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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.

883 Campaign for an Osteogenesis Imperfecta national awareness month

Tabled: 24/01/22 Signatories: 19

Chris Law
Joanna Cherry
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Douglas Chapman
Angela Crawley

Mhairi Black

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises the Brittle Bone Society's campaign to mark the month of May as the National Awareness Month for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI); notes that OI is a genetic bone disorder characterised by fragile bones that affects a person from birth; recognises that around 5,000 people across the UK are affected by the condition; celebrates the work of the Brittle Bone Society, who offer a variety of support to those affected, including but not limited to practical assistance; believes that a national awareness month would help raise awareness among the general public of the condition; and calls on the Government to back the campaign and officially recognise May as the National Awareness Month for OI.

895 Nature Recovery Networks

Tabled: 25/01/22 Signatories: 20

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

Tony Lloyd

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.

906 Providing financial restitution to women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 45

Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Beth Winter
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Sir Mark Hendrick

Charlotte Nichols

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.

908 One year anniversary of the military coup in Myanmar

Tabled: 26/01/22 Signatories: 37

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

Imran Hussain

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.

921 Kids Operating Room 50th installation

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 8

Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Rachael Maskell
Carol Monaghan
Douglas Chapman
Mhairi Black

Anne McLaughlin

Angela Crawley

That this House congratulates Dundee-based charity Kids Operating Room on the delivery of their 50th operating room; notes that operating rooms have been delivered and installed in hospitals across Africa and Latin America; recognises that KidsOR works to support existing hospitals and healthcare professionals to expand their services; further recognises that through since their inception in 2018 they have increased annual capacity for safe surgery by 30,000 life-changing operations every year; and wishes KidsOR and their staff all the best for the future.

922 Zero-emission vehicles and air quality

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 9

Geraint Davies
 Mr Barry Sheerman [R]
 Rachael Maskell
 Jim Shannon
 Douglas Chapman
 John McDonnell

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House acknowledges as many as 64,000 premature deaths are associated with poor air quality every year; expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ella Kissi-Debrah recognising the one year anniversary on the 16th December 2021 of the Coroner's verdict that air pollution was a cause in her death; recognises that vehicle emissions are a major source of air pollution in towns and cities across the country; notes with dismay reports that 4 vehicle manufacturers, Volkswagen, Toyota, Renault-Nissan and Hyundai-Kia have refused to sign the pledge to only sell zero-emissions vehicles by 2035; calls on all vehicle manufacturers previously found to have cheated emissions rules to provide adequate compensation to vehicle owners and users who were misled; recognises the need for a co-ordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the incontrovertible right to breathe clean air in any future legislation.

926 Rainbow Heartlands project by Pink Saltire

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 3

John Nicolson
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law

That this House recognises the important work of Pink Saltire in building and supporting the LGBT+ community in Scotland; commends the charity's efforts to tackle isolation and loneliness in LGBT+ rural communities; and wishes them luck with the Rainbow Heartlands project, beginning in February.

927 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 10

Patrick Grady
 Jonathan Edwards
 Allan Dorans
 Alan Brown
 Rachael Maskell
 Beth Winter

Chris Law

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House notes 21 January 2022 marks the first anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; regrets that the United Kingdom is neither a signatory of or a party to the Treaty; calls on the UK Government to abandon any plans or possibility of increasing the UK's nuclear arsenal, and instead take urgent steps to comply with the provisions of the Treaty and work towards nuclear disarmament at home and overseas.

929 Bearskin caps and the armed forces

Tabled: 31/01/22 Signatories: 17

Kirsten Oswald
Patricia Gibson
Margaret Ferrier
John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Alan Brown

Dr Rupa Huq

Stuart C McDonald

Chris Law

That this House expresses its concern that the ceremonial bearskin caps worn by members of the armed forces, most notably at the annual Trooping the Colour parade, involve the unnecessary slaughter of black bears; notes that each bearskin ceremonial cap costs the Ministry of Defence over £1,700 and sees no possible excuse for taxpayers' money to be spent on ceremonial caps made from the skins of bears gunned down for their fur when the overwhelming majority of the British public is opposed to the use of real fur in clothing; understands that the faux fur developed by animal rights charity PETA with leading faux furrier ECOPEL would enable the Ministry of Defence to replace the real bearskins with faux fur; welcomes the offer by ECOPEL to provide the Ministry of Defence with faux fur at no cost until 2030, saving many bears from slaughter and also saving the tax payer up to a million pounds; and calls on the Ministry of Defence to recognise that its continued use of real fur is not in line with the UK Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare and that it is time to switch to faux fur for making these ceremonial caps.

931 Siblings in the care system

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 17

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Ian Lavery
Kim Johnson

Kate Osborne

That this House notes the urgent need to improve sibling contact for children in care; further notes that research shows more than 70 per cent of looked-after children with a sibling in care are separated from that brother or sister; further expresses concern about the harm caused when sibling relationships are needlessly ripped apart in the care system; further notes that current legislation requires a looked-after child to have reasonable contact with their parents, without recognising the provision for a looked-after child's contact with their siblings or half siblings; urges the Government to recognise the importance of sibling bonds and shared experience in the care system; and further emphasises the importance of documentaries, such as Split up in Care – Life Without Siblings, in rising awareness of the real life impact of sibling separation.

932 Use of reusable nappies

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 11

Kirsty Blackman
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 David Linden
 Douglas Chapman
 Anne McLaughlin

Hywel Williams

Chris Law

Ben Lake

That this House commends Nappy Alliance for their promotion of reusable nappies and positive environmental practices; notes that reusable nappies help reduce the consumption of single use plastic; and further notes that a voucher for those is issued to new parents as part of the Scottish Government's Baby Box initiative.

933 LGBT+ History Month

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 13

Kirsten Oswald
 Kirsty Blackman
 Paula Barker
 Jonathan Edwards
 Anne McLaughlin
 John McDonnell

Hywel Williams

Chris Law

Ben Lake

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House notes that February is LGBT+ History Month, which aims to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of all; welcomes this year's theme, Blurring Borders: A World in Motion, which invites people to think beyond borders and to consider their place within the global movement towards equality; expresses concern that in 69 UN member states, LGBT+ people are still criminalised and targeted under numerous discriminatory laws; further expresses concern at the potential impact of the Nationalities and Borders Bill on LGBT+ people seeking safety from persecution; highlights the vital work done by community support groups, such as the LGBT+ Youth Helpline in East Renfrewshire operated in partnership by East Renfrewshire Council and the East Renfrewshire LGBT+ Youth Group; understands that LGBT+ History Month is coordinated in Scotland by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBT+ young people aged 13 to 25; wishes all involved with LGBT+ History Month every success in their endeavours; and calls on all Members to support this annual event and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in delivering a fairer, just, and more equal society for all.

938 Constitutional referendum in Belarus

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 9

Tony Lloyd
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House notes the plans of the regime in Belarus to hold a constitutional referendum; stresses that there are now over 1000 political prisoners in Belarus while 241 NGOs and 40 media outlets have been closed down; highlights the imprisonment of the Belsat journalists, Darya Chultsova and Katsyaryna Andrejeva; emphasises that there is an ongoing pattern of repression of any freedom of speech and a purge of anyone in state employment who has expressed any dissent against the governing regime; believes that, in these circumstances, the upcoming Belarusian constitutional referendum cannot be viewed as free and fair; and calls on the governing regime in Belarus to allow civil society and the independent media to operate to allow for a genuine national debate over these proposed changes.

939 Belarus political prisoners

Tabled: 1/02/22 Signatories: 9

Tony Lloyd
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House views with serious concern the fraudulent election in Belarus in August 2020 which led to widespread public demonstrations; notes that these demonstrations have been met by increasingly repressive measures by the governing regime; condemns the arbitrary arrests, use of extreme violence by security forces and allegations of torture and sexual violence in prisons; emphasises that there are now over 1000 political prisoners in Belarus; deplores the incarceration of so many women who have young children, including Volha Zalatar, Alena Maushuk, Tatsiana Kaneuskaya, Tatsiana Zverko, Ksenia Lutskina, Antanina Kanavalava, Iryna Schastnaya, Maryna Dubrouskaya, Iryna Harashyna, Alena Kurnysh, Yuliya Laptanovich, Palina Sharenda-Panasyuk, Volha Takarchuk, Tatsiana Astrouskaya, and Volha Filatchenkava; and calls on the Belarusian authorities to immediately release all political prisoners, especially women with children, and comply with its human rights obligations.

940 World Interfaith Harmony Week

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell
Patrick Grady
Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House notes that the United Nations has decreed the first week of February of every year as World Interfaith Harmony Week, which aims to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith; notes that the week is based on United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/65/PV.34, which was passed in 2010 and calls for a worldwide week of interfaith harmony; joins the United Nations in recognising the need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and co-operation among people; welcomes the events taking place during World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022, such as the webinar on Protection of Mother Earth through Mindfulness and Prayer, organised by Interfaith Scotland in partnership with Mindfulness for Earth and Faith for Earth; and encourages all people of faith to spread the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during this week and throughout the year according to their own religious traditions or convictions.

941 Investment in Scotland's electric vehicle charging network

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 3

Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House supports the Scottish Government's aim to double the size of its electric vehicle charging network over the next four years; notes a £60 million fund has been created to advance this aim; recognises the important role electric vehicles and their associated infrastructure will play in decarbonising Scotland's transport network; and commends the example Scotland is setting in taking these vital steps.

942 Tribute to Warren Graham

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 3

Alan Brown
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House expresses both its condolences and celebration of the life of Warren Graham, known as the Killie Piper, who died tragically at the age of 17; pays tribute to his fantastic talent as a bagpiper and enthusiasm for his local community; notes that he was a keen supporter of Kilmarnock Football Club and played bagpipes for the club; further notes the minute's applause for him by supporters of Kilmarnock FC during the game against Inverness Caley Thistle and the piping tribute for him from fellow Kilmarnock Pipe Band member Connor McBlane; notes that Warren played regularly at civic events for East Ayrshire Council and that Warren was a keen supporter of Scottish independence; recognises that Warren will be sadly missed by all and sends deepest condolences to all his family and friends; and further recognises that suicide rates in Scotland are

still tragically high and urges people having difficult thoughts to discuss their feelings and to reach out for assistance.

944 Time to Talk Day 2022

Tabled: 2/02/22 Signatories: 17

Rachael Maskell
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Kirsty Blackman
Wendy Chamberlain
Paula Barker

Hywel Williams

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

That this House notes that 3 February 2022 is Time to Talk Day; joins with people across the country taking part in the nation's biggest mental health conversation; further notes the importance of this day in bringing friends, families, communities, and workplaces together to talk and listen; believes talking and listening about mental health has the power to change lives; understands that the pandemic has had a significant impact on the nation's mental health with around a third of adults and young people telling Mind that their mental health has got much worse since March 2020; highlights that it has never been more important to support each other to speak up about mental health; notes that a recent partnership report from Mind, SAMH, Inspire and the Co-op, shows how important open conversations are for everyone's mental health and that support in the community such as spaces to talk, activities and services is vital to enable this; and calls on the Government to champion the importance of addressing mental health stigma and create supportive communities where people can talk openly about mental health and wellbeing.

949 Prison violence

Tabled: 3/02/22 Signatories: 12

Grahame Morris
Gordon Henderson
Liz Saville Roberts
Kenny MacAskill
Paula Barker
Mary Kelly Foy

Hywel Williams

Kate Osborne

Ben Lake

That this House notes with alarm the rapid increase in prison violence over the last decade, with levels of assaults peaking in 2019 before a partial reduction during the covid-19 pandemic lockdowns; further notes that rehabilitation is practically impossible inside violent prisons, meaning that offenders can leave prison more damaged and dangerous than when they arrive; welcomes the new Prisons Strategy White Paper as an opportunity to tackle both prison violence and the causes of prison violence as urgent priorities; believes the White Paper's framework of key performance indicators should include violence against prisoners and staff as crucial metrics for judging management performance; further believes penalties for failing these metrics should include management fines, with this money used to improve prison staff injury compensation schemes; insists that rebuilding staff experience is key to reducing violence, and that improving the pay, terms and conditions of prison staff is a vital first step to solving the current recruitment and retention crisis; calls on the Government to adopt the proposals for safer systems of work in the Safe Inside Charter from the Joint Unions in Prisons Alliance, a coalition of nine national trade unions representing prison workers; and further calls on the Government to accept the pay review body's recommendation of a £3,000 pay rise for entry-level prison officers, to halt plans for new

private prisons until it is better understood why they are disproportionately more violent than public prisons, and to bring the pension age of prison officers back down to 60.