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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 29 November 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 625 The Scotch Professors and the 150th anniversary of the world's first international football match

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this House recognises the 150th anniversary of the world's first international football match, which took place between Scotland and England on 30 November 1872 at the West of Scotland Cricket Ground in Partick, Glasgow; acknowledges that the match, which finished nil-nil, has huge historical significance as it was a very early example of the distinctive Scottish style of playing football, one which was predicated on a passing, combination game, with a greater emphasis on teamwork, as opposed to the individualistic, dribbling style that was prevalent in England at the time; further notes that this distinctive style of football which by 1872 had become the hallmark of the game in Scotland, and became known the Scotch Professor style of play, is credited by historians of the game as having changed the nature of football around the world; congratulates Mr. Ged O'Brien, founder of the Scottish Football Museum for all his research into the origins of the game in Scotland; and thanks him for sharing that knowledge with his pupils at St. Andrew's RC Secondary in Carntyne, Glasgow, who are actively promoting the legacy of Scotch Professors and how their innovative footballing philosophy was quickly adopted by every country which has played the game since.

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#### 626 BBC Radio Foyle

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Colum Eastwood**

That this House calls on BBC Northern Ireland Executives to immediately reverse cuts announced to BBC Radio Foyle, its flagship breakfast show and its newsroom staff; condemns this cynical attempt to try to close BBC Radio Foyle by gradually undermining its sustainability and independence; notes that BBC Radio Foyle has played an important role in the civic and political discourse across the

Northwest of Ireland since its founding in 1979; commends all those who work across the BBC in Northern Ireland; and calls on the corporation to immediately reverse the cuts announced across BBC services in Northern Ireland, protecting jobs and top-quality journalism.

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**627 International Day of Persons with disabilities and Purple Sock Day**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House recognises the United Nations International Day of Persons with disabilities (IDPD), which has taken place on 3 December every year since 1992 in order to promote the rights and well-being of disabled people across society; understands that disability exclusion from political, social, economic and cultural life is a significant social problem; acknowledges the importance of the work of Parallel Lifestyle for their organisation of Purple Sock Day, which marks IDPD by raising positive awareness of disability inclusion and helping to fund disability-owned start-up businesses and entrepreneurs; and calls on the Government to recognise the importance of promoting disability inclusion and enterprise.

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**628 Maid of the Loch and the National Historic Ships UK Annual Awards**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates the Maid of the Loch restoration crew on being awarded Group Winner of the Marsh Volunteer Award for Historic Vessel Conservation 2022 at the National Historic Ships UK Annual Awards; believes that this award is a welcome and timely recognition for the valuable and dedicated work carried out by volunteers over the years to restore this much loved vessel on Loch Lomond with the aim of her being relaunched as a fully operational paddle steamer; and wishes all those involved in the Loch Lomond Steamship Company the best of luck in their endeavours.

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**629 Lisa Halley, Guide Dogs Outstanding Person of the Year**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Lisa Halley from Dundee on her award of Outstanding Person of the Year at the Guide Dogs People Awards 2022; notes that Lisa received this award for her brilliant work to graduate with a degree in psychology from Abertay University in 2020; recognises that she was supported throughout her studies by her dual guide dog Jumble, who helped give her the confidence to start university; thanks all at Guide Dogs for the excellent work that they do across the country to support people in our local communities; and wishes Lisa, Jumble and all at Guide Dogs all the best for the future.

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**630 Inverness Maritime and Coastguard Search and Rescue: Award**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Inverness-based Maritime and Coastguard Search and Rescue crew on recently being awarded the 2022 Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award; notes that this award

is given to an individual member of a helicopter crew, a complete crew or the crews of multiple helicopters, for an act of outstanding courage or devotion to duty in the course of land or sea search and rescue operations; recognises that Captain Rob Green, Captain Simon Hammock, Philip Candle and Duncan Tripp MBE are joint recipients of the award for their efforts in March of this year where they conducted a highly demanding rescue in the most extreme of weather conditions; commends the crew for displaying the highest standard of crew-cooperation, judgement and handling skills to ensure a safe outcome for those in danger; and pays thanks to all those who dedicate their lives to the search and rescue of those who need it.

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### 631 Begg Shoes, Inverness: Living Wage Scotland Newcomer Award

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Begg Shoes in Inverness on recently being awarded the Living Wage Scotland Newcomer Award; recognises their commitment to adopting the real Living Wage after covid-19 pandemic, particularly given the challenges local retailers faced during this time; notes that Begg Shoes pay their staff above the Real Living Wage rate to help protect living standards for their staff; and recognises the ongoing work of Living Wage Scotland to increase the number of employees receiving the real living wage across Scotland.

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### 632 Short Term Holiday Let Licensing Scheme

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Rachael Maskell**

That this House recognises the scale and growth in properties operating as short term holiday lets and the adverse impact this is having on the availability of housing in some urban, rural and coastal communities; calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to allow local authorities to introduce local licensing schemes to determine standards and place limits on short term holiday lets; further calls on the Government to allow local authorities to determine the terms for holding a license including the license fee, health and safety standards, terms of operation, and penalties for those in breach of licensing terms including fines and termination of licenses; and calls on the Government to empower local authorities to determine areas where the granting of new short term holiday let licenses will be restricted.

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### 633 St Andrew's Day Declaration

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House welcomes and endorses the St Andrew's Day Declaration of 30 November 2022 which states that we the people, elected members and civic organisations of Scotland assert that our nation has the right of self-determination to freely determine our political status and to freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development, mindful of the Scottish constitutional tradition of the sovereignty of the people, we will democratically challenge any authority or government which seeks to deny us that right.

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**634 Lorna Stanger runs 112 miles for RASASH**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Lorna Stanger on recently running 112 miles from Inverness to Thurso to raise awareness for those impacted by gender-based violence; recognises that Lorna set off on her run following RASASH (Rape and Sexual Assault Service Highland)'s Reclaim the Night March on Friday the 25 of November in Inverness which aimed to raise awareness of the issue of gender-based violence; and notes that this was the first day of the United Nations 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which invites everyone to play their role in ending violence against women and girls and show support and solidarity to women's rights activists.

**635 Members' attendance in the House**

Tabled: 29/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Christine Jardine**

That this House believes that there should be a change to the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament to set a limit to the number of days Members can spend being paid to take part in the recording of entertainment television programmes abroad while the House is sitting.

**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.

**588 Social tariff for domestic energy use**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 14

**Emma Hardy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Caroline Lucas**

**Nadia Whittome**

That this House believes in protections for low income, vulnerable and fuel poor households; notes that even with the current price cap in place there has been a 139 per cent increase in a year on the average bill; recognises that as a result there are now 6.7 million households in fuel poverty and many more grappling with soaring energy prices; further notes with alarm the possibility that a further 3 million households could slip into fuel poverty in April 2023, bringing the total number to the highest levels since records began; notes with concern that there has been a significant increase in the number of households being involuntarily moved onto prepayment meters and that Citizens Advice report a truly unprecedented number of people who can't afford to top up their prepayment energy meter; calls on the Government to introduce a social tariff into the energy market of the kind advocated by Fair By Design and National Energy Action, but which at a minimum must: be priced below the default tariff price cap, capped against significant increases, targeted at those most in need and reduce the energy costs of vulnerable consumers; and further calls for such a tariff to be additional to the Warm Home Discount and Default Tariff Price Cap, mandated across all suppliers to guarantee equality of access, and that all eligible consumers must

be automatically enrolled onto the tariff using suppliers' existing customer data and/or via data-sharing with the Department of Work and Pensions and HMRC.

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## 589      **Outsourcing at University College London**

Tabled: 15/11/22      Signatories: 14

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Richard Burgon**

Nadia Whittome

That this House expresses its support for the members of International Workers Great Britain taking industrial action to demand that University College London (UCL) ends the outsourcing of its services which has resulted in low pay and insecure work lack of management accountability associated with bullying and abuse; further notes that the vast majority of outsourced workers are Black, Asian, Latino American or from other ethnic minority groups who continue to be denied the employment rights to that other UCL employees take for granted; and urges UCL to end outsourcing and bring in house immediately the security officers currently forced to take strike action.

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## 590      **Royal Commission on Prisons and the Wider Criminal Justice System**

Tabled: 15/11/22      Signatories: 23

**Gordon Henderson**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**

Nadia Whittome

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes the Government's manifesto commitment to hold a Royal Commission on the Criminal Justice Process, a pledge included in the 2019 Gracious Address; believes that such an initiative is needed now more than ever, with widespread concern over many elements of the criminal justice system; further believes that the prison service has reached such a critical point that this must be the Government's priority for reform, starting with a wide-ranging public inquiry run by experts with statutory powers; and therefore calls on the Government to establish a Royal Commission on Prisons and the Wider Criminal Justice System as a matter of urgency.

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**593 Co-Op Funeral Care and Unite Members Industrial Action**

Tabled: 17/11/22 Signatories: 20

Chris Stephens  
Grahame Morris [R]  
Jonathan Edwards  
Steven Bonnar  
Mick Whitley [R]  
Allan Dorans

Nadia Whittome

That this House shows solidarity with Unite members working at Co-Op Funeral Care in Glasgow who are currently taking industrial action over pay; understands the context of the cost of living crisis with rising food costs, energy bills and inflation at a 41 year high; notes that the Retail Price Index is at its highest level since 1980; further notes that this means RPI is currently over 10% higher than the Co-Op Funeral Care's latest 4% pay offer; is alarmed by the absence of planned talks with the employer, Co-Op Funeral Care; is disappointed to see this behaviour in a workplace that carries the Co-Op brand name; is surprised to see an organisation, like the Co-Op, whose values are linked to democracy, equality and caring for others, treating workers in such a way that has left them feeling forced to take industrial action; expresses concern that this dispute will continue risking significant coffin supply disruption at a time when seasonal mortality rates are highest; and urges Co-Op Funeral Care to get back round the table to engage in meaningful negotiations.

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**600 Pension Credit**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 16

Patricia Gibson  
Jim Shannon  
John McDonnell  
Jonathan Edwards  
Allan Dorans  
Caroline Lucas

Chris Law

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House welcomes the Government's promotion of Pension Credit to increase its uptake, at long last, given that research by Independent Age had shown that only 61 per cent of those eligible were receiving it; appreciates that Pension Credit can be a gateway benefit for low income pensioners; is concerned by reports of lengthy delays to the processing of Pension Credit claims, with some pensioners forced to wait several months before payment is made; is disappointed by the failure of the Government to prepare for the increase in Pension Credit claims made as a result of its own awareness campaign; calls for additional support to be given to the Department for Work and Pensions to assist processing Pension Credit claims; and recognises the need for immediate action to ensure the most vulnerable in our society receive the support promised by Pension Credit to protect them during what will be a harsh winter.

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**602 Young Women Lead Programme**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recognises the significant achievements of the Young Women Lead programme upon the completion of their 'Community Places Community Spaces' project which began in May 2022; notes that the project was formulated with a passion for the provision of community services and a desire to highlight what services are available to people across Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire; appreciates that the six month project involved a series of workshops and online discussions which culminated in the creation of a website with an interactive map showing the various community services available across the local authorities; understands that the Young Women Lead programme caters for women and non-binary people aged 16-30, is facilitated by YWCA Scotland, and offers young people unique and exciting training opportunities; puts on record that the group of young people involved in the Community Places Community Spaces project are all passionate about connecting community services and have a strong belief that information about local services should be easy to access; and wishes everyone involved in the Young Women Lead programme the very best for the future.

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**607 Heartland FM and the 2022 Community Radio Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 7

Pete Wishart  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Heartland FM on being awarded the silver trophy in the prestigious Station of the Year category for the second year in a row at the 2022 Community Radio Awards; understands that the awards recognise community radio stations across the UK and the excellent service they provide to their listeners; and further congratulates Heartland FM on celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, making it the longest running community-owned radio station in the UK.

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**609 Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson  
 Patrick Grady  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Allan Dorans  
 Douglas Chapman  
 Patricia Gibson

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners on being awarded the Best in Britain award from Britain in Bloom for their Child Miner memorial site at the Wisp; notes that the memorial site, rockery and gateway sign are all designed to commemorate the role of children in Midlothian mining communities and the shocking deaths that occurred in the mines; recognises that Britain in Bloom is the UK's nationwide gardening competition and works to strengthen communities and tackle local issues through recognising the work of gardening groups; and wishes the gardeners all the very best for the presentation of this award at the memorial site on Sunday 27 November 2022.

**610 Penicuik Athletic FC's victory in the under-16s Girls Cup Final**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson  
 Patrick Grady  
 Allan Dorans  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Patricia Gibson  
 Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on their 3-1 victory against Giffnock SC in the under-16s Girls Cup Final this week; further congratulates Caitlin Waterson, Emily Brown and Emily Reid on their goals during the game, as well as head coach Steven Clarke and the whole team; notes the club's history reaching back to 1888 and continued contributions to Scottish football over the years; recognises the extremely hard work the team has put into training; further notes the importance of maintaining opportunities for young women and girls to take part in sport in Midlothian; and wishes the team the very best of luck in now playing in the under-18s.

**611 Intimidation at community, parish and town councils**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 15

Dr Julian Lewis  
 Cat Smith  
 Sir Graham Brady  
 Helen Morgan  
 Andrew Selous  
 Rosie Cooper

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its support and appreciation for local community, parish and town councils which are the first tier of local government in England and Wales and play a vital role in our communities; notes with concern that whilst the vast majority of local councils are well run,



there remain behavioural issues in a small minority of councils and by members of the public which involve bullying, intimidation and harassment of both councillors and their staff, as confirmed through a dedicated Civility and Respect project led by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), One Voice Wales (OVW), county associations of local councils, and also highlighted by the Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC); further notes with concern this is leading to councillors and staff leaving the sector and is creating difficulties in recruiting to those roles; and calls on the Government to re-visit its response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life report on local government ethical standards and introduce the report's recommendations in full including tougher sanctions such as suspension for poorly behaving councillors.

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## 612 National eye health strategy

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 9

**Marsha De Cordova**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Jim Shannon

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises that over two million people in the UK are living with conditions which cause sight loss; notes that 250 people lose their sight every day and sight loss costs the UK economy £36 billion per year; further notes that NHS eye care services are facing significant pressures, with ophthalmology accounting for almost ten per cent of NHS waiting lists; and calls for the development of a National Eye Care Strategy which would focus on improved health outcomes, eliminate the postcode lottery of eye care treatment, address the inequities in access to, and provision of, eye care services, reduce the backlog, ensure positive patient experiences, ensure providers of care are joined up, maximise workforce capacity and skills and make better use of research and innovation.

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## 613 Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire 21st anniversary

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 7

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Chris Law**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire on its twenty-first anniversary; recognises that it is one of the leading charities in family support in the community; acknowledges the impact it makes within the local communities it serves including helping to improve educational attainment, aiding the building of healthy relationships, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness, improving mental health of adults and children and supporting maternal mental health and perinatal support; further acknowledges its focus on empowerment and resilience to assist families to become self-reliant, confident and connected; praises the work of all

staff and volunteers and the skills they have brought and developed; and welcomes the launch of their new book 21 stories, 21 lives as part of their 21st anniversary celebrations.

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**614      Stewart Maxwell's service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C.**

Tabled: **24/11/22**      Signatories: **6**

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Stewart Maxwell, football manager, for his 10-year service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C. which has had a proud history since its establishment in 1878; further congratulates him on his appointment as new manager of Pollok F.C., recognising the significant role he will go on to play there; commends the lasting and significant contribution he has made; and acknowledges him and assistant manager Chris McFadyen for the outstanding work they have done with the club and their commitment to sport in the local area.

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**615      Turkish airstrikes against Kurds in Syria**

Tabled: **28/11/22**      Signatories: **7**

**Chris Stephens**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

**Chris Law**

This House notes with concern the intensive Turkish air assault that has hit Kurdish majority towns across north and northeast Syria which began at midnight on 19 November 2022, reportedly having killed 13 civilians and injuring many others; further notes that basic civilian infrastructure was being targeted in those strikes; notes that the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) have both strongly condemned the attack; is deeply concerned that the Turkish Government has allocated responsibility for the attack to the PKK and the SDF; notes that the Turkish Government has frequently asserted a policy of seeking to control a band of Syrian territory adjacent to the Syria-Turkey border; notes that the US State Department stated that it was communicating with Ankara publicly and privately to stop those attacks; calls on the Foreign Secretary to make representations to counterparts in the Turkish Government with a view to immediately ceasing the airstrikes which are in breach of international law; and further calls on the Government to call publicly for an immediate cessation of such airstrikes.

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**616 Release of Ales Bialiatski and Belarusian political prisoners**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 4

**Tony Lloyd**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates Ales Bialiatski on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2022 for his tireless and self-sacrificial work for human rights in Belarus; notes with concern that Ales is unable to collect his award because he has now served more than 500 days in detention but is yet to be tried; highlights that Viasna, the human rights organisation Ales is founder and chairperson of, has now declared there to be over 1,400 political prisoners in Belarus; and calls on the illegitimate regime of Aleksandr Lukashenko to release Ales and all other political prisoners, and start the process of holding free and fair elections in Belarus.

**617 Out of hours care for people with a terminal illness (No. 2)**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 2

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with concern evidence from Marie Curie's latest Better End of Life Report published in November 2022, which shows significant gaps in out-of-hours services in the community for people at the end of life and their carers, and the link between not being able to access services at home during nights and weekends and emergency department attendances during these periods; recognises that each year around 780,000 emergency out-of-hours visits to A&E occur for people approaching the end of life and that 24/7 palliative care telephone advice lines can play a significant role in meeting the need for out-of-hours support, thereby reducing ambulance use, A&E attendance and hospital admissions; commends The Integrated Mersey Palliative Care Team (IMPACT) designated 24/7 palliative care advice line which means that rather than having to ring 999, a single contact number connects people with a terminal illness and their carers to professionals with specialist palliative care expertise who can provide the advice they need on managing symptoms, controlling pain, access to medicines and support at home at the time when it is needed; and notes that 69 per cent of UK areas surveyed do not consistently provide a designated 24/7 palliative care advice line for terminally ill people and their carers and, of these, over one in four areas surveyed had no such advice line at all.

**618 Charitable giving and Christmas 2022**

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 3

**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

That this House notes with pride the generosity of charity organisations over the Christmas period; further notes the countless charities who go above and beyond at Christmas time, including The Salvation Army, Oxfam Unwrapped, The Trussel Group, Samaritans Purse and Make-A-Wish; underlines the current cost of living crisis, where thousands will be expected to ask for practical support to cope with financial hardship this winter; highlights the support offered by charities, including counselling, food parcels and offering somewhere to sleep; further underlines the close relationship between the Church and charities in providing key support for people this Christmas;

understands that this is not a pleasant time for everyone; and thanks charitable organisations for the work they do in local communities for families who struggle at Christmas.

## 619 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence campaign

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 7

David Linden  
Patricia Gibson  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Drew Hendry  
Chris Law

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House supports 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is an annual international campaign which commenced this year on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and will run until Human Rights Day on 10 December; recognises that violence against women and girls is the most pervasive breach of human rights worldwide; notes with regret that violence against women and girls is estimated to affect more than one in three women, a figure that has remained largely unchanged over the last decade; commends the objectives of the campaign which include calling for global action to increase awareness, galvanising advocacy efforts and sharing knowledge and innovations to end violence against women and girls once and for all; and advocates for all to take part in the 16 Days of Activism and amplify the important work of women's rights activists.

## 620 Welsh slate quarrying

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 3

Liz Saville Roberts  
Jim Shannon  
Ben Lake

That this House commemorates the vital importance of slate quarrying for the history and heritage of Wales; notes that people in Wales have been quarrying slate for over 1,800 years, to build the Roman fort in Segontium in Caernarfon as well as Conwy Castle in the 13th century, before producing over four-fifths of all British slate during the 1870s; acknowledges that Welsh slate is particularly important to North Wales, where the slate landscape was awarded the coveted status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2021; and calls for the devolution of the aggregates levy, so that the people of Wales can fully benefit from this cherished national resource.

## 621 Campaign for justice for the victims of the Bhopal gas leak

Tabled: 28/11/22 Signatories: 28

Navendu Mishra  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Mr Virendra Sharma  
Ben Lake  
Chris Law  
Jim Shannon

Beth Winter  
Nadia Whittome

Geraint Davies  
Kate Osborne

Jonathan Edwards  
Grahame Morris

Mary Kelly Foy  
Ian Lavery

Ian Mearns

John Cryer

That this House remembers the terrible disaster that took place on 2 December 1984 in Bhopal, India, when a major poisonous gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant resulted in more than 600,000 people being exposed to the highly toxic methyl isocyanate gas; notes that Amnesty International has stated that more than 100,000 people now live with contaminated water supplies and exposure to the chemicals, as well as a range of health problems and chronic illnesses caused by the disaster; commends the work of the late journalist Mr Rajkumar Keswani who reported on inadequate safety measures at the plant several years before the disaster; further notes that current owners, Dow Chemicals, need to urgently rectify the environmental damage and properly compensate the victims, survivors and their families; commends the work of Indian civil society groups, the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, the TUC, UNISON and Action for Bhopal in campaigning on this issue; and calls for those responsible to be brought to justice so that the victims who have been waiting 38 years for justice finally receive closure.

## 622      **Plastics**

Tabled: 28/11/22      Signatories: 25

**Geraint Davies**  
**Rosie Duffield**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Tim Farron**  
**John McNally**

Jim Shannon  
Nadia Whittome

Jonathan Edwards

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes that according to the UN there will be more plastic in the sea than fish by 2050; calls for the Government to publish a strategy for promoting a circular economy in respect of plastics, including setting targets and measures for the elimination and recycling of single-use plastics; calls for Secretary of State for Environment to establish a task force to develop proposals to encourage the use of reuse and refill models of packaging, to report annually to Parliament on the implementation of the strategy, to ensure that UK targets for the elimination and recycling of plastic packaging are more demanding than equivalent targets set by the European Union, and to require manufacturers and retailers to pay for the cost of recycling plastic; calls for Government to set annual targets for reducing the quantity of plastic waste that is incinerated; and calls for the Secretary of State of the Environment to publish a plan for banning the export of plastic waste by 2027, make provision for the purpose of reducing the cost of recycling plastic, including measures to encourage the standardisation of plastic packaging, give powers to the Office for Environmental Protection to enforce legislation relating to plastic pollution, and make provision for the purpose of encouraging the development of sustainable alternatives to plastic packaging; and calls for the Government to publish a plan for the use of fiscal policy to incentivise investment in recycling infrastructure and sustainable behaviour by consumers and retailers.

**623 Craigie High School, Dundee**Tabled: **28/11/22** Signatories: **6****Stewart Hosie****Patricia Gibson****Allan Dorans****Jim Shannon****Chris Law****Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

This House congratulates Craigie High School, in Dundee, for winning the Safety Groups UK Award for Development Through Education - and the Scottish Chamber of Safety Silver Punch Bowl - for a project featuring its Watch your Back video as part of its LOcHER project; notes that the judges were highly impressed with the way the team took a traditional health and safety issue in back injury to create an enjoyable and effective educational process through a video and music lyrics that can be shared more widely to leave a lasting impact; further notes that it was also Highly Commended under the Innovation Award category and welcomes the fact that these awards recognised safety groups that have involved learners of any age in an initiative which demonstrates effective educational engagement to advance health and safety.