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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 31 January 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 814 State pension age and 1950s-born women

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House notes with concern the losses borne by 1950s women as a result of maladministration by the Department for Work and Pensions; supports the independent inquiry of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; notes that on average over one hundred 1950s born women die daily, many of whom have suffered losses and die without compensation; and urges the Government to commit to meeting the compensation recommendations of the Ombudsman upon publication.

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#### 815 First Portadown Presbyterian Church

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Carla Lockhart**

That this House joins with the congregation of First Portadown Presbyterian Church, Edenderry Presbyterian Church, in celebrating over 200 years of Christian witness in Portadown and the surrounding area; recognises the positive impact of the Church in the community throughout two centuries since 1822; and wishes the congregation well as they embark upon the next century of their evangelism and service in the Portadown area.

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**816 Preconception care strategy**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Siobhain McDonagh**

That this House concurs with the World Health Organisation (WHO) that preconception preparation enables the healthy pregnancy and confident parenthood that addresses the transmission of disparities in life chances across the generations; recognises that providing educational, biomedical, behavioural and social health interventions for young people, women and prospective parents prior to conception is of fundamental importance in improving pregnancy outcomes and children's subsequent physical and mental health, development, resilience and educational aptitude; understands that the importance of preconception care is accepted by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities within the Department for Health and Social Care; congratulates the UK Preconception Partnership for working across health, education and charitable sectors to normalise preconception preparations for a healthy pregnancy and parenthood and Children's Alliance for recommending the benefits in its Guide: Children's Health and Wellbeing, Reversing the Damage; and calls upon the Government to ensure that integrated preconception care is available to all people in the UK and prioritised in policy content across every Government Department

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**817 50th anniversary of Dundee Civic Trust**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Dundee Civic Trust on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; notes that the Trust was founded in February 1973 by local people to help support the protection and conservation of Dundee's numerous historic buildings; further notes that the Trust continues to this day to promote and organise talks and events which help educate local people on Dundee and its built environment, and in particular matters of civic design, architecture and conservation; thanks all Trustees, both past and present, who have helped to run and develop the Trust over its fifty years; and wishes them all the best for the future.

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**818 Radio 1's Big Weekend Dundee**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Chris Law**

That this House welcomes the announcement that BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend 2023 will be held in Dundee's Camperdown Park; notes that the Big Weekend 2020 was due to be held in the city but was sadly cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that 80,000 people are expected to attend the festival over its three days, with millions more watching and listening to coverage through the BBC; recognises the cultural and economic benefits that this will bring to Dundee and the wider area; thanks BBC Radio 1 and organisers for their decision to return to Camperdown Park, the first time a venue in Scotland will host the event for a second time; and wishes all involved in its organisation all the best ahead of May.

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**819 Second anniversary of military coup in Myanmar**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 6

Rushanara Ali  
Dame Margaret Hodge  
Sir Iain Duncan Smith  
Joanna Cherry  
Dan Jarvis  
Mohammad Yasin

That this House extends solidarity to the people of Myanmar resisting the military coup that took place on 1 February 2021; deplores that over 17,000 people have been arrested, over 2,700 killed and over one million forced to flee their homes; calls for the immediate release of elected members of Parliament illegally detained by the Burmese military, for an end to torture and sexual violence against activists in detention, and for the release of all political prisoners; condemns the almost daily use of airstrikes by the Burmese military; further calls on the Government to do everything it can to end the supply of aviation fuel to the Burmese military; welcomes the Government's international lead on sanctioning sources of revenue and arms to the Burmese military; calls for increased resources to be dedicated to speeding up the pace of such sanctions; further welcomes the Government's decision to join the Rohingya genocide case at the International Court of Justice; calls on the Government to convene a meeting at the UN Security Council on Myanmar's non-compliance with the provisional measures to prevent genocide set out by the International Court of Justice; calls on the Government to increase efforts to persuade countries such as India and Pakistan to stop supplying arms and other military equipment to the Burmese military; and calls on the Government to increase humanitarian aid, including cross-border aid, through local civil society organisations.

**820 LGBT+ History Month 2023**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House recognises February as LGBT+ History Month and welcomes 2023's Behind the Lens theme, celebrating the vast contribution LGBT+ people make to cinema and film; commemorates the struggle for LGBT+ rights over past decades and celebrates the hard-won freedoms and rights gained by the LGBT+ community; understands that progress on LGBT+ rights has not been universal, with many countries across the world continuing to enforce anti-LGBT+ laws which can carry significant punishments; appreciates that the campaign for LGBT+ equality continues and there remains a great deal more work to do to ensure all LGBT+ people can live their lives free from prejudice and hatred; and applauds all those working to end discrimination against LGBT+ people across the world.

**821 Fundraising by Cole Park**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House commends six year old Cole Park on his outstanding achievement completing the family fun run in Glasgow Green in December 2022; understands that Cole raised £20,164 for the Beatson Cancer Charity through registration fees and online donations; notes that Cole led the Santa Dash in his wheelchair with over 4000 runners in the first run in three years; congratulates Cole and his mother Michelle for their incredible dedication and for bringing together the community to raise funds for such a vital charity; thanks Glasgow City Council for organising and supporting the event; and wishes Cole all the very best for his ongoing treatment at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer centre.

**822 Vitamin D awareness**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman [R]**

That this House notes the growing body of evidence that suggests the numerous health benefits of vitamin D; recognises the impact that vitamin D can have on the body's regulation of calcium and phosphate which helps to keep bones, teeth and muscles healthy; echoes the NHS's advice that everyone should consider taking a daily vitamin D supplement during the autumn and winter to stay healthy; and congratulates community initiatives such as Sustainable Huddersfield that are leading the way in raising awareness of vitamin D in local communities.

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**823 Rookie Rockstars East Dunbartonshire**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Amy Callaghan**

That this House congratulates Rookie Rockstars on the opening of its new headquarters in Kirkintilloch; commends the efforts of founder David Brackenridge and the Rookie Rockstars committee for the dedication they have shown to support communities across East Dunbartonshire; thanks the volunteer team and advocates for their continuous hard work and support; praises Rookie Rockstars for the achievements in developing and implementing the new Rookie Minds counselling service to support young people and vulnerable members of the community; and wishes them every success for the new headquarters and continued success for services in Kirkintilloch and across East Dunbartonshire.

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**824 Bearsden Academy**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Amy Callaghan**

That this House congratulates Bearsden Academy on its recent placement as one of the highest performing secondary schools in Scotland; commends the dedication and leadership of the headteacher George Cooper; notes that the school achieved a fantastic result of third place in Scotland; congratulates Bearsden Academy on its vision and values and commitment to learning and development; further recognises the excellent standard of schools in East Dunbartonshire more broadly; and wishes Bearsden Academy all the very best and looks forward to its future achievements and academic success.

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**825 30 Years of Celtic connections music festival**

Tabled: 31/01/23 Signatories: 1

**Alison Thewliss**

That this House congratulates music festival Celtic Connections on its 30th anniversary; notes the breadth of talent and cross-genre spirit of this festival which has brightened Glasgow winters for three decades; understands the festival celebrates Glasgow's connections to cultures all over the world through folk, roots and world music; appreciates the contribution to Scotland's cultural landscape that this festival has made over the years; understands this year's Celtic Connections featured over 2,100 musicians from around the world in over 300 events; notes the festival has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 1994; and hopes that it continues to do so for many years to come.

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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.

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

Tabled: 18/01/23 Signatories: 55

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

Gavin Newlands

Munira Wilson

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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### 790 Disappearance of migrant children from asylum hotels

Tabled: 23/01/23 Signatories: 54

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

Dan Carden

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.

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**795 Ryan Cornelius and the UAE**

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 12

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Jim Shannon  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams  
Daisy Cooper

Deidre Brock

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.

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

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 7

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

Carla Lockhart

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.

**798 The Climate Education Bill**

Tabled: 24/01/23 Signatories: 15

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

Daisy Cooper

Dan Carden

That this House notes the IPCC'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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## 802 Darvel Football Club's Scottish Cup win

Tabled: 25/01/23 Signatories: 6

Alan Brown  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Carla Lockhart

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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## 805 Private treatment at NHS hospitals

Tabled: 26/01/23 Signatories: 20

Margaret Greenwood  
John McDonnell  
Debbie Abrahams  
Kate Osborne  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
Rachael Maskell

Dan Carden

Grahame Morris

That this House notes that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 in effect allows NHS Foundation Trusts to earn 49 per cent of their income from treating private patients; acknowledges that, before it was amended during its passage through Parliament, it set no limit on private income, demonstrating that the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition Government had initially planned to enable NHS Foundation Trusts to earn as much of their income as they wanted from treating private patients; further notes that in 2011 the majority of NHS Foundation Trusts had private income caps of between 0.1 per cent and 2 per cent; is concerned by recent reports that NHS Trusts are promoting expensive private healthcare at their hospitals, offering patients the chance to

jump NHS waiting lists; is further concerned that this will increase waiting times for NHS patients; believes that this is leading to a two-tier health system where people who have the means to pay can get treated more quickly, while NHS patients face longer waits, often in pain and discomfort; notes that this is not in the spirit in which the NHS was created; further notes that with waiting lists of over 7 million, there is no excess capacity in the NHS; recognises that the NHS is publicly owned and publicly funded and should remain a comprehensive and universal service, free at the point of use; and calls on the Government to put an end to NHS facilities being used to provide services to private patients.

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## 808 Tanks and Military Aid for Ukraine

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Clive Lewis**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Stewart Hosie**  
**Dawn Butler**

That this House notes that 24 February marks the first anniversary of Russia launching an all-out invasion of Ukraine; applauds the Ukrainian people's courageous resistance; welcomes the gifting of a squadron of Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine and the transfer of Leopard 2 and M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine; recognises that increased assistance must be provided to help Ukraine successfully conclude the war, free their entire country, and secure a just peace; condemns the fact that 1,105 vehicles were disposed of by the MOD via sale/auction in 2022 for financial gain; calls for all such equipment to be offered to Ukraine; notes that the Challenger 3 programme will upgrade at least 148 of the existing Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks, and calls for the urgent gifting of 79 CR2 tanks to Ukraine; notes that the 170 CVR(T) Scimitar vehicles go out of service this year, and calls for their gifting to Ukraine; notes with the arrival of 623 Boxer vehicles that the Warrior Vehicle is being retired, and calls for all Warriors to be gifted to Ukraine; notes that only four Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft will be retained until 2027, and calls for the gifting of the remaining Typhoon Tranche 1 aircraft to Ukraine; calls for those of the current fleet of 60 Chinooks due for retirement be gifted to Ukraine; and calls on the Secretary of State for Defence to commit to the above aid being provided urgently with necessary training and ammunition, and for delivery no later than Spring 2023.

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## 809 Epilepsy Scotland survey launch

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 4

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Stewart Hosie**

That this House values the work of Epilepsy Scotland and welcomes the support the organisation gives those with the condition across Scotland; further welcomes the following areas of specific support available from dedicated staff for those in need of help and advice including their Helpline and Check-In Service, Youth Service, Well-being Service and Welfare Rights; supports their newly launched survey on the link between mental health issues and epilepsy; and encourages those with the condition to complete the survey and have their voices heard.

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**810 Sylvia Russell**

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 3

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Sylvia Russell from Lanark who was one of 350 people chosen to receive a rowan tree from the Tree of Trees sculpture created for Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee; thanks her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown for the town and community in Lanark; praises her for her work as chairman of Lanark Community Development Trust; notes her many achievements with LCDT including the installation of the Clydesdale horse sculpture in Lanark to commemorate the town's equine history and the development of Castlebank Park; and further thanks Susan Haughey, Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, for her time and effort in deliberating and choosing a worthy cause for this honour.

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**811 Drive-through road side pollution**

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 7

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Stewart Hosie**  
**Mr Virendra Sharma**

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House recognises that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time; has considered the research conducted by the BBC and Dr Anita Chinnaswamy which discovered that levels of nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter were peaking at many times the UK legal air quality limits for emissions within the drive-throughs of select major fast food outlets; is concerned about the severe health impacts that air pollution can have on those individuals who suffer from prolonged exposure, such as employees and local residents; deeply regrets the link between instances of high road air pollution and deprivation in our country; and calls upon the Government to prioritise enforcement of the law and the fast-food industry to implement innovative solutions to reduce exposure to road air pollution caused by idling vehicles in drive-throughs in the quickest way possible.

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**812 RSPB Garden Birdwatch 2023**

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 3

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Stewart Hosie**

That this House notes the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' annual Big Garden Birdwatch 2023, taking place from 27 to 29 January 2023; highlights their efforts to preserve and protect the red list of birds who are most at risk and underlines that sadly the UK has lost 38 million birds over the last 50 years; urges constituents to be aware of the RSPB's important aim of learning about nature and wildlife and further notes how much of a success the Big Garden Birdwatch is; further highlights how our education sector can get involved as the RSPB launch their Big Schools Birdwatch 2023 and partake in virtual events which teach children the importance of food chains and beak adaptations; and thanks the RSPB for all their dedication in getting as many people involved as possible and celebrates their success in birdwatching thus far.

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**813 Support for the hospice sector**

Tabled: 30/01/23 Signatories: 6

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Stewart Hosie**

That this House applauds the excellent end of life care and support provided by hospices across the UK to 300,000 people and their families every year; is concerned by the financial strain placed upon hospices due to the soaring costs of energy which places around £100m of additional costs a year; appreciates the significant impact the cost of living crisis is having on the hospice sector's fundraising which accounts for two thirds of adult's hospice income and four fifths of children's hospice income; values the critical role the hospice sector has within the UK's health and care system; understands that the work of hospices relieve pressure on the NHS; is mindful that simply reducing energy consumption is not a viable option for hospices which need to keep medical machines running and inpatient units warm for those in their care; further understands that increased running costs cannot be passed on to service users as they would in the business sector; and urgently calls for additional support with energy costs to be provided to the hospice sector which may otherwise struggle to continue with its valuable work to those requiring end of life care and their families.