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New EDMs

495 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes and celebrates the 90th anniversary of Donaghadee Male Voice Choir; further notes the founding of the Choir in 1932 and that it is the oldest male choir in Northern Ireland; underlines its popularity with over 50 members and its large repertoire which includes church music, show tunes, folk songs and classical pieces; highlights that the memory of those who passed on is honoured by members and that they continue to go from strength to strength; and praises the work and continuous success done thus far and wishes the choir, chairmen and presidents all the very best for the future of the Choir.

496 90 Years of Greenmount Campus of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates 90 years of the Greenmount Campus of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise and its establishment in 1932; notes the work undertaken by the association to offer those interested courses in the agri-food sector and rural environment which often leads to many career opportunities in that field; further notes the ongoing dedication to deliver these courses online throughout the covid pandemic to ensure the agri-food sector is not left behind; highlights the three campuses in Northern Ireland in Greenmount, Enniskillen and Loughry and the Department's commitments to ensuring young people are offered opportunities in the rural sector; further highlights the variety of sectors work is offered in, including veterinary practice, machinery, food stuff and floristry; and thanks the Association for their work in the Agri-sector and wishes them all the best for the future.

497 Cricket Ireland and T20 World Cup

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates Cricket Ireland's qualification for the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup; congratulates them on their victory which came after they eliminated two time champions West Indies following an astonishing nine-wicket victory in Hobart; further congratulates the instrumental efforts of Paul Stirling in adding 73 with Captain Andy Balbirnie for the first wicket and ending on 66 not out; commends this outstanding achievement for the whole Cricket Ireland team as the first time they have successfully made it through the first stage since 2009; recognises the newfound cricketing enthusiasm as a consequence of the Cricket Ireland's victory; and welcomes the boost for Cricket Ireland's cricketing reputation globally.

498 Derry City's Halloween Festival 2022

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Colum Eastwood

That this House recognises the contribution of the Derry Halloween Festival to the life and economy of Derry City; notes the globally renowned annual celebrations across the city have grown from strength to strength, with the original festival beginning over 35 years ago drawing on Derry's rich mythical, creative, and cultural history; further recognises the festival is Europe's biggest Halloween festival and that in 2019 it attracted 140,000 visitors; further notes that the covid-19 pandemic meant the festival had to be scaled down; congratulates the organisers of the festival and all those involved throughout its rich history; and notes that the festival welcomes all those visiting Derry City in the coming days and celebrates the return of the world's best Halloween festival to Derry.

499 NHS and privatisation

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 24

Kate Osborne
Barry Gardiner
Richard Burgon
Rachael Maskell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell

Beth Winter
 Ian Lavery
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Claudia Webbe
 Chris Stephens

Apsana Begum
 Jon Trickett
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Mick Whitley
 Nadia Whittome
 Mary Kelly Foy

Ian Byrne
 Andy McDonald
 Zarah Sultana
 Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns
 Kim Johnson

That this House believes that privatisation of the NHS has failed, it has led to a crisis in the NHS with higher waiting lists, decisions made on cost not health needs, has led to billions of pounds being taken by private profit making companies at the expense of services; further believes that privatisation in the NHS is leading to thousands of excess deaths in the UK; believes the UK's free, comprehensive, universal healthcare system is at risk; affirms that insurance-based health service systems, such as in the US, are more expensive than the NHS, less efficient than the NHS and leave many millions without healthcare; welcomes the campaigning work from Your NHS Needs You,

We Own it and SOS NHS that highlights the disastrous consequences of NHS privatisation and the growth of the UK health insurance industry; and recognises that we must fully renationalise the NHS in order to save UK lives.

500 Orstead UK wind operations

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

John McDonnell

That this House condemns the behaviour of Orstead UK wind operations in the way it has failed consistently to maintain decent standards of employment, including health and safety standards, while it has resorted to bullying workers who have exposed health and safety failures and the lack of adherence to safe working practices; further notes the company's growing reputation for profiteering at the expense of its workers' health and safety, wage levels and conditions of employment; and expresses deep concern at the refusal of the company to recognise the Rail and Maritime Union (RMT), the union organising the company's workforce.

501 Avanti West Coast contract extension

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House opposes the decision by the Department for Transport to grant the operator of the West Coast Main Line, Avanti West Coast, a six month contract extension; notes the importance of the line for millions of passengers such as those from the north of Wales and the north west of England who travel on it every year; is disappointed with the extremely poor service which Avanti has provided to passengers in recent years with cancellations, significant delays, overcrowding and high ticket prices now common which has resulted in many people traveling by car; further notes that Avanti paid out £11.5 million in dividends for the year 31 March 2021; and calls for the Government to remove the franchise from Avanti and to implement a publicly-run service that benefits both passengers and workers.

502 Women's Health and Hormone Replacement Therapy

Tabled: 25/10/22 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises that women's health has never been more in the news, especially concerning the problems with women accessing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) drugs; notes that despite a new health strategy there remain fundamental differences between the way that men and women are treated in the NHS; further notes that in some conditions such as heart attacks, the symptoms for men and women can be quite different, with women often experiencing shortness of breath, feeling or being sick and back or jaw pain as heart attack symptoms; laments the fact that coronary heart disease kills more than twice as many women as breast cancer in the UK every year and that each year more than 30,000 women are admitted to hospital in the UK due to a heart attack; is concerned that female symptoms of heart attack are not well known; and calls on the Government to publicise female heart attack symptoms more widely, so that more women can recognise they may be having a heart attack and seek emergency help.

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.

416 MS Society report entitled Reduced to breaking point

Tabled: 11/10/22 Signatories: 27

Martyn Day
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Beth Winter
Alison Thewliss

Gavin Robinson

Kate Osborne

Stephen Farry

That this House welcomes Reduced to breaking point, the MS Society report on the cost of living for people with MS; is alarmed by the findings that 33 per cent. of people with MS are either struggling or really struggling on their current income; is concerned that three in ten of those suffering with MS who were surveyed have necessarily reduced their spending by reducing or stopping treatments and therapies; notes the need to provide an appropriate cost of living package which supports disabled people on means-tested income replacement benefits and non-means tested extra costs benefits; and supports the suggestion that the UK Government commits to raising benefits at least in line with inflation.

423 Children's hospice funding

Tabled: 11/10/22 Signatories: 10

Siobhain McDonagh
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Kate Hollern
Chris Stephens
Rachael Maskell

Mohammad Yasin

That this House celebrates the work of children's hospices, which provide vital care and support to seriously ill babies, children, young people and their families; welcomes important progress made in funding for children's hospices in recent years by NHS England, including a planned increase in the Children's Hospice Grant to £25million by 2023/24; is concerned that NHS England is yet to commit to keeping the grant in place beyond 2023/2024; regrets the wide variation in local NHS funding for children's hospices in England and the negative impact that removing the NHS England Children's Hospice Grant could have on lifeline care and support; and calls for the grant to be protected and extended beyond 2023/24.

430 Financial restitution to women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 11/10/22 Signatories: 67

Ian Byrne
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne
Mary Kelly Foy
Beth Winter
Olivia Blake

Dan Jarvis
Yasmin Qureshi

Mr Khalid Mahmood

Karl Turner

That this House welcomes the positive interventions from many Members across the House on behalf of women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions; pays tribute to constituents and campaigners in their ongoing fight for justice; notes that at least 3.8 million women have been impacted by the loss of their pensions from the age of 60 in three separate age hikes; recalls that 1950s born women were subject to discriminatory employment and pension laws; recognises that this included being excluded from some pensions schemes; further recognises that this had the negative effect for them of losing the opportunity to have the same level of pension as their partner or spouse; recognises that this has had the consequence of women in this position never being able to have equal pensions to men; puts on record that, combined, these measures have had a negative and profound impact for millions of women; recognises that this loss of income, coupled with the current dramatic rise in inflation and cost of fuel, food, essentials and bills, has exasperated already increased levels of poverty, deteriorating health and homelessness; further notes that pension age hikes mean that many are excluded from winter fuel and cost-of-living payments; and calls on the Government to enact a temporary special measure as permitted by international law to provide full restitution to all women born in the 1950s who have lost their pensions from the age of 60 because of the impact of the rise in retirement age.

442 10-year route to settlement

Tabled: 11/10/22 Signatories: 13

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Dan Carden
Beth Winter
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin

Nadia Whittome

That this House believes migrants benefit this country in many ways and deserve to be treated fairly and compassionately during their route to settlement in the UK; further believes that a 10-year route to settlement is too long and forces migrants on this route into unnecessary harm for an extended period of time; acknowledges the research in Migrant Voice's report: Destroying Hopes, Dreams, and Lives: How the UK visa costs and process impact migrants' lives which details how families are pushed into poverty, mental health problems, and exploitative work as well as huge amounts of debt while on the 10-year route; recognises that due to long wait times from Home Office processing applications and renewals the 10-year route can last much longer than 10 years; and calls on the Government to abolish the failed 10-year route to settlement and place everyone on this route onto a shorter one in order to reduce the unnecessary pressure put on migrants in the UK.

443 Visa fees and migrant's health and wellbeing

Tabled: 11/10/22 Signatories: 16

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Dan Carden
Beth Winter
Alison Thewliss

Nadia Whittome

That this House believes migrants who come to this country should not have to pay extortionate sums of money to apply for or to renew their visa; is concerned by the report by Migrant Voice, *Destroying Hopes, Dreams, and Lives: How the UK visa costs and process impact migrants' lives*, which outlines the effects excessive visa fees have on the lives of migrants and assesses how these cause mental health issues, large levels of debt and in some instances, food poverty; is outraged that that Home Office profits from these fees, with the cost of processing a visa only accounting for between 10-15% of the fee charged; believes this is wrong and that the Home Office should not profit off of migrants, particularly when doing so negatively impacts the health and wellbeing of migrants; further believes that migrants and their family should not have to pay tens of thousands of pounds during their route to settlement; calls on the Home Office to reduce the cost of visa applications to the administrative cost of visas only; and further calls on the Home Office to remove the charge entirely for applicants under the age of 18.

448 Long Covid

Tabled: 12/10/22 Signatories: 12

Layla Moran
Jonathan Edwards
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Daisy Cooper

That this House notes with concern the most recent Office for National Statistics figures published on 6 October 2022 revealing the highest prevalence of Long Covid to date, at an estimated 2.3 million people across the UK; regrets the seriously adverse impact this life-changing condition has on millions of people across the country; further notes the significant impact this has on our economy and public services by decreasing productivity and increasing labour shortages; and urges the Government to recognise the condition as an occupational disease, to provide formal guidance to employers and public bodies such as schools, and to drastically increase funding for research into treatments.

449 Uprating benefits in line with inflation

Tabled: 12/10/22 Signatories: 40

Angela Crawley
Kim Johnson
Patrick Grady
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Ronnie Cowan

Nadia Whittome

That this House calls for benefits to be uprated in line with inflation as a means of mitigating the impact of the cost of living crisis on households in the UK; understands the additional burdens that the cost of living crisis is placing upon low income households; expresses its concern that according to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, two in three people in Scotland are having to cut down on essentials to survive the crisis; and recognises that without uprating benefits in line with inflation we are at risk of creating a poverty emergency in the UK.

454 Cold homes, energy efficiency and tenants rights in the private rented sector

Tabled: 13/10/22 Signatories: 14

Caroline Lucas
Charlotte Nichols
Marsha De Cordova
Rachael Maskell
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum

Mohammad Yasin

Nadia Whittome

That this House notes the highest energy price crisis in a generation whilst British homes are amongst the worst insulated in Europe; further notes 4.4 million private rented sector households in England have the coldest, leakiest, lowest quality homes, and worst levels of damp, condensation or mould of any other form of tenure; is concerned that renters who push for maintenance and energy efficiency improvements risk eviction; further notes the Government's 2020 proposals requiring new tenancies to reach Energy Efficiency C rating from 1 April 2025 and all tenancies by 1 April 2028 should be made binding without further delay; considers Ministers should properly fund local authorities to exercise their powers so homes that are too cold to be legal can be made fit for habitation; calls both for an immediate moratorium on evictions and a rent freeze for tenants at least until May 2023 with a funded debt support plan thereafter; further calls for Ministers to unfreeze Local Housing Allowance rates so that housing support keeps up with rents; notes the urgent need to end fixed term tenancies and no fault Section 21 evictions, and to control rents within and between tenancies, as well as for longer term measures to allow the managed reduction of rents that are unaffordable relative to local incomes, as part of a wholesale package of protections for renters; and urges the Government to immediately bring forward the promised Renters Reform Bill to provide a fair legal framework to protect tenants and keep them warm.

457 Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag competitions

Tabled: 13/10/22 Signatories: 2

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House celebrates the organisers and competitors of the Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag competitions, with particular congratulations to David Allwood, Paul Dennison and Lavender Love, winners of Mr Gay England, Mr Gay Europe and MX Drag respectively; and further recognise the efforts of Stuart Hatton Jr., CEO of Mr Gay England, who is instrumental in organising this event each year; and notes that that Gayday 2022, held at Alnwick Gardens in Northumberland, helped raise funds for the Charlie and Carter foundation, a charity in South Shields providing financial support for parents of seriously ill children; and further notes funds raised for Pride Radio, a community station broadcasting to 150 countries around the world, and in some countries where it is illegal to be LGBTIQ+; and further recognises the role of the competitions' participants and organisers in ensuring global LGBTIQ+ recognition, as it remains illegal to be LGBTIQ+ in over 70 countries worldwide, 13 of which carry the death penalty as punishment.

459 NHS workers' pay

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 12

Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens
Clive Lewis
Caroline Lucas

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises the significant sacrifice that NHS workers, including paramedics and all ambulance staff, have made throughout the pandemic; further recognises that these are our everyday heroes serving our communities day in day out, often under extremely challenging circumstances; expresses its deep-felt appreciation to every person working across the NHS for all they do in serving the public; further notes the wider challenges facing the NHS after a decade of cuts and privatisation which are placing increasing pressures on the service making it harder to respond in a timely way to calls; notes that our health service is desperate for a comprehensive workforce plan and increased funding as waiting times are not acceptable; recognises these pressures and the imposition of an average 4 per cent pay rise have lead NHS workers and ambulance staff to vote for strike action; calls on the Government to immediately increase funding which will go directly into NHS workers' pay; and urges the Government to come back with an immediate increased pay award.

464 Cost of using vehicles for work

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 23

Bob Blackman
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Christine Jardine
Dan Jarvis

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises the impact that the increase in fuel prices and motoring costs is having on those who rely on their cars and personal vehicles for carrying out their work duties, particularly those in the NHS, local government and social care; notes that the current mileage rates are outdated and require immediate and urgent review by HMRC to reflect the soaring cost-of-living increases so that these workers can continue to carry out their jobs; notes that low-paid public service workers cannot afford to upgrade their vehicles to new, fuel efficient options and that mileage rates for frontline workers should reflect that; understands that temporary higher rates provided by employers are welcome but do not provide enough relief; and calls on the Treasury to ensure rates are regularly updated in the future to genuinely reflect the cost of using a vehicle for work so that workers are protected from future fuel price spikes.

465 Baha'i Faith

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
Alison Thewliss

Daisy Cooper

That this House notes the 2022 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief; and further notes that the Annex to that report which details reports of increasing insecurity facing members of the Baha'i religion in Iran, Yemen and Qatar; observes that Hon Members are receiving increasing expressions of concern by their Baha'i constituents on the growing repression of members of this peaceful faith; and urges the Government to make specific mention of the plight of Baha'is in written and oral statements wherever possible across the human rights machinery of the United Nations and other international organisations

466 Fertility support in the workplace

Tabled: 17/10/22 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Gavin Robinson
Claire Hanna
Paul Girvan
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House recognises the huge impact and emotional distress experienced by the 3.5 million people affected by fertility issues every year in the UK; acknowledges the impacts of those issues and any subsequent fertility treatment will invariably have on the working life of all those affected;

welcomes the data from the national charity Fertility Network UK that shows approximately 38 per cent of those facing treatment while working either consider leaving or leave their place of employment with huge consequences to both them and the organisation as a whole; urges the Government to ensure workplaces are offered guidance on best practice to support this group including implementation of workplace training, policies and reasonable adjustments; further urges support in calling for all workplaces to commit to recognition of infertility as a medical condition; welcomes the excellent work in this area of many organisations who are already leading the way with infertility support and the large numbers of charities who recently supported Fertility Network's letter to all parliamentarians around fertility in the workplace; and urges the Government to do everything it can to support individuals and organisations to continue to work while facing infertility.

476 **BBC support for victims of harassment and stalking**

Tabled: 19/10/22 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman
Claudia Webbe
Yasmin Qureshi
Kim Johnson
Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the immense suffering caused by Alex Belfield to his victims; condemns the grievous abuse of social media by the perpetrator who repeatedly exposed his victims to hatred, intimidation and harassment online; reiterates the comments of Justice Saini that the women who gave witness acted with substantial courage and real fortitude in coming to court about matters that had a very substantial negative mental health impact on them; reflects on the ruinous physical and mental impact that this campaign of targeted stalking and harassment has had on victims with them attaining little to no support from the BBC; is concerned that the help victims received from the BBC was remote, unconcerned and without sympathy; believes that there must be an urgent reflection to identify the mistakes that were made; therefore calls on the BBC to commission an independent inquiry into the handling of this case and treatment of all staff who have been harassed.

477 **County lines and child criminal exploitation**

Tabled: 19/10/22 Signatories: 3

Helen Morgan
Jonathan Edwards
Mohammad Yasin

That this House is alarmed at the expansion of county lines networks, recently exacerbated by covid-19; calls for clarification of laws to ensure that all young people who are groomed, coerced and controlled into committing crime are recognised as victims of trafficking and exploitation; advocates the adoption of a new public health approach to drug prevention that works with schools, pupil referral units and providers for those outside of mainstream education; notes the need for new local safeguarding partnerships enabling multi-agency work to identify and respond to child criminal exploitation; further notes that a system is required for seamlessly sharing data across borders and agencies and disrupting grooming and criminality that has migrated from the streets to encrypted apps; and calls upon the Government to introduce a stand-alone national strategy on child criminal exploitation that includes these recommendations as a matter of urgency.

478 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Tabled: 19/10/22 Signatories: 22

Tony Lloyd
Patrick Grady
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Neale Hanvey
Claudia Webbe

Daisy Cooper

Nadia Whittome

That this House believes the lack of attention paid to global hunger has exacerbated this long-term and widespread issue; is concerned by warnings from the World Food Programme (WFP) of another year of record hunger; notes the number of hungry people globally increased from 282 million to 345 million during 2022; highlights that a fifth of the total population of Africa went hungry in 2021; further highlights that the WFP is currently holding back famine in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen while hunger in Haiti is also reaching catastrophic levels; notes that Oxfam says food shortages are likely to cause one death every 36 seconds until the end of the year; further notes that hunger displaces millions of people who must search for sanctuary elsewhere; emphasises that these crises are caused by a combination of global factors including climate change, conflict and economic instability; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic led to an increased gap in the funding required to tackle global hunger; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030, with the percentage of the global population affected by hunger on track to reach almost 10 per cent by that year; highlights that a senior Somali Government official recently said the UK has lost its leading role on this issue; and calls on the Government to re-establish the UK as a leading actor by restoring the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

482 Tommy Jessop and Heidi Carter and the Shaw Trust 2022 Disability Power 100 Shortlist

Tabled: 20/10/22 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Tommy Jessop and Heidi Carter on being voted onto the Shaw Trust Disability Power 100 list; recognises Mr Jessop's important contributions to drama, theatre, and the arts, including being the first actor with Down's syndrome to star in a BBC drama on prime-time, and Ms Carter's important contributions to law and politics, primarily through her tireless advocacy seeking to reform legislation to ensure that people with Down's syndrome are equally valued throughout their lives; applauds their determination to encourage and inspire others living with disability to capitalise on their true potential in the entertainment and other industries; affirms that all lives, including those living with Down's syndrome or disability, have equal value; and wishes Tommy and Heidi all the best in their future endeavours.

483 Ministerial severance payments

Tabled: 20/10/22 Signatories: 14

Alyn Smith
Douglas Chapman
Dr Philippa Whitford
Jonathan Edwards
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Anne McLaughlin

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises that the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 states that where a Minister of eligible age ceases to hold office and is not reappointed to a ministerial office within three weeks, they will be entitled to a severance payment of a quarter of their ministerial annual salary; notes that this legislation is extremely generous for Ministers who hold positions for less than 12 weeks; and calls on the Government to amend this legislation.

484 Detainment of Brian Glendinning in Iraq

Tabled: 20/10/22 Signatories: 2

Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the plight of my constituent, Mr Brian Glendinning, who is currently detained in jail in Iraq where police, acting on an Interpol Red Notice, are holding him awaiting extradition proceedings to Qatar; further recognises that Mr Glendinning could face a jail sentence for what is understood to be a small bank debt from his time working and living in Qatar should extradition go through; notes that I have written to both the Qatari Ambassador and the Foreign Secretary to highlight my constituent's plight; further notes that the fact that the human rights of our citizens remain in jeopardy is utterly unacceptable; and understands that I await a reply in the hope that we can see a positive resolution to this untenable impasse before Qatar holds the World Cup next month.

486 Statutory maternity pay

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 7

Ed Davey
Stephen Farry
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the current legal framework for qualifying for statutory maternity pay is poorly suited to 21st century working life; notes with concern the potential limits this policy places on women's freedom to choose where they work, especially amidst the current cost of living crisis; recognises the lack of a statutory duty for prospective employers to disclose their maternity policies to prospective candidates prior to employment; and calls on the Government to reform the current provisions so that women who have held different jobs can transfer their length of employment as they change jobs for the purpose of qualifying for statutory maternity pay.

487 Cost of living and unpaid carers

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 12

Ed Davey
Helen Morgan
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Richard Foord
Daisy Cooper
Stephen Farry

Nadia Whittome

That this House notes with concern the findings of Carers UK's survey entitled Heading for crisis: Caught between caring and rising costs, which reports that the cost of living crisis is plunging thousands of unpaid carers across the UK into debt; recognises that many family carers cannot make decisions to cut back on food or heating to stay afloat without affecting the safety of the person they care for; acknowledges the enormous financial burden people on Carers Allowance face, as they are limited in their ability to earn income but often shoulder additional costs for their loved ones out of their own pocket; condemns the lack of adequate financial support available for unpaid carers, with 39 percent of survey respondents saying they are struggling to make ends meet; and calls on the Government to immediately provide carers with the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

489 Centenary of Carfin Grotto

Tabled: 21/10/22 Signatories: 9

Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Steven Bonnar
Carol Monaghan
Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon

Allan Dorans

Peter Grant

That this House congratulates all those associated with Carfin Grotto in the Diocese of Motherwell, which was opened by Monsignor Thomas Canon Taylor in October 1922 as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and reflection dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes; notes that the Grotto now attracts over 70,000 pilgrims each year from around the world, and that as part of the anniversary celebrations the Grotto was the Scottish host of the relics of St Bernadette Soubirous, the Lourdes visionary, which were visited by thousands of pilgrims in September 2022; further notes that a special anniversary Mass on 22 October 2022 was celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, and that to mark the anniversary the Grotto has been declared Scotland's National Marian Shrine by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland; and sends its best wishes to all those who serve, visit and pray at the Shrine as it enters its second century as a place of worship, devotion and pilgrimage.

490 World Stroke DayTabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **7**

Sir Robert Neill
Jim Shannon
Sir Greg Knight
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House recognises World Stroke Day, which takes place on 29 October; understands that over 100,000 strokes happen every year in the UK; is aware of thrombectomy, a game-changing treatment that significantly reduces disability after stroke; notes that emergency response time is crucial to the survival and recovery of a person experiencing stroke, and that improving this aligns with the Government's health priorities; and calls on the Government to support improved ambulance response times and access to specialist services, including thrombectomy.

491 Angus Business AwardsTabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **3**

Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Forfar's Water Lilys on winning Best Fashion Boutique in the Angus Business Awards; commends owner Amy Donaldson and the whole team for their efforts and contribution to the local economy and streetscape in Forfar; notes their exceptional energy in establishing their new business in Forfar and their previous recognition for business excellence; encourages local businesses to take inspiration from Water Lilys' success; and wishes the team all the best for the future.

492 ADHD Awareness Month 2022Tabled: **24/10/22** Signatories: **7**

Kirsten Oswald
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Amy Callaghan

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises that October is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) awareness month, which aims to raise awareness and highlight the shared experiences of one of the most common neurodevelopmental conditions affecting children and adults across the world; notes that neurodiversity matters and that for children aged between five and 15 years old in the UK, 3.62 per cent of boys were considered to have ADHD compared to just 0.85 per cent of girls, raising questions regarding the potential underdiagnosis of female ADHD; recognises that there can be important differences in how ADHD presents in males and females and that this may explain why it is not uncommon for women with ADHD to be diagnosed as adults; notes the importance

of effective support for the benefit of the individual with ADHD and their family; agrees that people are all different and that people should appreciate the many advantages associated with different ways of thinking, while celebrating their differences; and applauds groups and campaign organisations across the UK for their work both in supporting those with ADHD and helping to share knowledge and information with the wider community.

493 Global Registry of Fossil Fuels

Tabled: 24/10/22 Signatories: 10

Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Wera Hobhouse
Tommy Sheppard
Zarah Sultana
Martyn Day

Jim Shannon
Nadia Whittome

Jonathan Edwards

Apsana Begum

That this House notes that the 2021 UNEP Production Gap Report found that governments plan to produce more than twice the amount of fossil fuels in 2030 than is consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C and calls for verifiable and comparable data on the location, quantities and ownership of fossil fuels; notes that, to date, climate change policy efforts have not focussed on reducing supply of those fuels; welcomes the launch of a new Global Registry of Fossil Fuels, the world's first public database of fossil fuel production and reserves expressed in CO₂-equivalent, which is designed to give policymakers, investors and civil society the asset level data to help manage the phase-out of fossil fuels; is alarmed that the Global Registry shows producing and combusting the world's known fossil fuel reserves would emit over seven times more greenhouse gas emissions than the remaining carbon budget for 1.5C and more than all emissions produced since the industrial revolution; believes that the Registry will help give markets information to estimate which assets are likely to become stranded, act as a carbon budget assessment tool, help just transition planning, and promote government accountability for fossil fuel reserves and production within national territories; calls on the UK Government to join the governments of countries such as Germany, France, Tuvalu and Ireland, which have given diplomatic support to the Registry, and to commit to reporting to the Registry, which currently contains data for over 50,000 fields in 89 countries, covering 75 percent of global production.

494 Fundraising efforts of Bus Walker Neil Atherton

Tabled: 24/10/22 Signatories: 3

Mike Amesbury
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That this House recognises the efforts of Neil Atherton, nicknamed the Bus Walker, in raising awareness and funding for the charities The Whitechapel Centre and the Trussell Trust; notes that Neil is undertaking the challenge of walking the 105 miles of the bus routes he usually drives across Runcorn, Birkenhead, Bootle, St Helens, Liverpool and Southport; further notes that Neil began the challenge on Sunday 23 October 2022 and aims to complete the challenge in seven days; and wishes Neil all the best with this endeavour.