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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 17 January 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 764 Sexual assault dare cards

Tabled: 17/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Kirsty Blackman**

That this House believes that dare cards which encourage inappropriate touching or sexual harassment of others should no longer be sold by retailers, this follows a recent sexual assault in Aberdeen City, where a man was sexually assaulted by a woman during a hen party dares game; and calls on Amazon and other online retailers to ban the sale of these dare cards.

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#### 765 Father Achi of Saint Peter and Paul in Paikoro, Nigeria

Tabled: 17/01/23 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**

**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

The House extends its condolences to the family of Nigerian priest Father Isaac Achi, and to his parish of Saint Peter and Paul in Paikoro Nigeria; condemns in the strongest of terms the brutal murder of Fr Achi who was burned alive by armed terrorists on Sunday 15 January 2023; urges the government of Nigeria to address the deteriorating security situation in Nigeria as a matter of priority so that all faith and belief groups might enjoy freedom of religion or belief; and implores the government of Nigeria to ensure free and fair presidential elections next month, free from fear of armed terrorist groups.

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**766 Adoption of Passivhaus Standards in Scotland**

Tabled: 17/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Douglas Chapman**

That this House recognises that the Scottish Government has adopted the Passivhaus standards for all future buildings, with new minimum environmental design standards for all new build housing to meet a Scottish equivalent to the Passivhaus standard in order to improve energy efficiency and thermal performance on the journey to net zero; understands that this legislation will be implemented in the next two years, with a commitment to a robust verification process to meet these ambitious standards; recommends that the UK Government follow suit and draft an equivalent design standard for the rest of the UK in order to increase energy security, reduce bills and improve indoor air quality in all new builds; commends the group behind the design and construction of the UK's largest education Passivhaus building that is due to open in Dunfermline and West Fife constituency in 2024 at the new Woodmill and St Columba's High School campus; and further commends Alex Rowley MSP for initiating the Bill in the Scottish Parliament.

**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.

**736 Severe pectus excavatum treatment**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 3

**Karl Turner****Jim Shannon****Rebecca Long Bailey**

That this House is concerned that the decision by NHS England to withdraw the surgery treatment for severe pectus excavatum and carinatum in its Clinical Commissioning Policy in 2019 has created a block for patients to access the relevant surgery; notes that severe pectus excavatum and carinatum treatment is routinely commissioned in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and that due to the decommissioning of this service by NHS England in 2019, there is no surgery available and, in addition, no individual funding requests are being approved even for the most severe cases; acknowledges some moves by NHS England to allow 10 surgeries per year and support a study into the severest 10 per cent of patients; highlights that 90 per cent of patients who receive surgery in the devolved nations would not be able to receive the same procedure in England; notes that no teenagers or young adults with severe psychological distress have any access to surgery, no matter how deforming this abnormality is; and calls on the Government to bring into force, without delay, a timetable for reversing this NHS England Clinical Commissioning Policy.

**737 Bus services in rural areas**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 10

Helen Morgan  
Jim Shannon  
Mohammad Yasin  
Wera Hobhouse  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Jamie Stone

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the lack of adequate bus service provision across the UK; acknowledges that the problem is particularly significant in rural communities; notes that the lack of bus services leads to difficulties for some in getting to work, school, or hospital appointments; further notes that this has a detrimental impact on the local economy; and urges the Government to pass the Bus Services Bill, which would ensure that every town with a population of over 10,000 people has a regular bus service operating seven days a week, and that local health services, including hospitals and GP surgeries, are serviced by those buses.

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**739 Anniversary of Kingsmill Massacre**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon  
Carla Lockhart  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Sir Mike Penning  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes with sustained sadness the 47th Anniversary of the Kingsmill Massacre and remembers the ten Protestant workmen that were brutally murdered and the one who survived but was subject to eighteen gun wounds; underlines that this massacre has been described as one of the deadliest mass shootings of the Troubles; highlights the 2011 report by the Historical Enquiries Team that concluded the responsibility of the Provisional IRA in carrying out this atrocity despite being on a ceasefire; further highlights the sheer malice of this shooting where it has been noted that 136 rounds were fired in less than a minute and a single shot was delivered to each victims head as a final act of evil; sends deepest sympathies to the families of those impacted; further highlights that the perpetrators have never been named let alone brought to justice despite the pleas of survivors and families; and reaffirms that these men will not be forgotten and their deaths will not be whitewashed.

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**740 Peace in Syria**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon  
Carla Lockhart  
Mohammad Yasin  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

This house notes the need for a lasting peace in Syria; believes that establishing a UK Special Envoy for Syria would help ensure utmost efforts in promoting a new and lasting peace initiative in Syria; and recognises the international benefits that would arise from a prosperous and peaceful Syria, not least by helping Syrian refugees return home.

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**741 Recognition of the Holodomor as a genocide**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 9

Tony Lloyd  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mohammad Yasin  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams

Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people in 1932 and 1933 by the Soviet regime headed by Josef Stalin; commemorates the lives of the seven million people who were brutally annihilated; condemns these acts as a systematic campaign of starvation and destruction of Ukrainian cultural and ethnic identity; further condemns the Soviet regime's confiscation of food, restriction of population movement, rejection of external aid, and brutal crackdown on protests and suppression of the Ukrainian language for the purpose of Russification; commends the work undertaken to commemorate the dead; calls on the UK Government to promote further awareness of the Holodomor and condemn any attempt to deny or distort this historical truth as being anything less than genocide; and further calls on Parliament to join other parliaments in recognising the Holodomor as a historical reality.

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**742 Attacks on the Brazilian Congress**

Tabled: 9/01/23 Signatories: 32

Richard Burgon  
Ms Diane Abbott  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Apsana Begum  
Ian Lavery  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Rachael Maskell

This House condemns the attacks on the Brazilian Congress, Supreme Court, and Presidential Palace on Sunday 8 January 2023 by supporters of former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro who refused to accept his recent election defeat; notes that this happened a week after the inauguration of President Lula da Silva and is the latest far-right attempt to disrupt Brazilian democracy through violence and intimidation; is deeply alarmed by the disturbing rise of political violence against supporters of President Lula including killings, violence against Lula's Workers' Party officials and attacks on pro-Lula marches that took place during the recent election campaign; believes President Lula's democratically-elected administration must be allowed to govern without fear of violence or continued threats; extends our solidarity with President Lula, the governing Brazilian Workers' Party, and all Brazilian democrats against attempts by the far-right to overturn the democratic process in Brazil; and calls on the international community to offer its full support for the upholding of the democratic will of the Brazilian people and to do all it can to ensure those responsible for the 8 January 2023 events are held to account.

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**743 Hiking for Little Heroes**

Tabled: 10/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Peter Grant**  
**Rachael Maskell**

That this House recognises the success of the Hiking for Little Heroes group on reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro; congratulates all those involved for raising over £250,000 for four charities: The Cancer Unit in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Angel Wishes, Cancer Fund For Children and B Positive; and thanks all those who have supported this achievement by donating to this fundraising initiative, inspired by childhood cancer victim, the late Adam Watson.

**747 Arrest for silent prayer**

Tabled: 11/01/23 Signatories: 5

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the arrest of Isabel Vaughan-Spruce who was standing alone at an abortion clinic which was not open at the time, with no poster or other material with her, when approached by Police she declared that she was not protesting and may have been silently praying but not aloud, declares that Public Space Protection Orders that are used to arrest in circumstances such as this are an outrage to the concept of civil and religious liberty, further believes that Isabel, while under arrest, being questioned as to what the silent prayers were about is a further infringement on civil liberties and calls upon the Home Secretary to declare HMGs' approach to this use of PSPO's.

**748 Holocaust Memorial Day 2023**

Tabled: 11/01/23 Signatories: 13

**Bob Blackman**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Stewart Hosie**  
**Patrick Grady**

**Rachael Maskell**

That this House notes that, on 27 January 2023, the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day, marking the 78th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where more than 1.1 million people died, including nearly one million Jewish men, women and children; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution; further notes that the House pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors and Kindertransport refugees who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which has so far given tens of thousands of students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; welcomes the establishment of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre adjacent to Parliament; pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising the national Holocaust Memorial Day event; and urges all Right

hon. and hon. Members to observe this day so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

## 752 Disability and cost of living

Tabled: 12/01/23 Signatories: 8

Christine Jardine  
Jonathan Edwards  
Ben Lake  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Richard Foord  
Jim Shannon

Tim Farron

Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises that there is often a significant income gap between disabled and non-disabled people; further recognises that disabled people are being hit hard by the current cost of living crisis and are much more likely to struggle to heat their homes and cut back on food over the winter; notes that the Resolution Foundation has found that people with disabilities have an available amount to spend that is around 44 per cent lower than that of other working-age adults; further notes that people with a disability are far more likely to be poorer than the rest of the population, with up to a third of adults in the lowest-income households having a disability; notes that almost half of disabled adults said they had to cut back on energy use this winter, compared with almost one-third of people without a disability; and calls on the Government to provide further support for disabled people including financial assistance to help with the cost of living crisis.

## 754 Re-imprisonment of Fariba Kamalbadi and Mahvash Sabet in Iran

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

Bob Blackman  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Rachael Maskell

That this House notes with concern the re-imprisonment in December 2022 of Fariba Kamalbadi and Mahvash Sabet, two Baha'is in Iran; further notes that both of these women served 10 years in harsh conditions from 2008 to 2018 and were the subject of widespread international outcry; acknowledges that these two women are widely regarded as prisoners of conscience; observes with concern that both women are over 60 years of age and poor health; and urges the Government to use all bilateral and multilateral means of influence to call on the Iranian Government to release Fariba and Mahvash immediately.

## 755 Lewis Capaldi

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

Martyn Day  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates the success of West Lothian singer songwriter Lewis Capaldi, whose single Someone You Loved has been named the UK's most streamed song; notes that his breakthrough

hit has accumulated 562 million UK streams, beating Ed Sheeran's Shape of You and Perfect, respectively; and further notes that the song reached number one in March 2019 and stayed there for a total of seven weeks.

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#### **756 Creativity of Glasgow North East school pupils**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House thanks the schools in Glasgow North East including Barmulloch Primary School, Elmvale Primary School, Haghill Park Primary School, Miltonbank Primary School, St Denis' Primary School and St Roch's Primary School for taking part in a Christmas card competition and allowing their creative artwork to be shared on behalf of the constituency; recognises the talent of the pupils and applauds their hard work and the work of their teachers and other school staff; and thanks the winner Eniola from Elmvale Primary School for allowing her design to be shared at Christmas.

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#### **757 Open Doors World Watch List 2023**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 5

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the ongoing need for the work of organisations such as the Open Doors Movement which seek to help and highlight areas across the globe where Christians continue to be persecuted; draws attention to the parliamentary launch on 18 January 2023 of the annual list of those countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution; and calls on the Government to offer support to all those working to end such persecution across the world.

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#### **758 The death of Mursal Nabizada, former Member of the Afghan parliament**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 8

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Tim Farron**

**Rachael Maskell**                      **Wera Hobhouse**

That this House is deeply saddened by the killing of former Afghan MP Mursal Nabizada and her bodyguard; strongly condemns the actions of their killers; calls for a full and open investigation into the incident; notes with concern the removal of women in Afghanistan from public life; and urges the Government to create an asylum route for Afghan women at risk of harm as called for by the members of the all-party Parliamentary group for Afghan Women and Girls.

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**759 Night Before Christmas Campaign**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

Allan Dorans  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Patrick Grady

That this House recognises and congratulates the inspirational Jodie McFarlane and her family and the outstanding commitment shown by the team of over 100 fantastic volunteers of the Night Before Christmas Campaign (NB4CC) who since 2015 have worked tirelessly and continuously every year to relieve the effects of poverty by ensuring that as many children throughout south west Scotland, who may not have received a gift or present at Christmas did so; thanks all of those volunteers involved in organising, collection, receipt, sorting, packing and delivery of donations; notes that in the first year of operation they delivered around 100 shoe boxes containing gifts; further notes that since that time they have continuously developed their network to encourage referrals from social work, churches, schools, voluntary and other groups; and notes the wonderful generosity of thousands of individual donors and over 150 donating organisations including businesses, churches, local sports teams and others who have provided cash donations, gifts and presents including new pyjamas, books, toiletries, toys, board games, selection boxes, teddy bears, other soft toys, and computer games, valued at over £340,000, enabling an outstanding record 6,840 red bags of joy to be delivered to families and children at Christmas in 2022.

**760 Killing of Palestinian journalists**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 21

Grahame Morris  
John McDonnell  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Chris Stephens  
Caroline Lucas  
Jeremy Corbyn

Jonathan Edwards

Rachael Maskell

Ben Lake

That this House welcomes submissions to the International Criminal Court (ICC) by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians (ICJP) following the killing of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces; recognises the need for such intervention following the commission of deplorable attacks against journalists in Palestine over several years, resulting in the killing of 48 journalists, including Shireen Abu Akleh, since 2000; joins the National Union of Journalists in condemnation of ongoing impunity for crimes committed against journalists enjoyed by members of the Israeli forces; urges immediate action by the ICC prosecutor to investigate and prosecute those responsible for attacks against and killing of journalists in Palestine; regrets that delays to action amount to a denial of justice to victims; and demands respect for the rights of journalists to undertake their work without fearing for their safety due to the actions of Israel Defense Forces.



**761 Anniversary of murder of Judge William Doyle**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the 40th Anniversary of the IRA murder of the most senior Catholic judge, William Doyle, during the troubles; further notes the brutality of his death, he was shot dead as he sat in his car after attending mass at St Brigid's Church in Derryvolgie Avenue in South Belfast on 16 January 1983; highlights that a 72 year old woman who William offered to drive home was also seriously injured when the two gunmen opened fire on the pair; underlines William's dedication to his profession and that he was a father of two, who was well known for defending prominent figures; expresses sympathy to the family of this gentleman who committed his life to practicing his Christian faith and being a good neighbour; and further highlights that nobody has ever been convicted of this killing and that his family deserve justice.

**762 Belfast £47.5 million Cancer Research Boost**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes with pride that Belfast is among the centres set for a cancer research boost as scientists receive £47.5 million over the next five years to help develop new treatments; further notes that as a part of a partnership between Cancer Research UK, the NIHR and The Little Princess, 17 adult Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres (ECMCs) will host clinical trials for these treatments; highlights how this will increase funding for the paediatric network and can help employ new research staff, including nurses and data managers, who are critical for delivering these trials to patients; further highlights the potential this research has to save lives, especially children and young people and that there is a sense of renewed hope and positivity; and sends thanks to Cancer Research UK, NIHR and The Little Princess Trust for this partnership which has enabled Belfast to be a crucial part of research into life saving treatment.

**763 Dartmoor National Park**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 9

**Richard Foord**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Sarah Olney**

Caroline Lucas

Rachael Maskell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House celebrates 75 years of the Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor; values the important contribution outdoor activities have on people's mental and physical health; fully supports the Countryside Code and the principles that preserve our green spaces; believes that everyone has a right to access and enjoy our national parks; expresses regret that a recent High Court judgment will impact the free use of land on Dartmoor National Park for wild camping; and calls on the Government to bring forward new legislation to safeguard the rights of individuals to continue using National Park land for camping without hindrance.