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New EDMs

1420 Third anniversary of the Bow crane collapse

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Apsana Begum

That this House notes with deepest regret that 8 July 2023 marks three years since the tragic death of June Harvey after a tower crane fell on her house in Bow in 2020; notes with sadness other fatalities as a result of crane collapses; pays tribute to construction safety campaigns, largely led by bereaved relatives and trade unions; and calls on the Government to ensure that legislation and guidance regulating cranes are robust and that the Health and Safety Executive has the resources for vigorous enforcement.

1421 Retirement of Professor Medwin Hughes CBE

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House pays tribute to the contribution of Professor Medwin Hughes, who will retire from his post as Vice Chancellor of University of Wales Trinity St David and Vice Chancellor of the University of Wales at the end of July 2023; notes that Professor Hughes is Wales' longest serving Vice Chancellor, following 23 years of service; notes that Professor Hughes has reshaped the higher education landscape in Wales; further notes his contribution in preserving Carmarthen and Lampeter as university towns; welcomes the appointment of Professor Elwen Evans KC to replace Professor Hughes; and looks forward to witnessing the continuing transformative journeys of both institutions and their contributions to higher education in Wales.

1422 Conduct of London Assembly Member Shaun Bailey

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House expresses deep concern over the inclusion of London Assembly Member Shaun Bailey on the list of proposed peerages by the former Prime Minister Boris Johnson; notes that a party organised by Assembly Member Bailey's mayoral campaign team is being investigated by the Metropolitan Police once again for allegedly breaching covid-19 regulations in December 2020; further regrets that an individual currently under police investigation is being given a seat in the nation's legislature for life; and calls on the Government to bring forward primary legislation which would revoke Mr Bailey's peerage.

1423 Craig Burns and the National Recognising Skills and Achievement Award 2023

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House congratulates Mr Craig Burns from North Ayrshire's Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme on being awarded the National Recognising Skills and Achievement Award at the prestigious Scottish National Youth Work Awards 2023; commends Mr Burns for successfully leading the growth of the Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme and doubling the number of apprentices who achieve their qualifications, making it a sought-after opportunity for young people transitioning from school; recognises Mr Burns unwavering commitment and support for young people, which has made him not only a boss but also a friend and confidant; and appreciates Mr Burns unique approach to nurturing talent which has contributed to the success of North Ayrshire's Modern Apprenticeship Youth Work Programme and the positive impact it has on providing opportunities for young people.

1424 Community Learning and Development New Scots Team in North Ayrshire

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House congratulates the Community Learning and Development New Scots Team in North Ayrshire on being awarded the National Equality and Diversity Award at the prestigious Scottish National Youth Work Awards 2023; commends the team for playing a pivotal role in supporting young refugees in their journey of integration, providing essential guidance and fostering a sense of community; appreciates that their efforts have resulted in the establishment of thriving girls groups and empowering conversations about democratic processes for the Syrian community; and commends the team's dedication and passion for creating a positive experience for young people coming to North Ayrshire as New Scots, which has earned them this well-deserved accolade.

1425 Pets in temporary accommodation

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises how pets enrich lives, providing emotional support and bringing great joy to responsible owners; further recognises the proposed changes to legislation set out in the Government's Renter's Reform Bill around pets and tenancies; notes that if the Bill is passed, landlords may only refuse pets in exceptional circumstances; and calls on the Government to extend

this provision to social housing, and specifically temporary and emergency provisions, and to provide full financial support to local authorities to facilitate the change.

1426 Bullying and respect at work

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 2

Rachael Maskell
Ian Mearns

That this House notes that 15 per cent of people have experienced bullying at work in the UK which is not related to any protected characteristic; observes that this amounts to 4.9 million people employed in the UK; further notes that the Health and Safety Executive highlights that 17 million days of work were lost last year due to work related stress, depression or anxiety; believes that bullying at work can have a significant impact on someone's mental health and can lead to the loss of employment for the target of the bullying; further notes that workplace conflict is costing UK companies £28.5 billion each year; and calls on the Government to provide for a statutory definition of bullying at work, no matter the workplace or employment status, to enable people to bring their case to an Employment Tribunal, to give the Equality and Human Rights Commission new powers to investigate organisations and to take enforcement action where there is evidence of bullying and to establish and promote a respect at work code to set minimum standards for positive and respectful work environments.

1427 Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch Community Garden

Tabled: 6/07/23 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates North Ayrshire group, Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch, on achieving an outstanding rating for its work on Beith's Community Garden in the It's Your Neighbourhood report from the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity; acknowledges that this recognition builds on the group's previous achievement of receiving an outstanding rating from Keep Scotland Beautiful in 2019; further acknowledges that It's Your Neighbourhood is designed to reward volunteer-led community groups which are cleaning and beautifying their neighbourhoods, measured against criteria including community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement; notes that Beith Orr Park Neighbourhood Watch is a local community group established in 2007 by Norrie and Rose Brown to seek to reduce anti-social behaviour; understands that the group's impact has been extensive, organising community concerts and events, including an annual BBQ and Christmas Buffet evening, arranging an annual litter pick and delivering a community garden project; recognises their efforts in helping to foster a greater sense of community spirit in their town, making Beith a more environmental friendly and beautiful place through the group's work in creating a thriving, colourful community garden with local stakeholders, which contains flowers that attract pollinators, wood carvings, bird boxes, fruit trees and vegetable planters made from recycled material; notes the positive health and well-being impacts of the community garden, which reduces isolation and improves community connections; and applauds Norrie and Rose Brown and all the volunteers who work tirelessly to provide the sanctuary of this garden in the centre of Beith.

1428 Profits and inflationTabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **1****Debbie Abrahams**

That this House notes the Bank of England's decision in June to increase interest rates to five per cent, the 13th consecutive rise; believes that while inflation must be reduced and contained, ordinary British people are not the drivers of inflation, including core inflation, and that there is evidence of profiteering by some banks and businesses; and resolves to ask the Financial Conduct Authority as the regulator of the banking industry to investigate (a) potential profiteering by some banks, for example, an extra £7 billion in profits directly from interest rate rises was reported in March from the big four banks: Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and Nat West, (b) the guidance banks will be required to issue to borrowers, for example, temporary switches to interest only mortgage payments and lengthening the term of their mortgage period, (c) actions taken by banks under the Mortgage Charter to ameliorate repayment increases and (d) actions taken by banks to compensate savers after interest rate increases.

1429 Support for Sporting HeritageTabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **1****Alyn Smith**

That this House believes that the preservation of sporting heritage is a vitally important strand of cultural work in the public, private and third-sector; also believes that the collection, maintenance and presentation of photographs, documents, records and memorabilia relating to sporting achievements, participants and institutions form a key part of a local community's story; and welcomes the efforts of the Sporting Heritage organisation, who take forward campaigns and efforts to promote local, regional and national collaboration in this sector.

1430 Job sharingTabled: **6/07/23** Signatories: **1****Wera Hobhouse**

That this House welcomes the release of Empower's Job Sharing: Redefining Work, Doubling Impact report; acknowledges the opportunities job-sharing presents for women by facilitating reductions in workplace inequalities and closes the gender pay gap; highlights the benefits this form of flexible working offers employees and employers, such as increased organisational productivity, boosting morale, and creating more diverse senior leadership teams; and calls on the Government to support the incentivisation of job-sharing opportunities by reducing cost barrier through introducing a reduction on Employer's National Insurance contributions for employees in job shares.

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.

1363 One-year anniversary of the Big Disability Hub

Tabled: 22/06/23 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House acknowledges the one-year anniversary of the Big Disability Group relocating its Big Disability Hub to new premises in Clydebank; notes that during the past year the group has expanded its services to the local community and that its advisers support all disabilities, all age groups and all long-term conditions for people living with disabilities, their families and their carers; further notes that the group has established strong working relationships with other organisations to provide welfare rights support, Citizens Advice Bureau services and advice on Social Security Scotland benefits through Voiceability, and that it works with a legal firm to provide legal support and advice on welfare and benefits; believes that the staff and volunteers at the Big Disability Group play an invaluable role advising people with disabilities and their families on accessing all support to which they are entitled; offers everyone involved in the Big Disability Group our most sincere gratitude for their work; and wishes everyone involved in the Big Disability Group well for the years ahead.

1365 Save the Children's report on the cost of raising a family in 2023

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

David Linden
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

That this House commends the recent report by Save the Children entitled Just barely surviving: The cost of raising a family in 2023, which documents how the cost-of-living crisis and increasing inflation combined with the inadequate social security system is plunging families with children into poverty and hardship; highlights the report's findings that a single parent with one child would on average need to spend an additional £3,100 in 2023-24 to get the same basket of goods and services that they would have bought in 2019-20 and that this rises to almost £5,600 or over £100 per week for a couple with three children; agrees with the report's recommendations that include implementing a child poverty strategy, abolishing the two child limit, scrapping the benefit cap and ensuring that any future cost-of-living payments vary by family size; and urges the Government to consider the findings and recommendations of the report.

1366 50th anniversary of Tuite Opticians

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Steven Bonnar
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Tuite Opticians as they mark their 50th anniversary; notes their first opening in March 1973 in Coatbridge as an independent family-run business; notes the high-quality practice and home eyecare services they provide to residents across Lanarkshire; applauds their Right to Sight mantra, ensuring that everyone has access to basic healthcare; supports their

ethos of patient-centred care, particularly to those suffering from dementia and other debilitating conditions; further notes the work they have done in giving back to the community by supporting local foodbanks through monthly donations, collecting money for local charities from spectacle repairs and offering patients the chance to enter into a monthly prize draw to win prescription sunglasses; thanks the practice owner, Eamonn Tuite, optometrist Stephen Kirley and practice manager Michelle Campbell for their unwavering commitment to the community; and wishes the practice all the very best for another 50 years.

1367 Winnie Ewing

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 16

Angela Crawley
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Amy Callaghan
Dr Philippa Whitford
Owen Thompson

Marion Fellows

That this House commemorates the life of Winnie Ewing; celebrates her immense contribution to Scottish Politics, the SNP and the independence movement; highlights that she was a trailblazer for women in politics and inspired many to get politically active; recognises that Winnie first served in this House as MP for Hamilton following her historic by-election win in 1967 which she summed up in the now iconic quote Stop the world, Scotland wants to get on; acknowledges that she further served in this House as MP for Moray and Nairn from 1974 to 1979 before becoming one of the longest-serving MEPs as representative for Highlands and Islands from 1979 to 1999; commends her work as MEP for which she became affectionately known as Madame Écosse while promoting and protecting Scotland's interests in Europe; understands that Winnie, as the oldest qualified member, presided over the opening of the Scottish Parliament when it was reconvened in 1999 for the first time since 1707; further recognises that Winnie is the only person to have been elected and served in the Westminster, Holyrood and European Parliaments; and sends condolences to Winnie's family and friends including her children Fergus, Annabelle and Terry.

1368 Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60th Anniversary

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates all at Calderwood Lodge Primary School on the occasion of reaching 60 years; notes that Calderwood Lodge is now situated in Newton Mearns, having moved from a site in Glasgow in 2017, and shares a joint campus with St Clare's Primary School making it Scotland's only joint Jewish Catholic Campus; appreciates that both Calderwood Lodge and St Clare's work closely together; understands that Calderwood Lodge is Scotland's only Jewish faith school, working to foster a sense of pride and identity in pupils' heritage within a strong Jewish ethos while promoting respect for all global cultures and religions; further notes that Calderwood Lodge has around 150 pupils and a nursery attached with options for wrap-around childcare; recognises Calderwood Lodge's importance to the large local Jewish population in East Renfrewshire and the

surrounding areas, with the school promoting the study of Hebrew and Jewish culture; highlights that the school's 60th anniversary will be marked with an exhibition and tours on 26 and 27 June; and wishes all the staff and pupils at Calderwood Lodge Primary School all the very best for the future.

1370 Partnership between ScottishPower, Scottish Women's Football and the Scottish Women's Premier League

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House commends the partnership between ScottishPower, Scottish Women's Football and the Scottish Women's Premier League (SWPL); welcomes the focus the partnership will have on growing women and girl's football right across Scotland; understands ScottishPower's sponsorship includes Scottish Youth Challenge Cups at all three age groups and the Scottish Women's Highlands and Islands League; understands that the work will champion women and girls across Scotland, from the youth game, to emerging talent in remote communities, through to the elite stars of the premier leagues; and further welcomes the work all involved plan to do over the next three years to support the women's game for both this and future generations by driving equality and diversity all the way from grassroots to elite.

1371 25 Years of Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 8

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Chris Stephens
Mohammad Yasin
Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

That this House acknowledges the 25th anniversary of the founding of Amina, the Muslim Women's Resource Centre (MWRC), which works to empower Muslim and BAME women across Scotland; acknowledges that to this day, BAME and Muslim women remain one of the most disadvantaged groups in the UK with poor access to health, housing and financial support, high rates of unemployment, and discrimination based on their gender, ethnicity and religion; welcomes Amina MWRC's longstanding commitment to tackling these issues via domestic abuse advocacy, financial advice, the Amina Hardship Fund, employability and language training, and device loaning services; notes Amina MWRC is widely recognised as the chief national hub for consultation with Muslim and BAME women across Scotland; congratulates Amina MWRC on this momentous occasion; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

1372 20th anniversary of the Hidden Gardens, Glasgow

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House acknowledges the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Hidden Gardens in the Southside of Glasgow; notes that since its opening in 2003, the Hidden Gardens has served as an inclusive and accessible green space for educational, artistic and social activity on the site of the old Coplawhill Tram Works and Depot, with architectural and horticultural influences from Scotland, South Asia and beyond; celebrates 20 years of collaboration between the Hidden Gardens and dozens of artists in permanent and temporary art installations throughout the Gardens; recognises the importance of the Hidden Gardens to the daily life of the communities of Pollokshields and Govanhill, providing a haven in a busy urban area; and wishes the Hidden Gardens team the best in all future endeavours.

1374 St Ninians Primary School support for the Education in Emergencies campaign

Tabled: 26/06/23 Signatories: 5

Alyn Smith
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House commends St Ninians Primary School in Stirling for their hard work and dedication in campaigning to improve educational access for children across the world; recognises the efforts of the children who are taking part in the Education in Emergencies campaign by Send My Friend to School, which aims to highlight the estimated 258 million children worldwide who are missing out on school; and backs calls to the Government to prepare, protect, invest and act to support global education through proper funding, exchange programmes, international aid and diplomacy.

1378 Gavin's Mill, Scotsman Scran Award

Tabled: 27/06/23 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Stuart C McDonald

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Gavin's Mill Café for winning the Hidden Gem category at the Scotsman Scran Awards; recognises the importance and value of their fair trade and sustainability policies; commends them on their range of zero waste goods and local produce which helps to champion local suppliers as well as promote environmentally friendly consumption; thanks the

team at Gavin Mill for their hard work and dedication in providing these fantastic services to our community; and further thanks The Scotsman for recognising the importance of promoting these values.

1383 Nuclear test veterans

Tabled: **27/06/23** Signatories: **34**

Owen Thompson
Carol Monaghan
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Angela Crawley
Rebecca Long Bailey
Kim Johnson

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mr Clive Betts

That this House acknowledges the treatment of nuclear test veterans in Scotland and the rest of the UK; notes their continuing battle for justice and recognition for their role; further notes with disappointment the latest delay to the issuing of a medal to these veterans; further acknowledges their ongoing anger and frustration; affirms the nation's duty of care to this group of people; further applauds the works of Labrats International, a campaigning group for descendants of atomic testing programs across the world; and backs calls to the Government to fully support these veterans and their families.

1387 Basque peace process and policy on prisoner dispersal

Tabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **17**

Sir George Howarth
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Kenny MacAskill
Neale Hanvey

Richard Thomson
Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House welcomes news of the end of the policy of prisoner dispersal applied to Basque politically motivated prisoners for over 30 years and that the remaining 156 prisoners are now held in jails in the Basque country; agrees that this is a positive step towards a lasting and just peace in the Basque country, Spain, France and Western Europe as a whole; finds this news particularly topical in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement and the successful peace-building measures it enabled, such as the prisoner release scheme; notes that peace efforts in the Basque country and elsewhere have taken inspiration from the latter; commends the efforts of the many people, organisations and institutions who have worked over the years to achieve peace in the Basque country; calls for outstanding issues to be addressed in a positive and comprehensive manner, including the ongoing application of standard penitentiary law to remaining prisoners; commits to follow events in the Basque country and to work so that peace takes firm root and the events of the past never happen again; and urges the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to encourage such efforts.

1388 Graeme Johnston, Scotland's Youth Worker of 2023

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Tim Farron
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Graeme Johnston on receiving the prestigious title of Scotland's Youth Worker of the Year 2023; acknowledges that this recognition builds on Graeme's previous accolade of Youth Worker of the Year in 2017; understands that the Youth Worker of the Year Awards recognises a youth worker with a passion and dedication to improving the lives of young people through youth work; notes that since Graeme started working with Arran Youth Foundations (AYF) in 2011, he has transformed AYF from a poorly attended youth work project into an award-winning organisation, which provides a range of opportunities for young people on the Isle of Arran; further notes that AYF has achieved exceptional participation levels under Graeme's leadership, engaging over 200 young people from a school population of fewer than 230; recognises the important role played by Graeme and all the volunteers at AYF in addressing social isolation, exclusion, lack of opportunity and substance abuse in young people by organising counselling and therapy sessions, making referrals to addiction workers and arranging weekly drop-in sessions as well as a summer programme for youths; commends the hard work and dedication of Graeme in enhancing young people's social, emotional and physical well-being and supporting them to attain, achieve and contribute effectively in their communities while also raising a young family of his own on the mainland; and applauds his commitment, impact and leadership as a youth worker on the Isle of Arran.

1389 Performance of Matilda at Coaltown of Balgonie Primary School

Tabled: 28/06/23 Signatories: 4

Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates the pupils of Primary 6 and Primary 7 in Coaltown of Balgonie Primary School on their outstanding production of Matilda for their end-of-year show; recognises the enormous challenges involved in performing such a complex and difficult show, especially in a school whose entire roll is only about 100 pupils; notes that this meant even the star soloists had to help out in tasks such as moving scenery during the show; thanks all the teachers, parents and other helpers who supported the production in any way; believes that the success of this production will help the pupils to appreciate that there should be no limits to their ambitions for themselves and their community; commends everyone at the school for helping the pupils to develop into such talented and confident young people; and wishes those who will leave the school at the end of June 2023 every success as they move up to secondary education.

1390 Baldernock Primary SchoolTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **4**

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the 150th anniversary of Baldernock Primary School; thanks its teachers, staff and parents for the work they do to educate the children of East Dunbartonshire; notes their work has enabled Baldernock Primary to consistently achieve outstanding standards of pupil performance; applauds the children of Baldernock Primary for the history presentation and percussion performance with which they entertained guests at the anniversary celebration; recognises that Baldernock Primary is part of an unbroken lineage of formal education in the parish going back over four hundred years; credits this fine and ancient school as a testament to Scotland's proud and unique history of world-class formal education; and wishes the school all good luck for another successful century.

1395 Bishopbriggs Acro Gymnastics Club 40th anniversaryTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **4**

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the 40th anniversary of Bishopbriggs Acro Gymnastics Club in East Dunbartonshire; acknowledges the work BAGC has done over the decades to promote and encourage Acro Gymnastics as both a competitive and a recreational sport; thanks the club for creating opportunities for young people to engage in healthy and rewarding activities for so many years; applauds the spirit that the club's founders showed by starting such a positive social institution; applauds the resilience that the club has shown by remaining active and relevant through the good times and the bad; and congratulates BAGC and all its members on the fantastic success of its 40th anniversary celebration and wishes them good luck for another fantastic 40 years.

1396 The Stables country club, National Bar and Pub AwardsTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **4**

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates The Stables country club on being named best in the county and a national finalist at this year's National Bar and Pub Awards; recognises that this award is a testament to the accomplishments of The Stables' staff in the areas of food, drink, design, training, team welfare, sustainability, marketing and many others; celebrates the vital role that local pubs play in our communities as sources of employment and of socialisation; considers historic riverside inns such as The Stables, which has served the people of East Dunbartonshire since the Napoleonic Wars, to be a treasured element of our national character that is worth protecting; admires The Stables for creating a family friendly space for the community, with original dishes for patrons of all ages and deserts celebrating classics of children's literature; and wishes The Stables good luck as it heads to the National Bar and Pub Award finals in London.

1397 The Theatre House Bishopbriggs showcaseTabled: **28/06/23** Signatories: **5**

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Stuart C McDonald
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates the The Theatre House Bishopbriggs on the stellar success of its 2023 Schoolz Out showcase; thanks The Theatre House for its work to give the kids in this year's show and so many others a route to develop their creative passions; is impressed by the talent and dedication demonstrated by the young women who performed in this spectacular showcase; cherishes the role that local musical theatre schools such as The Theatre House play in enriching our cultural and community life; looks forward to next year's season of magnificent musicals; and wishes The Theatre House good luck for its summer camp for little super stars.

1399 Working conditions of rail workers employed by Carlisle Support ServicesTabled: **29/06/23** Signatories: **13**

Cat Smith
Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris
Kate Hollern
Charlotte Nichols
Mick Whitley

Caroline Lucas

That this House pays tribute to the important public-facing work of outsourced Revenue and Gateline staff employed by Carlisle Support Services on Northern Trains stations; notes with concern that these staff are enduring a rising tide of passenger violence, including cases of serious assault; is dismayed that these keyworkers are employed on exploitative annualised hours contracts that guarantee them only a small proportion of their rostered hours, leaving them in perpetual fear of losing hours of work if they raise issues in their workplace; is shocked to learn that despite working alongside Gateline staff directly employed by Northern Trains Ltd, Carlisle Support Services staff have vastly inferior contracts, pay rates and conditions; believes that Carlisle Support Services workers should have proper employment contracts that reflect their normal rostered hours as well as sick pay and travel facilities equivalent to Northern Trains staff; calls on Carlisle to negotiate improved pay and conditions with the RMT without delay and further calls on Northern Trains to bring these workers in-house when the contract ends and employ them directly..

1400 Age discriminationTabled: **29/06/23** Signatories: **8**

Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
John McDonnell

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House recognises ageism as a form of discrimination that has no place in a modern society; notes that the exclusion of skilled older people from the workforce is a blight on the economy and

deprives the workforce of both highly-skilled and experienced workers; further notes that research by workingwise.co.uk found that two-fifths of older workers have experienced age discrimination at work and that 84 per cent said that it was harder to get shortlisted for jobs because of their age; urges age to be upheld just as firmly as any other protected characteristic; recognises that ill health is also a major barrier to older people joining the workforce; and believes that fixing the NHS social care crisis would be a key way to unlock the potential of the older workforce.

1401 Support for DHL workers taking strike action on Avanti West Coast

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 15

Kim Johnson
Ian Mearns
Jon Trickett
Mary Kelly Foy
Jonathan Edwards
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Caroline Lucas

That this House supports rail workers providing catering stores to Avanti West Coast, who are taking strike action in support of their campaign for a fair pay offer from their employer DHL; notes that RPI inflation stands at 11.3 per cent, that interest rates are at 5 per cent and that these workers, like other workers in Britain, are facing a cost-of-living crisis; further notes that these workers have been refused a pay rise this year in spite of the cost-of-living crisis and despite their employer paying out £1.7 billion in dividends to its shareholder and Avanti, which controls the contract, paying out £13.5 million to its FirstGroup parent company last year; is dismayed that these companies are putting the interests of their shareholders over their workers; and calls on the companies involved to settle this dispute by making a pay offer to tackle the cost-of-living crisis.

1403 Miscarriage Association pregnancy loss pledge

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 11

Angela Crawley
Mary Kelly Foy
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Carla Lockhart

Marion Fellows

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House commends the progress of the Miscarriage Association's Pregnancy Loss Pledge; congratulates them on reaching the milestone of 600,000 employees being covered by the pledge, including staff of 11 Scottish Councils and large organisations such as TSB, The Co-op and The Princes Trust; appreciates the positive impact that this will have for thousands of employees who are tragically affected by pregnancy loss; condemns workplace discrimination against people affected by pregnancy loss; recognises that, while many employers wish to support their employees, they often do not have the knowledge or resources to do so; encourages the Government to legislate for paid miscarriage leave to ensure that no one is left behind; and further encourages all hon. Members to sign the pregnancy loss pledge.

1404 50th anniversary of Ceredigion Museum

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 6

Ben Lake
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ceredigion Museum; recognises the museum as an award winning, innovative and welcoming museum in the heart of Wales, with a track record of creative development and engagement; praises the museum's ambitious Perthyn project, which explores how the museum's collections can create community in Ceredigion; applauds the museum's contribution to the county's cultural and artistic life and for its strengthening of a sense of community and place by promoting Ceredigion's collective heritage; thanks the team at Ceredigion Museum for their dedicated work over the last 50 years; and wishes them well for the next 50 years.

1405 50th anniversary of Haarkapper Hairdressers

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 5

Angela Crawley
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Haarkapper Hairdressers in Larkhall on their 50th anniversary in business; recognises that the salon was established by Margaret Davidson in 1973 and has gone from strength to strength over the last half century; further celebrates the success of this family business which has been run since Margaret's retirement by her daughter Avril Wilson; remembers Margaret's late daughter Sandra Cooper who worked in the salon from a young age and ran the business jointly with her sister; commends the dedicated team of staff past and present for all their hard work in providing a quality service to the people of Larkhall; and sends best wishes to everyone at Haarkapper.

1406 Visit of the Bahraini Crown Prince to the UK

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 9

Tony Lloyd
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kenny MacAskill
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Chris Stephens
 John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

Jeremy Corbyn

Claudia Webbe

That this House is concerned about the visit by Bahraini Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa to the UK; highlights the continued detention of an estimated 1,200 political prisoners, including Abdulwahab Hussain, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, Sheikh Ali Salman, Hassan Mushaima and Abduljalil Al-Singace; further notes reports of mistreatment and denial of medical treatment of some political prisoners; condemns the wider context of repression in Bahrain; reiterates misgivings about death penalty convictions, some of which may be carried out imminently, further to allegations of coerced confessions and other serious violations of fair trial rights; and calls on the UK Government during

meetings with the Crown Prince to press for the release of all political prisoners, an urgent review of the death penalty convictions and the reinstatement of the de facto moratorium on judicial executions, and to ensure that any free trade agreement concluded with the Gulf Cooperation Council includes human rights protections and benchmarks.

1407 North Edinburgh Arts funding

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 5

Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates North Edinburgh Arts (NEA) on their award of £250,000 in the first round of Community Ownership Fund bidding; notes that the charity provides over 30 hours of activities a week for all ages across the Muirhouse community; further understands that the grant will be used to expand the space available for NEA activities at their new MacMillan Hub, provide space for other community organisations and a community café and improve energy efficiency; and wishes North Edinburgh Arts all the best for the construction of the new Hub.

1409 75th anniversary of the NHS

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 13

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Jonathan Edwards
Carla Lockhart
Charlotte Nichols

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that our NHS will this week reach the 75th anniversary of its creation; highlights that over 1.5 million people are treated daily in the UK; notes that the NHS touches all our lives and is undoubtedly a national treasure; takes this opportunity not simply to look back over the last seven decades but also takes time to say thank you to every doctor, nurse, healthcare assistant, receptionist, consultant, porter, cleaner, cook and every dedicated member of NHS staff who go above and beyond to preserve and protect our health and wellbeing; further notes how patient safety is at the centre of everything the NHS does and salutes how it has been able to adapt with time and learn new ways of medicine; and once again affirms our commitment to adequate funding for the provision of the free healthcare to every British citizen, which is the envy of the world.

1410 Prescribing of cannabis medicines by general medical practitioners

Tabled: 3/07/23 Signatories: 7

Crispin Blunt [R]
Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Charlotte Nichols
John McDonnell
Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the Government allowed specialist medical practitioners to be able to prescribe cannabis medicines in 2018, but excluded general medical practitioners, despite their core role in supporting patients in their communities; further notes that, annually, around 20,000 patients obtain private prescriptions for medical cannabis, but just 1,000 have NHS prescriptions and that there are many more who access the illicit market to obtain cannabis for medical reasons; and calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to allow general medical practitioners to have the same medical cannabis prescribing rights as specialist medical practitioners.

1412 MPC Energy: Scottish Energy Efficiency Awards prize winner

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Clydebank-based MPC Energy on winning the Renewable Heat Installer/Contractor of the Year prize at the Scottish Energy Efficiency Awards; understands that MPC Energy is known as one of the UK's most trusted installers of home energy efficiency improvements and that it offers insulation, heating and renewable installations with some of the UK's top manufacturer products; believes that this award is a testament to the hard work of company director Mark Conroy and his staff as the company continues to expand from its humble beginnings to be a leading business in the energy efficiency industry; wishes MPC Energy well for the future; and thanks MPC Energy for its dedicated and invaluable work in offering services to struggling households.

1413 Will Wilson photography exhibition

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 5

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Clydebank photographer Will Wilson on securing an exhibition in Clydebank Museum and Gallery in Clydebank Town Hall to showcase his works; understands that the exhibition will be a mixture of scenic, wildlife and concert photographs ranging over a number of years; believes that this is a fantastic achievement for Will and that patrons will be impressed by what is on show; wishes Will well for the future; and looks forward to seeing his future works.

1414 Alcohol treatment services: Public Accounts Committee Report

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 8

Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Public Accounts Committee's report on Alcohol treatment services and shares its concerns; is dismayed that the Department for Health and Social Care appears to lack sufficient understanding of the total cost of alcohol harm; suggests that, in establishing its evidence base, the Department should take account of the widely supported Alcohol Charter of 2018 and comprehensive report by the Commission on Alcohol Harm 2020; is alarmed that alcohol-related hospital admissions and alcohol deaths have been rising while access to treatment has been falling and addiction psychiatry has all but disappeared; recognises that treatment services for alcohol dependency show success rates of around 60 per cent and deliver an estimated £3 benefit immediately for every £1 invested; and calls on the Government to respond to the Committee in a timely fashion and to direct the Department for Health and Social Care to enact swiftly the six recommendations in the Report before many more lives are needlessly blighted and lost.

1415 Palestinians facing persecution

Tabled: 4/07/23 Signatories: 14

Andy McDonald
Crispin Blunt [R]
Tommy Sheppard
Beth Winter
Mary Kelly Foy
Jeremy Corbyn

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

Kim Johnson

That this House recognises that the Palestinian people are under unprecedented attack; notes that the Israeli Government, one of the most right-wing in its history, has launched its biggest military incursion in the West Bank in two decades, is announcing thousands of new illegal settlements on a regular basis, continuing with its expulsions of Palestinians from East Jerusalem and Masafer Yatta and its school and home demolitions, and failing to prevent armed settlers from rampaging through Palestinian villages killing, maiming, and attacking Palestinians and destroying homes, mosques, and agricultural lands; is horrified to note that this year in the West Bank alone the Israeli military has killed more than 170 Palestinians, nearly one per day; further notes that the US Administration has publicly criticised the plans for illegal settlement expansion; is dismayed that instead of taking concrete steps to uphold human rights and international law, the British Government seems determined to shield Israel from accountability, as well as companies complicit in its occupation, by legislating to silence those trying to achieve change through peaceful and democratic means; believes that any suggestion that, alone among peoples facing oppression around the world, Palestinians should be singled out and denied the right to appeal to people of conscience for support is not only wrong but runs counter to the UK's legal obligations and must be rejected; and insists that the ability of public authorities to divest from companies proven to be complicit or responsible for violations of human rights should be defended.

1416 50th Anniversary of the 1st Llandysul Scout GroupTabled: **4/07/23** Signatories: **6**

Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the 1st Llandysul Scout Group on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; notes that the group held its first camp in August 1973 and continues to support young people to realise their potential; acknowledges the work of the late Mr Mike Walden and Dr John Griffiths, who alongside Mr Cyril Thomas and his wife Mrs Rene Thomas established the Scout Group; further acknowledges the contribution of Marion Bryant MBE, who led the group for more than 40 years; recalls that Marion Bryant received her MBE for services to young people and recognises her compassion and dedication as a driving force for all involved in the group today; praises the work of the current group of young people in the local community and thanks them for their contribution; celebrates the fact that during the past 50 years the group has seen its young people represent Wales at the World Jamboree and has supported more than 700 young people and their families; commends the group for taking to heart the words of the late HRH Queen Elizabeth in striving to be a force for good in the world; and sends the group every good wish as they embark on their anniversary events.

1417 Attacks by dogs on postal workersTabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens

That this House notes the rise in attacks by dogs on postal workers throughout the UK and especially in Northern Ireland, where the Royal Mail has stated that the 12 per cent rise in incidents in Northern Ireland is extremely worrying and that there were 1,916 dog attacks on postal workers logged during the year to 31 March 2023; highlights that some postal workers suffered serious injuries; notes that these figures were released at the start of the annual dog awareness week as officials urge owners to take proper measures to ensure their pets pose no threat to postal workers through responsible dog ownership due to the fact that dog attacks on postal workers resulted in more than 3,014 days of absence last year; and urges owners to be mindful of the duties of those who deliver post so we can do all we can to reduce attacks on postal workers.

1418 Future of railway ticket officesTabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **9**

Claudia Webbe
Caroline Lucas
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Apsana Begum

Chris Stephens

Jeremy Corbyn

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern the planned mass closure of rail ticket offices, leaving many of the over 1000 train stations unstaffed; recognises that railway ticket office staff are a vital resource for many passengers who might struggle to manage online booking processes and for the security of children, women, disabled and other vulnerable passengers on the rail network; further notes that station staff including ticket office staff are essential to the smooth running of the rail network; agrees with the Royal National Institute for the Blind that the closures would be hugely detrimental to the blind and partially sighted; notes that the future of ticket offices is a key item in the ongoing rail worker dispute; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to reject The Rail Delivery Group's proposals in full.

1419 Sky lanterns and balloon releasesTabled: **5/07/23** Signatories: **3**

Mohammad Yasin
Sir Mike Penning
Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned about the potential environmental impact of sky lantern and balloon releases, particularly in relation to marine wildlife such as dolphins, whales, turtles and seabirds; notes the particular fire hazard associated with sky lanterns and recognises the important work of the Marine Conservation Society in campaigning for a ban on sky lantern and balloon releases; further notes those local authorities which have implemented a regional ban and calls upon the UK Government to ban sky lanterns and balloon releases.