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# Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 14 June 2022

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# **New EDMs**

## 165 Domestic sale and advertisement of animal experiences abroad

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### Martyn Day

That this House notes the urgent need for a ban on the domestic sale and advertisement of cruel animal experiences abroad, such as elephant rides and captive dolphin shows, to be brought into legislation; acknowledges the cruel methods used to train elephants for entertainment, such as repeated beatings with hooks, forced separation from their mothers, restraint and forced isolation; notes the substandard conditions dolphins live in, such as being kept in small, featureless tanks, denied the ability to exhibit natural behaviours and separated from their mothers at a young age; notes that wild animals used for entertainment have miserable and torturous lives that do not meet their basic welfare needs; and recognises the strong public and parliamentary support to introduce a ban.

# 166 Eaglesham Fair's 350th anniversary

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### Kirsten Oswald

This House congratulates the Eaglesham Fair Committee on the success of the Eaglesham Fair, which celebrates its 350th anniversary in 2022; notes that the Eaglesham Fair, which was created after an Act of the Scottish Parliament in 1672 allowed the village to host a fair day, attracts thousands of visitors to the village from across East Renfrewshire and beyond; applauds the tireless work of the committee to ensure that, not only does the day run smoothly, but visitors are able to enjoy a fantastic day out; understands that, in addition to raising fair funds, this year's fair also supported fundraising for Alzheimer's Scotland and the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice; welcomes the wide variety of activities organised on the fair weekend, including races, dog shows, parades, scarecrow competitions, baking competitions, craft competitions, miniature garden competitions, historical exhibitions, historical walks, open gardens, football matches, community quizzes, treasure

hunts, a disco, stalls, a funfair, musical performances and the highly-anticipated crowning of the fair queen; and wishes the fair committee, whose members remain focused on providing the local community with events and support, every continued success.

# 167 Tom Stoltman, World's Strongest Man 2022

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Neale Hanvey**

That this House offers its sincerest congratulations to Scotland's Tom Stoltman on his triumph at the World's Strongest Man competition in Sacramento, California in May 2022; notes that, in finishing a massive 10.5 points clear of the second-placed athlete, Tom secured the largest margin of victory in the tournament for 17 years; further notes that Tom is only the eighth competitor to ever win back-to-back titles; and acknowledges that, as the only second British citizen to be twice-crowned the World's Strongest Man, Tom's success is nothing short of truly outstanding.

# 168 Môr Flasus Seafood Catering

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Liz Saville Roberts**

That this House welcomes Môr Flasus, a new mobile seafood catering company from Nefyn, Pen Ll n; commends proprietors Sian Davies and Dyddgu Mair of Nefyn for launching this exciting new enterprise which showcases fresh quality local seafood produce such as Bae Nefyn lobster and Porthdinllaen spider crab cooked in the renowned Cwrw Ll n Largo lager; recognises the unrivalled expertise of local fishermen such as Sion Williams of Sarn Mellteyrn in landing the best quality seafood from the seas off the Pen Ll n coastline, and his initiative in establishing Lockdown Lobsters with Jude Edginton to seek out new markets; notes there are presently 46 fishing vessels sailing out of harbours in Dwyfor Meirionnydd, and that vessels under 10 metres account for over 92 per cent of the Welsh fishing fleet; and calls on the Government to work more coherently with Welsh Government to provide targeted support to encourage species diversity and a more prosperous economic and social future for Welsh coastal communities.

#### 169 Osteogenesis Imperfecta National Awareness Month

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Chris Law**

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; commends the campaign for a National Awareness Month ran by the Brittle Bone Society and its supporters, which will 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.

# 170 Clean Air Day 2022

Tabled: 14/06/22 Signatories: 1

#### Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House celebrates Clean Air Day 2022 on Thursday 16th June and the ongoing campaign to tackle air pollution; recognises that air pollution is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK and the disastrous impact it has on individuals, families and communities; regrets that air pollution contributes to 40,000 early deaths in the UK each year and that many others suffer from chronic conditions and reduced life expectancy; expresses concern that the economy takes a £20 billion hit annually from the accumulated cost of treating health conditions and days missed at work due to air pollution; calls on the Government to take decisive action to reduce levels of toxic air pollution by intervening to reduce vehicle emissions; expresses the view that a change to the MOT to include Diesel Particulate Filter emissions testing would have a significant impact in improving air quality throughout urban spaces by identifying broken filters that emit harmful particulates; and urges the Government to reverse its decision to end the plug-in grant for cars and commit to a new programme of investment in electric vehicle provision and infrastructure.

# **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.

# 121 50 years of Pride in the UK

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 35

Angela Crawley Jonathan Edwards Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Wera Hobhouse Allan Dorans

Dan Carden Daisy Cooper

That this House welcomes Pride Month 2022, running from 1st to 30th June;

understands Pride is a month-long celebration of the establishment of the LGBTQIA+ rights movement that followed the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969; recognises this year marks 50 years of the Pride movement in the UK, following the first official UK Gay Pride Rally held in London on 1 July 1972; understands that Pride is a celebration of the successes of the diverse LGBTQIA+ community while raising awareness of continuing discrimination and issues affecting the members of the community; commends the progress that modern society has made in protecting the rights of those with LGBTQIA+ identities; further understands that this recent progress for the LGBTQIA+ community comes after decades of campaigning in civic society; celebrates the freedoms gained by LGBTQIA+ people including recognised rights to marriage, adoption and family life as well as acceptance in mainstream society; and recognises that although significant progress has been made, more can be done to make the UK a safer and fairer place for the LGBTQIA+ community and to spread that message of tolerance and acceptance throughout the world.

# 130 Killing of Christian worshippers at St Francis Catholic Church in Owo town, Ondo State, Nigeria

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 17

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Mohammad Yasin
Steven Bonnar
Patrick Grady

Tim Farron

That this House condemns the killing of Christian worshippers by terrorist gunmen at St Francis Catholic Church in Owo town, Ondo State, Nigeria on Sunday 5 June 2022; offers condolences and sympathies to the friends and family of the 40 worshippers killed during the attack; urges the Buhari Government to take effective action against the Jihadist ideology destroying lives in Nigeria; and calls on the Government to raise security concerns and threats to freedom of religion or belief with its Nigerian counterparts.

# 131 Treatment of Liverpool fans at the 2022 Champions League Final in Paris

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 78

lan Byrne Dan Carden Maria Eagle Kim Johnson Paula Barker Sir George Howarth

Jamie Stone Daisy Cooper

That this House condemns the deeply disturbing treatment by French police of Liverpool and Real Madrid fans outside Stade de France at the Champions League Final in Paris; notes catastrophic failures in stadium management by UEFA and French authorities which threatened the lives and wellbeing of supporters; further notes the grossly inadequate funnelling on approaching the stadium; notes the inadequate number of trained stewards on turnstiles and access through said turnstiles; condemns indiscriminate pepper-spraying and tear-gassing of supporters including children by French police; recognises Liverpool fans arrived at Stade de France up to three-and-ahalf hours before kick-off; notes Merseyside Police evidence that the vast majority of fans behaved in an exemplary manner, arriving early and queuing as directed; insists UEFA holds an independent investigation into matchday failures in co-ordination with Merseyside Police, LFC and Spirit of Shankly; demands a public apology from UEFA and French authorities for announcing on stadium boards and to a global TV audience that the delay to kick-off was caused by Liverpool fans arriving at the stadium late when this was categorically untrue; demands French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin and French Sports Minister Amelie Oudea-Castera publicly retract and apologise for their appalling and unsubstantiated comments about Liverpool fans made since the match; condemns the life threatening bottleneck and crush Liverpool fans were forced into prior to kick-off; and insists that reports of French people entering the stadium without tickets and Liverpool and Real Madrid fans being pick-pocketed and mugged near to the stadium are fully investigated.

# 135 Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month 2022

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 37

Mary Kelly Foy Martin Docherty-Hughes John McDonnell Kirsten Oswald Rachael Maskell Kate Green

**Alison Thewliss** 

That this House notes that during the month of June 2022 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; further notes that a key theme in 2022 is What Makes a Home?; recognises that what makes a home can mean different things to different peoples and cultures, with homes to be found on the roads and waterways, in fairgrounds, and within communities; believes that the rich culture and history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be both celebrated and protected; and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

# 136 Dr Sabir Zazai FRSE, Scottish Refugee Council

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 4

Margaret Ferrier Jim Shannon Chris Stephens Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Dr Sabir Zazai FRSE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Refugee Council, on his award of the Order of the British Empire; commends his tireless dedication to advocating for refugees, who have often been through very traumatic and difficult experiences; recognises the importance of this work, particularly the leadership he has shown both in the Scottish Refugee Council and the sector more broadly; further recognises the valuable work of his colleagues at the Scottish Refugee Council, particularly over the past year, which has seen the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the outbreak of war in Ukraine, which has hugely increased demand for their services; and wishes Sabir and his colleagues the very best in their future endeavours.

#### 140 Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2022

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson Allan Dorans Jim Shannon Patrick Grady Chris Stephens Douglas Chapman

That this House congratulates the nominees and winners of the Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2022; thanks the organisers at Volunteer Midlothian for the annual opportunity, held during Volunteers Week, to celebrate the amazing efforts of local volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to bring about positive change in Midlothian's communities across a wide range of inspirational projects; commends the people of Midlothian for their incredible efforts and strong sense of community spirit; and sends its individual congratulations to award winners Karyn McGrath of Anam Cara, Volunteer of the Year; Ageing Well, Volunteering Team of the Year; Margaret McMeekin of Transform, Outstanding New Volunteer; Alan Paterson of Thornton Rose Riding for the Disabled, Befriender/Mentor of the Year and Digital Volunteering; the Amazing Brains

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Committee at Art Club, winner of the Active Volunteering and Climate Change award; Juliette Paris, nominated by Rosewell and District Community Council, Service to the Community award; Margaret Canning of Hearing Link Scotland, Health and Wellbeing Award; John McVeigh of Health-in-Mind, Dedicated Service to Volunteering Award; Joanna Habba of Home Link Family Support, Equality and Diversity Award; Sam Ewens, Lucy White, Andrew Hogg, Caitlin Chambers, Kari Calder and Jaylynn King, Saltire Summit Award winners.

Tabled: 8/06/22

## 141 Findings of Birthrights report

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Rachael Maskell
Cat Smith
John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House highlights the findings of Birthrights report, Systemic racism, not broken bodies; emphasises the importance of the findings of the report, which confirm that black, Asian, and mixed ethnicity women are more likely to experience baby loss and illness, become seriously ill themselves and have a worse experience of care during pregnancy and throughout childbirth; advocates for the conclusions of the report, particularly a commitment to anti-racism by all maternity and neo-natal services alongside a commitment to ensure that more Black and Brown women and birthing people decision-makers in their care and the wider maternity system; and calls for the safe and inclusive maternity and birthing experience for all parents.

# 142 The role of design in tackling climate change

Tabled: 8/06/22 Signatories: 17
Mr Barry Sheerman
Ren Lake

Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill

**Daisy Cooper** 

That this House notes the contribution the UK design sector makes to economic, cultural and social development across the entire country; celebrates the positive economic contribution design makes to the UK economy and its associated relationship to sustainable growth; believes that design can be used to address some of society's most urgent challenges including climate change; notes that that 80 per cent of the environmental impact of products is determined at the design stage and that 45 per cent of required reduction in global greenhouse gases need to come from everyday products; therefore calls on the Government to support the development of environmentally friendly practices in the design industry and to work closely with relevant industries to support good practice in the design stage of products so that the UK is a global leader in environmentally friendly design.

#### 145 PASSPORT DELAYS AND COSTS

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 10

Sir Peter Bottomley Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Rachael Maskell John McDonnell

Douglas Chapman Carla Lockhart

That this House condemns as unacceptable the policy of Her Majesty's Passport Office in requiring a person who has experienced significant delays processing their passports to pay an additional £73 to have the process expedited; notes that hon. Members and their caring staff in recent weeks have listened to tears and complete utter panic from many families who reasonably booked trips ahead of time, often scheduled 10 to 12 weeks after applying for a passport (having read the website estimating processing times of up to 6 weeks); notes these applicants are all now held to ransom and forced to pay £73 a passport for HMPO to escalate the process; notes the escalation can only happen within 14 days of travel and people are grappling to manage all the new rules retrospectively applied; and calls on ministers to drop the £73 and to escalate automatically every application when notified travel is within four weeks.

# 146 Dafydd Iwan's folk song, Yma O Hyd

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 7

Tabled: 9/06/22

Signatories: 5

Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Hywel Williams Jonathan Edwards Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

This House celebrates the success of former Plaid Cymru president, Dafydd Iwan's iconic folk song 'Yma O Hyd', We're still here, for reaching number one in the iTunes chart 41 years after its release in 1981; congratulates Welsh football supporters who led the campaign to get the song to number one after adopting it as their unofficial anthem; notes how the song tells the defiant story of the survival of the Welsh language and culture against all odds over the past millennia; further celebrates how the song is uniting Welsh language and non-Welsh language speakers from across the whole of Wales in their shared passion for Welsh football, culture and identity, demonstrating the enduring strength of the Welsh communitarian spirit; and gives special thanks to Dafydd Iwan for his life's work of inspiring generations of people in Wales through his music and activism.

# 147 Launch of Bath City Women

Wera Hobhouse Layla Moran Wendy Chamberlain Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards

Vera Hobhouse ayla Moran Vendy Chamberlain

That this House celebrates the launch of Bath City Women, Bath City FC's new women's team who will wear the famous black and white striped kit and play their home games at Twerton Park;

thanks Novia Financial, a Bath-based company who will support the team as the founding sponsor; acknowledges Bath City's proud history of women's football, with Bath Ladies FC playing in front of 31,000 spectators at Old Trafford in 1921; reiterates its support for equality and inclusion across all sports and celebrates the rise of women's football as the fastest growing sport in the UK; and wishes Bath City Women every success as it helps grow the women's game.

# 149 OCS HM Courts & Tribunals Service security staff

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 16

Liz Saville Roberts Chris Stephens Kim Johnson John McDonnell Kate Osborne Jeremy Corbyn

Ms Diane Abbott Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with disappointment the recent below-inflation pay offer by OCS to security staff working on the HM Courts & Tribunals Service estate; believes this offer falls woefully short of what these front-line workers deserve and continues the unacceptable position of poverty pay on the HM Courts & Tribunals Service contract, which has led to widespread problems involving recruitment and retention; expresses concern that OCS is accredited by the Living Wage Foundation despite not paying the Real Living Wage to all staff; supports demands by the PCS union for OCS to table a base-pay offer that meets the Real Living Wage as defined by the Living Wage Foundation and to give security staff full occupational sick pay from day one, an additional day of annual leave, an overtime rate of time and a quarter for weekdays, paid time off for medical appointments, full pay for covid-19 absence, five days paid dependency leave, and five days paid bereavement leave; and calls on the Government and HM Courts & Tribunals Service to apply all possible pressure on OCS to accept these reasonable demands.

# 152 Alison McColl and the Platinum Jubilee Champions Award

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 3

Patricia Gibson Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Alison McColl, Managing Director and Founder of Fibro Friends United Scotland CIC, on receiving the Platinum Julbilee Champion Award, launched by the Royal Voluntary Service in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's 70 years of service; recognises Alison's vital work in developing services, support, and education, as well as raising awareness of fibromyalgia across Scotland; further recognises the role that Alison has played in empowering and inspiring the fibromyalgia community to have a voice and be heard across services and systems in Scotland; commends the outstanding work of Alison and her team in launching various campaigns such as #lightupforfibro and #pledgeforfibro and working so hard to raise awareness of the condition; and further congratulates Alison on her excellent work to support the fibroymyalgia community, particularly during the challenges of recent years, and wishes her all the best for the future.

# 153 Israeli Flag Day in Occupied East Jerusalem

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 3

Tommy Sheppard Chris Stephens Anne McLaughlin

That this House condemns the annual Israeli flag march through Palestinian neighbourhoods of occupied East Jerusalem marked by widespread racist chants, including death to Arabs and we will burn your village; further condemns the frequent attacks on Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem by marchers, and attacks on journalists, including this year a BBC crew filming the event; notes with deep concern the endorsement and participation in the march of members of successive Israeli Governments; further notes the failure of the Israeli Government to issue its own condemnation of these events and to take action to prevent them, and believes this failure is indicative of broader discrimination against Palestinians in government policy which Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the UN Special Rapporteur for human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory have all concluded to be the crime of apartheid against the Palestinian people.

# 154 Auchrannie Resort on the Isle of Arran

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson Chris Stephens Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Auchrannie Resort on the Isle of Arran on being named Scotland's Best Staycation at the Prestige Hotel Awards 2022; notes that this achievement is a huge accolade and tribute to staff at the venue who work so hard to make every Auchrannie experience a memorable one; recognises that this award builds on many of the resort's previous wins, including Activities Hotel of the Year and Spa Team of the Year, as awarded by The Scottish Hotel Awards 2020; appreciates that the Isle of Arran resort of Auchrannie is the first in Scotland to be owned by its employees with an Employee Ownership Trust holding 100% of the company's shares on behalf of its 160 employees; is aware of the fantastic facilities available at the Auchrannie including two 4 star hotels with 85 rooms, thirty five-star self-catering lodges, 14 luxury retreats, three restaurants, a destination spa, shop and two leisure clubs with pools, children's playbarn and outdoor adventure centre; praises the hard work of all the staff working at Auchrannie Resort in securing this prestigious accolade after the tremendous pressure placed on the leisure, and hospitality sector over the period of the covid-19 pandemic; and wishes the business every success for the future.

#### 155 Action to combat increasing fuel prices

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 4

Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon Sammy Wilson Paul Girvan

That this House notes with great concern that the average cost of a tank of petrol or diesel is now over £100; recognises the heavy financial burden this is placing on households and businesses across the UK; notes that in rural areas with limited public transport this cost burden is particularly acute; and calls on the Government to further reduce fuel duty beyond the 5p per litre announced in the Spring Statement, and to introduce a temporary reduction in VAT applied across the UK, to reduce

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the cost per litre of fuel and help households amidst this cost of living crisis, and support businesses in their recovery from the impact from covid-19.

#### 156 Phil Bennett

Jonathan Edwards Sir Mike Penning Douglas Chapman Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

This House mourns the sad passing of Welsh rugby great Phil Bennett; notes that Mr Bennett represented his home town team Llanelli on 413 occasions, including the famous 1972 victory over the New Zealand All Blacks, scoring 2,535 points; recognises that Mr Bennett gained 29 Welsh caps and was part of teams that won 2 Five Nations Grand Slam and 3 Triple Crowns; further recognises that Mr Bennett toured with the Lions to South Africa in 1974, with the team returning undefeated, and captained the 1977 tour to New Zealand; admires the incredible rugby vision and skill possessed by Mr Bennett including a devastating side-step that could outwit any defender; recalls his famous team talks as captain, not least his speech to the Welsh national team before their encounter with England in the 1977 Five Nations Championship; further notes that Mr Bennett was inducted to the Rugby Hall of fame in 2005; and remembers a humble man that has inspired generations of rugby

# 157 Death of Northern Ireland football boss Billy Bingham

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 6

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Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan
Gavin Robinson

union players and supporters.

That this House notes with regret the death of Northern Irish football boss Billy Bingham, who sadly passed away aged 90 of dementia; further notes his dedicated efforts in guiding Northern Ireland to the World Cup finals, first in 1982 when they famously beat hosts Spain, and again in 1986; notes his personal football career, spending many years playing himself for Everton and Luton; further notes his sad diagnosis with dementia in 2006 but his strong fight throughout and lasting determination; sympathises with the family in their loss and holds them in our thoughts through this difficult time highlighting that his legacy will live on in the world of football and the sporting community; and sends condolences to all those who cherished him.

## 158 An appreciation of Bruce Kent

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 14

Kirsten Oswald
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens

Anne McLaughlin Carol Monaghan Martyn Day Gavin Newlands Jonathan Edwards Deidre Brock

Beth Winter Alison Thewliss

That this House remembers the life and achievements of Bruce Kent whilst mourning his passing; notes that Bruce Kent was a peace campaigner who served as a Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, a Vice-President of Pax Christi, and Emeritus President of the Movement for the Abolition of War; notes that after national service in the Royal Tank Regiment and receiving a law degree at Brasenose College, Oxford, he was then ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster; further notes that it was his Christian faith that brought him to reject nuclear weapons as fundamentally immoral; highlights that even without their use, nuclear deterrence itself depends on a willingness to commit mass murder; recognises that Bruce Kent served as general secretary and then chair of CND in the 1980s and that his leadership was the embodiment of integrity, creativity and sheer determination, becoming a vocal critic of defence policy when public opposition to the acquisition of Trident and cruise missiles was escalating; further recognises that his commitment to innumerable peace and human rights campaigns over many decades was inspirational to many; and extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Bruce Kent and his friends

# 159 BBC coverage of 12th of July parades in Northern Ireland

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon Carla Lockhart Paul Girvan Gavin Robinson

That this House notes the very clear message being sent by the BBC to Unionists in Northern Ireland which indicates that the Orange Culture and Heritage is not worthy of BBC attention; further notes that the decision not to revert to live coverage of the 12th of July parades only underlines the contempt that the BBC has towards communities in Northern Ireland as highlighted when, during the Queen's Jubilee coverage, the other UK countries had their flag displayed, the Irish Tricolour was shown; also notes that after this was highlighted the correction was to the Northern Ireland Football Squad as opposed to the Ulster Banner which is the flag used for Commonwealth Games and other Northern Ireland representations; calls upon the Director General of the BBC to undertake immediate education of the staff covering Northern Ireland issues to underline the impartiality does not mean eradication of anything British or historical in Northern Ireland; and further calls upon the Director General to issue an immediate apology and reinstate live coverage of the 12th in recognition of all those elderly and vulnerable who cannot make the parade but wish to see an event which is representative of every corner of Northern Ireland, from every age and every background covered on the TV as it has been in years gone by.

#### 160 Jemma Boyle and Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian

Tabled: **13/06/22** Signatories: 4

Martyn Day **Douglas Chapman Chris Stephens** Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Jemma Boyle on the celebration of her 15 years as a volunteer with Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian (VSGWL); notes that Jemma began volunteering in 2002 with various organisations before joining the VSGWL; recognises the enormous contribution Jemma makes to the VSGWL through the varied work she does; commends Jemma's commitment to volunteering; and thanks her for her dedication to helping others in her local community.

#### 161 Government cleaners and security guards

Tabled: **13/06/22** Signatories: 14

**Chris Stephens [R]** John McDonnell **Grahame Morris Caroline Lucas David Linden** Kim Johnson

Anne McLaughlin Mohammad Yasin Ian Lavery

Jonathan Edwards Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with grave concern the unacceptable ways in which cleaning and security staff were treated by officials during the rule-breaking parties at 10 Downing Street identified in the Sue Gray report; find the multiple examples of a lack of respect and poor treatment of security and cleaning staff abhorrent; further notes that the Government needs to tackle what the PCS union calls a culture of bullying, harassment and sexism in No 10 Downing Street towards cleaners and custodians; believes that disrespect is shown to nearly every cleaner and security guard employed on the UK civil service estate in terms of their low pay and inferior employment conditions compared to their directly employed civil service colleagues; is concerned that the civil service tenders most outsourced Facilities Management contracts on the absolute minimum employment terms possible such as only requiring the supplier to pay the statutory minimum wage and statutory sick pay; remembers that Emanuel Gomez, a cleaner at the Ministry of Justice headquarters employed by OCS continued to work despite having covid symptoms because OCS did not provide occupational sick pay and tragically died of covid; and calls on the Government to honour the memory of Emanuel, to show true respect to Downing Street cleaners and security guards and to all government facilities management staff by making the Living Wage Foundation's Living Wage the minimum pay rate on all contracts let by the Crown and that the payment of occupational sick pay a requirement of awarding those contracts.

#### 162 Durham Miners' Gala 2022

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 10

Mary Kelly Foy Chris Stephens Jeremy Corbyn Jon Trickett Ian Lavery Beth Winter

Dan Carden Bell Ribeiro-Addy Grahame Morris

Kate Osborne

That this House celebrates the in-person return of the Durham Miners' Gala or the Big Meeting on Saturday 9 July 2022; notes that the Durham Miners' Gala was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic; welcomes the news that the 2022 Gala will be dedicated to the key workers who risked their lives to keep society functioning throughout the pandemic; recognises the important historical and cultural ties between the mining industry and County Durham; thanks miners for their economic and cultural contribution to Durham and Britain across centuries; recognises miners and the National Union of Mineworkers for their contributions to the labour movement, trade unionism, and the Labour Party; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

# 163 Compulsory redundancies and privatisation at the British Council

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 20

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Liz Saville Roberts
Wendy Chamberlain
Patrick Grady

Douglas ChapmanAllan DoransAnne McLaughlinTony LloydJeremy CorbynIan LaveryCharlotte NicholsAlison ThewlissMick Whitley

That this House is concerned that the vital role of the British Council in promoting Cultural Relations and education, arts, and English language training across the globe will be undermined by the current programme of closures, cuts and outsourcing being undertaken as a result of financial pressures; notes that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the sponsoring department of the British Council, refused to provide a grant to cover a reduction in revenues during the covid-19 pandemic and instead offered a commercial loan with stringent repayment conditions; regrets that the plans involve compulsory redundancies of hundreds of highly experienced and dedicated staff; supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union who are taking a further three days of industrial action in June in protest at these plans; and calls on British Council management and the FCDO to release the terms of the agreement and renegotiate the conditions and timeframe for repayment, in order to avoid any compulsory redundancies, any further privatisation and allow more time for business recovery.

# 164 Kirkcaldy charity Nourish's new Community Hub

Tabled: 13/06/22 Signatories: 3

Neale Hanvey Chris Stephens Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the exceptional support offered to parents of children with additional support needs by Nourish Support Centre, a charity set up by parents in Kirkcaldy to bring together families affected by disability, supplying information and links with other organisations as well as preventing isolation by providing a safe space for families to support each other to relax, listen and share experiences; congratulates Nourish on opening their Community Hub in The Mercat centre, Kirkcaldy which includes a signposting service and information point for families, arts and crafts, kids craft area, a quiet corner, monthly raffles, regular tombola and affordable shopping and celebrates the dedication of the families, volunteers and staff on their continued enthusiasm and shared commitment as part of the Nourish community.