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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 25 January 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 800 Air pollution from vehicles

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House notes the impact particulate number testing in the MOT would have on reducing toxic air pollution from vehicles; is horrified that up to 36,000 people a year die prematurely from the effects of air pollution; is concerned that the total cost to the NHS and social care will be £1.5bn by 2025 and £5.1bn by 2035; therefore considers it necessary to take immediate action to identify and remove dangerous polluting vehicles from the roads; welcomes the Government's belief that implementing particulate number testing is the right thing to do; and urges the Government to follow through on its belief and implement particulate number testing soon after its open consultation on the MOT closes to reduce air pollution across the UK.

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#### 801 The Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities Grant

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates the recipients of The Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities Grant in South Lanarkshire; Chatty Crafters who are nurturing both creativity and conversation in the Cambuslang community, the Scottish National Memorial to David Livingstone Trust which is committed to the advancement of education, arts, heritage, culture and science, the Blantyre Old Parish Church of Scotland whose work promotes community, friendship and faith through learning, Supporting Our Community in Hamilton who aid those in their community who are struggling with mental ill-health, isolation and loneliness, Hyper Cyber Youth Project for its work in supporting and inspiring young people in Blantyre, Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre which hosts outreach programmes and provides support to those suffering financial hardship, and Stonelaw High Parent Council who are committed to enhancing the education and support received by Stonelaw High's pupils; wishes all winners the very best in future voluntary

work; and commends Asda for its investment in organisations that work tirelessly to the benefit of their wider communities.

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## 802 Darvel Football Club's Scottish Cup win

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Alan Brown**

This House congratulates Darvel FC on their fantastic football performance and Scottish Cup victory over Aberdeen FC on Monday 23rd of January; notes that this is regarded as the biggest Scottish Cup shock ever; recognises that Aberdeen were sitting in 5th place in the Scottish Premiership whilst Darvel play in the West of Scotland League, the 6th tier of Scottish football; notes that Darvel FC is a fantastic community club based in a village with a population of 4,000 whilst Aberdeen FC is based in a city of approximately 200,000 population; recognises that the players and staff of Darvel FC are part time compared to the full-time professionals of Aberdeen FC; commends Darvel FC on the ground improvements implemented before the match to increase the capacity of Recreation Park; notes that other infrastructure improvements include upgrading the facilities and changing rooms, a new grass pitch, floodlights, fencing and safety improvements demonstrating long-term planning from the committee; further notes the significant financial backing from President John Gall, the sponsorship of QTS as well as the dedication, commitment and managerial skills of Michael Kennedy; praises Darvel FC for dedicating the match to past President Peter Orr, a lifetime stalwart of the club and a club legend who sadly passed away in December 2022; wishes Darvel FC all the best in the next round of the Scottish Cup at home to Falkirk; and notes that ambitious clubs like Darvel FC should have greater opportunity for promotion and says "mon the Vale".

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## 803 East Lothian schools awarded anti-racism grants

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Ross High School in Tranent and Preston Lodge High School in Prestonpans on being awarded over £50,000 collectively to support part of the 2022-23 School Library Improvement Fund; understands that the funds are administered by the Scottish Library and Information Council, on behalf of the Scottish Government, to support creative and innovative projects within the school library sector; notes that this year's funding prioritised applications which focused on supporting anti-racism and racial inequality, with Ross High School library's project titled Stand Up and Be Counted and Preston Lodge High School library's project titled East Lothian Black History; and wishes everyone involved the very best of luck with their respective project.

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## 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.

### 748 Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Tabled: 11/01/23 Signatories: 44

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

Gavin Robinson

Clive Lewis

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.

#### 748A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Sir Peter Bottomley**

Line 10, leave out from 'Centre' to 'pays' and insert 'in a place and manner consistent with the features and facilities listed by the United Kingdom Holocaust Memorial Foundation's 'Search for a Central London site' in September 2015 on page 6 and in the area illustrated and considered to be sufficiently central to meet the visions set out by the Holocaust Commission on page 10'.

### 752 Disability and cost of living

Tabled: 12/01/23 Signatories: 18

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

Clive Lewis

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.

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

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 13

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Sammy Wilson

Paul Girvan

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.

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#### 757 Open Doors World Watch List 2023

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 11

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

Paul Girvan

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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**760 Killing of Palestinian journalists**

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 24

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

Apsana Begum

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.

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

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon  
Sir Mike Penning  
Gavin Robinson  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Stephen Farry  
Carla Lockhart

Paul Girvan

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.

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

Tabled: 16/01/23 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Gavin Robinson  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Carla Lockhart  
Paul Girvan

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.

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

Tabled: 17/01/23 Signatories: 12

Jim Shannon  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Sir Mike Penning  
Alexander Stafford  
David Linden  
Sir Edward Leigh

Sammy Wilson

Paul Girvan

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.

**768 Environment Agency workers industrial action**

Tabled: 18/01/23 Signatories: 19

Olivia Blake  
Apsana Begum  
Nadia Whittome  
Zarah Sultana  
Jon Trickett  
Mick Whitley

Clive Lewis

That this House fully supports the thousands of Environment Agency workers in their pay dispute, notes that they are engaged in the first strike action over pay to take place since the Environment Agency was established; further notes that while Environment Agency staff undertake vital work

in responding to environmental incidents and emergencies including floods and major pollution events, these workers have seen the value of their pay eroded by over 20 percent since 2010; highlights that it wishes Environment Agency workers every success in their fight to secure a fair pay deal that reflects the vital work they do; and calls on Ministers in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to urgently engage with Environment Agency trade unions to seek a resolution to this dispute.

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## 771 UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen

Tabled: 18/01/23 Signatories: 42

**Kim Johnson**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Apsana Begum**

**Marion Fellows**  
**Jon Trickett**

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House notes with concern the ongoing devastation of the war on Yemen, which has repeatedly been named one of the worst humanitarian disasters in the world since the Saudi-led Coalition first launched airstrikes in March 2015; further notes that the Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen despite overwhelming evidence of serious violations of international humanitarian law; reminds the Government that criteria 2(c) of the Strategic Export Licensing Criteria precludes licensing where there is a clear risk that items might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law; notes with concern the failure of the warring parties to renew the first truce in six years, brokered by the UN, which was sustained for six months in 2022; calls on the Government to end all support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia; and urges the Government to use all diplomatic means at its disposal, including the UK's position as penholder on Yemen at the UN Security Council to support the role of the Yemeni people, including women and children, in building sustainable peace, to advocate for an end to the mahram male guardian requirement across governorates under Houthi control, and call for the creation of an independent, international accountability mechanism that would investigate, publicly report and pursue accountability for the most serious violations of international law committed in Yemen by all parties to the conflict.

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## 776 Open Doors and the World Watch List 2023

Tabled: 18/01/23 Signatories: 21

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Ben Lake**

**Jonathan Edwards**

**Sammy Wilson**

**Paul Girvan**

That this House applauds the work of the charity Open Doors which has, for more than six decades, supported persecuted Christians globally; understands that this year marks the 30th anniversary of Open Doors' research into those countries where Christians face the greatest levels of persecution, information on which is published in its annual World Watch List; notes that in the World Watch List 2023, North Korea returns to the top of this list, scoring the highest number of points ever

recorded by the charity; is deeply concerned that more than 360 million Christians experience high and extreme levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith; is alarmed that when the Open Doors World Watch List started, Christians faced high, very high or extreme levels of persecution in 40 countries and, 30 years on, that number has nearly doubled to 76 countries; recognises that this means that 1 in 7 Christians now experience at least high levels of persecution and discrimination which shows that persecution of Christians for their faith is a human rights outrage which is growing; is appalled that sexual violence is a key weapon used against Christian women and girls globally; and urges the UK Government to recognise faith as an additional vulnerability in all conflicts and use every diplomatic tool at its disposal as well as its role on the international community to make all possible efforts to uphold freedom of religion or belief which is a basic human right and must be recognised as such.

## 779 Energy support for sports facilities

Tabled: 19/01/23 Signatories: 13

**Munira Wilson**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Tracey Crouch**

Layla Moran

That this House notes with concern that sports facilities, including swimming pools and leisure centres, have been excluded from the list of sectors entitled to greatest support under the Energy Bills Discount Scheme; is pleased to note that cultural institutions, such as libraries, museums and botanical gardens have been included in the list of Energy and Trade Intensive Industries eligible for the higher level of support but is disappointed that sports facilities have not; further notes that the disparity in the level of support is significant, with discounts for electricity nearly five times greater for Energy and Trade Intensive Industries than other sectors and a discount on gas nearly six times higher; notes that the price thresholds for Energy and Trade Intensive Industries to receive this support is also lower than other sectors for both gas and electricity; welcomes comments by the Minister for Sport that he will be holding a roundtable with industry stakeholders to discuss further support, but considers it not enough; and calls for the definition of Energy and Trade Intensive Industries to be expanded to include sports facilities, such as swimming pools and leisure centres, in the scheme for Energy and Trade Intensive Industries.

## 784 Supermarket profits

Tabled: 20/01/23 Signatories: 26

**Ian Mearns**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Chris Stephens**

Hannah Bardell

Apsana Begum

Clive Lewis

That this House notes reports in the Sunday Times suggesting that, at a time of an acute cost-of-living crisis for households and food inflation running at over 14 per cent, UK supermarkets are set to announce higher-than-anticipated profits; further notes reports that Tesco alone will forecast increased operating profits of nearly £2.5 billion, significantly above its five-yearly average; shares the reported fears of industry insiders that the supermarket giants are benefitting from



so-called rocket and feather pricing, where prices rise sharply in response to an inflationary spike, only to remain persistently higher than necessary as the rate of inflation falls; is scandalised that corporate shareholders are making excessive profits while more and more households are forced to use foodbanks; is concerned that, despite these rocketing profits, large retailers in the food and drink sector continue to place undue commercial pressures on their suppliers, leading to a further squeeze on the terms and conditions of workers across the food sector and more suppliers closing sites or going into administration; further notes that food workers, like other low-paid groups in society, are disproportionately impacted by the relentless increase in grocery prices; agrees with the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers union in calling for urgent regulatory action to tackle the plague of excessive corporate profiteering by UK supermarkets; and urges the Government to introduce a statutory Right to Food for everyone in the country.

## 788 **Daesh genocide against Yazidis, Christians and other religious minorities in Syria and Iraq**

Tabled: 23/01/23 Signatories: 12

Kirsten Oswald  
Brendan O'Hara  
Drew Hendry  
Ms Anum Qaisar  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law

Hannah Bardell

That this house urges the UK Government to formally recognise the Daesh atrocities against the Yazidis, Christians and other religious or belief minorities in Syria and Iraq as genocide; understands that it is the long-standing policy of the UK Government not to make determinations of genocide but to leave it for competent courts; notes that on 30 November 2021 a criminal court in Frankfurt, Germany, convicted an Iraqi national for his involvement in genocide, crimes against humanity and other crimes; also notes that on 27 July 2022 the Higher Regional Court of Hamburg convicted German Daesh member Jalda A of aiding and abetting genocide as well as of crimes against humanity and war crimes for the enslavement and abuse of a young Yazidi woman; acknowledges that a criminal court is, in the view of the UK Government, a competent court to make determinations of genocide; and in light of the above renews calls to the UK Government to formally recognise the atrocities committed against the Yazidis, Christians and other religious or belief minorities in Syria and Iraq as genocide.

## 790 **Disappearance of migrant children from asylum hotels**

Tabled: 23/01/23 Signatories: 41

Ms Diane Abbott  
Jim Shannon  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
Caroline Lucas  
Jamie Stone

Grahame Morris  
Jon Trickett  
Dave Doogan

Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Apsana Begum

Hannah Bardell  
Clive Lewis

That this House notes concerning reports of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children disappearing from hotels; expresses concern for the welfare of these children; notes that several reports suggest that these children are being targeted and trafficked; further notes that in one example,

136 children went missing from one hotel in 18 months and that 79 of these children remain unaccounted for; and calls for the Home Office to immediately review safeguarding arrangements for asylum-seeking children in hotels.

## 792 National Supported Internship Day

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 6

Mr Barry Sheerman  
Dr Lisa Cameron  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Alan Brown  
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises 27 March 2023 as National Supported Internship Day, which is an initiative launched by charity DFN Project SEARCH to raise awareness and understanding of supported internships; acknowledges that supported internships are for those aged 16-24 and give young adults the opportunity to learn in a workplace setting; further acknowledges that these internships include continuous feedback and enable young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to learn while gaining real employability and competitive work skills; recognises the work of Kirklees Council in providing excellent internship opportunities; applauds charity DFN Project SEARCH for its achievement of a 70 per cent graduate employment rate and its goal of getting 10,000 young adults with SEND into paid employment by 2030; and asks this House to celebrate supported internships taking place across the UK.

## 794 Constitutional Law

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 52

Brendan O'Hara  
Stephen Flynn  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Caroline Lucas  
Colum Eastwood

Jonathan Edwards

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (Prohibition on Submission for Royal Assent) Order 2023 (S.I., 2023, No. 41), dated 17 January 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17 January 2023, be annulled.

## 795 Ryan Cornelius and the UAE

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 2

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Jim Shannon

This House notes with concern that Ryan Cornelius, a British citizen, remains imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates, notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that he has been arbitrarily detained, and notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that Mr Cornelius should be immediately released and provided with compensation and other reparations in accordance with international law; calls upon the UAE government to release Mr Cornelius in accordance with international law; calls upon the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development

Affairs to secure the release of Mr Cornelius; and asks the Foreign Secretary to raise this matter with his Emirati counterpart.

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## 796 Siobahn McKenzie International Fashion Awards

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 3

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Scottish fashion designer Siobahn McKenzie following her success in scooping three Gold medals at the International Design Awards in the following sectors (a) Gold Winner in Fashion Design - Recycled / Sustainable Fashion, (b) Gold Winner in Fashion Design - Uniform Design and (c) Gold Winner in Textiles - Textile Design; recognises her stunning, innovative and unique designs for Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and for her contribution to international fashion houses around the world; and welcomes these awards which will help grow her business further and encourage other Scottish designers and creators to adopt a sustainable and a Made in Scotland approach to develop this successful sector of the Scottish economy.

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## 797 Tenth anniversary of local coffee shop chain Bob & Berts

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 5

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the success of Bob & Berts, a local coffee shop chain, which started in Portstewart, Northern Ireland in 2013, and now comprises almost thirty stores across the United Kingdom, and wishes founder Colin McLean all the best as the business prospers and continues its ethos of supporting local community ventures including children in sport in each of the areas where the cafes are based.

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## 798 The Climate Education Bill

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 9

**Nadia Whittome**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Kate Osborne

Apsana Begum

Jon Trickett

That this House notes the IPPC's report released in February 2022 into the now irreversible impacts of climate change, the Government's aim to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and the necessity of teaching children about the climate and the world we will inhabit as we move through the 21st century; further notes that one survey found that 42% of pupils felt they had learned little or nothing about the environment at school; acknowledges that teaching about the climate, biodiversity, conservation, and our responsibilities to our environment requires

improvement in our education system; understands the vital importance of climate education for our economy, our civil society, and people's wellbeing in the coming years; and as such calls on the Government to support the Climate Education Bill, which will integrate teaching about climate change and sustainability throughout the curriculum in primary schools and secondary schools, and on vocational courses.

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**799 Celebration of the life and work of Robert (Rabbie) Burns**

Tabled: **24/01/23** Signatories: **46**

**Allan Dorans**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Stephen Flynn**

Jim Shannon

That this House notes and celebrates the 264th anniversary of the birth of Robert (Rabbie) Burns, Scotland's National Bard, in Alloway on 25 January 1759; notes that he is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic literacy movement, and after his death became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora; further notes that he was a poet and lyricist who penned the words of Auld Lang Syne, which is sung across the globe on New Year's Eve; notes that he wrote over 700 other poems and songs including Tam O'Shanter, Ae Fond Kiss, To a Mouse, Scots Wa Hae, A Red, Red Rose and A Man's a Man for A' That, and whose work has been translated into more than 40 languages and his memory honoured by more than 50 official statues including in the UK, US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Russia and Estonia; and further notes that he has had his image portrayed on postage stamps, banknotes and coins in a number of countries and that his life, works and immortal memory are celebrated at Burn's Suppers across the world by millions of people on 25 January every year.