20 cut to universal credit that will only serve to widen the already gross inequalities in this country; and notes the need to act urgently to tackle child poverty as an essential aspect of any levelling up project before the worst economic, social, and political effects manifest themselves.

#### 445 Palliative care

Siobhain McDonagh Jim Shannon Paula Barker Dan Carden Jonathan Edwards Navendu Mishra

Tim Farron Dame Margaret Hodge Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck John McDonnell Allan Dorans Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with concern a recent report by Marie Curie which predicts a 42 per cent increase in demand for end-of-life care by 2040; acknowledges the lack of funding for palliative care in the UK; recognises the crucial role end-of-life care has played during the covid-19 pandemic; understands that palliative care services are under significant strain and as a result almost 15,000 people have died outside of hospital without the necessary support during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the continual increase in cost to provide these vital services; and therefore calls on the Government to bring forward plans to this House that resolves the social care crisis and provides sustainable funding for the palliative care sector.

#### 449 60 years of independent television in the north of Scotland

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 7

Richard Thomson Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans

Chris Law

That this House notes that 30 September 2021 marks sixty years of Independent Television in the North of Scotland; notes that Grampian Television, which served the area with distinction from 1961 to 2006, produced programming in Gaelic, English and Scots at a time when the indigenous languages of Scotland were under increasing threat from globalisation; recognises that many of those programmes are now a valuable archive of the language and culture of North and North-east Scotland; and calls for the full devolution of broadcasting powers to the Scotlish Parliament in order that broadcasting policy better reflects the priorities and needs of the people of Scotland.

#### 450 Anthony Nolan and Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 9

Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Layla Moran Navendu Mishra Margaret Ferrier Alison Thewliss

John McDonnell Allan Dorans Chris Law

That this House recognises Blood Cancer Awareness Month from 1-30 September; notes its importance for raising awareness of blood cancers and the necessity of their early diagnosis to save lives; commends charitable organisations like Anthony Nolan and their campaign to amplify voices of blood cancer patients; recognises their Blood Cancer Awareness Month campaign to stop blood cancer patients being left behind as we come out of the pandemic; and further commends the staff at Anthony Nolan for continuing to provide advocacy, wellbeing and treatment support to blood cancer patients across Scotland and the UK during this challenging time.

# 452 John Henderson and the 2021 World Cup of Darts

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 4

Richard Thomson Marion Fellows Allan Dorans Chris Law

That this House congratulates John Henderson of Huntly, Aberdeenshire, on winning the PDC 2021 World Cup of Darts for Scotland with Peter Wright; notes that this is the second time in three years Scotland has won the title; commiserates with Austria, the defeated finalists this time; and wishes John and his many supporters many more victories in future.

Signatories: 5

#### 454 Covid-19 vaccinations at Caird Hall

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Chris Law
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That this House notes that Monday 20 September 2021 will be the last day that covid-19 vaccinations are delivered at Dundee's Caird Hall; celebrates that NHS Tayside have delivered 135,000 vaccinations at the Caird Hall over the last eight months to people across the city and wider Tayside area; further notes that delivery of the vaccination will now continue at a number of local venues across Dundee; thanks all NHS Tayside staff involved in the delivery of vaccinations for their hard work and commitment to keeping people safe throughout the pandemic; and encourages anyone who has yet to receive their vaccination to arrange for one soon.

# 455 Support for refugees

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Allan Dorans Chris Law

That this House welcomes the initiative between the Social Enterprise Academy Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council to support refugees by providing a series of six leadership and enterprise programmes which will help up to 84 people across Scotland; and further welcomes the focus on opportunities for new Scots to become valued contributors and leaders within their own communities.

# 456 Ringfenced radiotherapy funding

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Sir George Howarth

That this House is deeply concerned by the scale and severity of the covid-19 induced cancer backlog; notes Macmillan's estimate that it will take the NHS 18 months, working at 110 per cent capacity, to clear the cancer backlog; recognises that the UK has one of the lowest cancer survivability rates in international league tables; further recognises that radiotherapy is a covid-19 safe and economical cancer treatment, costing between £4,000 and £7,000 per patient; further notes the UK's historic underfunding of radiotherapy technologies and the woeful 27 per cent treatment rate for UK patients, in comparison to the international standard of 60 per cent; calls on the Government to support the recommendations of the APPG for Radiotherapy's 2021 Manifesto

Update; and and urges that £865 million of the new multi-billion-pound NHS funding package is ringfenced for investments which improve radiotherapy services.

# 457 Arrests and detentions in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 11

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Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss

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That this House notes with concern reports by Amnesty International and others that authorities in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have subjected numerous journalists, activists and protestors to arbitrary arrests and forceable disappearances in a series of crackdowns beginning in March 2020; understands that among those detained is Sherwan Ameen, who graduated from the University of Glasgow's School of Education with a Master's in Teaching Adults in 2015, and who was among a number of teachers arrested for protesting that they had not been paid; further understands that he had been held without charge for almost a year until 6 September when he was charged with High Treason, which carries the death penalty, and that a trial has been set for October 6;

calls on the Foreign Secretary to urgently raise this case and the wider situation with counterparts in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq; and supports the calls of Amnesty International for an end to the crackdown on freedom of speech, the immediate release of all those who have been arbitrarily detained, and for the authorities to refrain from using vague and ill-defined laws to curtail the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in the region.

#### 459 Mental health care

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 8

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Navendu Mishra
lan Lavery

John McDonnell Andrew Gwynne

That this House believes there is a crisis of mental health problems in our country today; expresses its concern that the covid-19 outbreak has had a hugely detrimental impact on people's mental health, which is likely to lead to increased pressure on mental health services in the coming months and years; notes that there has been a 16 per cent increase in suicide since 2010; further notes that there are 2,120 fewer mental health nurses in England today than there were in 2010, 5,212 fewer mental health beds and that 695 people a month are having to travel outside of their area to access mental health services; acknowledges that these cuts have hit the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber particularly hard with a loss of a quarter of mental health beds since 2010, which has resulted in 150 people a month having to travel out of the area to receive treatment; recognises that the demand for mental health services currently far exceeds the provisions available; further believes that it is totally unacceptable that people who are struggling with mental health problems

are unable to access the help they need; and demands that the Government immediately makes more funding available for mental health services.

#### 460 Eastbank Care Home awarded top twenty rated care homes in Scotland

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 5

David Linden Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Chris Law

That this House congratulates Eastbank Care Home for being recognised in the top 20 rated care homes in Scotland in the carehome.co.uk Awards 2021; notes that the award celebrates the dedication of the care home staff at Eastbank Care Home, who provide outstanding support to residents and their families; further notes that the award is based upon reviews from residents, their loved ones and other service users; congratulates all members of staff at the Eastbank Care Home and HC-One for the excellent reviews that led to them receiving the award; highlights that alongside Eastbank, 8 other Scottish care homes are on the top 20 list, making up almost half of the list; and celebrates the hard work and commitment of all care home staff, who work tirelessly to serve their communities.

#### 461 Life on the Breadline Report

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 5

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That this House welcomes the publication of Life on the Breadline: Christianity, Poverty and Politics in the 21st Century City, researched and written by Dr Stephanie Denning, Dr Chris Shannahan, Professor Robert Beckford and Professor Peter Scott; notes that the research analyses the nature, reach and impact of Christian responses to austerity age poverty, providing insights into the impact of Christian engagement with poverty and raising new challenges for policymakers on responding to poverty in the UK; highlights the extent of the research for the report, which includes interviews with 16 national Church leaders and 104 regional Church leaders; emphasises the significance of the reports recommendations for tackling poverty, which stress the importance of Church leaders and policy makers working together to address the causes of poverty, alongside encouraging policymakers to spend more time with people experiencing poverty to understand the issue more deeply; and urges the Government to consider this report and to issue a response to the recommendations.

# 462 Market failure and energy supply

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 20

Jon Trickett Zarah Sultana Dan Carden Ian Lavery Bell Ribeiro-Addy Mary Kelly Foy

Apsana Begum Ian Mearns John McDonnell Rebecca Long Bailey Andrew Gwynne Tony Lloyd

That this House notes with concern Ofgem's announcement of the £153 energy price cap rise due to take effect on 1 October 2021; further notes the rise will coincide with the end to the universal credit uplift and end to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; regrets that these measures combined will further force 1.28 million more of those on low incomes into poverty; recognises that the energy and energy network companies' ability to realise significant profits from consumer bills since privatisation is evidence of a broken market; further recognises the pursual of fire and rehire tactics in private energy providers in the past year; acknowledges public support for public ownership in the energy system; believes that increased regulation and public ownership of private energy provision can deliver better investment in infrastructure, a faster switch to renewable energy, better staffing terms and conditions, and lower consumer bills; and further believes that public financial support for energy providers should come with clear conditions, including restrictions on elements of the private operating model such as dividend payments, excessive CEO remuneration, and with the option of public provision in the energy sector.

# 463 **60th anniversary of Kirklandneuk Primary School**

Tabled: 21/09/21 Signatories: 46

Gavin Newlands lan Blackford Mhairi Black Kirsten Oswald Carol Monaghan Ronnie Cowan

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that Kirklandneuk Primary School in Renfrew celebrated its 60th anniversary on 28 August 2021; understands that the school has over the last three weeks had several events celebrating the occasion; believes that Kirklandneuk Primary School has made a substantial contribution to educating youngsters in the Renfrew Area over the years; congratulates the school on reaching this important milestone; and wishes the headteacher, Mrs Karen MacKechnie, staff and pupils every success for the future.

# 464 Centenary of the Victory Baths in Renfrew

Tabled: 21/09/21 Signatories: 46

Gavin Newlands Ian Blackford Mhairi Black Kirsten Oswald Carol Monaghan Ronnie Cowan

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that the Victory Baths in Renfrew celebrated its centenary on 19 September 2021; understands that the swimming baths were gifted to the town by shipbuilder and government minister, Sir Frederick Lobnitz, who, along with his wife, Lady Lobnitz and Lady Blythswood conducted the opening ceremony watched by crowds of locals; believes the Victory Baths have played a huge role in the health and well-being of Renfrew over the past 100 years; congratulates the leisure facility on reaching this important milestone; and wishes the staff and users every success for the next 100 years.

# 465 Charges for HSBC Clubs and Community Bank Account holders

Tabled: 21/09/21 Signatories: 7

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Signatories: 5

Liz Saville Roberts Layla Moran Paula Barker Jim Shannon Ian Mearns Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

That this House is concerned by HSBC's decision to unilaterally move HSBC Clubs and Community Bank Account holders to the bank's new Charitable Bank Account which charges £60 annually; notes that the Bank is imposing criteria which may move Clubs and Community Bank Account holders to other fee-charging accounts; is dismayed that the new Charitable Bank Account will also charge customers to deposit cash at a bank branch or Post Offices and when customers withdraw funds; and calls on the Government to encourage HSBC to reverse its decision.

# 466 Impact of flu

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Sammy Wilson Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson Paula Barker

That this House recognises the impact flu has on the entire UK; notes the additional challenge faced by vulnerable people and the NHS this winter given the continued presence of covid-19; and encourages the Department of Health and Social Care to consider opportunities to improve the flu pathway including increasing testing and treatment of flu.

#### 467 Passing of Jimmy Greaves MBE

Tabled: 21/09/21 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
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Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Layla Moran
Paula Barker

Jonathan Edwards

John McDonnell

That this House notes the passing of footballing legend Jimmy Greaves MBE; further notes his tremendous league and international reputation as England's fourth-highest international goal scorer, Spurs' highest ever goal scorer, the highest goal scorer in the history of English top-flight football, and his record of having scored more hat-tricks for England than anyone else; recognises the inspiration that he has been to young people in sport over the past 50 years; and offers sincere condolences to his wife and children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who mourn his loss.

#### 468 One year anniversary of G64 Cycles

Tabled: 21/09/21 Signatories: 7

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Chris Law

That this House congratulates local Bishopbriggs enterprise, G64 Cycles, on their one year anniversary; commends the team at G64 Cycles for marking this occasion by hosting a Macmillan coffee morning to raise money for cancer support; understands that a £5 donation to Macmillan cancer support is being made for every bike currently sold; praises their efforts to assist the wider community throughout lockdown and the covid-19 outbreak by offering free bike repairs to those in need; recognises their work to promote active travel for all, including local organisations such as Women's Aid, Bike for Good, YPeople and others by gifting free bikes; and wishes everyone at G64 Cycles continued success in the operation of their ethical local business.