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New EDMs

1224 Carers Week 2023

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Ed Davey

That this House supports Carers Week 2023, taking place from 5 to 11 June; notes this year's theme of recognising and supporting carers in the community; emphasises that millions of unpaid carers provide care worth £445 million each day to their family, friends and neighbours who are disabled, ill or older and need support; highlights that unpaid carers have been under immense pressure over the past few years with the covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis; and calls on the Government to ensure that carers get the practical and financial support they need to live a life beyond their caring responsibilities.

1225 Finn's Place, Glasgow

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Finn's Place on its 10th anniversary; notes the achievements of Finn's Place in providing opportunities for local residents to improve and enhance their wellbeing through a weekly programme of activities and occasional community events; recognises the legacy Finn the cat had in ensuring Finn's Place became a supportive environment in enabling everyone to grow, make friendships and tackle isolation and stress; thanks all staff, volunteers and trustees who have always been on hand to help and to ensure they support wellbeing through the values of kindness, equality, respect, wellbeing, community, and connections; and wishes Finn's Place continued success in the future.

1226 Renfrew Football ClubTabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1****Gavin Newlands**

That this House congratulates Renfrew Football Club on securing the West of Scotland Football League Second Division 2022-23 title, its promotion to the First Division and winning the Strathclyde Demolition Cup; notes that these are the club's first trophies since 2015-16; commends the club for their wide-ranging work across the community, with teams operating for adult men, women, under-20s men, and youth teams from 2014s up; acknowledges the eight years the club have spent at their ground at New Western Park following their move from the original Western Park, their home for over a century; and looks forward to their continued ascent up the Scottish football pyramid towards the SPFL.

1227 Farmers and food pricesTabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1****Tim Farron**

That this House deeply regrets the rising cost of food for struggling families; notes that the Bank of England has warned that food prices will continue to rise; further regrets the current pressures that British farmers face, which risk their livelihoods; notes with concern that farmers are struggling with the transition from the old Basic Payment to the new Environment Land Management Scheme (ELMs); regrets the Government's failure to ensure that all farmers can access ELMs; further regrets that, with rising energy prices, the Government has reduced energy support for farms which are no longer classed as one of the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries; notes the widespread concerns that big food manufacturing conglomerates and supermarket chains could be raising food prices more than they have to; acknowledges that worker shortages are damaging to farms and food supply; and calls on the Government to raise the farming budget by £1 billion, reinstate energy bill support for businesses, class farms as energy intensive, fix workforce shortages for farmers, fishers and food processing, strengthen the grocery market watchdog, and launch a market investigation to ensure food prices are fair for farmers and consumers.

1228 Heritage sites and barriers to energy efficiencyTabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1****Jamie Stone**

That this House recognises the urgency of the current climate emergency; notes that listed buildings face practical planning barriers when installing energy efficiency measures; acknowledges that heritage sites, as tourist attractions, make many positive contributions to their communities; further acknowledges that historic houses are sources of education and job creation within and beyond their surrounding areas; considers the custodians of these estates to be sustainable partners that work to preserve culture for future generations; further notes that, given the right support, they could do more to raise awareness of the leading role heritage can play in environmental conservation; and calls on the Government to support heritage sites by publishing a review of planning and regulatory reforms.

1229 Support for scrappage schemes to tackle air pollution

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 2

Barry Gardiner
Dawn Butler

That this House welcomes the support that the government has given to combat air pollution by its allocation of £230million to clean air zones and scrappage schemes in Birmingham, Bristol, Bradford and Manchester; recognises the public health benefits of scrappage schemes in taking the most polluting vehicles off the roads; commends the Mayor of London for allocating £110million to a scrappage scheme for the expansion of the ULEZ in Greater London; notes with concern that to date, the government has refused to allocate any similar funding to London; and therefore urges the Secretary of State for Transport to remedy this discrimination against the people of London and to allocate funding to Transport for London for their scrappage scheme that is commensurate with London's vehicle numbers and population.

1230 Contribution of Liam McVey and Mark O'Donnell to St.Fillan's Primary School

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Liam McVey and Mark O'Donnell for their 18 years of volunteering at St. Fillan's Primary School in Cathcart, Glasgow; notes that both men have been a vital part of the St. Fillan's family and have now decided to step down from their volunteering roles; recognises they have devoted thousands of hours to grassroots football and worked with pupils to help them achieve twelve league championships and eleven cup competitions; further notes their efforts in championing girls' football with an ever-increasing number of girls now taking part in training sessions; commends both men for organising an annual awards ceremony, at their own expense, where every pupil is given recognition for their contribution over the season; thanks Liam and Mark for their kindness, integrity, tireless work, unstinting commitment and for the difference they have made to hundreds of school pupils; and wishes both men the very best with their newly found free time.

1231 Reducing methane emissions

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Wera Hobhouse

That this House acknowledges with concern that methane emissions are responsible for about half of net global warming to date; recognises that it is not possible to limit global warming to 1.5°C or 2°C without drastically reducing anthropogenic methane emissions; notes that the Norwegian government banned non-emergency flaring in 1972; further notes the proven health and air pollution risks caused by methane emissions; supports the need to prohibit the practice of flaring and venting by oil and gas installations; further supports requiring monthly leak detection and repair inspections to reduce fugitive methane emissions together with a measurement, reporting and verification process to quantify methane emissions; and calls on the Government to support relevant amendments to the Energy Bill to help ensure the UK fulfils the commitments it made under the Global Methane Pledge.

1232 University of Durham win on University Challenge

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates the team from Durham University on their victory on University Challenge this year; notes that this is the third time a team from Durham University has won the show; recognises the hard work of the team; and wishes them well for the future.

1233 Honouring Laura Nuttall

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 4

**Siobhain McDonagh
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Patrick Grady
Paul Blomfield**

That this House recognises the life of Laura Nuttall; commends her positivity and hope she showed since her diagnosis with a glioblastoma in 2018; acknowledges that more needs to be done to raise awareness of the unmet need for brain tumours and accelerate the development of new treatment options and increase the amount of research funding dedicated to that disease.

1234 Gullane Tennis Club fundraising for Maggie's Centres

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House commends the efforts of ten tennis players from Gullane Tennis Club who will cycle more than 70 kilometres and take part in six hours of cardio tennis at six different East Lothian tennis clubs to raise money for Maggie's Centres; understands that the members hope to raise more than £15,000 in memory of their dear friend Annette Fox who passed away in 2017 after being diagnosed with breast cancer; notes that the events will be held on 17 June 2023; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with their fundraising efforts.

1235 Jonathan Revell retirement as headteacher of Macmerry Primary School

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Jonathan Revell, headteacher at Macmerry Primary School in East Lothian, on his retirement from the role; understands that Jonathan has been the headteacher at Macmerry Primary School for the last four years, having previously served as the headteacher at Prestonpans Primary School between 2016 and 2019; notes that Jonathan was working in education in Aberdeenshire when he took on the role at Prestonpans after responding to a video appeal by pupils to help find a new headteacher; acknowledges that Jonathan does not see his departure from Macmerry as retirement and will be pursuing another career, and wishes Jonathan the very best of luck for the future.

1236 Ken Reid Plays and the See Sport Differently campaign

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Ken Reid from North Berwick on playing a key role for See Sport Differently, a campaign to make sport more accessible to people who are blind or partially sighted; notes that the See Sport Differently campaign was launched by the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and British Blind Sport (BBS) to tackle the disparity of physical activity among blind and partially sighted people, and seeking to address the findings that over half of blind and partially sighted people are inactive and do less than 30 minutes of physical activity a week; understands that Ken, 63, began losing his sight at the age of twenty six due to a condition called retinitis pigmentosa, but has not let this prevent him from doing the activities that he loves and has found ways to adapt, such as cycling a tandem bike with a cycling buddy and swimming; commends Ken's contribution to the RNIB during his time as chair of the group between 2012 and 2015; and wishes Ken and everyone involved the very best of luck with the campaign and their futures.

1237 James Stout and Sports Chaplaincy UK

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That the House congratulates James Stout, chaplain at Dunbar United, on climbing Ben Nevis in aid of Sports Chaplaincy UK, an organisation that offers pastoral help to anyone who is involved in sport, whether playing or in a committee; commends the fundraising efforts of the group for climbing the highest peaks in Wales, England, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, raising more than £20,000, rising to nearly £22,000 thanks to Gift Aid; acknowledges that the fundraising coincided with Mental Health Awareness Month in May, with the message that it is ok to walk and talk, get outside, get fresh air and chat with someone with the purpose of improving mental health; and wishes James and the rest of the Sports Chaplaincy UK group the very best of luck with their futures.

1238 End Child Poverty Coalition All Kids Count campaign

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Kim Johnson

That this House notes the publication of the End Child Poverty Coalition's local child poverty statistics; highlights that the statistics show that 29 per cent of 0 to 19 year-olds were living in poverty in the UK in 2021-22; commends the End Child Poverty Coalition for their campaign All Kids Count in drawing attention to this issue; and calls on the Department for Work and Pensions to end the two-child limit for benefit payments.

1239 Luton Town Football Club, winners of the EFL Championship Play-Off 2022-23

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 2

Rachel Hopkins
Sarah Owen

That this House congratulates Luton Town Football Club on winning the English Football League Championship Play-Off Final and being promoted to the Premier League; celebrates the contribution and success of the players, manager Rob Edwards, club staff and club's officials,

including the Chairman, David Wilkinson, and Chief Executive, Gary Sweet; recognises the meteoric rise of the club from the National League to the Premier League in only nine years; applauds the loyal Hatters fans who follow the team across the country and celebrated promotion in Luton's St George's Square; gives particular acknowledgement to midfielder Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, as he became the first player to go from National League to the Premier League with the same football club; recognises the importance of promotion to the building of the new Power Court Stadium and the future of success of the club and town; and looks forward to Luton welcoming Premier League football clubs to the historic Kenilworth Road after 31 years outside top flight football.

1240 Drumsagard Football Club 2007s wins Lanarkshire League Cup

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Drumsagard Football Club 2007s, from Cambuslang, on winning the Lanarkshire League cup; notes that this is the second consecutive year in which the club has won the cup; commends the team and coaches for their hard work; congratulates Jude Cummins and Jacob Jukes on scoring the two goals that helped their team to victory; recognises that the team were also runners-up for the league title; and wishes them the best in their future sporting endeavours.

1241 Blantyre Foodbank and Scottish SPCA Pet Aid service

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends Blantyre Foodbank on joining the Scottish SPCA's Pet Aid scheme; notes that through this scheme the foodbank will provide essential food and care supplies to pet owners struggling with the cost-of-living crisis; further notes that this will allow people to better take care of their beloved pets; recognises that without this support many owners would have to give their pets up which has detrimental effects on their mental health and happiness; and thanks the Scottish SPCA for their efforts in rolling out the Pet Aid scheme and the important work that this facilitates.

1242 Calderwood Primary School summer fair

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates the parents, teachers, and pupils of Calderwood Primary School, in Rutherglen, on their triumphant summer fair; notes that the school was able to raise a massive £6,163 and that this will be used to fund school activities and equipment; thanks local businesses and community groups such as Grow 73, Burnside in Bloom, Rutherglen Amateur Swimming, Cambuslang Rugby Club and The Performance Academy for their participation in the event; and commends the hard work, effort, and teamwork of everyone who played a role in making the summer fair a wonderful occasion and fundraising success.

1243 Seventh anniversary of Complexions Beauty Salon

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Complexions Beauty Salon in Blantyre on celebrating their seventh anniversary on 30 May 2023; recognises the hard work, commitment and passion of the owners Emma and Lynn; notes that the business provides beauty treatments, a welcoming environment and stylish interior; and wishes the staff the very best in all of their future endeavours.

1244 Rain or Shine South Lanarkshire

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends the work of Rain or Shine South Lanarkshire; notes that the social enterprise provides new and pre-loved children's clothes, toys, books, maternity and nursery items to those in need; recognises the hard work of its owner, Paula, and her team in their efforts to support local families; notes that the organisation is an integral part of the Rutherglen community; and is inspired by the ethos that Rain or Shine embodies.

1245 Callum Tracey receives bravery award

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends Callum Tracey, from Blantyre, for his quick thinking and courage following his father, Kevin Hay, taking unwell; notes that five-year-old Callum was able to remain calm and alert emergency services to his father's condition; rejoices as Callum's father received support from emergency services and is recovering well; recognises that Police Scotland have rewarded Callum for his bravery; and wishes the best for this heroic little boy and the rest of his family.

1246 Stephanie Thornton marathon for charity

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House commends Stephanie Thornton, from Blantyre, for running a marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support; notes that she raised a massive £785 for the charity; recognises the importance of Stephanie's cause and the impact that cancer continues to have on so many families across the UK; commends Stephanie's generosity, tenacity, and spirit; and wishes her the best in any future fundraising efforts.

1247 Blantyre Volunteer Group and funding for community transport

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Blantyre Volunteer Group on being awarded £28,000 in funding; identifies that the group plays a key role in providing accessible transport and serving their community; notes that the group will use this money to provide transport to hospital patients,

shoppers, children and community groups; commends Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) donation to such a worthy cause; and looks forward to seeing the community benefit from both SPT's generosity and Blantyre Volunteer Group's hard work.

1248 **Ann Nisbet and the 2023 Royal Incorporation of Architects award**

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Ann Nisbet on being named by the Royal Incorporation of Architects as a winner of their 2023 awards; commends the work of Ann and her studio on the design and creation of building within a ruin, which earned her this esteemed accolade; notes the dedication and skill required to retain the character of the original building and its relationship to the landscape in Cuddymoss, Ayrshire; and wishes Ann all the best for the future.

1249 **Targets for rooftop solar power**

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Barry Gardiner

That this House welcomes data released by the Countryside Charity showing that installing solar panels on new buildings and existing warehouse rooftops and other large constructions could provide at least 40-50 gigawatts of low carbon electricity, contributing more than half of the total national target of 70 gigawatts of solar energy by 2035; acknowledges the importance of solar power in achieving Net Zero targets; recognises that meeting national solar energy targets through ground-mounted schemes alone would require up to 1.4 per cent of the land in England; calls on the Government to develop a national rooftop solar target so that at least 40 gigawatts of the national target for 70 gigawatts of solar by 2035 is delivered through the lowest cost opportunities for rooftop solar installations; and urges the Government to amend planning regulations and the Future Homes Standard so as to require local authorities to carry out audits of potential roof and other developed spaces that can be used for solar panel installations.

1250 **Colin Wallace and the Love Kirkcaldy community Facebook group**

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House commends Colin Wallace on his love letter to Kirkcaldy; congratulates him on his self-funded creation of Love Kirkcaldy, a popular community Facebook group that celebrates food, culture, creativity and community; further congratulates him on his advocacy for and partnership with local independent businesses, grass-roots initiatives and groups promoting the very best of the Langtoun, thereby fostering a positive discussion space for innovation and optimism across the Kirkcaldy community; and wishes him the very best of success in all his future endeavours.

1251 **Mike Lowe, Simon Dugmore and Cupcake Coffee Box**

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House commends and congratulates Simon Dugmore and Mike Lowe, who are retiring after eight years as owner-operators of Cupcake Coffee Box and applauds the couple's commitment

to foster caring for 50 children over a 12-year period; recognises their business as a welcoming community hub in the heart of Kirkcaldy that offers sessions from fostering to book clubs, and Christmas Day opening, which provides a safe and festive space for socially-isolated people; further recognises their efforts during the covid-19 pandemic offering regular contact and friendship to isolated customers; wishes them the very best in their well-earned retirement and wishes their son, Brandon Lowe, well in continuing their community legacy.

1252 St Roch's Secondary School and the Institute of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 5

**Anne McLaughlin
Mhairi Black
Kirsten Oswald
Ronnie Cowan
Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates the pupils from St Roch's Secondary School in Royston Glasgow for coming top in the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) Faraday Challenge regional heats at Glasgow Airport, where they competed as real-life engineers for the day, researching, designing and building solutions to actual aviation-based engineering problems; commends the pupils from Paisley Grammar School, Williamwood High School in Clarkston, St Columba's High School in Gourrock, Barrhead High School and Clydebank High School who also took part; and recognises the importance of engaging young people in scientific, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects and inspiring future careers within the STEM sectors.

1253 Eritrea and the UN Human Rights Council

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House notes the publication on 17 May 2023 of an open letter, signed by 35 non-governmental and civil society organisations, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Christian Solidarity Worldwide, addressed to Permanent Representatives of Member and Observer States of the United Nations Human Rights Council, in advance of the Council's 53rd session expected to take place between 19 June and 14 July 2023, which calls for the Council to develop and adopt a resolution that extends the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for one year, and that spells out and condemns ongoing human rights violations committed by Eritrean authorities; further notes that the letter identifies such violations as including arbitrary arrests and detentions, including incommunicado detention of journalists and other dissenting voices, violations of the rights to a fair trial, access to justice and due process, enforced disappearances, involuntary conscription into the country's national service system, restrictions on the media and media workers, severe restrictions on civic space, including the rights to freedoms of opinion and expression, peaceful assembly, association, movement and non-discrimination, widespread impunity for past and ongoing human rights violations, and the Government of Eritrea's refusal to engage in a serious dialogue with the international community, including by cooperating with the Council, despite its election for a second term as a Council Member; and calls on the Government's delegation to the Council to support the development and adoption of any such resolution.

1254 Papers requested by the UK Covid-19 Inquiry

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House considers that a motion for an humble address should be debated that gives directions that there will be laid before this House all papers requested of His Majesty's Government by the UK Covid-19 Inquiry for the the sole purpose of the Inquiry's use and including any unredacted WhatsApp messages, diaries and notebooks as requested.

1255 Support for the Anti-Stigma Network

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House recognises that people harmed by drug and alcohol use should be treated fairly, justly and with dignity; further recognises that they are, however, frequently dehumanised, marginalised and discriminated against; acknowledges that negative preconceptions and stereotypes present a major obstacle to people accessing harm-reduction and recovery services; welcomes the recent launch of the Anti-Stigma Network, whose mission is to improve understanding of the stigma and discrimination experienced by many people harmed by drug and alcohol use; applauds the commitment of the NHS Addictions Provider Alliance and all individuals and organisations collaborating in this initiative; believes this represents a major step forward in fighting stigma and saving lives; and calls on the Government to support the efforts of the Anti-Stigma Network and all those challenging stigma, thereby helping to remove barriers to treatment and to reduce the record level of drug and alcohol deaths across the UK.

1256 Odisha train collision

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 2

**Mr Virendra Sharma
Navendu Mishra**

That this House conveys condolences to the people of Odisha and the Republic of India following the tragedy of the railway collision in Odisha; pays tribute to the work of railway workers, the emergency services and all first responders in saving lives and securing the safety of those present; remembers the more than 280 people killed and nearly 1,000 injured; and further conveys sympathies to the families and loved ones of those in the accident.

1257 Establishment of a Hull York Dental School

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Emma Hardy

That this House acknowledges with concern the survey by the British Dental Association which shows the dental workforce has been reduced to a level not seen since 2012-13; notes an unmet need for dentistry was at a record high at one in four of the adult population in 2022; further notes the proportion of dentists now reporting an intention to reduce, or further reduce, the amount of NHS work they undertake in 2023 stands at 74 per cent; notes that the National Audit Office ranked the East Riding of Yorkshire as having the third lowest count of dentists per head of population in the country at 3.6 per 10,000 in its latest report; notes Hull has historically high levels of tooth decay in children; notes a direct correlation between increased rates of tooth extractions and the risk of mouth cancer and the Index of Multiple Deprivation in England, where the Hull Local Authority area ranks 10 of 326; concludes that there is an overwhelming need for more dentists in the region;

declares that this need can be met by training more dentists locally; notes that the Universities of Hull and York are exploring the establishment of a joint Dental School to follow the success of the Hull York Medical School which opened in 2003 and now sees over 150 newly qualified doctors a year entering the profession; urges the Government to take all necessary steps to facilitate the creation of such a school as soon as practically possible.

1258 Hospitals

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House utterly condemns the Government's attempts to classify existing refurbished hospitals as completely new hospitals; notes the Health Secretary's admission that not all of the so-called 40 new hospitals promised for England by 2030 will be brand new; further notes that refurbishments and new wings are also included in the figure; celebrates the continued dedicated service of the beloved NHS; also notes with concern the deleterious impact that this Government decision has on democracy and trust in politicians; and calls on the Government to cease using such cynical tactics to mislead the public.

1259 New Scots Leadership Programme

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the graduates of the New Scots Leadership Programme; notes that during the 12-day programme, organised by the Social Enterprise Academy and the Scottish Refugee Council, participants acquired an ILM-accredited Certificate in Leadership, which also offers the opportunity to progress directly to a BA in Business and Enterprise at third year level at Edinburgh Napier University; welcomes the support of the Glasgow Communities Fund and the Scottish Government for the programme; recognises the importance of projects such as the Leadership Programme in fostering the growth and development of refugee communities, especially in the context of continued attacks on the right to asylum; and thanks the organisers and participants and wishes them both the best in all future endeavours.

1260 Tackling skills shortages

Tabled: 5/06/23 Signatories: 1

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House notes that there are significant skills shortages across the economy; further notes that the Open University and British Chambers of Commerce Business Barometer Report 2022 found that 72 per cent of responding private, public and third-sector organisations said that skills shortages are causing increased workload on other staff and that 78 per cent of respondents said that they reduced output, profitability, or growth; notes with alarm that adult education participation fell from 4.4 million in 2003-04 to 1.5 million in 2019-20; further notes that while recent spending on adult skills and apprenticeships has increased, total adult skills spending is still 22 per cent below 2009 funding levels; and therefore calls on the Government to support the calls from the Future Skills Coalition, Right2Learn, and other professional bodies to commit fair, accessible and effective additional spending on adult skills training, apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships, to develop a national strategy to support local, inclusive growth through our further and higher education systems, to commit to a statutory right to lifelong learning, to extend lifelong loan entitlement maintenance loans to distance learners, to support local research and development through additional funding to support small and medium-sized enterprises in

feasibility and scoping studies, and to provide funding to employ industry liaisons to support staff at further and higher education institutions.

1261 Nationwide Building Society and payment to account holders

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes a Nationwide Building Society announcement that over three million people who have accounts by March 2023 are due to receive a £100 bonus in June; commends a Mutual Society for the move, albeit with certain conditions attached; further notes that it comes during a profitable year for the Society but a difficult one for many of the three million beneficiaries; and calls upon the general public to be aware of any scams that may be used to try and obtain account details or other personal information and to be aware that this bonus will be an automatic payment.

1262 Advice to hon. Members

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House welcomes paragraphs 29 to 32 of the Tenth Report of Session 2022-23 by the House of Commons Committee on Standards; notes that in circumstances when hon. Members feel there is information or evidence that may appropriately be communicated to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, they are encouraged to contact the Commissioner's office to seek guidance and agree the best way of communicating evidence, without offering an opinion on possible rule breach or possible appropriate sanction, nor attempting to direct nor to influence decision-making; notes paragraph 13 of the Code of Conduct that prohibits publicly sharing details of a Commissioner's inquiry; and recommends the Advice be sent to each Member.

1263 Covid booster vaccinations in care homes

Tabled: **5/06/23** Signatories: **1**

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House asks Public Health England without delay to offer Covid booster vaccinations to residents and staff in care homes, including St Bridget's (Leonard Cheshire) Care Home, Rustington; ran recognising the loss of care hours when there are avoidable covid outbreaks.

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.

1169 Potential merits of new legislation on mandatory corporate due diligence

Tabled: 16/05/23 Signatories: 37

Tony Lloyd
Caroline Lucas
Ben Lake
Alison Thewliss
Wera Hobhouse
Sammy Wilson

Jeremy Corbyn

Margaret Ferrier

This House welcomes the campaign for a new UK mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence law in connection with supply chains; notes that more than 100,000 people in the UK have signed a petition asking the Government to hold business, finance and the public sector to account when they fail to prevent supply chain human rights abuses and environmental harms; notes also that businesses and investors have backed such legislation to level the playing field, and that similar laws are being introduced in other countries; and calls on the Government to adopt such a law as soon as possible.

1179 Derry Girls receipt of BAFTA TV Awards

Tabled: 16/05/23 Signatories: 16

Colum Eastwood
Mary Kelly Foy
Grahame Morris
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Alison Thewliss

Stewart Hosie

That this House congratulates the cast, crew and production team of Derry Girls for their outstanding achievements at the BAFTA TV Awards; commends Lisa McGee, the show's writer, on receiving the BAFTA for scripted comedy, and Siobhán McSweeney for winning the award for best female performance in a comedy programme; acknowledges the significant impact of Derry Girls in capturing the spirit of teenage life during the Troubles in Northern Ireland; recognises the show's ability to find humour in challenging circumstances and its universal appeal; and appreciates the dedication and talent displayed by the entire Derry Girls team in promoting a positive version of Derry City and its people.

1180 150th anniversary of the death of David Livingstone

Tabled: 17/05/23 Signatories: 20

Chris Law
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Ben Lake
 Hywel Williams

Stewart Hosie

Douglas Chapman

That this House marks the 150th anniversary of the death of David Livingstone, who remains one of the UK's most well-known historical figures; acknowledges Livingstone's remarkable life as the son of a mill-worker from Blantyre, who was initially self-taught and qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Glasgow, before later leading mapping and exploration expeditions in Central and East Africa; recognises the stance he took against slavery and his continued remembrance in East Africa and particularly Malawi, where he spent much of his life; understands that, viewed through a modern lens, Livingstone's legacy like many of his era can be challenging, however believes this offers us an opportunity to review our role and understanding of the UK's connection with Africa through his life; notes that a major refurbishment has been completed at the The David Livingstone Birthplace Museum in Blantyre, a museum and centre for exploring historic and contemporary experiences of black history and colonisation; further notes that the David Livingstone Trust has begun exploring how Livingstone's life and legacy retains relevance in a society that has, over the last century, radically re-evaluated many of the areas that his life touched on, including but not limited to spirituality and faith, colonialism and slavery, and the UK's relationship with Africa; and commends the ambition of the David Livingstone Trust to use his legacy as the catalyst for the formation of a National Centre for the Study of the UK's Colonial Legacy at Blantyre.

1181 Extrajudicial executions in Iran (No. 2)

Tabled: 17/05/23 Signatories: 19

John McDonnell
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts

Stewart Hosie

This House is deeply concerned by the extrajudicial executions of Shademan Ahmadi, Atefeh Naami, Emad Heidari Nokish, Esmail Dezvar, Saman Ghaderpor, Matin Nasri, Samira Ebrahimi, Sarina Shiri, Mohamad Abdullahi, Esmail Dazvar, Mohamad Abdullahi, Ali Bani Asad by the Iranian state; sends condolences to the family and friends of the victims; condemns the actions of the Iranian regime in perpetrating these crimes; and urges the Government to call on the Islamic Republic of Iran to stop executing protestors and to stop violating women's and other citizen's rights and freedoms.

1182 International Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners in Belarus

Tabled: 17/05/23 Signatories: 16

Tony Lloyd
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

Stewart Hosie

That this House notes the International Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners in Belarus on 21 May designated by the Viasna Human Rights Centre and further promoted by the Office of the National Leader of Belarus Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya; highlights that 21 May was chosen in memory of Vitold Ashurak, a political activist who died in a penal colony in Belarus on 21 May 2021; is aware that Viasna has now recognised nearly 1500 people as political prisoners in Belarus and has documented a daily average of 17 detentions; highlights the case of the founder of Viasna, Nobel Peace Prize winner Ales Bialiatski, himself now a political prisoner sentenced to a 10 year term; further highlights the case of journalist Raman Pratasevich, detained in 2021 after his flight from Athens to Vilnius was forced to land by the Belarusian authorities and sentenced to 8 years in prison; condemns the death in a penal colony on 7 May of Mikalai Klimovich, jailed for posting an online caricature of dictator Aliaksandr Lukashenka; expresses concern about the welfare of former presidential contender Viktor Babaryka, hospitalised in April after reportedly being beaten in prison; highlights several politically-motivated trials that are still ongoing, including that of Yana Pinchuk, whose trial began on 10 April and about which there has been no information since; and calls on the Lukashenka regime to release all political prisoners, respect human rights, and enable a transition to democracy.

1186 Conduct of the Rt hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip and legal funding

Tabled: 18/05/23 Signatories: 26

Karl Turner
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Mary Kelly Foy
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Mike Amesbury

David Linden

That this House expresses deep concern over the decision to make taxpayers fund the legal bill of the Rt hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip for advice and assistance on the inquiry by the Committee on Privileges into the allegations that the Rt hon. Member misled the House in relation to social gatherings held in Downing Street during the covid-19 national lockdown; notes that the Treasury did not sign off this funding; considers that it is unacceptable that taxpayers are being forced to foot the bill, not least given that the Rt hon. Member has earned a reported £5 million since he stepped down as Prime Minister; also believes that it is particularly troubling that any other individual requiring legal advice and assistance through legal aid would not be eligible if their gross annual income exceeded £12,475; regrets that the legal bill has now passed £245,000; notes that this is a significant cost to the taxpayer; further considers that it is inappropriate for public funds to be used in this manner, not least during a cost of living crisis in which most families are struggling to manage; unequivocally condemns the Rt hon. Member's decision to request taxpayer funding for his legal bill; calls on the Government to ensure that taxpayers' money is not used in the future for such

purposes; and urges the Rt hon. Member to pay his own legal fees and not to rely on the British taxpayer to foot the bill.

1189 Promotion of Abercynon RFC, Aberdare RFC and Abercwmboi RFC

Tabled: **18/05/23** Signatories: **23**

Beth Winter
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Margaret Ferrier

That this House celebrates the promotion of Cynon Valley rugby clubs Abercynon RFC, Aberdare RFC and Abercwmboi RFC to Welsh Rugby Union League 1 East Central; notes the efforts the clubs have put into developing their own Mini, Junior and Youth sections; further notes they will join Mountain Ash RFC and Ynysybwl RFC in the same league; believes this is the first time five teams from Cynon Valley have been represented in that division; congratulates each club's officials, players volunteers and supporters; and commends the continued flourishing of rugby union in the valley and the role of local rugby clubs for providing a positive contribution and focal point for community life.

1193 Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: **22/05/23** Signatories: **16**

Amy Callaghan
Rachael Maskell
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Mary Kelly Foy

Stewart Hosie

That this House marks Skin Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place in May 2023; recognises the VAT burn campaign by the hon. Member for East Dunbartonshire to make sunscreen more affordable for all; notes that 16,744 cases of melanoma skin cancer are diagnosed in the UK each year, with 2,341 deaths resulting from these diagnoses, as well as a further 156,000 cases of non-melanoma skin cancer; and further notes that 90 per cent of melanoma diagnoses would have been preventable with adequate sun protection.

1200 Blasphemy laws in Nigeria

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 13

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Carla Lockhart
Martyn Day
Fiona Bruce
Ms Marie Rimmer

Margaret Ferrier

That this House condemns the blasphemy laws in Nigeria that have caused individuals with minority beliefs to receive long prison sentences or extreme mob violence; urges President Buhari to pardon those facing the death penalty for alleged blasphemous expressions before he leaves office, including Yahaya Sharif-Aminu, whose case is currently before the Supreme Court; and extends its full support to Yahaya Sharif-Aminu, a 22 year old singer at risk of execution for circulating a song via WhatsApp considered blasphemous.

1201 Impact on patients of NHS practices in absorbent continence product purchasing

Tabled: 22/05/23 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Carla Lockhart
Chris Stephens
Sir Mike Penning
Bob Blackman

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that the current approach by the NHS to the purchasing of absorbent continence products adversely impacts upon patients' safety, quality of life and health outcomes, including avoidable hospital admissions, urinary tract infections, skin conditions, pressure ulcers and overall health and wellbeing; considers that the current focus on unit price, rather than value and assessment of the most clinically appropriate product for a patient, leads to avoidable increases in the number of items used, the cost of laundering clothes and bedding, staff time and avoidable harm to staff and patients, and so to substantial overall increases in the financial cost to the system; and encourages His Majesty's Government to deliver on its commitment to reducing unwarranted variation of care and delivering value based procurement and urgently to review the priorities of and incentives for purchasing managers to ensure that patients access the most clinically appropriate product for them, so improving patient outcomes and quality of life, whilst also reducing avoidable cost to the system.

1206 Volunteers' Week 2023Tabled: **23/05/23** Signatories: **32**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Wendy Chamberlain
Drew Hendry
Gavin Newlands

Stewart Hosie

That this House commends the hard work and dedication shown by volunteers across the country; recognises Volunteers' Week, which runs from 1 to 7 June, as an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of volunteers and inspire more people to try volunteering; notes that the personal benefits of volunteering for individuals and communities are wide ranging; further notes that 27 per cent of Scotland's adult population volunteered for a group or organisation in 2021, equating to over 1.2 million people; and thanks volunteers for their vital role in supporting people in need during the covid-19 pandemic and subsequent cost of living crisis.

1210 Durham Pride 2023Tabled: **23/05/23** Signatories: **10**

Mary Kelly Foy
Jonathan Edwards
Jon Trickett
Ian Mearns
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens

Stewart Hosie

That this House celebrates the success of Durham Pride 2023, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary; congratulates Mel Metcalf and the organising committee of Durham Pride for their hard work and dedication to inclusion and diversity in the North East; praises the work of the team throughout the weekend which enabled people from across the region to celebrate and come together; recognises that Pride is as much a protest as it is a celebration; remembers and appreciates those who have campaigned tirelessly for LGBTQ+ equality; and looks forward to the gathering of Pride in Durham in 2024.

1213 Contribution of international studentsTabled: **24/05/23** Signatories: **15**

Alyn Smith
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Caroline Lucas

Stewart Hosie

Jim Shannon

That this House condemns proposals by the Government to further restrict visas for overseas students and their dependents from coming to the UK for study and research; notes with concern that these proposals are likely to disproportionately affect female international students and single-parents who may wish to bring their children; celebrates the contribution that international

students bring to the economy and our local communities; further notes that international students provided a net contribution of £37.4 billion to the UK economy as recently as 2021-22 and enrich local communities with their knowledge and experiences; notes with concern that UK universities are already facing difficulties in attracting overseas students and researchers due to the decision to withdraw from the EU's Horizon and Erasmus+ programmes; and urges the Government to withdraw its proposals to restrict visas for overseas students and to engage constructively with the university and higher education sector to help them address the challenges they face.

1216 Changes to Bupa Dental Care

Tabled: 24/05/23 Signatories: 8

Tony Lloyd
Richard Burgon
Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell
John McDonnell

Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses concern that Bupa have taken the decision to close, sell or merge a total of 85 dental practices across the UK, the majority of which are focused on providing NHS dentistry; notes that for Bupa this is simply a portfolio change with no recognition that this will have a very serious impact on people who use their dental services, particularly areas where there are significant shortages in dentists and dental care; recognises that an estimated 4 million people cannot access NHS dental care without being able to afford to seek private dental care; further notes that Ministers have been promising reform since 2010; and calls on the Government to ensure that it delivers access to modern dentistry for those who need it.

1220 National Highways' shortlisting of Lower Thames Crossing road tunnel

Tabled: 25/05/23 Signatories: 2

John McDonnell
Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House is deeply concerned that National Highways has shortlisted Bouygues Murphy Joint Venture for its £2.3bn contract to build the Lower Thames Crossing road tunnel; acknowledges that Murphy International have had legal action launched against them in Ireland by Unite the Union since the company sacked a union shop steward and three union members for discussing concerns about their employment at the RUSAL Aluminium Plant at Auginish, County Limerick, Republic of Ireland; wants recognition that a company, that has demonstrably and very recently dismissed a trade union shop steward for discussing workplace concerns with members, should not be invited to enter into the next stage in the contract tender process; urges that all construction contractors should maintain respectful industrial relations and respect the rights of elected trade union representatives; and send a strong message to all that if you attempt to stifle trade union members' ability to raise workplace concerns, you should not benefit financially from lucrative contracts ultimately funded by UK taxpayers.

1221 Impact of dogs and Mental Health Awareness Week 2023

Tabled: 25/05/23 Signatories: 8

Margaret Ferrier
 Patricia Gibson
 Rachael Maskell
 John McDonnell
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the positive impact that dogs can have on our mental health; distinguishes that this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is exploring the theme of anxiety and how that issue can affect people of all ages; notes research collated by The Kennel Club which highlights that when feeling stressed or down 69 per cent of people choose to stroke or cuddle their dog to feel better; recognises that owning a dog can aid people in routinely getting out for exercise and fresh air which also helps to ease anxiety; and thanks these four-legged friends for all of the joy they bring to lives and the role that they play in improving our mental health.

1222 Giffnock Soccer Centre 2005s

Tabled: 25/05/23 Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Giffnock Soccer Centre 2005s on winning the Paisley Johnstone and District Division 1 Youth Football League; commends the Centre on their victory against title rivals Hillwood F.C. which ended with a 2-1 score in favour of Giffnock; notes that Giffnock Soccer Centre 2005s ended the league with 17 wins out of 20 games, having scored 93 goals, giving them 52 points out of a possible maximum of 60; highlights the hard work of all players and the coaches, including Mark Brinkworth, Erman Cabuk and Liam McDougall for their voluntary efforts in managing the team; recognises that this win marks the second time Giffnock Soccer Centre has won the Paisley Johnstone and District 1 Youth Football league; and wishes the team all the very best of luck as they play Dumbarton F.C. in the final of the West Regions Cup 2023.

1223 Asbestos-related lung cancer

Tabled: 25/05/23 Signatories: 14

Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Jonathan Edwards
 Anne McLaughlin
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law
 Mary Kelly Foy

Stewart Hosie
 Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams
 Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

That this House is concerned that sufferers of asbestos-related lung cancer are denied full compensation if they are unable to trace all their former employers whose negligence contributed to the disease; recognises that the number of people affected is small, but the impact on their lives and the lives of their families can be devastating; is aware that section three of the Compensation Act 2006 allows sufferers of mesothelioma in these circumstances to receive full compensation;

further recognises that mesothelioma and asbestos-related lung cancer are similar diseases which are often difficult to distinguish, even with expert medical evidence; believes that sufferers of asbestos-related lung cancer should have their right to full compensation protected by legislation; and urges the Government to introduce legislation similar to section three of the Compensation Act 2006 for sufferers of asbestos-related cancer.