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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 21 February 2023

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New EDMs

874 Horizon Europe

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House celebrates the role of international collaboration in driving world leading research and innovation; notes the positive effect this has on productivity and competitiveness; recognises the continued benefit to British scientists and researchers which has accrued thanks to access to the Horizon schemes; notes with concern the significant delay to the UK gaining association as part of Horizon Europe which has resulted in British universities losing millions of pounds in funding and researchers relocating to Europe to more easily access funding there; further notes with concern the recent comments made by the new Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology that the UK is “ready” to pursue its own scheme, rather than take part in wide-scale collaboration with our neighbours that is of huge benefit to our country; and therefore calls on the Government to rule out this prospect and to recommit to gaining association with Horizon Europe as a matter of urgency.

875 Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund Wee Box, Big Change Lent Appeal 2023

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House welcomes the launch of Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 2023 Wee Box, Big Change Lent Appeal; understands that this year's appeal aims to support families suffering from hunger in Zambia; understands that the Lent appeal will help fund work to act against hunger through supporting the creation of small vegetable gardens, teaching organic farming skills, gifting livestock such as pigs and goats that can produce natural fertiliser, as well as enabling communities to come together to sell their products at market, earning more money for everyone; notes that the appeal will also support activities that enable girls to focus on their education and provide

support for women to feed and provide for their families; and wishes SCIAF's Wee Box, Big Change campaign every success.

876 Tyre pollution

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House notes the impact of tyre wear on air and water quality; records that tyre pollution produces almost 2,000 times more air pollution than modern car exhausts; recognises that limited regulation on the production of tyres has allowed toxic chemicals and carcinogens such as 2-naphthylamine into our environment, despite having been banned in tyre production; is concerned that tyre wear produces difficult-to-measure ultrafine particles which can enter organs through the blood stream; acknowledges that the increasing prevalence of electric vehicles has increased the average weight of vehicles on UK roads contributing to increased tyre wear and therefore air pollution; and therefore calls on the Government to implement stringent regulation of tyre chemical compounds and tyre wear by supporting the Tyre Manufacture (Toxic Chemicals) Bill.

877 125th Anniversary of Girls Friendly Society, Annaghmore Parish Church

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates the Girls' Friendly Society at Annaghmore Parish Church on reaching their 125th year; recognises the positive impact the organisation has had on generations of young women in the locality; pays tribute to all those who have helped organise the Society through the years; and wishes the Society well for their anniversary year and the future.

878 Banbridge Hockey Club: 125th anniversary

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates Banbridge Hockey Club on the conclusion of their 125th anniversary year; recognises the positive role played by the club in the local community in the promotion of health, wellbeing and sporting excellence; and wishes the club every success for the future.

879 Support for people affected by the earthquake in Turkey by businesses in Inverness city centre

Tabled: 21/02/23 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House commends local businesses in Inverness city centre for their exemplar efforts in supporting people following the devastating earthquake that struck Turkey on 6 February 2023; notes that the earthquake left thousands of people without shelter, food and medical care; further notes that the Inverness community has rallied together to provide support to those affected by the disaster; recognises the role played by city centre businesses in collecting donations to aid relief efforts; and commends the compassion and generosity shown by the people of Inverness and beyond.

880 Centenary of Seagoe Branch of the Mothers' UnionTabled: **21/02/23** Signatories: **1****Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates Seagoe Branch of the Mothers' Union on reaching their centenary year; recognises the important role of the Mothers' Union in communities across the UK and, indeed, worldwide; encourages new members to explore the benefits of being part of the Mothers' Union; and wishes Seagoe Branch of the Mothers' Union ongoing success as it embarks on its next century.

881 St Helens Rugby Football ClubTabled: **21/02/23** Signatories: **1****Ms Marie Rimmer**

That this House congratulates St Helens Rugby Football Club, its coach Paul Wellens, former coach Kristian Woolf, chairman Eamonn McManus, captain James Roby and all the players, staff and loyal supporters of the club that successfully won its third World Club Challenge; applauds the extraordinary achievement of the club for being the first English side to win the trophy in Australia since 1994; and commends the team on showing the world that the English Super League is the best league in the world.

882 Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria (No. 2)Tabled: **21/02/23** Signatories: **1****Liz Saville Roberts**

That this House mourns the lives lost and damaged caused by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; notes that over 47,000 people have died so far and that an estimated 300,000 people in the region are left homeless; and calls on the Government in the short term to implement a family visa scheme for Turks and Syrians who have been left homeless and have family in the UK, and in the long term to establish safe routes for all people who are affected by similar tragedies to be able to find sanctuary in the UK.

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.

845 150th anniversary of the Parkhead Congregational Church

Tabled: 7/02/23 Signatories: 7

David Linden
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Peter Grant

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Parkhead Congregational Church on their 150th anniversary; notes that in 1863 twenty scholars and three teachers met in the East End of Glasgow to form a Sunday School, this eventually became the Parkhead Congregational Church; commends the Church for supporting the local community through many historical events over the past 150 years, particularly for supporting their congregation recently with the covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; and hopes that the Parkhead Congregational Church enjoy a joyful celebration for their 150th anniversary.

857 Judgment on Bahrain state immunity

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the High Court's landmark ruling that the Kingdom of Bahrain does not have state immunity in a case brought by two UK-based Bahraini dissidents against the Bahraini government over spying allegations involving the use of spyware, which enabled it to conduct surreptitious surveillance on Bahraini political activists living in the UK and recognises that this decision comes in the same month as the 12 year anniversary of Bahrain's pro-democracy uprising; further asserts that this decision clearly confirms that Bahrain and other states which conduct transnational repression on UK soil cannot hide behind state immunity and will be held accountable; and calls on the Government to protect individuals on UK soil from foreign cyber attacks and to hold the government of Bahrain to account.

858 Water quality in northern Sri Lanka

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Munira Wilson
Jim Shannon
Richard Foord

That this House expresses concern regarding water quality in northern Sri Lanka; is concerned by reports stating that the Sri Lankan Government refused to allow independent assessments of water quality in the region; notes that the consumption or use of water contaminated by waste oil has been linked to many diseases and birth defects; calls for steps to be taken to allow all citizens in northern Sri Lanka, the majority of whom are Tamils, to have access to clean drinking water; calls on the area around the Chunnakam power plant complex to be subjected to a full independent

investigation; believes that organisations responsible for pollution of ground water in Chunnakam should have a duty to carry out remedial works; and further believes that all citizens affected by water contamination should be provided with competent medical follow-up and be compensated adequately by the Sri Lankan Government.

859 **National Lottery Community Fund recipients in Rutherglen and Hamilton West**

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the following National Lottery Community Fund recipients in the Rutherglen and Hamilton West constituency and recognises the worthy work that this funding will facilitate: Burnhill Action Group who will continue the roll out of community engagement and activity programmes such as weekly family and youth hubs, Cathkin Duke of Edinburgh Centre and their establishment of a permanent base in the Whitlawburn Hub which will provide young people and their families with an integral community space, LEAP Project who will endeavour to offer safety, comfort and nourishment to individuals during the 12 weeks of Winter in 2023, Recycled Teenagers who facilitate generational peer support and, in turn, reduce social isolation in the community, Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill Parish who will provide much needed food, clothing and socialisation to those struggling due to the cost of living crisis, Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre who will create a space in which people can access food and drink, take part in activities, and receive IT advice and financial support; and commends the National Lottery for its work in funding community groups across the UK which strive to aid and enhance their wider communities.

860 **Croxteth Walled Garden, Botanical Collection**

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 23

Ian Byrne
Margaret Greenwood
Mick Whitley
Maria Eagle
Sir George Howarth
Tony Lloyd

Jim Shannon

Dan Carden

That this House recognises the botanical importance of housing Liverpool's Botanic Collection in Croxteth Country Parks Walled Garden in Liverpool West Derby; notes that the botanical collection is one of the oldest in the world and includes rare plants that have significant medical, scientific, educational and horticultural importance; recognises the benefits these gardens can have in terms of health and well-being; places on record the importance of the Croxteth Walled Garden to national heritage, the local community and internationally; notes that the botanical collection is currently being used by Myerscough College as an educational tool; calls on the Government to ensure that the Local Council is provided with sufficient funds to maintain and invest in the Croxteth Walled Garden and keep it open and accessible to the community and visitors for years to come; and further calls on the Government to prioritise long-term funding of all community green spaces and to recognise the importance that they have to health, education and well-being.

861 2022 Champions League Final and Liverpool Football Club supporters

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 45

Ian Byrne
 Dan Carden
 Maria Eagle
 Paula Barker
 Kim Johnson
 Sir George Howarth

Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the findings of the Independent Panel Inquiry into the near-disaster at the UEFA Champions League Final in Paris on 28 May 2022; notes, further to EDM 131 tabled by the hon. Member for Liverpool West Derby, the total exoneration of Liverpool supporters by the panel from any blame for the chaos and horror at the Stade de France; notes the panel's finding that overarching organisational failures caused the problems; supports the panel's identification of eight key contributing factors including a securitised approach to the game by authorities which compromised the safety and security of those in attendance; notes that the panel draws parallels between Paris and Hillsborough; further notes the panel's finding that UEFA and French authorities sought to deflect responsibility for this near-disaster away from themselves and onto blameless fans; demands a full public apology and retraction from UEFA and the French authorities for announcing on screens inside the stadium and to a global TV audience that the delay to kick-off was caused by the late arrival of fans at the stadium, when this was categorically untrue; further demands a full response from the FA in support of these findings; also demands full and transparent implementation by UEFA of the 22 key recommendations in this report; acknowledges the panel's commitment to a fair and thorough inquiry and thanks them for hearing evidence from fans; and commends Spirit of Shankly supporters' trust and Liverpool Disabled Supporters Association for their substantial contribution to the panel inquiry.

862 Ukrainian refugees and driving in the UK

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Siobhain McDonagh
 Jim Shannon

That this House calls on the Government to support Ukrainian refugees who have made the journey to the UK by car to be able to use them without needing to undergo a permanent import and registration to UK number plates for the duration of their stay in the UK; and believes this would vastly simplify the process and bring the legal position of Ukrainian refugees into alignment with that of overseas students and workers who bring their cars to the UK on a temporary basis, as well as to similar concessions provided by other European countries in response to the humanitarian crisis.

863 Ashton Wilson's charity sleep-out for homeless veterans

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Ashton Wilson on embarking on a 100 night sleep-out to support homeless veterans; commends his consistent effort over three years to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI) who support and rehabilitate homeless veterans; recognises the struggles of veterans adapting to civilian life, and the acute struggles of veterans without fixed accommodation, including on access to employment and benefits; thanks the RBLI for its

organisation of the annual Great Tommy Sleep out; commends Ashton's fundraising, which last year reached £3,500 and enabled 15 veterans to receive emergency accommodation and be provided with much-needed training and support; and wishes Ashton the very best of success for this ongoing remarkable and commendable endeavour.

864 40th anniversary of the Dance School of Scotland

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Dance School of Scotland on its 40th anniversary; celebrates the school's Musical Theatre Course which was founded 25 years ago; highlights the Dance School's national reputation as a Centre of Excellence in both vocational dance and musical theatre training; notes that it is fully funded by the Scottish Government, thereby enabling students from all backgrounds to realise their potential as they pursue a career in the arts; emphasises the expertise and dedication of its teaching faculty and musical accompanists; commends the dedication, creativity, and talent of its students and the success of its alumni; congratulates the Dance School on its achievements over the last 40 years; and wishes it all the best for years to come.

865 Local government funding

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 6

Sir George Howarth
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Rebecca Long Bailey
Dan Carden
Richard Foord

That this House acknowledges that local government fulfils a vital role and should be funded in such a manner as to enable it to continue to do so; notes with regret that councils face a funding gap of £3.19 billion for 2023-24; further notes that councils will be confronted with the unacceptable choice of cutting services or using already worryingly declining reserves to balance their budgets; expresses alarm that the gap is likely to increase to £5 billion in 2024-25 without taking into account increased energy costs and inflationary pressures; and calls on the Government to ensure that adequate funding is provided to local authorities in order to ensure that their budgets are future-proofed against the need to cut jobs and services in the short, medium and long term.

866 Early diagnosis of special educational needs

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Mr Virendra Sharma
Jim Shannon
Richard Foord

That this House believes that early diagnosis of special educational needs must be a priority for the Government, as a delay in diagnosis is associated with a multitude of negative consequences in later life, as well as an indirect increased financial burden to families and loss of life chances to the individual; notes that early intervention is known to improve a child's long-term outcomes; further notes that, as children undertake a baseline assessment when they enter school, that would be the

most appropriate time to assess special educational and disability needs; and urges the Government to ensure early special educational needs diagnosis is a priority.

867 Amendments to modern slavery guidance

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Stuart C McDonald
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

This House regrets the Prime Minister's announcement of 13 December 2022, which included the intention to remove the gold-plating in our modern slavery system and significantly raise the threshold someone must meet to be recognised as a victim of modern slavery; opposes the subsequent updates to Modern Slavery Guidance, which include new, impossibly high standards of evidence required within the timeframe to trigger referral to the National Referral Mechanism, a reduction of the Recovery and Reflection Period for survivors of labour abuse and sexual exploitation from 45 to 30 days, and the removal of the NRM Multi-Agency Assurance panel process, changes that make it harder for survivors to be identified and supported, and represent a regression in efforts to increase identification and support of modern slavery victims; supports comments by anti-slavery campaigners that the existing system was not gold plated but already beset by delays and poor support; calls on the Government to reconsider these plans in light of the potential exploitation and harms they will cause, particularly for vulnerable refugees and trafficking victims, which includes a high proportion of children and young people; proposes that the government adopt a transparent data- and evidence-driven approach, in consultation with anti-trafficking organisations, to improve decision-making, following calls from STOP THE TRAFFIK supported by Anti-Slavery International; and encourages the Government to return to tackling modern slavery as both a serious crime and a safeguarding issue, not an illegal immigration issue, in order to tackle its root causes and better protect vulnerable people.

868 Anniversary of the Khojaly Massacre

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House extends condolences to the people of Azerbaijan as they commemorate the anniversary of the Khojaly massacre on 26 February; reflects on this atrocity, committed against citizens of Azerbaijan amid conflict in the region; and supports calls for a resolution to the conflict, which respects the territory of the Republic, and for the OSCE Minsk Group to increase works for a peace plan.

869 Daysoft

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 2

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Blantyre based manufacturer Daysoft on its one billionth contact lens sold; recognises Daysoft's commitment to delivering their product with precision and care; commends company founder Ron Hamilton on inventing the affordable daily disposable contact lens; further recognises Ron and Company Director Moyra Hamilton for their efforts to foster an inclusive and stable working environment for employees; celebrates the hard work and loyalty of

the Daysoft workforce who continue to deliver excellence on a major scale; and wishes Daysoft, and all who work there, the best in their future endeavours.

870 First Ards Presbyterian Church Christian Endeavour Group 100th anniversary

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes and celebrates the 100th birthday of the First Ards Presbyterian Church's Christian Endeavour Group; further notes the contribution of leaders and individuals throughout all generations who have given of their time and resources to teach the young people who have attended Christian Endeavour for over 100 years; highlights the Christian Endeavour aim to Inspire, Equip and Encourage churches to Biblically develop youth as Christ-centred leaders and that there are over 43 countries worldwide connected to the Christian Endeavour network; sincerely thanks all the volunteers and leaders at First Ards Presbyterian Church for teaching children the importance of learning about God's kingdom; and wishes them all the very best for many more years to come of successful Christian Endeavour.

871 40th anniversary of Belfast City Airport

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the 40th anniversary of Belfast City Airport, situated in County Down; further notes its tremendous history in administering flights to multiple destinations, including within the United Kingdom, and also abroad to areas in Europe such as Amsterdam; highlights the variety of the numerous airlines that reside with Belfast City Airport, such as British Airways, Emerald Airlines, KLM, Easyjet and Logan Air, which provide readily available and comfortable flights, including over 80 weekly flights to the capital city of London and other cities such as Glasgow and Cardiff, where thousands travel weekly for work and leisure; further highlights the kind and efficient nature of all staff in security, front desks, and airline handlers, who go above and beyond to ensure experiences are enjoyable and most important safe for all; and sincerely thanks Belfast City Airport for their contributions and importance to the Northern Ireland travel economy and wishes them every success for the future.

872 Service family accommodation maintenance and repair

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 4

Helen Morgan
Jim Shannon
Richard Foord
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House recognises the role that the armed services play in communities across the country; acknowledges the poor standard of housing that many service people and their families are facing, including at RAF Shawbury and Tern Hill Barracks in Shropshire; notes with particular concern the service family accommodation that the Ministry of Defence have deemed not fit to reach the minimum standard; and urges the Government to review the performance of their contractors Pinnacle, Amey and VIVO and take appropriate action to ensure service level agreements are met, and prevent bonuses being paid to company executives until service levels required by the contracts are being met on a regular basis.

873 Attacks on emergency and blue light service personnel

Tabled: 20/02/23 Signatories: 3

Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the ongoing and increasing incidence of attacks on police, ambulance, fire service and other personnel who deal with members of the public in life threatening circumstances; deplores all such attacks and calls upon those in judicial positions to impose sentences that will be seen to be a deterrent to such behaviour and reflect the unacceptability of such attacks as wider society; and pays tribute to all those personnel to whom we owe a debt of gratitude and who should have the full protection of the law whenever needed.