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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 13 September 2023

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New EDMs

1611 Mandatory food waste reporting in England

Tabled: 13/09/23 Signatories: 11

Olivia Blake
Caroline Lucas
Ian Byrne
Andy McDonald
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana

Mary Kelly Foy
Jeremy Corbyn

Grahame Morris
Nadia Whittome

Apsana Begum

That this House notes that UK food waste causes an estimated 36 million tonnes CO₂eq in emissions domestically and overseas, costing businesses and citizens approximately £19 billion; further notes that UK on-farm food waste alone is estimated to use an area of agricultural land half the size of Wales and that this land could help sustainably feed the UK and restore nature to mitigate the cost of living and climate crises; recognises that the current lack of voluntary food waste reporting impedes meaningful assessment of food waste levels and progress in food waste reduction; acknowledges that many organisations including WRAP and Tesco have said that mandatory food waste reporting is essential for the UK to halve food waste by 2030 in line with Sustainable Development Goal 12.3; notes that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee has recommended mandatory food waste reporting; further notes that 99% of responses to the Government's consultation on improved reporting of food waste supported mandatory food waste reporting for large and medium businesses and that the majority of food business respondents also supported mandatory reporting; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals for mandatory measurement and public reporting of food waste in 2024 and 2025 respectively for all medium and large-sized food businesses in England, ensuring adequate coverage across and within food sectors including primary production, manufacturing, retail and hospitality and food service.

1612 The 42nd Great North Run

Tabled: 13/09/23 Signatories: 3

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Julie Elliott
Ian Mearns

That this House celebrates the thousands of runners who crossed the finish line in South Shields on Sunday 10th September after taking part in the 42nd Great North Run; notes that the Great North Run as an institution demonstrates our region, and history and our people; highlights the boost the run gives charities across the country and to businesses in the north east; commemorates four-time Olympic gold medallist Sir Mo Farah for competing as his farewell from professional athletics and recognises his enormous contribution to athletics and services to sport; thanks the Run's founder, Sir Brendan Foster, the organisers, and the volunteers who make this momentous event possible every year; and congratulates all the runners that took part.

1613 Appointment of Hannah Fennell and Sheila Keith as President and Vice-President of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation

Tabled: 13/09/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

This House congratulates Hannah Fennell and Sheila Keith on their appointments as the President and Vice-President of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF); notes their experience from their roles within the Orkney Fisheries Association and Shetland Fishermen's Association; believes that the SFF has a key role to play in promoting the long term security and sustainability of Scottish fishing; recognises the service of the outgoing President, Ian Gatt; and wishes both Hannah and Sheila all the best in their roles, as the SFF celebrates its 50th anniversary.

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.

1580 Compensation for nuclear test veterans

Tabled: 6/09/23 Signatories: 30

Peter Grant
Carol Monaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford
Marion Fellows

Douglas Chapman

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the contribution of the nuclear test veterans, including the Royal Fleet Auxiliary veterans who were present during the nuclear testing programme from 1952 to 1967; acknowledges the sacrifices made by more than 20,000 British personnel who took part in these atomic tests; notes that nuclear test veterans have suffered various health conditions as a result of exposure to high levels of ionising radiation; welcomes the decision to award commemorative service medals honouring the nuclear test veterans, whilst also questioning why it took over half a century for such medallion recognition to be granted; laments the fact that thousands of nuclear test

veterans died without their sacrifice being formally acknowledged; believes that current measures do not go far enough; and calls for a package of financial compensation for nuclear test veterans and their families.

1588 Rowing gold medallist, Hannah Scott

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 4

Mr Gregory Campbell
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the tremendous performance by the Great Britain team at the World Rowing Championships in September 2023, including the women's quadruple sculls who won gold by 0.67 seconds, Hannah Scott from Coleraine being one of the team, following in the footsteps of other medal winning British rowing athletes from the town in recent years which have included brothers Richard and Peter Chambers and Alan Campbell, demonstrating an astonishing achievement at the highest levels of rowing success for Northern Ireland athletes.

1591 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and Royal Air Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 3

Helen Morgan
Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House has the utmost admiration for all those who have served in His Majesty's Armed Forces; notes that veterans who have shown outstanding dedication to their King or late Queen and country should be awarded with fitting medallic recognition; is concerned that the Ministry of Defence's medallic recognition policy outlines that only veterans who served from after 29 July 2014 are eligible to be awarded the Her Late Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and Royal Air Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with clasps; understands that these medals are awarded to members of the Armed Forces who served for five continuous years during Her Late Majesty's reign; recognises that should the initiation date be set to the beginning of Her Late Majesty's reign many more members of the Armed Forces would qualify to be awarded these medals; expresses concern that the initiation date was set as such only for administrative reasons; and calls on the Government to review the Ministry of Defence's medallic recognition policy to reflect the brave services of all veterans to their King and country.

1592 60th anniversary of George Best debut at Old Trafford

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan

That this House notes that the 14 September 2023 will mark the 60th anniversary of George Best's United debut; notes that the Northern Ireland born legend has been described as one of the greats, having played 470 matches and scoring 179 goals during his 10 year long residency with the club; highlights the start of his journey on Belfast's Cregagh Estate, where Best's family home has been restored to its original state by the East Side Partnership; further highlights that Best would go on

to be the club's top goal scorer in the League for five consecutive seasons, winning two League titles and one European Cup in 1968 and that he was named European Footballer of the Year award in 1968 after Manchester United's European Cup triumph over Benfica; and remembers his legacy and football and that the mark he left on the sport will never be forgotten.

1593 **Violence in Pakistan**

Tabled: **11/09/23** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House is concerned that at least five churches were burned in Pakistan's Punjab province on 16 August 2023 following allegations of blasphemy made against two members of the Christian community; is alarmed that at least 91 homes were destroyed during the violence; notes reports that hundreds of additional homes were looted; acknowledges that Pakistan's Government has committed to protect the religious minorities and pay compensation to the victims; is greatly troubled over recent attacks on Ahmadi mosques and Hindu temples; and urges action to be taken so that the perpetrators of the recent attacks are held accountable.

1597 **University duty of care**

Tabled: **11/09/23** Signatories: **4**

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House calls for higher education institutions to have a statutory duty of care for their students; deeply regrets the tragic consequences of past failures to recognise when students have experienced significant challenges to their mental health and the subsequent impacts on their family and friends; particularly regrets instances where universities have failed to inform families of students' struggles, including acts of self harm, even when given express consent to share that information; recognises that, although students are paying for higher education institutions, they are not simply customers of their services; highlights that many students are young people with little experience of independent living, higher exposure to the challenging aspects of social media usage, and who continue to face the ongoing negative impacts of the covid-19 pandemic, cost of living crisis, and climate crisis, putting them at higher risk of experiencing mental health issues; and urges the Government to encourage higher education institutions to make student wellbeing a strategic priority.

1598 Young fundraisers Caitie and Holly McCubbin

Tabled: 11/09/23 Signatories: 11

Dr Philippa Whitford
Brendan O'Hara
Angela Crawley
Patricia Gibson
Ms Anum Qaisar
John McNally

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates sisters Caitie (age 8) and Holly (age 7) McCubbin on cycling 100 miles each during their summer holidays to raise funds for two charities which have helped their grandfathers, along with Epic Games which matched their funds; applauds Caitie for raising £904 for the British Heart Foundation which supported her papa after he had two heart attacks, and applauds Holly for raising £1,031 for Ataxia UK which supports her pappy, following his diagnosis of Spinal Cerebellar Ataxia; commends both of them for using their summer holidays as an opportunity to fundraise for these important charities; wishes them well in their future fundraising endeavours; and congratulates their parents who must be justifiably proud of both of them.

1602 400th anniversary of Presbyterianism in Bangor

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 2

Stephen Farry
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the 400th anniversary of the establishment of a Presbyterian presence in Bangor as marked by a recent service in City Church Bangor, formerly known as First Bangor Presbyterian Church; notes the settlement of Scottish Presbyterians in the Bangor area under the invitation of James Hamilton, 1st Viscount Clandeboye that re-established the town, and eventual city of Bangor; further notes the ordination and installation of Robert Blair according to the Scottish Presbyterian service of ordination, which was the first of its kind in Ireland, in the summer of 1623; acknowledges the significant contribution of Presbyterians and their churches to the growth and prosperity of Bangor, including the establishment of schools and community enterprises; celebrates the church's commitment to helping the most marginalised and vulnerable people of Bangor and the wider Ards and North Down area, including important initiatives for those struggling with the cost of living crisis and helping asylum seekers and refugees; and wishes the Rev Mairisine Stanfield, who has just celebrated her 10th Anniversary as Minister of City Church Bangor, her Associate and husband the Rev David Stanfield and the wider congregation every success with their ongoing ministry and contribution to the community.

1603 Community News Project and Meta

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 2

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges the success of the Community News Project (CNP) since 2018, enhancing diversity and representation in regional and local newsrooms across the UK; applauds the CNP's pivotal role in training budding journalists to cover grassroots community issues; expresses concern over Meta's decision to cease funding the CNP from December 2023, which may jeopardise the future of many trainees; urges major digital platforms, including Meta, to support and reinvest

in vital community journalism initiatives; and calls on Members to champion local news and support balanced relations between digital media and content creators.

1604 Dalmarnock Primary School Inspection Report

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 2

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Dalmarnock Primary School on their Very Good Education Scotland inspection report; recognises that the inspection team remarked on the relentless drive, focus and commitment of the headteacher, Nancy Clunie, in addressing and overcoming all potential barriers to children's participation and achievement; commends the teaching and support staff for their work in closing the attainment gap; notes the expertise and creativity of staff in engaging young people in their classes; commends the young people of Dalmarnock Primary School, who were found by inspectors to be eager to learn, articulate, confident, and supportive of one another; appreciates that staff are mindful of the cost of the school day, and welcomes the use of Pupil Equity Funding to enhance the experiences of learning; welcomes the commitment by Dalmarnock Primary School to meaningful partnership working, which has benefited the wider school community; and wishes everyone at Dalmarnock Primary School all the very best for the future.

1605 One-year anniversary of the death of Mahsa Amini

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 12

Layla Moran
Claudia Webbe
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse
Ben Lake

Sarah Green
Liz Saville Roberts

Jamie Stone
Hywel Williams

That this House marks the one-year anniversary of the horrific death of Mahsa Amini at the hands of Iranian authorities; remembers the hundreds of protesters who have been killed or executed in the protests following Mahsa's death; recognises the ongoing struggle of Iranian protesters and condemns the use of excessive force, violence, arbitrary arrests and execution by Iranian authorities to curtail protests and freedom of expression; expresses further concern at the reports of increasing arrests of activists in the weeks leading up to the anniversary of Mahsa's death; supports the case for proscription of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation; and calls for the street the Iranian Embassy sits on to be re-named 'Mahsa Amini Avenue' in tribute to the young woman who inspired so many and as a symbol of the UK's solidarity with the Iranian people.

1606 Service of Paul Kehoe, House of Commons Senior Doorkeeper

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 6

Grahame Morris
Jonathan Edwards
Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Kate Hollern

That this house sends its warmest congratulations and thanks to Paul Kehoe on completing an impressive 44 years of loyal service in the House of Commons; recognises his kindness, hard work and loyal service during this time; and looks forward to working with him through his 45th year and beyond.

1607 Human rights in Manipur

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 13

Nadia Whittome
Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Beth Winter
Ian Byrne

Claudia Webbe
 Jim Shannon

Ms Diane Abbott
 Mary Kelly Foy

Jeremy Corbyn
 Jon Trickett

That this House notes the ongoing, grave human rights violations in Manipur, India, including acts of sexual violence, extrajudicial killings, home destruction, forced displacement, torture and ill-treatment, predominantly targeting the Kuki-Zo people, a tribal community who are largely Christian; further notes that between 3 May and mid-August an estimated 160 people have been killed and over 300 injured, with more than 40,000 people being displaced by the violence; highlights that UN experts have raised serious concerns about the slow and inadequate response by the Indian government, including law enforcement; recognises that these human rights violations occur as part of wider attacks on religious and ethnic minorities across India, many of which public officials have been accused of aiding and abetting; and calls on the Government to raise the issue of human rights violations in Manipur with the Indian government and to halt negotiations towards a UK-India free trade agreement while such violations continue to occur.

1608 Calling for a free and democratic Iran

Tabled: 12/09/23 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing crackdown on peaceful protesters by the regime of Iran, which continues to execute dissidents with total impunity and which is also trying to export its reign of terror abroad, including by targeting dissidents living in Europe with terrorist attacks; condemns illegal efforts by Iran to compel European countries to restrict the human rights of its opponents; calls on the government of Albania in particular to uphold the rights of members of the Iranian opposition PMOI (MEK) at Ashraf-3, under the European Convention on Human Rights, the 1951 Refugee Convention and international law as stipulated in the Albanian Prime Minister's 2016 letter to the Vice-President European Parliament; reiterates that MEK members at Ashraf-3 have the right to political activity and that this right is guaranteed by the International

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of which Albania is a state party; and calls on His Majesty's Government to declare its solidarity with Iran's democratic opposition and to support international accountability efforts for the perpetrators of human rights violations in Iran, including for the 1988 massacre of some 30,000 political prisoners and the deadly crackdown on current-day protesters.

1609 50 years of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society

Tabled: **12/09/23** Signatories: **2**

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises that 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society; acknowledges the importance of the society over the years in promoting the work, legacy and memory of celebrated Glasgow architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh; notes that the Society was founded in 1973 to protect buildings designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh such as the former Queen's Cross Church, which was at risk of being lost due to the proposed motorway expansion; welcomes the invaluable contributions of the Society to the maintenance of Glasgow's architectural heritage; and congratulates the Society and all its members on this significant anniversary.

1610 Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival 2023

Tabled: **12/09/23** Signatories: **2**

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges this year's Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival on 11-17 September 2023, with over 100 buildings open to the public and a programme of more than 100 trails, tours and special events; notes that the Doors Open Days Festival has been organised every year since 1990 when it began as part of the celebrations of Glasgow's status as European Capital of Culture; welcomes the role that it continues to play as an integral part of Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days; recognises the importance of the festival to raise awareness of and facilitating support for Glasgow's architectural and cultural heritage; congratulates the organisers, participants and partners of the festival; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.