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New EDMs

35 Ivors Week

Tabled: 12/05/22 Signatories: 1

Kevin Brennan [R]

That this House notes that 16 to 20 May 2022 is Ivors Week, and joins the Ivors Academy in celebrating this country's world-leading songwriters and composers, culminating in the Ivor Novello Awards which honour the best in British and Irish songwriting and composing; further notes that the success of the UK music industry is founded upon the talent and creativity of world-leading composers and lyricists; and calls on the UK music industry and the Government to ensure that a business and public policy framework exists to nurture future songwriting talent and to properly reward those whose creativity helps generate the £5.2 billion annual economic contribution that music makes to UK plc as well as furnishing people with the soundtracks of their lives.

36 Arrests in Hong Kong

Tabled: 12/05/22 Signatories: 4

Sir Edward Leigh
Mike Kane
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern reports that His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Zen, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, aged 90, has been arrested in Hong Kong on charges relating to breaches of China's National Security Law; further notes reports that alongside Cardinal Zen, Cantopop singer and actor Denise Ho, former legislator Margaret Ng, and academic Dr Hui Po Keung have been arrested for being associated with a now-defunct organisation that helped protesters in financial need and that they have been accused of colluding with foreign forces; agrees with the comments of Human Rights Watch that the arrest of 90-year-old Cardinal for peaceful activities is a shocking new low

for Hong Kong's administration and illustrates the city's free-fall in human rights over the past two years; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to make urgent representations to the authorities in Hong Kong and China to secure the release of the Cardinal and his fellow detainees.

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.

2 Green New Deal Bill

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 18

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Stephen Farry
Nadia Whittome
Claire Hanna

Hywel Williams

That this House notes the lack of a sufficient and comprehensive Government plan to decarbonise the UK economy in response to the climate and nature emergencies; recognises public support for bolder and faster action; and calls on the Government to support the Green New Deal Bill, formally known as the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which will introduce legally binding targets in line with the UK's commitment to stay within 1.5 degrees of global heating, reverse inequality, protect and restore nature and the environment, implement new measures of progress that prioritise human and ecological wellbeing in line with the recommendations of the Treasury-commissioned Dasgupta Review, change the way Government manages the economy to enable unprecedented investment in the Green New Deal, end any plans to licence new fossil fuel exploration and new coal mining, establish a comprehensive action plan to transform the UK's energy supply, transport system, farming, land management, homes, buildings, green spaces and the way of working, creating millions of good green jobs across the UK, involve communities, trade unions and workers in the development of the plan, ensuring a just transition by prioritising investment in communities excluded from full participation in the economy and those working in today's high-emissions sectors, enhance the democratic power and resources of devolved governments, local authorities and elected mayors, increase democratic ownership in key sectors including energy, water, transport and mail and advance global justice by ensuring finance and technology for the global South and by promoting the Green New Deal globally.

4 Tenth Anniversary of the reopening of Maryhill Burgh Halls

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 3

Patrick Grady
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates all those involved and connected with the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust as it celebrates ten years since the historic Maryhill Burgh Halls building was reopened in April 2012; notes the Halls, originally opened in 1878 to serve as a police and fire station and municipal facility, had been marked for demolition after falling into disrepair in the late 20th century; further notes the efforts of the Trust, founded in 2004, to save and re-purpose the building as a community hub

and venue; thanks the various Burgh Halls Trustees and volunteers over many years for their efforts, including securing £9.6 million from various sources such as the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund to redevelop complex; recognises the Trust's efforts in making arts, local heritage and history accessible through community events, workshops, walking trails, exhibitions and the establishment of the Maryhill Museum; acknowledges the provision of work placements and the development of employability skills as part of the Trust's volunteering, placement, and work experience strategy; commends volunteers, board members, staff, Trust members, visitors, supporters, friends, fellow organisations, and contractors for their tireless work to make this possible; and wishes the organisation well for the next ten years and beyond.

5 Perth Parrots Floorball club

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Perth Parrots Floorball Club on receiving £949.35 from the Perth Harbour Community Fund; understands that the money will be used to host a range of community focused activities to help bring the LGBTIQ+ community in the Perth and Kinross area together, reduce isolation & provide visible positive role models; commends the Club for its unique position as an LGBTIQ+ inclusive sports club in Perth that is also home to several allies of the community; welcomes their broader social outreach which it considers will be of significant benefit to people from the Perth and Kinross area and beyond; further understands that, since January 2022, membership of Perth Parrots has more than tripled and commends the Club for expanding their outreach and awareness of floorball so significantly and so quickly; wishes the Club well with its programme of activities; and hopes that some participants are encouraged to try floorball if they haven't already and hopes to see the Parrots soar into the Scottish Floorball League in the 2022-23 season.

6 P&O Ferries and employment rights

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 12

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

Neale Hanvey

Hywel Williams

That this House condemns in the strongest possible terms the decision of P&O Ferries to fire 800 staff without notice or consultation with their trade unions, the RMT and Nautilus; demands the immediate reinstatement of the sacked workers; further condemns their replacement with agency workers earning as little as £1.80 per hour; condemns P&O's use of hired private security guards to remove seafarers from their place of work; notes that DP World, the owner of P&O Ferries, received millions of pounds of taxpayers' money during the coronavirus pandemic; calls on the Government to suspend the contracts and licences of DP World and remove them from the Government's Transport Advisory Group; recognises the safety inspections carried out, but asks that the result of these inspections be published in full; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to outlaw fire and rehire practices, strengthen workers' rights, and ensure that operators using UK ports pay seafarers at least the national minimum wage.

7 Melanoma Awareness Month and VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 6

Patricia Gibson
Douglas Chapman
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

That this House recognises that May is Melanoma awareness month; understands that melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer and that that most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays; is aware that protecting your skin from UV rays is key to lowering the risk of skin cancer; believes that Melanoma awareness month is an opportune time to once again call for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

10 Votes on Standards Motions

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 9

Wendy Chamberlain
Tim Farron
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Sarah Green

Layla Moran

Hywel Williams

That this House notes the investigation and findings on the Owen Paterson case by the independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and Committee on Standards Report published on 26 October 2021, HC797; is concerned that the former Member was able to cast a vote on a motion relating to his own suspension; recognises that there is a conflict of interest inherent in Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct; notes that the Prime Minister is being investigated by the Privileges Committee in relation to his own conduct in the House; and calls on the Government to urgently bring forward a motion for consideration by the House proposing amendments to Standing Orders to prevent Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct.

11 Veteran homelessnessTabled: **10/05/22** Signatories: **10**

Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Douglas Chapman
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Hywel Williams

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to end veterans' rough sleeping by the end of 2024; recognises the excellent work that organisations such as Alabaré, Launchpad, Riverside and Stoll do in providing veterans with the specialist support they need to address complex needs and promote independent living; and calls on the Government to provide the long-term sustainable funding needed to ensure the provision of specialist supported housing for veterans who are at risk of homelessness.

13 SNP Election results in MidlothianTabled: **10/05/22** Signatories: **3**

Owen Thompson
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the Scottish National Party (SNP) Midlothian Council group on their success in being elected as the largest party following Thursday 6th May's local elections; recognises that the SNP successfully won both the most seats and the most votes, and has therefore secured a mandate to form Midlothian Council's next administration; recognises that the SNP's success in Midlothian reflects the people of Midlothian's desire for a new administration that prioritises local services, a forward-thinking and long-term outlook for Midlothian's future, and meaningful engagement with communities; congratulates the following elected SNP Midlothian councillors: Debbi McCall, Connor McManus, Dianne Alexander, Colin Cassidy, Kelly Parry, Stuart McKenzie, Douglas Bowen, and Ellen Scott; further congratulates all the SNP Midlothian candidates who were not elected, for running fantastic campaigns that engaged the people of Midlothian and highlighted the local issues most important to communities; sincerely thanks voters in Midlothian for putting their faith in the SNP to take on the mantle of running Midlothian Council on their behalf; and wishes the SNP Midlothian Council group the very best in forming an administration and putting Midlothian's needs first.

15 National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe

Hywel Williams

This House notes the role played by the National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance in honouring and remembering the 2.3 million young men conscripted into the British Army under the National Service Act between 1947 and 1963; notes that youngest of those who gave their service under the Act are now 82; further notes that many of the founding objectives of both organisations have been successful, particularly to assist those former National Servicemen disadvantaged by their service, to raise awareness of the service to our country and to seek official recognition; notes that while the organisations have campaigned over many years to see the contribution given to their country by these men recognised by awarding a medal this has not yet come to fruition; supports the organisations ongoing work to see those who undertook national service to be properly recognised; and calls on the Government to right a historic wrong and ensure that medals are awarded to National Servicemen for their work on behalf of our nation.

17 25th Anniversary of GalGael

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 3

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the 25th Anniversary of the founding of an inspiring and life changing community project based in Govan, the GalGael Trust Foundation, which was founded by the late Colin McLeod whose vision for the project is still upheld today; notes that their woodcraft workshop maintains the proud Glaswegian traditions of hard work, community spirit and skilled craftwork while changing lives by restoring pride and achievement and developing skills; further notes that GalGael have shown that supporting the long-term unemployed with respect and a creative vision can have more long lasting and profound impact than traditional methods; supports GalGael's efforts to be environmentally proactive by using Scottish timber from landfill as part of a culture within the organisation of respect and positive action; acknowledges that the continued success of GalGael is through its people and the inspiring volunteers and employees working in the heart of their communities; and wishes GalGael and all associated with the charity continued success in the many years to come.

19 Disability Benefit Assessments and the Health & Disability Green Paper

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 12

Marsha De Cordova
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Beth Winter

Cat Smith

Hywel Williams

That this House notes that Department for Work and Pensions statistics show that of the 1.5 million Incapacity Benefit claimants who were assessed for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) up until June 2019, 268,000 were found Fit for Work, a proportion of 18 per cent, that between 2013-2020, only 66,000 out of 400,000 requests for Mandatory Reconsideration of an ESA-Work Capability Assessment (WCA) decision resulted in a changed decision, that in 2019-20, 75 per cent of WCA appeals to the independent Tribunal were won by the claimant, that by 2020, of 1.5 million disabled people previously in receipt of Disability Living Allowance who had been reassessed for Personal Independence Payment (PIP), nearly half, 706,473, had seen their entitlement either reduced or disallowed, that of the six million people who have applied for PIP, 2.7m have been refused, a proportion of 46 per cent, that of those going on to lodge a PIP appeal in 2020-21, 31,720, DWP conceded 10,990 appeals before they even went in front of the Tribunal and lost two-thirds of those that were decided there; further notes that while the July 2021 Health & Disability Green Paper does have some useful operational changes, it does not go far enough in remedying DWP's poor quality decision-making and reforming the assessments regimes; and calls on the Government to commit to much more fundamental reform of WCA and PIP assessment in the forthcoming White Paper to guarantee disabled and seriously unwell people receive the social security they need to live on.

21 Louise Aitchison and domestic violence protection

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

That this House recognises the truth of abuse and its genuine impact on society; acknowledges that there are hundreds of female deaths, many registered as suicides across the UK and that a significant proportion of these involve cases of domestic abuse; asks the Government to amend how they investigate domestic abuse cases and risks to survivors to utilise specialised frontline responders who are fully trained in handling domestic abuse cases; appreciates the work of professionals including Professor Jane Monckton Smith, who have worked so hard to highlight this issue; acknowledges the Sunday Post campaign to highlight the need for change by Scottish journalist Marion Scott; commemorates the tragedy of East Kilbride's Louise Aitchison whose life was so cruelly taken whilst she had so much to give and live for; and urges the Government to support specialist domestic abuse risk management services, in Louise's and other victims memory to save lives.

24 60 years of ENABLE Renfrew

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

Gavin Newlands
 Jim Shannon
 Patricia Gibson
 Allan Dorans
 Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates ENABLE Renfrew on its 60 years of service to the community in Renfrew and throughout Renfrewshire; notes its formation in 1962 by parents of children with learning difficulties in the area; notes its outstanding work in supporting families in the community who value and need the services and support it provides; recognises the decades-long commitment of current and former committee members who have ensured the organisation's long-term success; and further recognises the outstanding contribution by Mr Charlie Newlands, who is no relation to the hon Member for Paisley and Renfrewshire North, over the past 50 years to the work carried out by ENABLE Renfrew as it enters its seventh decade of existence.

25 Roza Salih's election as a Councillor in Scotland

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 23

Chris Stephens
 Alison Thewliss
 Anne McLaughlin
 Patrick Grady
 David Linden
 Carol Monaghan

Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the huge achievement of Roza Salih, a Kurdish-born, Scottish human rights activist and campaigner who has become the first former refugee to be elected as a local councillor in Scotland; congratulates Roza on her election on May 6 2022 to serve as a councillor for the Greater Pollok ward in Glasgow; welcomes the huge wealth of experience and talent that Roza will bring to the role; recognises her victory will inspire refugees and asylum seekers across the four nations of the UK; acknowledges the historical significance of this moment for Scotland; remembers Roza's first political campaign as a co-founder of the Glasgow Girls at just 15 with fellow pupils from Drumchapel High School who campaigned to stop the UK Border Force carrying out dawn raids and detaining and deporting children, and whose campaign successfully prevented the deportation of their school friend Agnesa Murselaj; and wishes Roza great success serving the people of Greater Pollok over the next five years.

26 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
 Sarah Green
 Rachael Maskell
 Neale Hanvey
 Hywel Williams

That this House notes Mental Health Awareness Week running from 9 to 15 May 2022; further notes that the Mental Health Foundation are focussing on awareness of the impact of loneliness on mental health and the practical steps that can be taken to address it; highlights the awful finding

that one in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time; takes this opportunity to thank all those voluntary organisations and churches who were at pains to ensure that their members were not completely isolated during covid-19 and yet understands that covid-19 has exacerbated Loneliness for many people; and further encourages organisations and local communities to continue to take those steps to make contact with people as they did during covid-19 and take time to ensure that people know they are not alone.

28 Abortion rights in the United States

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 3

Ms Diane Abbott
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams

That this House expresses its grave concern about the series of attacks that have been launched in the United States on a woman's right to choose; notes that the leaked opinion of the US Supreme Court overturning the judgement of *Roe v Wade* has been authenticated; is aware that poorer women and many from ethnic minorities already experience severe difficulties in exercising their reproductive rights and that this situation could become much worse; further notes that anti-choice campaigners in the United States are attempting to build support overseas, including in this country; and resolves to support a strong defence of a woman's right to choose in this country and internationally.

29 Energy price rises and the price cap

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 3

Ms Diane Abbott
Rachael Maskell
Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the recent rise in energy prices and that these price rises have intensified a cost of living crisis; also notes that the price cap is projected to rise again in October 2022 and that this, in combination with the seasonal increase in demand for energy in winter, will impoverish millions of the poorest in Britain; further notes that Ofgem is a government agency which determines the energy price cap and that energy companies have made record profits this year; and calls on the Government to direct Ofgem to rule out any increase in the energy price cap in October.

30 Turkish military action in Northern Iraq

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 4

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans

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; further notes 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; and 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.

31 Consumer phone access

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 2

Robert Halfon
Jonathan Edwards

That this House believes that consumers deserve a proper customer telephone service from utility and service provider companies; congratulates the Daily Mail for launching this important campaign; notes that no customer should have to wait longer than ten minutes to be connected to an adviser, rather than an automated bot; understands that older or more vulnerable people cannot always access internet services and that therefore the provision of an adequate telephone service is critical; recognises that if companies fail to provide a suitable and adequate phone service to support their customers, they should face financial penalties which can be passed on to the consumer through rebates; and calls upon the Government to introduce new customer protection legislation that would ensure efficient, responsible and immediate customer service is guaranteed.

32 ME Awareness Day 2022

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 13

Carol Monaghan
Rachael Maskell
Jonathan Edwards
Cat Smith
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Metcalfe

Neale Hanvey
Hywel Williams
Patrick Grady

Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises 12 May 2022 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the publication of the new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on ME/CFS which has removed the recommendation of graded exercise therapy; looks forward to the full implementation of these guidelines as part of a complete overhaul of how ME services are planned and delivered; and calls on the Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

33 Moratorium on fracking

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 6

Wera Hobhouse
Rachael Maskell
Jonathan Edwards
Cat Smith
Dan Carden
Neale Hanvey

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 calls on the Prime Minister to step in to ensure all fracking wells are decommissioned as soon as possible.

34 Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 16

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Tommy Sheppard
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas

Neale Hanvey

That this House is shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.