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# Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 11 July 2022

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# **New EDMs**

# 264 Accessible council meetings

Caroline Lucas
Debbie Abrahams

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 2

That this House is concerned that the emergency regulations that allowed councils to conduct meetings remotely between 2 April 2020 and 7 May 2021, and which enabled disabled people and people with caring responsibilities to fully and fairly participate, are no longer in place; notes the Local Government Association's (LGA) call to reinstate hybrid meetings and their statement that this kind of flexibility is vital in attracting a wider range of people to stand as local election candidates; further notes the findings from the LGA in June 2022 that 72 per cent of councillors surveyed felt a hybrid model could attract more ethnic minority people, younger people and women to stand in local elections; is alarmed by the LGA council survey carried out between October and November 2021, which found that returning exclusively to in-person meetings had resulted in 72 per cent of councils seeing a drop in councillor attendance at statutory meetings and a 73 per cent drop in public attendance; welcomes the findings from a 2021 YouGov survey that found that 60 per cent of people said, given a choice, they would prefer to work remotely at least some of the time and research from the International Energy Agency that suggests remote working can lead to a reduction in climate emissions; and calls on the Government to make democracy more accessible this Disability Pride Month by making permanent the express provision for hybrid council meetings.

# 265 Ministerial resignation payments

#### **Munira Wilson**

That this House recognises that resigning Ministers are entitled to 25 per cent of the annual salary they were paid in office; notes that the cost of the 51 resignations from Government payroll last week could cost the taxpayer £245,487; further acknowledges that the cost of living crisis is forcing

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

more children to hunger, with many families relying on foodbanks; and calls on the resigning Ministers to forgo their payments to fund 81,829 free school meal vouchers in the summer holidays.

# **Lochardil Primary School**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Drew Hendry**

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That this House congratulates the staff and pupils at Lochardil Primary School on receiving the School of Sanctuary award from City Sanctuary UK; for showing solidarity with and welcoming those who need sanctuary; commends the commitment from the staff and students to accommodate students from a refugee background by expanding their learning and preparing new materials; and congratulates Lochardil Primary School on being the first school in Scotland to receive that award.

## 267 Loch Insh Outdoor Centre

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates the Loch Insh Outdoor Centre on winning Best Outdoor Centre at this year's Scottish Hospitality Awards; further congratulates the centre on receiving the Tripadvisor's Travellers Choice award 2022 for ranking in the top 10 per cent of visitor attractions worldwide; commends the ongoing hard work of the team for providing an excellent range of activities and courses; recognises the importance of their contribution to active tourism in Scotland; and wishes the Loch Insh Outdoor Centre great success for the future.

#### 268 Canolfan Felin Fach Centre

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Liz Saville Roberts**

That this House congratulates Canolfan Felin Fach on celebrating 30 years serving the town of Pwllheli and surrounding communities of Pen Llyn as a community health and wellbeing Hub; notes that the centre has provided invaluable resources and accommodation for voluntary groups and statutory agencies as well as vital support for individuals experiencing food and fuel poverty, homelessness, mental health problems, drug or alcohol addiction, and for those people who feel socially isolated in their community; further notes their work as a donation point supporting Ukrainian refugees; and celebrates Ceira, Sharon, Sami, Sandra, Debbie, Christine and Meinir on their work in the local community.

## 269 **Boogie Box Jive Group**

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House celebrates the wonderful achievements of Mr Paul McKenzie and his Boogie Box Jive Group; further celebrates the joy he has brought to local charities, care homes and community groups; praises his unending commitment to volunteering and supporting the community during the past 40 years; and wishes Paul and the Boogie Box Jive Group the very best for the future.

# 270 400 years of Presbyterians in Killyleagh

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### Jim Shannon

That this House notes the upcoming celebrations by the Kirk Session to note 400 years of Presbyterianism in Killyleagh; highlights the history of the congregations in Killyleagh established in 1622 when the Rev. John Boyle became one of the first eight Presbyterian Ministers in Ireland; further notes that the famous Black Man statue in Belfast was erected in tribute to one of Killyleagh's famous sons, Rev. Henry Cooke, who served from 1812 to 1829; and wishes them every success in this celebratory year in all the events that will take place in that thriving community.

# 271 150 years of worship in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### Jim Shannon

That this House notes the 150th anniversary of worship in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber; highlights the tremendous exhibition in place which demonstrates the 150 years history along with artwork from local school St Mary's Primary School; thanks the Bishop of Down and Connor and all those who attended for their tremendous work in the area; and wishes them every success in the days that lie ahead as the Parish goes from strength to strength.

# 272 50 years of Ards Swimming Club

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### Jim Shannon

That this House notes the celebration of 50 years of Ards Swimming Club (ASC) which was delayed due to the covid-19 pandemic; highlights that ASC is the only club in Ulster to have had swimmers compete in the Commonwealth Games every event since 1994; notes the success of the Club's alumni in the form of Andy Bree who competed in the 2000 and 2008 Olympic Games and more recently the Paralympic Gold Medallist, Bethany Firth, and fellow Paralympic athlete, Barry McClements; and wishes Bethany Firth, Barry McClements, Grace Davidson and Victoria Catterson every success as they compete in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this month.

# 273 Keith Parry and the LGBTQ+ community in north Wales

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Hywel Williams**

That this House recognises Keith Parry from Bangor for a lifetime of commitment to supporting members of the LGBTQ+ community across north Wales; notes that Keith opened up his phone line to provide support for those who needed a safe space to talk through their problems; further notes that Keith has been instrumental in promoting safe sex among the local LGBTQ+ community, making available leaflets, information and condoms to partygoers and students; acknowledges the work Keith has done to promote inclusivity and openness among members of the local LGBTQ+ community and his efforts in moving north Wales Pride celebrations from a remote farm to the centre of Bangor high street; congratulates Keith on receiving a lifetime achievement award from North Wales Pride and an Icon of Pride award from Chester Pride in recognition of his decades of campaigning on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community; and hopes that Keith's tireless campaigning

for LGBTQ+ equality and safe sex will inspire others to campaign for inclusion and diversity across north Wales.

#### 274 Shetland Pride 2022

#### Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House welcomes the outstanding success of the first Shetland Pride Festival; acknowledges the hard work and dedication presented by those who organised the event and pays tribute to the work of Kerrie Meyer; notes that approximately 2,000 people took part and attracted visitors from across the country and from overseas, from as far as Australia; recognises the support from local organisations including NHS Shetland, Shetland Women's Aid, and the Shetland women's rugby team who set up stalls during the event; notes the significance of the event and the importance of ensuring that the LGBTQ+ community celebrate who they are without judgement, and prove how much support there is for the community within Shetland; and looks forward to the future of Shetland Pride events.

Tabled: 11/07/22

Signatories: 1

# 275 Pat Scott retirement from the Huntly Express

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 1

#### **Richard Thomson**

That this House notes Pat Scott is retiring as Chief Reporter with Highland News and Media, having served as Editor of the Huntly Express; understands that Pat joined the Huntly Express in 1978 and has reported on Huntly and district diligently since that time; notes that Pat has worked for four different owners of the newspaper and in five different locations over the past 44 years; commends the unstinting support the Huntly Express has given its local community over the years under Pat's leadership; and wishes Pat well in her retirement from journalism but understands she will continue to be involved in community events, notably the Huntly Hairst.

# 276 Maximum temperature in the workplace

Tabled: 11/07/22 Signatories: 33

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Steven Bonnar Richard Thomson **Alex Norris** Ms Marie Rimmer Dan Carden David Linden Brendan O'Hara Cat Smith **Drew Hendry** Tim Farron Lloyd Russell-Moyle Zarah Sultana Neil Covle Dr Kieran Mullan Nadia Whittome Kim Johnson Claudia Webbe Simon Lightwood Mr Clive Betts Olivia Blake Peter Dowd Rebecca Long Bailey Caroline Lucas **Barry Gardiner** Mrs Paulette Hamilton Rosie Duffield Colum Eastwood

That this House notes that recent surveys of workplace health and safety representatives show that high temperatures are one of their top concerns; regrets that workers in the UK have no

guaranteed legal safeguards from working in uncomfortable high temperatures, and that the consequences of this range from dizziness, tiredness, asthma, throat infections and, in extreme cases, heat stroke and death; insists that without recognised law, current recommendations for employers to maintain a reasonable temperature within the workplace are impossible to enforce unless a worker is seriously insured or killed from heat stress; and calls on the Government to introduce legislative proposals to ensure a maximum working temperature of 30 degrees Celsius, or 27 degrees Celsius for those doing strenuous work, beyond which employers would have a statutory duty to introduce effective control measures, such as installing ventilation or moving staff away from windows and sources of heat.

# **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.

# 239 Lancet study on privatisation in the NHS and treatable deaths

Tabled: 30/06/22 Signatories: 19

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Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Charlotte Nichols
Kim Johnson
Tony Lloyd

Peter Dowd

That this House expresses its concern at analysis published in The Lancet public health journal by the University of Oxford, which finds that the increase in outsourcing to the private for-profit sector in England has corresponded with an increase in the number of patients dying of treatable causes; notes that the analysis shows that an annual increase in outsource spending of 1 per cent is associated with a rise in the number of people dying of treatable causes of 0.38 per cent and that 557 additional deaths between 2014 and 2020 might be attributed to the rise in outsourcing; further notes that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires local health bodies to tender services to private health companies; believes that such privatisation and outsourcing has been a disaster for the NHS, which has resulted in falling standards of care for patients, unnecessary deaths and worse working conditions for healthcare staff; calls on the Government to examine the aforementioned analysis; recommends that the Government reverses the outsourcing and privatisation of the NHS in England that has taken place since 2012; and calls on the Government to commit to halting further privatisation in the NHS.

# 248 Transition to electric vehicles in Norway

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 9

Tabled: 5/07/22

Signatories: 10

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Christine Jardine
Claire Hanna
Ben Lake

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**Chris Stephens** 

That this House congratulates Norway for being the first country to see the sale of EV vehicles overtake those powered by petrol and diesel; notes that 64.5 per cent of all car sales in 2021 were fully electric, whilst a further 22 per cent were plug-in hybrids; further notes that a fiscal policy based on zero per cent VAT for EVs and 25 per cent tax on petrol and diesel vehicles has incentivised the transition to greener vehicles; recognises the importance of further incentives in promoting the uptake of EVs such as no fuel tax, the ability to use bus lanes, no registration tax on the sale of used cars, free public charging and no annual ownership tax; further recognises that Norway are now looking to move to the next phase which is to promote moving from private transport to public transport and active travel; acknowledges the importance of a consistent package of incentives to boost consumer confidence; commends Norway for its EV public charging infrastructure of 17,000 charging points including 3,000 rapid chargers which means that motorists can drive to a rapid charger within 30 miles despite the mountainous and rural nature of the country with a widespread population; celebrates that Norway's strength in renewable energy production provides cheap electricity; and calls on the Department of Transport to consider policies implemented in Norway as a means of supporting the EV transition in the UK.

#### 251 Draft Mental Health Bill

Tony Lloyd
Jim Shannon
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas

Emma Hardy

That this House welcomes the publication of the Draft Mental Health Bill; applauds the aim to ensure appropriate care for people with serious mental illness within the criminal justice system, better meet the needs of people with a learning disability to include those with autistic spectrum condition, give people greater control over their treatment, especially those from ethnic minority backgrounds who are disproportionately detained under the provisions of the current Act and to provide funding to enable local communities to explore alternatives to hospital admission for people experiencing a mental health crisis; further understands that despite the Government's public call for evidence to support the development of a new cross-Government 10-year plan for mental health, including supporting children and young people's mental health, there are no current plans to bring forward specific legislative proposals to require early intervention and preventative measures to help address children and young people's mental health and wellbeing issues at the first possible opportunity; and urges the Government to amend the Draft Mental Health Bill in accordance or give a commitment to introduce a stand-alone Bill to provide a Framework for the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People to include fully-funded early intervention and preventive strategies within schools and in the community.

## 252 Social tariffs for broadband

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 13

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Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House recognises positive impact of discounted broadband tariffs for consumers on low incomes or with special social needs, especially during a cost-of-living crisis; acknowledges that there is currently no mandatory requirement for broadband or mobile providers to offer social tariffs; notes that with the amendments to the Communications Act 2003 that came in force in December 2020, Ofcom has the power to consider the need for industry-wide social tariffs for disadvantaged groups of customers, with direction from the Government; further notes that if social tariffs were made mandatory, over 7 million households could potentially benefit from having the cost of bills reduced; acknowledges that just 1 per cent of potentially eligible households are taking advantage of social tariffs, which is often a result of lack of awareness around discounted offers; calls on the Government to direct Ofcom to instate mandatory and universal broadband and mobile social tariffs for vulnerable consumers and to take steps to improve the advertisement of current social tariffs on offer.

# 254 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2022

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 18

Margaret Ferrier Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Ben Lake Carla Lockhart Hywel Williams

Charlotte Nichols Mr Khalid Mahmood Joanna Cherry
Anne McLaughlin Sir Peter Bottomley Chris Stephens

Kim Johnson

That this House recognises the 11th July as the annual day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide; commits to supporting the work of communities and schools across the country to tackle hatred and intolerance by raising awareness and educating people about the genocide that took place in Srebrenica; pledges to use the lessons from Srebrenica to combat all forms of prejudice and discrimination that targets anyone because of their religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or any other characteristic; commends the dignity and determination of the survivors of genocide and ethnic cleansing who have rebuilt their lives as refugees in the UK; expresses its gratitude for the hugely invaluable work of the local organisation Remembering Srebrenica, who have united people from different backgrounds through organising activities to commemorate the victims and educate them on the tragic consequences of unchecked hatred, helping to build a more cohesive society whilst celebrating the diversity which enriches our country.

#### 255 The contribution of the co-operative movement in the UK economy

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 14

Sir Mark Hendrick **Gareth Thomas Mark Menzies Angus Brendan MacNeil Alex Norris Tim Farron** 

Chris Stephens

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That this House recognises the vital contribution of the UK co-operative movement to the economy; further notes that co-operatives in the UK operate across a wide range of sectors, all guided by the values and principles of co-operation that include concern for community and member economic participation; recognises the importance of the co-operative sector in democratising the UK economy and empowering people to take control of their own lives; notes Co-operatives Fortnight taking place from 20 June to 3 July 2022; considers it in the interest of the UK as a whole to ensure the co-operative movement continues to grow; believes that it can play an important role in community-led economic development and levelling-up; and urges the Government to take steps to encourage the expansion of the co-operative sector.

#### 256 Scottish Café Awards

**Kirsten Oswald** Jim Shannon Allan Dorans **Chris Stephens** 

Tabled: **6/07/22** Signatories: 4

Tabled: 6/07/22

Signatories: 12

That this House congratulates the over 200 Scotland's elite café professionals who gathered at the Marriott Hotel Glasgow on Monday 27 June 2022 on the occasion of the Scottish Café Awards; recognises the breadth of talent and entrepreneurial spirit demonstrated by these specialists whose efforts and dedication ensure their grateful customers receive high-quality food and drink; notes that the café sector plays a vital part in the vibrancy of local communities and high streets, delivers welcome opportunities to combat loneliness and showcases excellent customer service as well as first-class fare; further notes the diverse range of businesses operating in this sector and applauds the industry and hard work involved in making these small businesses a success; and commends the sterling efforts of the teams involved in two East Renfrewshire businesses, Rouken Glen Garden Centre Café in Giffnock, winners of the award for Garden Centre Café of the Year and Ian's Kitchen in Eaglesham for their success in being named Café Kitchen of the Year.

#### 258 **Death of Andy Goram**

**Chris Stephens Alison Thewliss David Linden** Anne McLaughlin Kirsten Oswald **Richard Thomson** 

That this House notes with deep sadness the passing of former Rangers, Hibernian, Motherwell, Manchester United, Oldham and Scottish International footballer Andy Goram at the age of 58;

recognises he was one of the most talented goalkeepers in Scottish and British football in the '80s and '90s; applauds his achievements for Rangers Football Club, winning the league on five occasions, winning three Scottish Cups, two League Cups and winning the Scottish Writers and Players' Player of the Year awards in the 92/93 season; notes that his footballing achievements were recognised in 2010 when he was inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame; further notes he was selected for Scotland at the 1986 and 1990 World Cups and the 1992 and 1996 European Championships; recognises that Andy was the only man to represent Scotland internationally both in football and cricket; commends Andy Goram for his bravery in speaking out about his diagnosis and raising awareness of oesophageal cancer and the importance of early diagnosis and getting checked if you have any symptoms you are worried about; and sends its deepest condolences to Andy's family, friends and the whole football world who are mourning his passing.

# 259 Alcohol addiction within the South Asian community

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 3

Claudia Webbe John McDonnell Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned by the prevalence of alcohol addiction within the South Asian community; is alarmed by the fact that, according to the British Medical Journal, for every 100 white men dying from alcohol-related causes, there are 160 Asian men dying; laments that the UK's most recent alcohol strategy was published in 2012 and although the Government announced plans for a new strategy in May 2018, this has not been forthcoming; calls on the Government to publish a new Alcohol Strategy that improves the outreach for public health initiatives and ensure that addiction services are designed to reach all communities within the UK; applauds the purpose of the documentary film entitled I'm Jit and I'm an alcoholic by the Leicester-based Community Interest Company 7events and its founder Jit Chauhan, to raise awareness of addiction in the South Asian Community, provide information for addicts to recover and for their families to get help and support; further commends the film's intention to break the taboo and stigma associated with alcohol in the South Asian community; congratulates everyone involved in this worthwhile project and wishes them further success in their plans to take the film to temples and community centres in Leicester and throughout the UK with the aim of sharing a personal story and forcing people to have conversations so the taboo and stigma around getting help for addiction is broken and people do not fear getting help; and further calls on the Government to ensure such initiatives are supported.

# 260 Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service public speaking champions

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 3

Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Mairin Campbell-Thow and Rose Usher of Holyrood Secondary School on becoming the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) School Public Speaking Competition champions for 2022; commends efforts by the COPFS to improve school pupils' confidence in public speaking; notes that the competition involved 104 pupils from 38 schools across Scotland; and stresses the importance of young people's involvement in public discourse and welcomes all initiatives to encourage this.

# 261 Access to bank accounts for charitable organisations

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 7

Mr Barry Sheerman Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake John McDonnell Jonathan Edwards

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House notes the brilliant work of the charitable sector and the positive impact charities have on communities across the country; recognises that charities must be supported to thrive and the unique role Government plays in creating the conditions by which the third-sector can flourish; further notes that charities require access to finance and bank accounts so they can operate in the public interest; is therefore concerned about reports that charities are finding it increasingly difficult to access banking services; believes that if these difficulties are left unresolved the delivery of charity services will be at risk; and calls on the Government to work with banks, UK Finance and third-sector groups to solve the issues experienced by charities and ensure they have access to financial services that are crucial for their running.

# 262 Caradog and Y Côr Mawr's 150th anniversary

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 5

Beth Winter John McDonnell Jon Trickett Jonathan Edwards Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of the victory of Griffith Rhys Jones, or Caradog, and Y Côr Mawr, at the Crystal Palace Choral Competition in 1872; notes the significance of the success in bringing national attention to Welsh choral singing and launching Aberdare's reputation as the 'Town of Song'; congratulates the organisers of Caradog Fest 2022 in Aberdare for their commitment to an enduring understanding of the event's significance, through inviting Welsh People's History Society, Llafur, to discuss the impact of the event on Welsh culture; and d further celebrates the organisers commitment to ensuring Welsh choral singing going from strength to strength, with the presence of choirs from Abercynon, Cwmbach, Cwmdare, Glynneath, Pelenna and Treharris at this year's festival.

# 263 All Stars Netball Club, East Renfrewshire

Tabled: 7/07/22 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald Allan Dorans Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the success of East Renfrewshire's All Stars Netball Club, which, prepandemic, was the biggest junior netball club in Scotland with over 150 players aged from 5 to 17; notes that over the pandemic the club continued outdoor training, overcoming difficulties in accessing premises to do so, and secured four newly qualified level one coaches from their under 17 members to help coach younger players, with the training for this award being done on line; congratulates the club on winning the Under 15 Scottish Youth Club competition at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, after being undefeated all season and on reaching the final of the Under 13

Scottish Youth Club tournament; further congratulates the club's Marissa Carlin on being shortlisted for Volunteer Coach of the Year and Alex Wittmann who won Young Volunteer Coach of the Year in East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Awards, and the club on winning Club of the Year; recognises the club's growing influence locally and nationally, with East Renfrewshire District Under 15s winning Scotland's national netball league, also undefeated all season, the Under 17 team coming 4th in Scotland, and two players involved in the Scottish Under 17 squad, and congratulates Anna Beattie and the many volunteers, including volunteer coaches and managers, whose time, energy, and commitment contribute to the club's triumphs and the fun and joy shared by the club's members every week at training.