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Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 28 January 2022

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New EDMs

916 **Catriona Matthew OBE**

Tabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates North Berwick golfing legend Catriona Matthew on receiving an OBE for services to sport; understands that Catriona's golfing career has consisted of winning the Women's British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes in 2009, won the Solheim Cup with Team Europe in 2003, 2011 and 2013, and had a non-playing captain role as Team Europe won the tournament in 2019; and wishes Catriona the best of luck for the future.

917 **Dunbar School of Dance fundraising for charity**

Tabled: **28/01/22** Signatories: **1**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates young dancers at the Dunbar School of Dance on hitting a fundraising milestone of £40,000, after lighting up the stage for the last two decades and raising money for Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity in the process; understands that a show on 15 January 2022 saw the school raise £2,038 which the ECHC will put towards CAMHS, pushing them to the £40,000 milestone; commends founder of the school, Julie Friar, on the fundraising efforts over the last twenty years; and wishes Julie and all of the dancers the very best of luck with future fundraising efforts.

918 Growing Matters Charity in Gilmerton and Ross High School

Tabled: 28/01/22 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Rebecca Fenwick, Molly Jones, and Rachael Young, pupils at Ross High School, on securing £3,000 for Growing Matters in Gilmerton, through the school's Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) competition; understands that after groups of pupils had to research a social issue and deliver a presentation, Growing Matters, a small charity run by volunteers and provides opportunities for social and therapeutic gardening, was named the successor thanks to the group's research and presentation; and wishes Rebecca, Molly, Rachael, and everyone involved in the Bridges Project the best of luck with their future.

919 Scottish Government spending on reserved matters

Tabled: 28/01/22 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House praises the Scottish Government for investing £600 million in areas that would normally be regarded as reserved issues; notes this includes £83 million on Discretionary Housing Payments to mitigate the negative impact of the bedroom tax, and £102 million to improve digital connectivity infrastructure; acknowledges however that this money comes from finite budgets which need to be balanced against core spending in devolved areas; and calls on the UK Government to recognise the Scottish Government should not be required to spend Scottish taxpayers' money to undo the damage of policies made at Westminster.

920 Edna Clayton 101st birthday

Tabled: 28/01/22 Signatories: 5

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Carol Monaghan
Patrick Grady
Anne McLaughlin
David Linden

That this House recognises that Edna Clayton, who moved into the Hector House facility in Shawlands last August, will be 101 years old on 31 January 2022; extends its birthday wishes to fun-loving Edna who is well-known figure around Battlefield and has dedicated her life to her son, James; regrets that Edna spent her milestone 100th birthday alone with no visitors, and no celebration; pays tribute to the staff at Hector House for organising a memorable birthday for Edna and for reaching out to the wider community; and once again wishes Edna a very happy 101st birthday.

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.

874 Fair pay and conditions for rail cleaners

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 23

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Mearns
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris

Kim Johnson

That this House supports cleaners who are members of the RMT union employed by Churchill Contract Services who are balloting for industrial action in support of better pay, sick pay and travel facilities; notes that these cleaners, who work to clean trains and stations in the South East, including on Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern and Southeastern train services, High Speed 1 and Eurostar, have worked throughout the pandemic, at risk to themselves, to ensure that rail travel is safe and help keep essential services running; further notes that passenger surveys consistently stress the importance of cleanliness in restoring confidence in public transport, making clear that cleaning is an essential service; is concerned to learn that many Churchill cleaners are only paid the legal minimum wage, others earn only £9.90 per hour and none receive company sick pay; is shocked to learn that 61 per cent say that they struggle to make ends meet while 69 per cent report having gone into work while sick because they do not get sick pay; is deeply disappointed that Churchill Contract Services have failed to make a satisfactory offer to these cleaners in spite of paying a £12 million dividend last year; and calls on Churchill to meet the cleaners' claims and for the clients, including on Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern and Southeastern trains services, High Speed 1 and Eurostar to help facilitate a settlement that will give cleaners the respect and dignity they deserve.

877 International Day of Education 2022 and Girls' Education

Tabled: 20/01/22 Signatories: 11

Layla Moran
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Kirsten Oswald
Wera Hobhouse

Apsana Begum

That this House celebrates the International Day of Education 2022; recognises the incredible work of so many charities and organisations that highlight the importance of and delivering girls' education programmes across the world; recognises how girls' education in particular has suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic; calls on the Government to reinstate the 0.7 per cent GNI target for international development spending to assist the 129 million girls that are out of school; and urges the Government to give International Development its own seat at the Cabinet table once again.

887 Mandatory covid-19 vaccinations

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 10

Rachael Maskell
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Margaret Greenwood
Paula Barker
Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne

That this House condemns the Government for twice passing legislation to introduce mandatory covid-19 vaccination of health and care workers in 2021; notes that by Government's own assessment this will result in up to 115,000 staff members being dismissed, putting severe pressure on NHS and social care, causing additional stress to NHS and care staff and further hindering retention, while NHS pressures and backlog grow; notes the NHS Constitution is clear that healthcare must be delivered by informed consent, through a personal choice; further notes that the legislation will only provide a supported conversation by a line manager, rather than with a professional with appropriate competencies and if staff have not received their first vaccination by 3 February 2022, they will be dismissed; notes that these measures are opposed by the health and social care staff professional bodies, such as the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Nursing, as well as all the health and social care trade unions; and is further concerned that according to Government data, the depleting efficacy of the vaccine over a 10-week period is just 40 to 50 per cent against the Omicron variant, and will therefore provide little protection against the transmission of covid-19 in comparison to daily testing and better graded PPE; and calls on the Government to immediately withdraw the regulations with immediate effect to avert this health and social care workforce and service crisis.

889 Child citizenship fees

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 19

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Beth Winter
Sir Peter Bottomley
Carol Monaghan

Kate Osborne

That this House believes that no child should be priced out of British citizenship; is appalled by the Home Office practice of charging a fee of £1,012 to register a child for British citizenship; is further appalled that the Home Office makes a profit of £640 from each child citizenship application; notes the Court of Appeal ruling of 19 February 2021 which declared this practice unlawful; believes that children born in the UK should be granted automatic British citizenship; urgently calls on the Home Office to immediately cease profiting from child citizenship fees and limit charges associated with child citizenship to the cost of processing applications; and further calls on the Government to review the impact of such fees on children's human rights.

894 Appeals process for fines under covid-19 restrictions

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 8

Dawn Butler
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne
Grahame Morris
Dan Carden
Rachael Maskell

Kate Osborne

Beth Winter

That this House is concerned by increasing reports of alleged social gatherings and events in Downing Street during periods of covid-19 lockdown; is further concerned by the fact that the police have issued over 100,000 fixed penalty notice fines to members of the public for breaking covid-19 restrictions; believes that it is wrong that people had no formal right of appeal under those restrictions; and calls on the Government to immediately implement a retrospective appeals process for everyone who was issued a fine under those restrictions.

895 Nature Recovery Networks

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 14

Mr Barry Sheerman
Sammy Wilson
Wera Hobhouse
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

Kim Johnson

Kate Osborne

That this House notes the importance of Nature Recovery Networks in combatting biodiversity loss in the UK; further notes the urgent need to take action that halts the alarming trend of biodiversity decline; welcomes the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee report, Biodiversity in the UK: bloom or bust, HC 136, June 2021; appeals to the Government to implement that report in full; gives particular emphasis to the need for Nature Recovery Networks to be given priority in building a healthier local environment; accepts gladly the provisions laid down in the Environment Act 2021 that mandate the creation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies to act as a spatial planning framework for Nature Recovery Networks; reiterates the recommendations of the Environmental Audit Committee that far more detail is needed to translate this ambition into transformative action; believes that to be a successful policy approach the Government must develop a plan for ensuring that Local Nature Recovery Strategies are rolled out across the entire country and that they successfully evolve into a national network; calls on the Government to link environmental and planning policies into one coherent policy approach; and further calls on the Government to make a formal assessment of the ability of local authorities to deliver their Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

904 Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett
 Richard Burgon
 Rachael Maskell
 Emma Hardy
 Jim Shannon
 Dan Jarvis

Kate Osborne

Apsana Begum

That this House expresses its gratitude and thanks to the hard-working and dedicated staff of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, particularly during the trying period of the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the significant increase in calls answered by the service, from 42,000 to 72,000, between November 2020 and November 2021 has added further pressure on staff; further notes the high level of absences mainly due to covid-19 at a time of stress for ambulance staff; notes with concern the report that 9 out of 10 of leaders across the health service feel that the present situation is unsustainable and that patient care could be compromised; regrets the underfunding of our vital health services; further regrets the added pressure on the service as a result of nearly 200 GP practice closures in Yorkshire since 2010; regrets the fact that Category 1 incidents in Yorkshire at the end of 2021 have an average response time of 9 minutes 49 seconds, compared to a target of 7 minutes; and urges the Government to appropriately compensate hard-working staff by prioritising filling NHS vacancies and accepting health trade unions demands for pay awards that undo the impact of real terms pay cuts since 2010.

906 Providing financial restitution to women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 25

Ian Byrne
 Kim Johnson
 Wera Hobhouse
 Claudia Webbe
 Jim Shannon
 Beth Winter

Allan Dorans
 Dan Carden

Deidre Brock
 Karl Turner

Apsana Begum

That this House welcomes the positive interventions from so many hon. Members from across the House on behalf of women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions and pays tribute to constituents and campaigners in their ongoing fight for justice; recalls that women born in the 1950s were subject to discriminatory employment and pension laws; recognises that this included being excluded from some pensions schemes; further recognises that this had the negative effect for them of losing the opportunity to have the same level of pension as their partner or spouse; recognises that this has had the consequence of women in this position never being able to have equal pensions to men; notes that this has negatively and profoundly impacted on those women including leading to increased levels of poverty, deteriorating health and homelessness; further notes that at least 3.8 million women have been impacted by the loss of their pensions from the age of 60 in three separate age hikes; and calls on the Government to enact a temporary special measure as permitted by international law to provide full restitution to women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions from the age of 60 because of the impact of the rise in retirement age.

907 DH Robertson Butchers, Arbroath

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 7

Dave Doogan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House warmly congratulates Steve and Pam Bennet at DH Robertson butchers in Arbroath on their win at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards 2022 becoming champions in the Best Link Sausage category; further congratulates DH Robertson on winning at the World Championship Scotch Pie Awards 2022 in three categories, a diamond medal in the Sausage Roll Category, gold medal in the Football Pie or Savoury Category for Arbroath FC and bronze medal in the Hot Savoury Category; notes that these awards are incredibly competitive and are judged by 60 independent industry experts and professionals; and offers best wishes in their future success as a multi-award winning butcher.

908 One year anniversary of the military coup in Myanmar

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 19

Rushanara Ali
Dame Margaret Hodge
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Mick Whitley
Kenny MacAskill

Kate Osborne

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House, on the one year anniversary of the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021 in Myanmar (Burma), condemns the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Myanmar military against the people of Myanmar; stands in solidarity with the Burmese people opposing the military coup; notes in horror the increased attacks by the military in ethnic areas including Chin, Karenni and Karen State over the recent months which includes the burning of people alive, torching of villages and killings of children; demands an urgent stop to the attacks; demands the release of all political prisoners; welcomes the UK Government's condemnation of the coup and the introduction of targeted economic sanctions on military businesses; calls for further economic sanctions targeting military revenues; further calls for sanctions on aviation fuel to ground military bomber jets; calls on the Government to increase its efforts to encourage other countries to introduce unilateral arms embargoes; further calls on the Government to increase cross-border aid through local organisations working directly with the people affected by the military attacks; and calls on the Government to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice to secure justice for the Rohingya genocide, and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court.

909 Get Me Home Safely campaign

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 28

Zarah Sultana
 Rachael Maskell
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Kate Hollern
 Apsana Begum
 Charlotte Nichols

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes that shift work is widespread in many industries, especially hospitality, and can often entail late-night working; further notes that many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night; believes that, while employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours; is appalled at the weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport; insists that more trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport is urgently needed; supports calls for the municipal ownership of buses in order to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services; welcomes Unite the union's Get Me Home Safely campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night; calls on local governments and licensing boards to change regulations to make free transport home for staff a prerequisite for new liquor licences; and calls on the Government to bring forward national minimum standards for taxis and private hire as per the recommendations of the Task and Finish group, to ratify ILO Convention 190 to end violence and harassment in the workplace and to extend employers' duty of care to include safe transport home policies for all workers.

911 Stuart Delivery couriers

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 9

Grahame Morris
 Ian Lavery
 Kate Osborne
 Mick Whitley
 Nadia Whittome
 Dr Rupa Huq

Claudia Webbe

Apsana Begum

Clive Lewis

That this House notes with deep concern that key worker couriers working for JustEat subcontractor Stuart Delivery have seen their pay cut and working conditions deteriorate during the covid-19 pandemic, despite those key workers putting their own lives at risk and providing a vital service to the public; notes that couriers continue to be denied the basic workers' rights of minimum wage protections, holiday pay and pensions; further notes that the company is ultimately owned by La Poste, which is itself wholly owned by the French Government and thereby subsidised by French taxpayers; is appalled that key workers in the gig economy are provided no protection against poverty pay and unilateral changes to terms and conditions in their working relationships; is shocked that these workers, most of whom are from BAME and migrant backgrounds, have been refused the right to freely associate and protect their interests via collective bargaining, and have therefore been forced to take industrial action to challenge these conditions; and calls on Stuart Delivery to negotiate with those workers' chosen union the Independent Workers' union of Great Britain (IWGB), to rescind the recent pay cuts and to implement the minimum standards of pay and

conditions demanded by the IWGB in order to ensure those workers are not illegally denied their basic rights and are protected from being in working poverty.

912 70th anniversary of 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 2

**Marion Fellows
Chris Law**

That this House congratulates 2nd Cambusnethan Boys' Brigade Company on reaching their 70th anniversary; recognises the excellent community work they have undertaken since they were founded on 12 November 1951; further recognises the excellent opportunity the Brigade provides local boys to get involved in their local communities and offer a safe and enjoyable environment to learn new skills and make new friends; commends the dedication of those working towards badges especially the Queen's Badge and wishes them every success in this endeavour; and further congratulates all of the Brigade's staff on their excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year; and wishes them all the best for the future.

913 Local volunteer Nicole Watt

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 3

**Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar**

That this House commends Nicole Watt for the outstanding voluntary work she has done throughout the pandemic to raise much needed money for valuable local charities; notes that Nicole has fundraised for the Beatson Cancer Charity, MacMillan Cancer support, Children's Cancer and other local schools and community groups; recognises Nicole's dedication to this work alongside working full time as a teacher in a local school; and further congratulates her on her excellent work to support people in the community, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes her all the best for the future.

914 Elaine Hands, local foodbank volunteer, St Bernadette's Motherwell

Tabled: 27/01/22 Signatories: 3

**Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar**

This House commends the work of Elaine Hands; recognises that, in addition to working full time as a teacher in a local school, she dedicates her Sundays to running a local foodbank based at St Bernadette's Parish Church; further commends Elaine for helping hundreds of families in need in the local area and for providing materials and supplies herself; further notes the work she has done in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul to make up Christmas parcels for over 40 families; and further congratulates Elaine on her excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

915 South Wishaw Parish ChurchTabled: **27/01/22** Signatories: **3**

Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar

That this House recognises the work of Reverend Terry Moran and all at South Wishaw Parish Church for the innovative community work they have been undertaking; commends them for the recent launch of the New Life Recovery Hub based in the Church in cooperation with Street Connect, a Glasgow based Christian charity; and further congratulates them for all their excellent work to support people in Wishaw and surrounding areas, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.