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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 9 November 2021

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New EDMs

Working conditions for private hire drivers

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 9

Apsana Begum Bell Ribeiro-Addy John McDonnell Navendu Mishra Mary Kelly Foy Marsha De Cordova

lan Byrne Grahame Morris Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recognises the efforts of those Uber workers who have recently taken industrial action as part of the ACDU and IWGB trade unions; further recognises that both of these strikes were due to Uber's lack of implementation of the Supreme Court's ruling that included paying their drivers for waiting time, which is estimated to account for around 40 per cent of their working time; notes that the IWGB union is now supporting an employment tribunal claim for indirect racial discrimination, over the use of facial recognition algorithms to dismiss workers without reason; further notes that these algorithms have been seen to disproportionately affect those from Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority backgrounds; pays tribute to those that, throughout the covid-19 outbreak, have been working on the frontline as private hire drivers; recognises that as of 30 September 2021 private hire drivers wishing to renew their licence will have to prove their English speaking credentials, which creates a divisive hierarchy between workers who speak English as a first language and migrants; notes that it has been estimated this new law has so far stopped 30,000 drivers from renewing their licences; and calls on the Government to request Uber to enforce the February 2021 Supreme Court ruling and requests that Transport for London reconsiders the law relating to licence renewal.

635 Freedom of expression in Cuba

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House notes that the Cuban civil society movement, Archipiélago, has called for marches on the 15 November 2021 against violence, to demand that all Cubans' rights are respected, for the release of political prisoners and for the solution to their differences via democratic and peaceful channels; further notes that the Cuban government has thus far denied the right of citizens to protest peacefully and continues to detain and imprison those who peacefully protested on 11 July 2021; and calls on the Cuban government to allow peaceful protest, release political prisoners and to engage in meaningful dialogue with Cuban civil society.

636 World Diabetes Day

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises the theme of World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2021 is Access to Diabetes Care; expresses concern that millions of people with diabetes around the world do not have access to diabetes care; that people with diabetes require ongoing care and support to manage their condition and avoid complications; and therefore calls on the Government to increase investment in diabetes care and prevention, and broaden access to medicines to more of the 460 million people living with diabetes and the millions more at risk around the world.

The 2021 Young Women's Movement 30 under 30

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates the 2021 Young Women's Movement 30 under 30; understands that those young women, who are from or currently live in Scotland, have demonstrated experiences and visions for society which inspire us all; appreciates that these inspiring change-makers represent the diversity of Scotland in all its forms and applauds their industry, creativity, and community spirit; notes that the 30 are Aeisha Ali, Anna Thomas, Bee Asha Singh, Bernadette Williamson, Chiara Bullen, Dionne Hossack, Eilidh Milliken, Elise Kelly, Elspeth Drysdale, Erin McAleer, Juliana Sweeney-Baird, Katie Pake, Katie Potton, Kelly Given, Kira Henry, Lauren Bowie, Lucy Grieve, Mahzabeen Sheikh, Marissa Roxburgh, Mikaela Loach, Prema Chablani, Rachel-Jane Morrison, Rebekah Cheung, Robyn Hendry, Rosie Moore, Sarah MacDonald, Sonali Misra, Susie Dalton, Tariro Viola Mapako and Zuzana Hudacova; further notes that three of the thirty, Kira Henry, Marissa Roxburgh and Elise Kelly, are from East Renfrewshire and work tirelessly on a range of community projects designed to improve the lives of others; congratulates YWCA Scotland for their work in leading this annual initiative; recognises that YWCA Scotland is a feminist organisation and part of a worldwide movement of women leading change whose vision is of a world where every woman can shape her own life journey and fulfill her potential, and where the voices of women are heard, respected and celebrated.

Signatories: 3

Signatories: 1

Tabled: 9/11/21

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638 **Outsourcing**

Chris Stephens [R] Grahame Morris John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern the use of private contractors in delivering front-line services across the Department for Work and Pensions; further notes that current services run by private firm Serco include the Initial Evidence Interview, General Enquiries and Advanced Payments, and Personal Independence Payments Mandatory Reconsideration; notes that the recently announced Restart Scheme, which aims to give jobseekers enhanced support to find jobs, will be run by numerous private firms across the UK on a payment by results basis; expresses alarm that Serco, which has secured further contracts in the Department this financial year to deliver call handling and support, has recently received support from up to 450 directly employed DWP staff in order to tackle high call volumes; notes that many private firms have failed to deliver adequate services within the DWP, affecting some of the most vulnerable people in society; supports the Public and Commercial Services union in their calls for in-housing of all services within the DWP to ensure the best support for service users as well as better terms, conditions and pay for staff; and calls on the DWP to work closely with unions and third-sector organisations to build a stronger Department that puts claimants and their needs at the heart of its operations.

639 Inquiry into the events at Orgreave

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that it is now five years since the then Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP, refused the call for an inquiry into the events at Orgreave in 1984; recognises that there is clear evidence that striking miners were beaten by the police, charged by police horses and falsely accused of riot; notes that the Independent Police Complaints Commission reported that there was evidence of violence by police officers, a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men and an apparent coverup of that perjury by senior officers; further notes that in the years since the then Home Secretary's refusal significant new information has come to light which makes the case for an inquiry even more compelling including the release of 1984-85 Home Office papers in 2017, the confirmation that relevant police papers are embargoed from release until 2066 and the revelation that the then Home Secretary had privately revealed that her real reason for blocking an inquiry was that it would slur the memory of Thatcher; believes that the public, the miners, their families and the wider trade union movement deserve to know the truth of what happened at Orgreave; and calls on the Government to establish an inquiry into the events at Orgreave.

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.

Death and recognition of Walter Smith OBE

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 41

Tabled: 28/10/21

Signatories: 32

Chris Stephens Brendan O'Hara Ian Blackford Gavin Newlands Stewart Hosie Dan Carden

Carla Lockhart

That this House expresses its deep sorrow at the death of Rangers Football Club legend, and one of the great modern day football managers, Walter Smith OBE; recognises Walter's extraordinary contribution to Scottish football, both as a manager and as a player, beginning his playing career at Dundee United in 1966, and a spell at Dumbarton before a return to the Tangerines; pays tribute to the incredible legacy of Walter as one of the most successful men ever to manage Rangers, winning ten Scottish Premier League titles, including securing a record nine league trophies in a row in the 1990s, winning five Scottish Cups, six Scottish League Cups and taking Rangers to the UEFA Cup Final in 2008 in his second spell as manager at the club; further notes his wider contribution to Rangers as an ambassador, advisor and briefly as chairman; recognises his successful spells as manager with the Scottish National Team, Everton and his short spell as assistant manager to Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United where he won the FA Cup in 2004; and extends its sincere sympathy to Walter's family, his former team mates, the wider footballing world and the tens of thousands of Ranger's fans around the world mourning the loss of a true Rangers Football Club legend.

598 Community Sponsorship

Helen Hayes Mr Virendra Sharma Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna Chris Stephens Joanna Cherry

Sarah Green

That this House pays tribute to the hard work of over 100 community sponsorship groups who have welcomed more than 500 refugees to the UK; notes that community sponsorship has played an integral role in resettling Syrian refugees since 2016; further notes that research has found that community sponsorship creates a warmer welcome for refugees and contributes to more inclusive communities than other routes; recognises that communities across the country stand ready to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees and welcomes the Government's commitment to extend the Community Sponsorship scheme to include Afghan refugees; notes extensive delays in the processing of community sponsorship applications; and calls on the Government to provide the funding and resources to speed up the administration of that scheme.

599 Rett Syndrome Awareness Month

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 30

Marion Fellows Chris Stephens Joanna Cherry Stuart C McDonald Allan Dorans Hywel Williams

John Nicolson

That this House recognises Rett Syndrome Awareness Month from 1-30 October; notes its importance for raising awareness of the rare genetic disorder as the second most common cause of severe disability in women and girls; commends the charitable organisation, Rett UK, for their outstanding work in providing information, support and advocacy services for people impacted by the condition across the UK; and recognises the importance of their campaign this Rett Syndrome Awareness Month to inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett Syndrome and their families.

606 Support for autism diagnosis

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 24

Tabled: 1/11/21

Signatories: 16

Mr Barry Sheerman Rosie Cooper Mick Whitley Dr Lisa Cameron Andrew Gwynne Jonathan Edwards

Carla Lockhart

That this House has considered the Westminster Commission on Autism's third report entitled Support Surrounding Diagnosis; recognises that the period surrounding an autism diagnosis is often stressful and uncertain; notes that access to the right support is vital; further notes that many people seeking an autism diagnosis do not have their needs met; understands that focused clinical diagnostic services with a single accessible pathway to diagnosis is essential to providing those seeking an autism diagnosis with the correct support; and urges the Government to review the recommendations of the report and provide greater funding to the health services to reduce pressure on diagnostic services and waiting times.

607 UK Disability History Month

Dr Lisa Cameron Marion Fellows Andrew Gwynne Jonathan Edwards Sir Mike Penning Allan Dorans

Marsha De Cordova Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises 18 November to 18 December is Disability History Month which is now in its 12th year of being celebrated in the UK; notes that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; further notes that this year's joint

themes are Hidden Impairment and Sex and Relationships; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; recognises that more than half the 14.5 million people currently identified as disabled in the UK have hidden impairments; further recognises that due to discrimination that many who can pass as non-disabled have chosen not to identify, even though this has caused them many difficulties; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges Parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible and sustainable society for disabled people in the UK.

611 In remembrance of Malcolm Dodd

Tabled: 2/11/21 Signatories: 4

Gavin Newlands Mhairi Black Allan Dorans Marion Fellows

That this House expresses its sorrow at the passing of Paisley Rugby Club stalwart Malcolm Dodd; notes that Malcolm, or Malky

as he was known to all, was a larger than life figure who had volunteered to fill the vast majority of positions on the management committee over the years; recognises that when his playing days for Paisley were over, it was in his role as a junior rugby coach in which he had the biggest impact on people's lives; understands that he helped to produce some of Paisley's best players including his own son David; acknowledges that whether it was in his role as player, coach, bar convener, referee, or simply David's dad, Malcolm was seen as Mr Paisley Rugby Club and leaves behind a legacy that will be felt for many years to come; appreciates that before the home game on Saturday 30 October Paisley players, old and new, linked arms on the sideline to honour Malcolm with a minute's silence followed by applause; further notes that Malcolm's funeral service will be held on Friday 5 November at Woodside Crematorium; and sends its very best wishes to his wife Kathy, his son David, daughter Gillian and all his grandchildren at this sad time.

614 Aviation safety and licensing

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 7

Douglas Chapman Allan Dorans Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Marion Fellows

Richard Thomson

That this House calls on the Department for Transport to commit to and facilitate the setting up of a specialised committee by the end of 2021, so that an annex for pilot and engineering licences can be included within the Trade and Co-operation Agreement for UK participation in the European Union Aviation Safety Agency; and further calls on the Government to consider reallocating funds to make available resources to provide sufficient and timeous retraining to ensure the continued validity of pilot and engineering licences for personnel in and out of work so that the aviation industry can rebuild resilience following the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the covid-19 pandemic.

615 Recognising the 1988 massacre in Iran

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 9

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Martyn Day
Gavin Robinson
Andrew Rosindell
Stephen Farry

Martin Vickers

That this House supports justice for the victims of the 1988 massacre in Iran; recognises that in 1988, thousands of political prisoners, as many as 30,000, were massacred based on a fatwa by Iran's Supreme Leader Khomeini primarily targeting members of the opposition PMOI (MEK) who remained committed to their beliefs; is deeply concerned by the impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of the massacre who are today running the Iranian Government and judiciary; recalls that Amnesty International has identified President Ebrahim Raisi as a member of the 1988 Death Commissions which carried out the enforced disappearance and extrajudicial executions of thousands of political dissidents; reiterates that an enforced disappearance continues until the fate and whereabouts of the individuals concerned are established; welcomes the recent calls by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran and UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for an international investigation into Iran's 1988 massacre of political prisoners; acknowledges Amnesty International's 19 June 2021 statement calling for Raisi to be criminally investigated for the crimes against humanity of murder, enforced disappearance and torture in accordance with international law and standards, including by states that exercise universal jurisdiction; shares the belief of human rights experts that the 1988 enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions in Iran amount to ongoing crimes against humanity and genocide; calls on the Government to seek a UN Commission of Inquiry into the 1988 massacre; and recognises 19 July as the day to remember victims of the 1988 massacre.

617 Alcohol Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 12

Dan Carden [R] Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the promotion of Alcohol Awareness Week, which is taking place from 15 to 21 November 2021; notes that the theme of the week is alcohol and relationships; further notes that polling this week from Alcohol Change UK found that, since covid-19 restrictions eased in the spring, one in three people has worried about a friend or relative's drinking; highlights that alcohol can impact on a range of relationships, including between intimate partners and amongst family, friends and colleagues; and recognises the importance of raising awareness of alcohol harm and reducing the stigma that prevents people reaching out for help.

619 Toy safety

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 27

Neil Coyle Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Martyn Day Kenny MacAskill Patricia Gibson

Jim Shannon Mick Whitley Sarah Green

That this House expresses concern on consumer's safety in relation to unsafe products sold via online marketplaces in the UK; notes that this is an issue that has been raised by the British Toy and Hobby Association in their latest report entitled, Still toying with children's safety, and by Electrical Safety First in their report entitled, Online Marketplaces - The Need for Change; further notes that there are unacceptable levels of unsafe products sold via third-party sellers, which can deceive UK consumers and can cause serious harm, particularly to children; and calls for urgent Government action to implement a legal framework that makes online marketplaces take accountability for the products sold through their platforms by third-party sellers, therefore, improving the safety of adults and children in the UK.

621 UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron Sir Mike Penning Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Andrew Gwynne Kenny MacAskill

Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises 3 December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day to celebrate people with disabilities and champion their abilities and contribution; supports the United Nation's work surrounding this campaign; notes this year's theme is leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-covid-19 world, which aims to raise awareness and understanding of disabilities and ensure people with disabilities have access to leadership opportunities, notes that over 15 per cent of the world's population live with a disability and that during these unprecedented times, they are likely to be disproportionately affected; acknowledges the work the all-party Parliamentary group on Disability has done to raise the profile of disability across the House; further thanks the 100 plus hon. Members who supported the disability confident workshop led by the APPG this year which will result in an increased level of political participation; also acknowledges the fantastic work that disability organisations have done to support disabled people globally, including Leonard Cheshire, Disability Rights UK, Sense and Sense International, and the support provided across the UK by disability organisations; encourages the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for people with disabilities leaving no one behind, in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Signatories: 3

Signatories: 4

622 Impact of e-scooter use

Tabled: **8/11/21** Signatories: 4

Tabled: **8/11/21**

Tabled: 8/11/21

Ed Davey Jim Shannon Layla Moran Sarah Olney

That this House recognises the Government's e-scooter trial period, due to expire in November 2021; understands the potential benefits of using e-scooters and integrating them into active travel and green transport; recognises that e-scooters are indisputably less polluting than conventional petrol and diesel vehicles; notes the 2018 Dockless Electric Scooter-Related Injuries Study, conducted in Texas, which suggests that excessive e-scooter speed contributed to more than one-third, namely 37%, of injured riders; recognises the impact of pavement clutter which impacts disabled people; and calls on the Government to publish regular reviews of the impacts of e-scooters on safety in cities.

623 Save Our Books campaign

Neale Hanvey Sir Mike Penning Jim Shannon

That this House notes the continuing efforts of the Save Our Books campaign bringing together the Publishers Association, the Society of Authors, the Association of Authors' Agents and the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society on behalf of authors, literary agents, publishers and other supportive partners to maintain the UK's existing copyright laws rather than adopt an international exhaustion regime which would risk levelling down copyright standards; notes the concerns expressed by the Save Our Books Campaign that such a move would threaten the creative export market with the potential loss of up to 25% of the UK publishing industry's revenue, valued at almost one billion pounds, thereby potentially hampering investment and putting jobs at risk; believes that maintaining existing copyright laws will ensure that authors, illustrators, translators and publishers continue to be paid appropriately for their work and will also prevent an influx of cheap books from overseas which would see fewer books, by fewer authors for fewer readers across the UK; and calls on the Government to respond in early course to the findings of the recent consultation on the UK's future exhaustion of intellectual property rights regime carried out by The Intellectual Property Office which closed on 31 August and thereby provide the certainty and stability which the publishing sector needs.

Forth and District Initiative 624

Jim Shannon **Allan Dorans Marion Fellows**

Angela Crawley

That this House congratulates Forth and District Initiative on being awarded £3000 in National Lottery funding to install five composting bins at the Forth Eco-Site; notes the group aim to maintain the beauty of the area through green initiatives, ranging from collecting rainwater for the plants to using wind and solar power for light and heat on the eco-site; recognises the positive impact the eco-site has on the local community by encouraging residents to maintain their own raised beds, and their continued involvement in a food co-op which sees freshly grown produce provided to the local foodbank and pensioners; and further notes the increase of young families

using the site over the past year and the educational benefits of learning about nutrition and the environment as communities attempt to tackle climate change.

85th Anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 3

Kate Osborne Jim Shannon Mick Whitley

That this House commemorates with pride the 85th anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade; commends the 200 proud marchers who set off for London on 5 October 1936 to deliver their petition to Parliament; understands that the marchers wanted Parliament to view them as orderly and respectful people who deserved the right to work to support their families; recognises that the Crusade represents a great source of pride and togetherness which is still present in the town today; acknowledges that the proud folk of Jarrow and their local hon. Member Ellen Wilkinson came together in a united effort to demand the authorities listen; regretfully acknowledges that Parliament and the Prime Minister at the time did not greet the Marchers with great respect or respond positively to their plea for employment; and celebrates the Crusade's lasting legacy which still is alive in the town of Jarrow.

626 Social tariffs for broadband

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 7

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Layla Moran
Sarah Olney
Christine Jardine
Jonathan Edwards

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the benefits of discounted broadband tariffs for consumers on low incomes or with special social needs; acknowledges that there is currently no mandatory requirement for broadband or mobile providers to offer social tariffs; notes that the amendments to the Communications Act 2003 that came into force in December 2020 mean that Ofcom now has powers, with Government direction, to consider the need for industry-wide social tariffs for particular groups of customers; further notes that, if social tariffs were made mandatory, over 7 million households could potentially benefit from having the cost of bills reduced; and calls on the Government to direct Ofcom to instate mandatory and universal broadband and mobile social tariffs for vulnerable consumers.

Signatories: 5

627 Hon. Members and secondary employment

Tabled: **8/11/21** Signatories: 27

Richard Burgon John McDonnell **Apsana Begum** Zarah Sultana **Nadia Whittome** Ian Lavery

Claudia Webbe Jonathan Edwards Karl Turner Clive Lewis Bell Ribeiro-Addy Jon Trickett Andy McDonald lan Mearns Kenny MacAskill Douglas Chapman Paula Barker Rebecca Long Bailey Liz Saville Roberts Andrew Gwynne Sarah Champion **Beth Winter** Helen Hayes

That this House recognises that being an hon. Member is not only a privilege but is also a well-paid and full-time job; believes that it is wrong that hon. Members are to able to receive significant additional incomes from second jobs, including for political consultancy or advisory roles for corporate interests; and calls for legislation to ban hon. Members from having second jobs, with limited exceptions where there is a clear public interest including to maintain professional registrations such as in nursing.

628 **Imam Dr Ruhul Amin**

Kirsty Blackman

Richard Thomson Jim Shannon **Allan Dorans Marion Fellows**

That this House recognises the life of Imam Dr Ruhul Amin following his sad passing; recalls his work as Muslim Chaplain at the University of Aberdeen and Imam of the Mosque; recognises the enormous contribution he played in community development, education, inter faith dialogue and charity work; notes the role he played in the New Mosque and Community Centre Project and his dedication to serving the community in Aberdeen; and conveys its sympathies to his family, friends and all who knew him at this sad time.

629 Local government and the climate emergency

Tabled: **8/11/21** Signatories: 4

Tabled: **8/11/21**

Kirsten Oswald Jim Shannon Allan Dorans **Marion Fellows**

That this House welcomes the significant participation of local government representatives from across the globe in the COP26 conference in Glasgow; welcomes in particular the meeting of global group C40 Cities, attended by visiting civic leaders from cities as diverse as London, Paris, Barcelona, Stockholm, Bogotá, Phoenix, Dhaka, Freetown, Dubai and Los Angeles, which discussed expansion of the Global Green New Deal programme, to support work with trade unions, young people, and community organisations to ensure climate action benefits everyone; notes recent estimates that the costs to the Greater Glasgow area of extreme climate events could exceed £400 million a year by 2050 and that 140,000 of the area's poorest people will be the most affected by climate breakdown unless major investment is made to help them adapt; considers that local authority declarations that the world faces a climate emergency, such as that by East Renfrewshire Council in the week before COP26, highlighting the growing recognition of the need to act now to achieve net zero carbon emissions; and calls on the Government to work with the devolved Governments and on a global basis to ensure that local authorities have the necessary powers and resources to create the greener, healthier, more inclusive communities that is needed to drive the large-scale changes that are essential to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.

630 K107 FM's success at the National Community Radio Awards 2021

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates K107 FM on their success at the National Community Radio Awards 2021; notes that the Kirkcaldy-based community radio station was nominated in two categories with Craig Mitchell nominated in the top five for the Newcomer of the Year category and the station's Saturday Sports Show, hosted by Graeme Kilgour with regular contributors Stuart Kirk and Angus Shepherd, winning the Bronze award for Sports Show of the Year; further notes that this is the second year running that K107 has enjoyed success at the National Community Radio Awards; pays credit to the staff and volunteers at K107 who work hard to provide a valued community radio station and have built up a dedicated local audience; and wishes K107 FM continued success into the future.

631 Mike Mitchell karate black belt achievement

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Mike Mitchell of JKA Bass Rock Karate Club who, after more than a twenty year break, has become a black belt in karate at the age of 74; understands that Mr Mitchell was a badminton coach for fifteen years and then swapped the court for the martial arts mats; praises Mr Mitchell on becoming potentially the first person over the age of 70 in Scotland to achieve a Japanese Karate Association black belt for the first time; acknowledges that Mr Mitchell had previously worked his way up to the purple belt some thirty years ago and then stopped his training, before taking up lessons with teacher Paola Burrows to work through the belts in the Shotokan discipline of the martial art; wishes Mr Mitchell well with his future attempts to move further up the ladder and train for a black belt second Dan for at least two years, and the best of luck for his future.

Nurse Laura Clelland nominated for NHS Celebrating Success Awards

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Laura Clelland, a clinical support worker at East Lothian Community Hospital, on being nominated as Staff Member of the Year in the NHS Celebrating Success Awards; understands that the Staff Member of the Year category honours individuals who go above and beyond in their day-to-day work but who perhaps do not have a high profile within their team, department or service; commends Ms Clelland for her work to create a hair salon for older patients

in the Haddington hospital's Oak Tree ward after putting a spare room to good use, which is the reason she has been shortlisted for this award as well as going in on her days off for any special occasion and giving her patients presents; and wishes Ms Clelland the best of luck with her future.

633 Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday 2021

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 9

Carol Monaghan Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Marion Fellows

Jonathan Edwards John Nicolson Dave Doogan

That this House marks Armistice Day on 11 November and Remembrance Sunday on 14 November 2021; recognises the significance of the Armistice, an agreement signed to halt First World War fighting as a prelude to peace negotiations, which came into force at 11.00am on 11 November 1918; appreciates the importance of this time of year in reminding us of the personal sacrifice and service of all those who have defended our freedom, upheld democracy, and protected lives; applauds and sincerely thanks our serving personnel and veterans for their outstanding public service throughout their military careers; acknowledges all others who have contributed to our peace and security, including Armed Forces families and the emergency services; remembers those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism, including British and Commonwealth serving personnel, members of the emergency services and civilians; highlights the Constituency Garden of Remembrance created by the Speaker of the House in collaboration with the Royal British Legion and Poppy Scotland to enable Members of Parliament to contribute to a commemorative garden which honours individuals, regiments and communities from all parts of the UK; and calls on the UK Government to ensure fair conditions and tailored support for serving personnel and veterans of the Armed Forces.