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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 26 April 2022

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New EDMs

1182 145th anniversary of Wardens of Newtownards

Tabled: 26/04/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the 145th anniversary of local department store, Wardens of Newtownards; congratulates the wider Wardens family and Helen Campbell on its anniversary and thanks them for their tireless drive to be relevant and modern, providing high quality goods at a good price and remaining a staple of the thriving Newtownards High Street; and further thanks every member of staff, from longest serving Nigel Edmund to the fresh starts, wishing them every success for another 145 years of dependable community focused retail in Newtownards.

1183 International Dawn Chorus Day

Tabled: 26/04/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes International Dawn Chorus Day on 1 May 2022; highlights what an amazing experience it is to listen to bird song and enjoy nature before the pressures of the day descend; encourages families and people to set the alarm and get up early and go to the nearest wildlife reserve or beauty spot and use the RSPB birdsong identifier to see which birds are singing an early morning chorus; and encourages participants to share the experience with others by recording and sharing the local chorus.

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.

1144 Liberty Pressing Solutions in Coventry

Tabled: 30/03/22 Signatories: 13

Zarah Sultana
Kate Osborne
Tony Lloyd
Kim Johnson
David Linden
John McDonnell

Ian Lavery

Dan Carden

That this House notes the risk to 209 jobs at Liberty Pressing Solutions in Coventry; further notes the firm's difficulties follows its parent company, Gupta Family Group Alliance, having faced long-running financial challenges; notes the cost of living crisis and the extreme detrimental impact job losses would have on workers and their families; believes that skilled workers at Liberty Pressing Solutions are vital for rebuilding Britain's manufacturing base; further notes the Daily Mirror's long-running Save Our Steel campaign and its focus on protecting jobs in the Liberty Steel Group; notes Unite the Union's efforts to save the jobs at Liberty Pressing Solutions; calls on the management to redouble efforts to save jobs at Liberty Pressing Solutions and find a buyer; and further calls on the Government to urgently act to protect skilled jobs at Liberty Pressing Solutions with an industrial strategy and investment to transition to a green, sustainable economy.

1147 Social Security

Tabled: 30/03/22 Signatories: 12

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

Ian Lavery

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Statutory Sick Pay (General) (Coronavirus Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I., 2022, No. 380), dated 24 March 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 March 2022, be annulled.

1149 Moratorium on fracking

Tabled: 31/03/22 Signatories: 9

Wera Hobhouse
Jonathan Edwards
Christine Jardine
Marion Fellows
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell

Kate Osborne

Douglas Chapman

That this House expresses concern at reports that Cuadrilla have been given another year to explore options for its wells; regrets that fracking for shale gas is still being considered despite the renewable alternatives that are available; urges the Government to ensure the moratorium on fracking is made both statutory and permanent; and further calls on the Prime Minister to step in to ensure all fracking wells are decommissioned as soon as possible.

1150 Impact of the war in Ukraine on British agriculture

Tabled: 31/03/22 Signatories: 8

Tim Farron
Christine Jardine
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Munira Wilson

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House is deeply concerned by the impact of the war in Ukraine on UK food production and food security; notes that fertiliser, grain, and gas price increases have put intense pressure on British farmers; further notes that Ukrainian agriculture accounts for 30 per cent of world wheat and 50 per cent of sunflower exports, and that Ukrainians have made up 60 per cent of the Seasonal Worker scheme since the UK left the EU; and therefore urges the Government to pause the phase out of direct payments for two years, immediately review the Shortage Occupation List, and release 10,000 additional visas under the Seasonal Worker scheme to give farmers more certainty for the immediate future.

1151 Industrial action at NSK and AKS Peterlee

Tabled: 31/03/22 Signatories: 9

Grahame Morris
Kim Johnson
Marion Fellows
Ian Mearns
Ms Marie Rimmer
Rachael Maskell

Ian Lavery

That this House stands in solidarity with the workers of NSK Bearings Europe Ltd and AKS Precision Ball Europe Ltd, Peterlee, engaged in industrial action over pay; believes that during a cost of living crisis employers need to protect their employees to the fullest extent possible; believes the 1.6 per cent pay offer is a derisory insult and a real-terms pay cut; asks NSK and AKS to return to negotiations and provide workers with a cost of living pay rise; calls on the Government to roll

back generations of anti-trade union laws that have weakened workers' rights and seek alternative models for industrial relations such as those that protect workers in other major economies like France and Germany; notes that the UK has some of the weakest trade union laws and workers' rights in the democratic world which emboldens rogue employers as seen by the recent illegal actions taken by P&O Ferries; and asks the Government to provide ways to strengthen workers' bargaining power through sectoral collective bargaining as a means to protect income and deliver a high wage economy.

1154 WaveLength

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 10

Dr Lisa Cameron
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House recognises the issue of digital inequality and data poverty in the UK due to the lack of access to basic broadband; acknowledges that this lack of access to broadband perpetuates the level of loneliness in citizens all across the UK; appreciates the work that the organization WaveLength has done over the last 80 years to combat loneliness within the UK through the provision of technology; understands that the efforts of WaveLength are needed now more than ever after the covid-19 pandemic which subjected more UK citizens to loneliness than ever before; and vows to support policies that promote access to basic broadband for all families in the UK, which has the potential to increase the connection of UK citizens to one another in these difficult times.

1157 Scottish-para football and 2021-22 UEFA grassroots award for best disability initiative

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 9

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

Steven Bonnar

That this House congratulates the Para-Football Scotland team on winning the 2021-22 UEFA Grassroots Award for Best Disability Initiative; understands the programme has increased access and improved facilities across Scotland to help more disabled people enjoy the game and stay active; notes the immense work done by Chair of Scottish Para-Football, Ashley Reid, Head of Community Football at the Scottish FA, Paul McNeill, and the rest of the team of volunteers and organisations who helped achieve this thoroughly deserved award; recognises that this award represents an immense opportunity to help grow and develop the whole of Scottish Para Football for the better; further notes this achievement sets a benchmark for Para-Football; thanks all those who continue to work to make the sport more inclusive; and looks forward to seeing what more this initiative will achieve in the future.

1159 Safe Hands Plans plc

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 9

Christine Jardine
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Chris Stephens
Layla Moran

Dan Carden

That this House is concerned by the treatment of Safe Hands on their over 46,000 funeral plan customers; recognises that these investments are currently at high risk of loss after the firm's collapse; acknowledges the financial and emotional distress inflicted on customers by this unexpected collapse; calls on the Government to recognise the significant financial investments made by individuals across the UK whose funeral funds are inaccessible; and demands immediate action to be taken by Government to resolve this issue for customers in a respectful and timely matter.

1164 Federation of Small Businesses' 10-Point Plan for Disability Employment and Entrepreneurship

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 13

Douglas Chapman
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin
Emma Hardy
Chris Stephens

Johnny Mercer

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House recognises the publication of the Federation of Small Businesses' 10-Point Plan for Disability Employment and Entrepreneurship; notes the disability employment gap is still more than 28 per cent; commends the FSB's effort to address this through its well-thought-out plan; and encourages the Government to implement the steps the FSB has outlined without delay.

1165 Energy from waste

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 14

Mr Barry Sheerman
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Mr Clive Betts
Tony Lloyd
Kenny MacAskill

Ms Marie Rimmer

Valerie Vaz

That this House notes the importance of sustainable energy production in tackling rising costs; recognises the adverse effects the rising costs of energy will have on household disposable income and the cost of living; acknowledges the need for pathways to sustainable energy production in communities; believes that energy from waste is an effective means of disposing of post-recycling mixed-wastes; further notes that energy from waste will consistently deliver a negative carbon balance compared to landfill while generating energy for local communities; and calls on the

Government to support the sustainable development of energy from waste plants to tackle the rising costs of energy and as a solution to waste disposal.

1167 The future of Channel 4

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 22

Jamie Stone
Rachael Maskell
Ed Davey
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Helen Morgan
Mr Barry Sheerman

Kate Osborne
Ms Marie Rimmer

Chris Law
Dan Carden

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House is concerned about the Government's decision to press ahead with the privatisation of Channel 4, a publicly owned but commercially funded company; notes that Channel 4 is not run for profit and is free from the need to create return for shareholders; acknowledges that Channel 4 emerged from the pandemic with a significant financial surplus, was able to repay its furlough payments and avoid drastic measures taken by other media organisations such as mass lay-offs or pay cuts for junior staff; notes the diverse and valuable contribution the Channel makes to British television in its efforts to explore and televise alternative comedy, race, religion and disability; recalls that the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled *A Privatised Future for Channel Four?*, published in July 2016, HL Paper 17, warned that the distinctive quality and contribution of Channel 4 News in particular could be adversely affected by privatisation; considers that any steps towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; and calls on the Government to halt plans to sell off a Great British institution and to publish its analysis of its consultation on a change of ownership of Channel 4 Television Corporation.

1168 Care provision for pregnant migrant women

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 19

Stephen Timms
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Martyn Day
Rachael Maskell
Kate Osborne

Steven Bonnar

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House welcomes the publication by the Royal College of Midwives of its position statement and accompanying pocket guide for midwives and maternity support workers on caring for pregnant migrant women; notes these women are at higher risk of experiencing poor outcomes for themselves and their babies, and that midwives and maternity support workers have a duty of care to all women, regardless of their immigration status; believes that a woman's immigration status should not be the deciding factor as to whether she can access maternity care; further believes that workforce and service planning should take into account the particular needs of pregnant migrant women for compassionate support, effective communication and continuity of care, which are essential to reduce inequality of outcomes; calls for such women not to be relocated by the immigration authorities after 20 weeks of pregnancy and for women to be settled into suitable accommodation as early as possible in pregnancy to minimise disruption during this critical

time; is concerned that charges for maternity care deter some women from seeking maternity care; and calls on the Government to revoke all maternity-related NHS charges without delay.

1170 Financial education at Crosshouse Primary School

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar

That this House congratulates Crosshouse Primary School in East Kilbride for achieving accreditation of being a Centre of Excellence in financial education; notes that Crosshouse Primary School is the first in Scotland to be accredited and showcases the school's ability to provide practical, effective, and sustainable financial education which meets the needs of pupils; further notes the accreditation follows from the school's commitment to a progressive financial education programme; commends that the school will continue to receive support from Youth Enterprise Scotland over the next three years; further commends Crosshouse Primary School's efforts in supporting other local schools to achieve accreditation in financial education and wishes teachers and pupils continued success for the future.

1171 Turkish military action in Northern Iraq

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 13

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Angela Crawley
Dave Doogan
Alan Brown

Kate Osborne
Ms Marie Rimmer

Chris Law

Drew Hendry

That this House notes and condemns the attacks by Turkish forces on the Metina mountain area in the border area of Duhok in Northern Iraq, that have included jets bombing villages, helicopters dropping ground troops and the terrorising and wounding of Kurdish civilians on the pretext of challenging the PKK, who have called repeatedly for a ceasefire and negotiations for a peaceful and democratic solution to the Kurdish Question in Turkey; that the Turkish forces are being aided by the armed forces of the KDP, the ruling party in the Kurdistan Regional Government, whose Prime Minister Masrour Barzani met with Turkey's President Recep Erdogan shortly before the invasion was launched, before arriving in London for talks on trade with the Government; calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to urge the Turkish Government to end this invasion and to withdraw troops immediately and seek immediate negotiations with the PKK on a ceasefire and progress towards a peaceful and democratic solution.

1172 John Stevenson, UNISON

Tabled: 19/04/22 Signatories: 12

Chris Stephens
 Joanna Cherry
 Tommy Sheppard
 Deidre Brock
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards

Ian Lavery

That this House recognises the life and work of John Stevenson, a UNISON activist, who died on the 6 April 2022; recognises his work as a senior steward within the UNISON City of Edinburgh local government branch, and the predecessor trade union NALGO; sends condolences to his family at this time; further recognises his work as the Chair of the UNISON Scotland Communications and Campaigns Committee, alongside his role as editor of Scotland in Unison newspaper; recognises his role in training generations of trade union activists; recognises his commitment to international issues and his work as a trustee of the Scottish Nelson Mandela Memorial Foundation; celebrates his work in his trade union activities; recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to all who knew him at this time.

1173 Implementation of the Colombia Truth Commission's Final Report

Tabled: 20/04/22 Signatories: 15

Tony Lloyd
 Brendan O'Hara
 Claire Hanna
 Caroline Lucas
 Rachael Maskell
 Kate Osborne

Ian Lavery
 Kenny MacAskill
 Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law
 Ms Marie Rimmer

Jim Shannon
 Dan Carden

That this House welcomes the planned publication in June of the final report of the Colombia Truth Commission, which seeks to acknowledge violations committed during the internal armed conflict, establish collective responsibilities for such violations and prevent the repetition of cycles of violence, and whose recommendations will need to be fully implemented to consolidate the peace process in that country; commends the Colombia Truth Commission for its work, particularly to amplify the voices of victims and survivors in the country and exiled abroad; notes the importance of conserving the Colombia Truth Commission's historical archive, including to further peace education and create sites of conscience; recognises that the Colombian Government may need additional support from the international community to counter opposition from powerful vested interests to the implementation of the Report's recommendations; notes with concern that civil society representatives and community leaders in Colombia are being targeted for their work to advance human rights and the Peace Agreement and are in urgent need of increased protection; urges the Government, as penholder for Colombia at the UN Security Council and a significant financial and political supporter of the Colombia Truth Commission, to help enable the presentation of the Report to the Security Council and the latter's regular monitoring of follow-up; and further urges the Government to keep Parliament periodically updated on its continued support for the peace process in Colombia and how it is helping to address challenges.

1174 81st anniversary of Belfast BlitzTabled: **20/04/22** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Steven Bonnar

That this House notes the 81st Anniversary of the Belfast Blitz as commemorated by the laying of a wreath at the Mass Grave of Blitz Victims in Belfast City Cemetery; further notes the date of the greatest loss of life in Northern Ireland with 900 people being killed during the night and early morning of the Easter Tuesday attack; and highlights the resilience of the Ulster men and women who grieved, rebuilt and refused to capitulate before Nazi aggression, noting that this spirit still remains strong in all within the Province to this day.

1176 75 years of East Kilbride, Scotland's first new townTabled: **21/04/22** Signatories: **7**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman
Steven Bonnar

Jim Shannon

That this House marks the 6 of May 2022 as 75 years since the designation of East Kilbride, Scotland's first new town under the New Towns Act 1946, designed to provide good homes and jobs as part of the redistribution of Glasgow's population with a masterplan aiming to set the best possible example in environmental layout and meet the needs of the local community; notes that East Kilbride had a population of approximately 2,400 in 1947 and recognises that ambition set means that today East Kilbride remains Scotland's largest new town; further notes that East Kilbride has been a fantastic place for families to grow up and that it has been integral to the lives of numerous notable individuals including William and John Hunter, Lorraine Kelly, John Hannah, Ally McCoist, Roddy Frame, the Jesus and Mary Chain, Kirsty Young, Blythe Duff, Julie Wilson Nimmo, Mark Warren, Ross Montgomery, Robbie Winters and David Proctor to name but a few; further notes that George Orwell wrote his most famous cult classic 1984 while a patient at Hairmyres Hospital; commends the contribution of those who have served East Kilbride across culture, politics, business and development including Angus McConnell and John Wright; celebrates the landmark work of the East Kilbride Development Corporation undertaken until 1996; looks forward to continued prioritisation and regeneration of East Kilbride by South Lanarkshire Council including levelling up for East Kilbride's town centre, local economy and development in order to inspire the continued success of East Kilbride for the future.

1177 Campaign to oppose extradition of Julian Assange to the USA

Tabled: 25/04/22 Signatories: 13

Richard Burgon
 Caroline Lucas
 John McDonnell
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Tommy Sheppard
 Kenny MacAskill

Kate Osborne
 Ms Diane Abbott

Steven Bonnar
 Jon Trickett

Chris Law

That this House notes that Julian Assange faces extradition to the USA and a prison sentence of up to 175 years in a super-maximum-security prison for his journalistic work, carried out in the UK; notes that this includes the exposing of war atrocities and human rights abuses in US-led wars on Afghanistan and Iraq and in Guantanamo Bay; further notes that Amnesty International has warned that extradition of Julian Assange would have a chilling effect on the right to freedom of expression; while Reporters Without Borders, the International Federation of Journalists, National Union of Journalists and press freedom groups Article 19, Index and the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom oppose extradition and have warned against the criminalising of journalistic activities; believes that this case once again highlights how the UK's extradition treaty with the US is fundamentally asymmetric and unbalanced in favour of the United States; notes that the Home Secretary will soon have to decide whether to extradite Julian Assange to the USA; and calls on the Home Secretary to reject extradition.

1178 International Guide Dog Day 2022

Tabled: 25/04/22 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Allan Dorans
 Christine Jardine
 Douglas Chapman
 Chris Law
 Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Dan Carden

That this House recognises April 27th as International Guide Dog Day; recognises International Guide Dog Day marks the establishment of the International Federation of Guide Dog (IFGD) Associations in April 1989, notes this is a yearly opportunity to celebrate the work of guide dogs around the world and raise awareness of the importance of guide dog services to help people with visual impairments; applauds the twenty-seven thousand IFGD volunteers around the globe for their work in bringing guide dog services to fruition and also the twenty-thousand UK based voluntary Guide Dog campaigners who work tirelessly to raise awareness and understanding of Guide Dogs in the UK; further highlights that the UK still has a lot to do in making it's transport, streets and general spaces accessible for disabled people; understands that research from Guide Dogs UK shows 75 per cent of assistance dog owners have been refused entry to a restaurant, shop or taxi; and calls on the House to ensure streets and public spaces are safe for everyone, including those with sight loss and their guide dogs.

1179 The Boys' Brigade

Tabled: 25/04/22 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

That this House commends The Boys' Brigade on how it has adapted to challenging circumstances over the last two years and has continued to provide much needed opportunities for thousands of children and young people in communities across the UK to learn, grow and discover during the covid-19 pandemic; notes that in March 2020, for the first time in its history, the organisation had to suspend its face-to-face activities, and responded by launching a new weekly digital programme of activities for children and young people, called BB at Home, designed for parents and carers to access and use at home; congratulates The Boys' Brigade on its successful rollout of BB at Home, during which resources and activities were shared online, providing important support for physical and mental health during a time of social isolation; welcomes that the activities were freely accessible to all children and young people, not just those who are already involved in a BB group; notes that many BB groups also adapted by running virtual sessions online with their members; celebrates that The Boys' Brigade has now been able to return to face-to-face activities; and looks forward to the many exciting future plans that the organisation has for the next few years.

1180 Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid - Bala Lake Railway

Tabled: 25/04/22 Signatories: 6

Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid - Bala Lake Railway, which this year celebrates 50 years since the first sections of track were laid; celebrates the team of volunteers who have compiled a new pictorial album titled Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid - Y 50 Mlynedd Cyntaf / Bala Lake Railway – The First 50 Years 1972-2022, which contains a wealth of archive and contemporary photographs outlining the progress of the railway over the last 50 years; recognises that the railway was awarded the Heritage Railway Association's Best Small Railway of 2012; and wishes Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid - Bala Lake Railway well with their celebrations which will include a visiting locomotive, traction engines, a Sentinel steam lorry, a miniature railway, a model railway and the launch of Aur Bala / Bala Gold a limited edition celebratory beer.

1181 Anzac Day 2022

Tabled: 25/04/22 Signatories: 2

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon

That this House remembers the heroic campaign that followed the landings of Allied forces at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, on 25 April 1915; joins all Australians and New Zealanders in commemorating the bravery of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who, together with their British colleagues and others sacrificed so much in defence of freedom; expresses its pride at the close association that exists between the people of these three nations bound together by language, history, culture sharing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State; particularly in the

momentous year of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee; and commends all those involved in the organisation of this year's Anzac Day commemorations in London held at the Cenotaph in Whitehall and at Westminster Abbey on Monday 25 April 2022.