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New EDMs

1097 Restoration of Everton library

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Dan Carden

That this House commends the community-led campaign to restore and repurpose Everton Library, opened as a public library and Technical Institute in 1896, as a thriving community hub; commits to protecting this Grade II-listed landmark building and publicly-owned asset; regrets that it was ever allowed to fall into a state of disrepair; welcomes that remedial work has started to preserve it from further deterioration; supports plans to revive Everton Library as a multi-use public space to create, learn and exchange on the rich, local heritage; and believes that the successful restoration of Liverpool's Jewel on the Hill would instil pride in the area, generate green jobs and stand as a beacon of community-driven regeneration.

1098 Status Now campaign (No. 2)

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Claudia Webbe

That this House recognises the important campaigning work of the Status Now network on their two year anniversary; notes that there are currently an unknown number of persons in the UK who are not citizens and who do not at present have leave to remain in this country, who lack any entitlement to support from the state and are therefore entirely without funds to feed, clothe and house themselves and their families; considers it essential that the Government takes immediate action to ensure that Leave to Remain in the United Kingdom is granted to all such persons who are within the UK but are not citizens, irrespective of their nationality or immigration status, so that they can access healthcare, food, housing and other essential human rights; notes that asylum support allowance is a mere £39.63 per week which is a miserly and inadequate amount on which to be able to survive; laments the prohibition on asylum seekers being able to work while their claim is being processed, which leads to further impoverishment; welcomes the recent progress

made in Ireland through the regularisation scheme for long-term undocumented people, launched in January 2022, which will offer an amnesty for 17,000 undocumented migrants; and calls on the Government to follow suit and ensure that all undocumented, destitute and migrant people in the legal process be granted status now, or indefinite leave to remain, to guarantee that every human being, irrespective of their nationality or citizenship can access the essentials to live.

1099 Social Security

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 6

Keir Starmer
Jonathan Ashworth
Alison McGovern
Vicky Foxcroft
Ms Karen Buck
Sir Alan Campbell

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance (Work Search and Work Availability Requirements - limitations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I., 2022, No. 108), dated 7 February 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7 February 2022, be annulled.

1100 100,000 orphaned children in Ukraine

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House condemns acts of aggression against Ukraine and reports of war crimes and crimes against humanity, supports the calls from the United Nations and the International Court of Justice for Russia to suspend the hostilities, commends the response and generosity of neighbouring countries that opened their doors to millions of Ukrainians fleeing the war, and remains concerned that close to 100,000 orphaned children are reportedly left behind in Ukraine; and calls on all countries, including the UK, to work together to identify ways to urgently evacuate and assist the orphaned children and find a safe home for them.

1101 Attack on Plaine Savo camp in East Democratic Republic of Congo

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the horrific slaughter which took place in Plaine Savo camp in Ituri province in East Democratic Republic of Congo at the start of February; further notes that 60 people were shot dead or killed with machetes including 16 children and nine women; expresses grave concern at the despicable violence displayed and the traumatic effect that this has had on survivors; and calls upon the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to liaise with the UN peacekeepers to ascertain if further practical support can be offered to prevent similar atrocities happening.

1102 140th anniversary of Shooting Times and Country Magazine

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the 140th anniversary of Shooting Times and Country Magazine; congratulates the team behind this tremendous magazine for ensuring content remains relevant, useful and moves with the times while still honouring the tremendous rich history of the publication; and wishes them every success as the publication informs and entertains new generations of conservationists and country sports enthusiasts.

1103 Ireland rugby squad

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the victory of the Ireland Rugby Squad in their triumph over Scotland securing the Triple Crown; highlights the fifth victory of Ireland in the Home Nations Championship; and wishes them every success as the squad plans and trains for their next season and continued success at Rugby World Cup 2023.

1104 Cerebral palsy awareness month

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House notes that March is cerebral palsy awareness month; supports removing the barriers faced by the adult cerebral palsy community, including in accessing healthcare services and progressing in the workplace; welcomes the publication of the third report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy entitled Barriers for adults with Cerebral Palsy on achieving full life participation: access to healthcare services and progressing at work; is grateful for the contributions of those who submitted evidence for that report; further welcomes the recommendations contained within that report; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations in that report at the earliest opportunity.

1105 Uprating benefits

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

This House welcomes the call of over 50 major charities and organisations for benefits to be increased by at least 7 per cent in April to help households cope with rising costs of living; notes that prices are rising at the fastest rate in 30 years, and energy bills alone are expected to rise by 54 per cent in April; is concerned that the value of universal credit for families will fall by £570 per year on average and that 400,000 people could be pulled into poverty by the upcoming real-terms cut to benefits; further notes that families with children in poverty face paying £35 per month in extra energy costs through spring and summer, as well as £26 per month in additional food costs; recognises that the erosion of the value of benefits through policies such as the benefit cap, the benefit freeze and other deductions has resulted in a profound mismatch between what those on low incomes have, and what they need to get by; and calls on the Government to tackle this gap, beginning with a uprating of at least 7 per cent to benefits in April.

1106 South Lanarkshire's Provost Awards 2022, Rutherglen and Cambuslang

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the winners of this year's Provost Awards in Rutherglen and Cambuslang, South Lanarkshire; commends Patricia Ponzi for her environmental works to improve greenspace and biodiversity in Overtoun Park and litter picks in Rutherglen, David O'Neill for his community activism work on a variety of local issues, Sharon Anderson for her impressive volunteer work, Nicole Digruber for setting up Friends of Fernbrae Meadows, through which she has organised litter picks and worked with local schools, Andy Rundell for establishing the community-led Eastfield United Football Team and its associated fundraising efforts for charity, Linda Wallace for her contributions to Cambuslang Community Council and founding of Cambuslang in Bloom and Maureen Lewis for her extensive contributions to the local community spanning the last 16 years; and wishes all winners the very best in future voluntary works.

1107 Fernhill School's Golden Jubilee

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that March 2022 marks Fernhill School in Rutherglen's Golden Jubilee, and fifty years of the schools academic achievements; congratulates the school's teachers, staff and students on this anniversary; notes the school's rich community history, when the original school was marked for closure in 1971, and was reopened in 1972 following the formation of a committee of parents to keep the school open; further notes the school's motto of With One Heart and One Mind; commends the school's core values of mutual respect, humility, and personal responsibility; recognises the emphasis on students' practice of their faith through charitable works, Caritas and The Pope Francis Faith Award; and wishes the school the very best in its academic future.

1108 Hear to Listen service

Tabled: 21/03/22 Signatories: 2

Alison Thewliss**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates all those involved in the Hear to Listen service based at the University of Strathclyde Students' Union in Glasgow; notes that the service, which was established in September 2021, is delivered by trained student volunteers offering informal, friendly, and confidential wellbeing support on a one-to-one basis, in person and online, and a safe space where students can find someone to talk to, to offload their worries, or be signposted to additional support if needed; further notes that the service is staffed by over 120 student volunteers, from 30 countries and all years and areas of study in the University, helping provide both in-person and online support every day of the week, during term and holiday times; welcomes the collaboration between the service and the Pursuit of Happiness project, based in New York, an initiative of a group of psychologists and educators dedicated to the advancement of scientific knowledge about happiness and depression prevention, with the volunteers being the first students from a university in Scotland to undertake training by the project; and wishes the Hear to Listen service all the best for the future.

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.

1036 Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association 125th Anniversary

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 20

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman
Chris Stephens

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House is delighted to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), also known as Scotland GAA; believes that Scotland GAA has been instrumental in maintaining and strengthening the links between the sport, Ireland and the Irish diaspora across Scotland over the last century and that the organisation continues to grow with strength; wishes to extend its thanks to those involved in the organisation for their dedication and hard work; and believes that a positive long term future of the sport is built on strong foundations with their Sports Community Hub based in Clydebank.

1052 Persecution of religious minority women and girls

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 31

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards

Alan Brown

Munira Wilson

Sir George Howarth

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on Tuesday, 8 March, 2022; supports the UK's commitment to promoting gender equality around the world; recognises that women from religious minorities face persecution and discrimination on account of both their faith and their gender; highlights particularly the cases of Christian women in Nigeria, Yazidi women in Iraq, and Hindu and Christian girls (forcibly converted and married) in Pakistan; calls on the Government to facilitate asylum for the Christian girl Maira Shahbaz, currently in hiding in Pakistan; urges the Government to intensify its efforts to ensure the safe release of Leah Sharibu, Alice Ngaddah and the Chibok girls in Nigeria; insists that gender-specific religious persecution is clearly recognised in FCDO policy and practice; recommends that the Government fund targeted programming for women facing double vulnerabilities as members of minority faith communities; and encourages the FCDO to work with local faith actors who can best respond to these experiences.

1054 A green transition from Russian oil and gas

Tabled: 9/03/22 Signatories: 18

Sarah Olney
 Caroline Lucas
 Dan Carden
 Ed Davey
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Tim Farron

Kim Johnson

That this House maintains an unwavering commitment to achieving net zero targets; acknowledges the urgent need to tackle high carbon emissions produced by homes across the UK; recognises the need for a comprehensive Government scheme to incentivise retrofitting to improve energy efficiency of homes and buildings; pledges that any future additional investment in energy production is directed to renewable sources of energy; extends the phasing out of Russian energy supply imports to include natural gas; and commits to making the transition away from Russian oil and gas a green one.

1073 Ukrainian students

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 10

Claudia Webbe
 Ian Lavery
 Jim Shannon
 Steven Bonnar
 John McDonnell
 Deidre Brock

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

That this House laments Russia's unprovoked, unjustifiable and abhorrent invasion of Ukraine; believes that no good can ever come from war and military escalation; calls on the international community to redouble its efforts to find a diplomatic solution that ensures peace and protects lives; calls on the Government to urgently provide a simple sanctuary route to the UK for all who need it, for the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary to coordinate with the UN and with neighbouring countries to offer urgent humanitarian assistance to those crossing the border; further calls on the Government to provide safe passage and refuge for displaced people, refugees and asylum seekers arriving from Ukraine as well as all theatres of conflict across the globe; is deeply alarmed by worrying reports that thousands of Asian and African immigrants joining Ukrainians trying to flee the country have faced red tape, racist abuse and discrimination at the border; recognises that many of the African and Asian refugees fleeing this crisis are students; calls on the UK education sector to make funds available for disrupted courses to be transferred to UK institutions, and encourage their European counterparts to do the same; commends the heroic efforts of people like medical student Korrine Sky from Leicester who have documented their plight and that of African and Asian refugees fleeing the conflict; and calls for the international community to ensure that there is absolutely no discrimination between all people fleeing this appalling invasion.

1074 The Fish Works in Largs

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar
Alison Thewliss
Chris Law

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates the Fish Works in Largs on being named in Fry Magazine's Top 50 Takeaway Awards 2022 for the third year in a row; commends the hard work of owners Ross and Tiffany Irvin and their staff in providing fresh quality seafood dinners; acknowledges the use of in-season ingredients, including langoustines landed on Largs Pier by local fishermen, as well as locally sourced chicken, haggis and black pudding; recognises the Fish Works' environmental pledge to offer sustainably-caught fish and the reduction of single-use plastic in-store, providing customers with wooden forks and paper straws; notes the restaurant is active within the local community, sponsoring the junior football team Largs Colts 2010, supporting the Fisherman's Mission and taking part in the RNLI Fish Supper weekend to raise funds for Largs RNLI; and encourages people to visit the Fish Works in Largs.

1075 Train cab temperatures

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 16

John Cryer
Paula Barker
Marsha De Cordova
Kim Johnson
Grahame Morris
Cat Smith

Yasmin Qureshi

That this House notes with concern the Better Driving Cabs report published by the train drivers' union, Aslef, which highlights the health and safety concerns of excessively hot and cold temperatures, including findings such as 85 per cent of drivers saying that their cabs have been too hot in the past two years and 72 per cent of respondents having experienced cabs that were too hot for most of their working week in warmer seasons; further notes that, when asked if exposure to hot or cold temperatures had caused harmful effects, 50 per cent of those responding said that it had, with the vast majority experiencing reduced concentration or distraction; believes that excessively hot or cold temperatures affects many workers in a range of industries and calls on the Government to work with unions to implement maximum workplace temperature legislation and a temperature at which mitigation must be introduced to try to prevent harmful effects.

1078 Cervical cancer and digital cytology

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 10

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Christine Jardine
Rachael Maskell

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises that cervical cancer is preventable in over 99 per cent of cases, and that measures, including the HPV vaccine and cervical screenings, are key to its prevention; recognises that attending cervical screenings is crucial, and there are opportunities to improve the experience for both clinicians and patients through new, innovative technologies and approaches, including digital cytology; highlights NHS Monkland's pioneering use of digital cytology, developed by the medical technology company, Hologic, which supports a more flexible and efficient cervical cancer screening programme; and encourages the wider adoption of digital cytology by NHS trusts throughout the UK to impact the effectiveness of cervical cancer screening.

1079 Strathaven Fairtrade Group

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar
Chris Law
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises that 2022 marks 20 years since Strathaven received its Fairtrade Town status; recognises that, because of the Fairtrade status, Strathaven ensures farmers are paid a fair price for the work they do and have a guarantee that the price of their products will always cover the cost of production; appreciates all that the town has done, including holding Traidcraft stalls on Gala Days, Reindeer Day and at the Balloon Festival, a fashion show for One World Week, a PowerPoint presentation on a study trip to Nicaragua and numerous local talks; acknowledges the founding members for all the time they have devoted to the group; and calls on the Government to commemorate the achievements of Strathaven Fairtrade during the past 20 years.

1081 Purple Day 2022

Tabled: 15/03/22 Signatories: 14

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

Marion Fellows

That this House notes that Saturday 26 March 2022 is Purple Day, International Epilepsy Awareness Day; understands that epilepsy is the most common chronic neurological condition with an estimated 55,000 people living with epilepsy in Scotland and that approximately eight people per day are diagnosed with the condition; recognises that Purple Day is an opportunity to get people

talking about epilepsy and dispel the myths and stigma attached to the condition; and further highlights that Epilepsy Scotland will be encouraging people to dress in purple and light landmarks and buildings purple to mark the day.

1084 **HMRC and the Stay in East Kilbride campaign**

Tabled: 16/03/22 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss

That this House acknowledges the success of the Stay in EK Campaign supporting and preserving the highly skilled workforce located within HMRC in East Kilbride; recognises that the campaign was spearheaded by the Public and Commercial Services Union led by PCS Branch President, Scott Clark, alongside PCS Branch President, John Davidson; notes that it was reported widely upon by Andrea Lambrou at the East Kilbride News; further notes that it was supported by thousands of members of the public and debated repeatedly within the House of Commons; commends HMRC for its decision to support its 2500+ workforce remaining in East Kilbride; and thanks local people across the constituency of East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow for their successful grassroots activism in retaining this key service industry and highly skilled jobs within East Kilbride.

1086 **Young Carers Action Day**

Tabled: 16/03/22 Signatories: 9

Paul Blomfield
Wera Hobhouse
Caroline Lucas
Mohammad Yasin
Rachael Maskell
Hywel Williams

Yasmin Qureshi

That this House supports Young Carers Action Day, led by the Carers Trust, which takes place on 16 March 2022; recognises the invaluable contribution more than 800,000 young carers make to their families and local communities across the UK; notes the Day's theme of Taking Action on Isolation, and the importance of investment in social care, and in local support for carers, to relieve young carers of the overwhelming pressure so many are under; further notes that the NHS needs to ensure its mental health services prioritise young carer support and that education providers need to take a more integrated approach to identifying and supporting young carers, working in partnership with the NHS, local authorities and local carer organisations; and calls on the Government to ensure that young carers get the support and services they need.

1087 VAT on petrol and diesel

Tabled: 16/03/22 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jamie Stone
Angela Crawley
Marion Fellows

That this House observes with concern the ongoing increase in fuel prices across Scotland and the UK, with the cost of petrol and diesel in the UK hitting an all-time high; notes that the Government announced at the recent Autumn Budget that fuel duty rates will remain frozen at 57.95 pence per litre; highlights that drivers are charged a further 20 per cent in Value Added Tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel including fuel duty, resulting in drivers effectively being double-taxed, with increased transportation costs being passed on to consumers and inflation further accelerated; is mindful that this is taking place against the backdrop of the covid-19 recovery and a further significant increase in energy costs as of 1 April 2022; is aware that rises in fuel quickly feeds into the overall cost of living as hauliers pass on their extra outlays to customers; understands that the Treasury is in receipt of billions of pounds in additional revenue as receipts from VAT on fuel at forecourts rockets and other prices rise, accelerating inflation; and endorses the calls on the Government from petrol retailers to halve VAT on fuel to ease pressure on consumers and alleviate the very real difficulties households and businesses currently face.

1089 Standing charges on energy bills

Tabled: 16/03/22 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Angela Crawley
Rachael Maskell
Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

That this House is deeply concerned about the rising costs of energy bills and the severe financial pressure this is placing on households across the UK; is alarmed that standing charges on energy bills could constitute as much as around one quarter of the entire energy bills of those consumers whose energy consumption is low; is concerned that many energy companies have recently increased their standing charges by more than 100 per cent, with some consumers paying as much as 51p per day standing charge for electricity, a charge applied regardless of the amount of power used; understands this will disproportionately and significantly impact on the poorest households; and urges the Government to introduce single unit pricing and to scrap standing charges on energy bills and instead introduce a system of single unit pricing so that consumers are more easily able to compare costs charged by energy providers in a clear and transparent way.

1092 Detention of academics, scholars and students in Belarus

Tabled: 18/03/22 Signatories: 7

Chris Law
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

That this House condemns the actions of the Belarusian authorities in detaining academics, scholars and students; notes deep concern over the detention of individuals such as Maryja Robokov and Yavor Kanetski who were arrested for their involvement in peaceful protests following the 2020 Presidential Elections as part of widespread calls for free and fair elections in Belarus; expresses concern that the Belarusian authorities are clamping down on opposition and dissenting voices, most notably those in academic institutions who are opposed to the current regime; calls on the UK Government to go further in their condemnation of the Belarusian Government, and advocate for the immediate and unconditional release of Maryja Robokov, Yavor Kanetski, and other detained students; and further calls on the UK Government to create a safe humanitarian channel for those released from Belarusian detention, or in danger from reprisals, to access humanitarian visas in order to flee further persecution in Belarus.

1093 Fife Council and the Miscarriage Association's Pregnancy Loss Pledge

Tabled: 18/03/22 Signatories: 11

Peter Grant
Angela Crawley
Patricia Gibson
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saviile Roberts

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss

Jonathan Edwards

That this House commends Fife Council on being the first local authority in the UK to sign up to the Miscarriage Association's Pregnancy Loss Pledge to tackle the stigma associated with miscarriage; supports the campaign which wants to introduce paid leave for families who experience a miscarriage before 24 weeks; notes that the campaign aims to improve support for parents who experience miscarriage by encouraging work environments where employers show empathy and understanding towards people and their partners experiencing pregnancy loss; further notes that the pledge encourages workplaces to introduce a pregnancy loss policy or guidance, which is included in sickness, bereavement or other workplace policies; and congratulates Fife Council in leading the way on this matter and hopes that other local authorities will follow suit to support this important campaign to ensure that employees are fully supported in the event that they experience pregnancy loss.

1094 St Patrick's Primary School Ukraine Appeal

Tabled: 18/03/22 Signatories: 4

Ms Anum Qaisar
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates St Patrick's Primary School, Shotts on their student led appeal organised by Primary five pupils to collect items for a Ukraine Appeal; understands the pupils have collected, sorted and arranged for donations to be available to Ukrainian people and Ukrainian refugees; and commends them on their campaign motto, Humanity still has the ability to work together to build a common home.

1095 The Kashmir Files and recognition of genocide of Hindu Kashmiris and Indian legislation on genocide and atrocities prevention of genocide of Hindu Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir

Tabled: 18/03/22 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House offers its acknowledgement of the painful and gruesome story of Kashmiri Hindus, as highlighted for the first time on a celluloid cinema screen via the film, The Kashmir Files; congratulates Mr Vivek Agnihotri and Ms Pallavi Joshi, the film makers for interviewing over 700 Kashmiri Hindu families including several in the UK, hearing their first person accounts and documenting them, before presenting it on the big screen; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled persecution have still not seen justice for the atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of Kashmiri Pandit community who survived this gruesome ethnic genocide and who did not resort to taking up arms but instead pursued education and aspiration; further notes that the international principle of the responsibility to protect obliges individual states and the international community to take effective measures to prevent the commission of genocide and crimes against humanity as suffered by the Kashmiri Hindu community; joins the Prime Minister of India in acknowledging the pain and suffering of the Kashmiri Hindus; urges the Government of India to fulfil its long-standing international commitment to recognise and acknowledge the worst form of genocide of Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir and enact the proposed Panun Kashmir Genocide Crime Punishment and Atrocities Prevention Bill; and further urges the UK Government to extend the UK's long standing commitment to protect the victims of genocide to the Kashmiri Pandits.

1096 Fashion-workers Advice Bureau Leicester

Tabled: 18/03/22 Signatories: 2

Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the launch of the Fashion-workers Advice Bureau Leicester (FAB-L), formerly known as L-GWASP (Leicester Garment Workers Advice and Support Project), a grassroots initiative to tackle wage exploitation in Leicester's garment industry; considers this as vital due to the fact that, despite endemic exploitation being widely studied for over a decade, painfully little Government action has been taken to protect garment workers in Leicester; recognises as essential FAB-L's mission to prevent the exploitation of vulnerable workers through awareness raising, disrupting exploitative practices, and protecting the rights of workers by promoting decent work; praises FAB-L's holistic approach, which in addition to issues of low wages, under-payment, poor

health and safety work conditions also promotes access to welfare and benefits advice, and offers support with poor living conditions, overcrowding, immigration and legal advice, domestic violence and harassment and form filling and letter writing; further praises FAB-L's outreach community workers and the wide range of agencies - including the Ethical Trading Initiative, Labour Behind the Label and the Trade Union Congress – who will provide support, advice and assistance to garment workers; wishes FAB-L every success in building a vibrant and supportive community hub to combat the culture of neglect and exploitation that has been allowed to fester for far too long; and calls on the Government to match this grassroots initiative with a comprehensive policy agenda to end exploitation in Leicester's garment industry.