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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 11 December 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 180 Household Support Fund

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

That this House calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to extend the Household Support Fund beyond March 2024 in his next Budget; notes that the removal of the fund will have the largest impact on the most vulnerable members of society including those most affected by inflation; further notes that increasing pressure on councils' budgets may result in critical food and energy help infrastructure being dismantled; and further calls on the UK government to ensure that sufficient funding be made available to county councils and unitary authorities.

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#### 181 John Patrick Byrne

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 44

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Mhairi Black**  
**Stephen Flynn**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Hannah Bardell**

Ian Blackford  
Deidre Brock  
Dr Lisa Cameron  
Ronnie Cowan  
Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Marion Fellows  
Peter Grant  
Chris Law

Kirsty Blackman  
Alan Brown  
Douglas Chapman  
Angela Crawley  
Dave Doogan  
Patricia Gibson  
Drew Hendry  
David Linden

Steven Bonnar  
Amy Callaghan  
Joanna Cherry  
Martyn Day  
Allan Dorans  
Patrick Grady  
Stewart Hosie  
Stuart C McDonald

John McNally  
Brendan O'Hara  
Tommy Sheppard  
Alison Thewliss  
Dr Philippa Whitford

Angus Brendan MacNeil  
Kirsten Oswald  
Alyn Smith  
Richard Thomson  
Pete Wishart

Carol Monaghan  
Ms Anum Qaisar  
Chris Stephens  
Owen Thompson

That this House notes the sad passing of the incredibly talented artist and writer John Byrne at the age of 83; marks the high regard he is held in the global arts community; acknowledges that Renfrewshire Council awarded him the Freedom of Renfrewshire last year; observes that John grew up in Ferguslie Park, attended Glasgow School of Art in 1958, won the Newbery Medal for best final student and a scholarship allowing him to study in Italy; further notes that his art work is displayed in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and that his mural of friend and comedian, musician and artist Billy Connolly appeared on a Glasgow gable-end; recognises his exceptional writing in The Slab Boys trilogy, Tutti Frutti, and Cuttin' a Rug, set in Paisley Town Hall inspired many of the names of rooms in the newly renovated hall; notes that his final play Underwood Lane, inspired by his time growing up in Paisley with childhood friend Gerry Rafferty, received its world premiere in Renfrewshire; acknowledges the role his artwork for record covers for close friends Billy Connolly and Gerry Rafferty, Donovan and The Beatles played in the music world; declares John a proud buddie and one of Paisley and Renfrewshire's favourite sons who was fiercely proud of his hometown which shaped many of his iconic works; agrees that no one else did more to export the artistic culture of Paisley worldwide; and conveys deepest sympathies to his family

## 182 UN Security Council vote on a ceasefire in Gaza

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Jonathan Edwards**

This House notes with concern the Government's position on the UN Security Council Resolution vote on a ceasefire in Gaza on 8 December 2023; further notes that the resolution was presented by a non-permanent member, the United Arab Emirates, following a letter sent by the UN General Secretary, Antonio Guterres, to the Security Council invoking Article 99 of the UN Charter; also notes that Article 99 is initiated when the General Secretary believes events threaten the maintenance of international peace and security; understands that Security Council members Albania, Brazil, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, China, France and Russia all supported the Ceasefire Resolution; further understands that the US voted against the resolution and that the UK abstained; expresses concern that the Government's current position leaves the UK isolated internationally, causing irreparable reputational damage; and calls on the Government to fully engage with international efforts to bring the terrible war in Gaza to an end.

## 183 Raising awareness of Rett syndrome

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House recognises Rett Syndrome Awareness Month from 1 to 30 October; notes its importance for raising awareness of the rare genetic disorder as the second most common cause of severe disability in women and girls; commends the charitable organisation Rett UK, for their outstanding work in providing information, support and advocacy services for people impacted by the condition across the UK; and recognises the importance of their campaign this Rett Syndrome Awareness Month to inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett Syndrome and their families.

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**184 Court of Session decision on the Gender Recognition Reform Bill and Section 35 Scotland Act 1998 appeal**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House notes the outcome of the Court of Session's decision that the Secretary of State for Scotland's use of the provision set out in Section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 was lawful; further notes that this was the first use of Section 35 since devolution; regrets that the Scottish Parliament brought forward legislation that was so fundamentally flawed that it provided the UK Government an opportunity to mount their successful lawful challenge on a devolved matter; recognises the views of women across Scotland that the Gender Recognition Reform Bill as proposed presented a risk to the safety, privacy and dignity of women and girls; further recognises that such concerns were repeatedly dismissed as invalid; expresses concern that the Scottish Government has spent significant parliamentary time and, more recently, public funds on legal costs in its attempt to deliver this widely unpopular legislation; agrees that while decisions about Scotland should be for the people of Scotland to decide this can best be achieved when Scotland becomes an independent country; and calls on the Scottish Government to halt any further legal action and to dispose of any intention to progress the Gender Recognition Reform Bill and other associated legislation.

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**185 Michael Gowans, Migo Run Club**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House congratulates Michael Gowans of Migo Run Club on winning Jog Leader of the Year Award at the 4J Studios JogScotland Annual Awards ceremony; recognises Michael was awarded Jog Leader of the Year for his ability to create sessions that are engaging, fun, and responsive to participant's feedback; notes that Michael's running sessions cater for runners of all abilities; applauds Michael's charitable work which includes fundraising for local foodbanks and Refuweegee, a charity that gives a warm welcome to forcibly displaced people arriving in Glasgow; highlights the positive impact that running has on a runner's physical, mental, and social wellbeing; and wishes Michael and all involved with Migo Run Club all the very best for the future.

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**186 Anniversary of the murder of Ken Smyth and Daniel McCormick**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the anniversary of the murder of Kenneth Smyth and his colleague Daniel McCormick on 10 December 1971 as they travelled to work together; further highlights that their families still openly grieve their loss and are calling for action to be taken against those who continue to withhold the truth of their slaughter; and expresses the deepest sympathy to these families who mourn with no hope of closure.

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**187 40th anniversary of murder of Edgar Graham**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the 40th anniversary of the murder of Ulster Unionist MLA Edgar Graham who was gunned down outside Queen's University Belfast on 7 December 1983; highlights that whilst there was a conviction for withholding evidence from the police, no convictions have taken

place for his murder; and expresses the continuing sorrow for the loss of a leading light in Unionism, slaughtered only because he was an effective unionist politician, to his family and colleagues who await any form of justice for his murder.

## 188 Adult literacy

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 18

Margaret Greenwood  
Ian Mearns  
Kim Johnson  
John McDonnell  
Rachael Maskell  
Ian Byrne

Mick Whitley  
Grahame Morris  
Rosie Duffield  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Sir George Howarth  
Andy McDonald  
Ian Lavery  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Fabian Hamilton  
Nadia Whittome  
Peter Dowd  
Richard Burgon

That this House recognises that poor literacy skills and illiteracy can consign adults to insecure and low-paid work, lead to poverty and isolation and leave them vulnerable to exploitation; further recognises that people who struggle to read and write can face difficulty in accessing housing, social security, health and care services, education, skills, training and job opportunities, supporting their own children's educational development and in staying in touch with friends and family; notes that literacy is invaluable in enabling people to communicate with each other and engage with the world around them; expresses concern that the National Literacy Trust estimates 7.1 million adults in England, 16.4% of the adult population, have very poor literacy skills, 931,000 adults in Scotland, 26.7%, experience challenges due to their lack of literacy skills, 216,000 adults in Wales, 12%, lack basic literacy skills and 256,000 adults in Northern Ireland, 17.4%, have very poor literacy skills; believes that these figures amount to a crisis in adult literacy across the UK and that this needs attention as a matter of urgency if we are to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential and if we are to address the economic challenges our country faces; and further believes it is vital that adults who struggle with reading and writing get the support that they need.

## 189 In memory of Margaret Payne

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House commemorates the life and achievements of Margaret Payne; acknowledges the huge contribution of £434,562 to the NHS, NHS Highlands, Highland Hospice and RNLI raised through her tremendous fundraising efforts; notes that Margaret raised this money by climbing her stairs 282 times over 73 days or 10 weeks, equating to the height of Suilven -Scotland's Sugarloaf Mountain of 2,398 ft; and pays tribute to Margaret as an outstanding citizen and a dear friend.

## 190 BBC and repeat offences

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes recent comments from the highly paid BBC presenter Gary Lineker where he has engaged in public spats with MPs, signed a letter regarding Government policy, having done this in the knowledge that the BBC, which is funded by the public purse via the licence fee, have

only recently declared that presenters of flagship programmes outside news and current affairs have a particular responsibility to respect the BBC's impartiality because of their profile on the BBC, and this was only enacted as a result of his previous political activism; and calls on the Director General to indicate what action he intends to take given the fact that Gary Lineker is a repeat offender and appears to believe he can be a millionaire public sector sports presenter at the same time as being a political commentator.

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#### 191      **70th anniversary of St Monica's Primary School**

Tabled: 11/12/23      Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates St Monica's RC Primary School in Pollok in the Glasgow South West constituency on their 70th anniversary; notes the school was built in 1953; further notes a mass to mark the anniversary was held on Friday 1 December at St James the Great RC Parish Church in Pollok by the Archbishop of Glasgow Rev William Nolan; pays tribute to the contribution of current and past staff at St Monica's; also notes the current headteacher Mrs Davina McGeever was a former pupil of the school; and sends our best wishes to the school for the future.

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#### 192      **National Lottery funding for Govan Docks Collective**

Tabled: 11/12/23      Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Govan Docks Collective in the Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £10,000 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this funding will be used to hold multiple outdoor events with local musicians and food for the local community; notes the organisation promotes community ownership of the Govan Graving Docks and aims to protect the Graving Docks from gentrification and housing development; and wishes Govan Docks Collective the best with all its future endeavours.

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#### 193      **National Lottery funding for Govan SEND**

Tabled: 11/12/23      Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Govan HELP based in the Glasgow South West constituency on its award of a £133,000 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands that this funding will be used to continue delivering their family support service based in the heart of Govan; notes this service offers parenting and personal development support to parents of children aged up to 12 years old; further notes families can also access a range of activities at the centre; recognises that Govan HELP provides a valuable service for families and individuals needing food and emotional support; and wishes Govan Help the best with all its future endeavours.

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#### 194      **National Lottery funding for Impact Arts**

Tabled: 11/12/23      Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Impact Arts on their £117,996 National Lottery Community Fund grant for their Craft Cafe in Govan in the Glasgow South West constituency; understands this

funding will be used to continue delivering their Craft Cafe based in Govan; notes that the Craft Cafe offers a safe, social, and creative environment where older people can learn new skills and renew social networks reconnecting with the community to tackle social isolation and loneliness; and wishes Impact Art the best with all its future endeavours.

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#### **195 National Lottery funding for Pollok United**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

##### **Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Pollok United based in the Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £78,572 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this funding will be used to deliver their Fit for Life programme that aims to tackle social isolation, economic disadvantage and improve mental health through a comprehensive programme of inclusive Health and Wellbeing activities for all ages and abilities delivered in their community hub in Corkerhill; recognises Pollok United use sport and recreational activities as a way to engage the local community to improve the overall health and wellbeing in the areas they serve; and wishes Pollok United the best with all its future endeavours.

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#### **196 The Govan Pantry, SURF 2023 Community Led Regeneration Award**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

##### **Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates The Govan Pantry run by Govan HELP, on its recent success as winners of SURF (Scotland's Regeneration Forum) Community Led Regeneration 2023 award; notes the Judging Panel were impressed by the high levels of community involvement at every stage of the development of the project, and its constant response to local needs; further notes the Panel recognised the evolution of the project more than just as a community subsidised shop to become an inclusive service providing access to a wider range of support services; recognises that this has allowed the project team to identify and address multiple challenges for residents many of whom would not have sought support through traditional means; further recognises that service users who have become volunteers have been supported through the projects training programme providing a route into meaningful employment; celebrates that the project has provided a catalyst to bringing the Govan community together; and wishes the Govan Pantry project continued success as a vehicle to eliminate food poverty and reaches those in the community most in need.

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#### **197 National Lottery funding for Potential in Me**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

##### **Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Potential In Me in the Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £70,000 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this funding will be used to deliver multiple strands of holistic support for vulnerable children, young people, and their parents and carers; recognises Potential in Me support the adults in young people's lives so that no matter what setting a young person feels supported and cared for; further recognises through work to strengthen meaningful communication in a young person's life the organisation achieves positive outcomes and helps improve the wellbeing of the people they help; and wishes Potential in Me the best with all its future endeavours.

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**198 National Lottery funding for Govan Appliance Project**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Govan Appliance Project based in Cardonald in the Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £9,800 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this project will use the funding to deliver structured training workshops for the diagnosis of faults of white goods and how to repair them in the Govan area and in collaboration with local housing associations; notes that Govan Appliance Project aims to create a community hub to provide training, advice and to help support individuals struggling in low income households with upskilling; and wishes Govan Appliance Project the best with all its future endeavours.

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**199 National Lottery funding for Tea in the Pot Women's Support Services**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Tea in the Pot Women's Support Service in Govan in Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £9,700 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this funding will be used to deliver a six month wellbeing programme to support vulnerable and isolated people in their community; recognises Tea in the Pot supports women to become actively engaged in the community and to enable women to identify and value their skills, experiences and talents, and to feel empowered and confident to share these with others; notes the service provides a safe and relaxing atmosphere where women can meet up with old friends and make new friends and assists women who may be coping with difficulties, or who feel under stress, have health issues or simply feel isolated; and wishes Tea in the Pot the best with all its future endeavours.

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**200 National Lottery funding for South West Community Transport**

Tabled: 11/12/23 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates South West Community Transport based in the Glasgow South West constituency on their award of a £10,000 National Lottery Community Fund grant; understands this funding will be used to provide community patient transport and patient advocacy for vulnerable people across Glasgow; recognises Glasgow South West Community Transport have supported thousands of residents of Glasgow South West with their patient transport service and weekly Hoppa Shoppa Service for those who are elderly, with mobility challenges or who struggle to use public transport; and wishes South West Community Transport the best with all its future endeavours.

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## Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

### 121 Anniversary of the Bhopal gas leak

Tabled: 28/11/23 Signatories: 18

Mr Virendra Sharma  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 John McDonnell  
 Kim Johnson  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Chris Stephens

That this House remembers 2 and 3 December 1984, when a Union Carbide factory leaked ultra-toxic chemical methyl isocyanate across sixteen square miles of the city of Bhopal, India, exposing 573,000 people to poison gases; deplores the continuing suffering in Bhopal 39 years after the world's worst industrial disaster; recognises a 2023 study of the university of San Diego that finds eight times higher rates of cancer among those in utero in 1984; notes that 200,000 people now live in areas in which persistent organic pollutants such as organochlorines, solvents and heavy metals contaminate drinking water due to thousands of tons of toxic wastes dumped around the factory being left uncleaned, despite Carbide knowing of the threats to health since the 1980's; notes Carbide's owner Dow Inc refuses India's criminal jurisdiction, in violation of international law, in a manslaughter case concerning the deaths of over 23,000 people; commends the work of Indian civil society groups, the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal, the Trades Union Congress, UNISON and Action for Bhopal in campaigning on this issue; further commends UK charity the Bhopal Medical Appeal for providing free care to Bhopal's damaged children; and calls for justice and dignity for the victims, who have been waiting 39 years to finally receive closure.

### 123 Launch of The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to the NHS report

Tabled: 28/11/23 Signatories: 20

Richard Burgon  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Kenny MacAskill  
 Margaret Greenwood  
 Ian Byrne  
 Jim Shannon

Nadia Whittome

This House welcomes the publication of the report The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to the NHS; supports the report's main conclusions that the NHS is the best and most cost-effective healthcare model yet to be demonstrated in practice in an advanced economy, that the current serious underperformance of the NHS is not the result of its publicly-funded and publicly-provided model but the inevitable result of 13 years of underfunding, and that the worsening health of the British public resulting from this underinvestment is holding back economic growth; notes that the NHS was, until recently, consistently regarded as the best health service in the world by the Commonwealth Fund; further believes that NHS funding has failed to keep pace with need and that no healthcare system can withstand the levels of sustained underfunding experienced by the NHS since 2010 without significant deterioration in its performance; rejects calls for any greater role for the private sector in the NHS, for any privatisation of the NHS or any replacement of funding through progressive taxation with direct charges or what would be a more expensive insurance-



based system; and encourages all hon. Members to read the report and policy-makers to act in line with its recommendations and findings.

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## 128      **BBC investigative journalism**

Tabled: **29/11/23**      Signatories: **26**

**John McDonnell**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Lavery**

Chris Stephens

That this House deplores the announcement by the BBC that more than half the jobs on flagship weekday evening programme Newsnight will be lost as part of the latest misguided Digital First savings strategy; regrets that Newsnight will no longer screen investigative reporting and will be truncated to just thirty minutes; is further concerned by proposed reductions to the budget of Panaroma; welcomes investment into the creation of digital news content but remains deeply sceptical of claims that this will compensate for cuts to flagship investigative news programmes; and calls on BBC management to work constructively with the National Union of Journalists to avoid compulsory redundancies and retain the key skills and expertise of its investigative journalists.

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## 131      **Verification of gestational age for at-home abortions**

Tabled: **29/11/23**      Signatories: **13**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Martin Vickers**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Ian Paisley**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House welcomes the introduction of the At Home Early Medical Abortion (Review) Bill [HL] that seeks a review into the risks to women of at-home abortion under current law; expresses its support for the Bill; calls on the Government to reinstate in-person medical appointments before abortion pills may be prescribed to determine the gestational age of a baby and to ensure women seeking abortion are not facing coercion; notes that recent illegal late-term abortions of viable unborn babies would not have been able to occur had in-person appointments to accurately assess gestational age been required; further notes that self-performing a late-term medical abortion away from a clinical environment without in-person medical supervision puts the lives of women at considerable risk; and calls on the House to reject proposals that would likely lead to a worsening of the situation and the lives of many more women being endangered, by removing offences that make it illegal to perform a self-abortion right through to birth.

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**136 Glencore's mining activities in Colombia and Peru (No. 3)**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 15

Tony Lloyd  
Jonathan Edwards  
Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Jim Shannon  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Brendan O'Hara

Caroline Lucas

Wendy Chamberlain

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its concerns regarding the environmental and health impacts of the Carbones de Cerrejón open-pit coalmine in Colombia and the Antapaccay-Corocchohuayco mine in Espinar in Peru, both owned by British-registered multinational Glencore Plc; notes that eight UN Special Rapporteurs called for a halt to Cerrejón's mining operations because of health and environmental concerns; highlights the specific concerns of the Colombian Wayuu indigenous peoples and the UN Special Rapporteurs regarding contamination of the air, water and vegetation, irreversible biodiversity loss and damage to the globally important dry forest ecosystem; expresses its concern regarding documented child malnutrition in communities near the Cerrejón mine; further highlights indigenous peoples' concerns regarding the beyond permissible levels of heavy metals in Espinar; highlights reports that the information needed to comply with informed consent under ILO Convention 169 for the Espinar mine's expansion is not available to communities; notes that Glencore is suing the Colombian government pursuant to the investor-state dispute settlement mechanism clause within an applicable trade agreement challenging a Colombian High Court decision upholding the fundamental rights of indigenous peoples in relation to the Bruno Stream, Arroyo Bruno; calls on the UK Government to join other governments which do not include an investor state dispute settlement mechanism provision in their trade agreements, thereby preventing companies from suing governments over climate policies; and further calls on the UK to adopt a business, human rights and environment act to protect communities harmed by mining linked to UK companies and their supply chains.

**140 70th anniversary of Ayr Hospital Radio**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 9

Allan Dorans  
Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Jim Shannon  
Patrick Grady  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Alison Thewliss

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises, celebrates and congratulates Ayr Hospital Radio, one of Scotland's oldest hospital radio stations on their 70th anniversary; notes that Ayr Hospital Radio was initially established in 1953 to provide patients in Ayr Hospital with live commentary of Ayr United Football Club match days; further notes that it has developed over the years as a charity and is now based at the University Hospital Ayr, with a team of currently about twenty five volunteers; observes that it is a live, seven days a week radio service, broadcasting an eclectic range of music and entertainment for patients in local hospitals and available on the world wide web for the local community; highlights that it provides the opportunity for patients requests and for relatives and friends to request dedication for patients, contributing to their recovery and wellbeing; further highlights that it provides training, skills and experience for volunteers in broadcasting; notes especially the contribution on Mr Mike Manley, one of the original founders and longest serving volunteer, the

volunteer Management Committee; and gives thanks to all the volunteers over the last 70 years for their contribution to the community.

#### 141 Perth Racecourse and the Racecourse Association Showcase Awards 2023

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 8

Pete Wishart  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Chris Law  
Stewart Hosie

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Perth Racecourse on its victory in the Diversity and Inclusion category of the Racecourse Association's 2023 Showcase Awards; understands that this award was in recognition of Perth Racecourse's Pride Raceday event, the first-headline billed Pride Raceday in British racing, which attracted thousands of new racegoers to Perth for the first time; and commends Perth Racecourse on its commitment to creating an unrivalled racing experience that offers a blend of tradition and innovation for racing enthusiasts, business and the local community.

#### 143 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 21

Tony Lloyd  
Jonathan Edwards  
Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Jim Shannon  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Patrick Grady

Caroline Lucas  
Jeremy Corbyn

Ian Lavery  
Chris Stephens

Claudia Webbe

That this House celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; notes that its adoption in 1948 was a watershed moment reflecting the collective determination of world leaders to prevent a repetition of the horrors inflicted during World War Two and to champion the inherent dignity of every individual; recognises the Declaration's continued importance in empowering and protecting many globally; regrets that millions continue to suffer appalling violations of the rights set out in the Declaration; expresses its solidarity with human rights defenders, particularly those working at great risk to themselves and their communities, and governmental and non-governmental organisations focused on the realisation of human rights; calls on the Government to ensure that the promotion and protection of fundamental human rights is a key plank of its foreign policy, including in its bilateral and multilateral trading and security arrangements, and to do more to support human rights and environmental defenders; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals on mandatory supply chain due diligence to protect human rights and the environment, modelled on the Bribery Act 2010.

**144 40th anniversary of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 17

Deidre Brock  
Patrick Grady  
David Linden  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, which has been celebrating its 40th anniversary throughout 2023; notes that the Society was founded in 1983 by a group of friends in Edinburgh, led by Pip Hills, who had previously jointly purchased a cask of single malt Scotch whisky and wanted to share the experience of sampling single cask whisky with the wider public; further notes that the founding of the society led to the opening of dedicated society tasting rooms at the Vaults in Leith, with later venues opening in London, Queen Street in Edinburgh and most recently in Glasgow; recognises the growth in membership across the UK and around the world over the past four decades, and the expansion of the Society's bottlings into a range of different spirits, while still maintaining an enthusiasm for rare and unique flavours and a sense of adventure and exploration across their output; notes that events and activities to mark the anniversary have included a refurbishment of the original Vaults venue and a record-breaking online whisky tasting event recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records; and wishes all those involved with the Society every success in the years to come.

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**145 Erin Boothman**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald  
Jim Shannon  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Erin Boothman, a pupil from Williamwood High School, East Renfrewshire, on her recent cycling successes; notes that Erin achieved a fantastic result at the British Youth Track Cycling Championships in 2022, placing 2nd in the under-16 women's category; further notes that in July 2023 Erin was crowned champion at the National Youth Omnium Championship at the Lee Valley VeloPark; understands that Erin represented Team GB at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Slovenia where she won a silver medal in the time trial despite some very tough competition from other participants; further understands that Erin was awarded a place on the Scottish Cycling Junior Training Programme; notes that Erin is working towards her goal of representing Scotland at the next Commonwealth Games; and wishes Erin all the very best as she continues in her cycling career.

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**146 Monktion Milers' santa dash for Ayrshire Parkinson's Group**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 15

**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Alan Brown**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Monktion Milers on organising their highly successful Santa Dash in Troon to raise funds for the Ayrshire Parkinson's Group; notes that Rachel Cox, Chairperson of the Milers, won the JogScotland Jog Leader of the Year in 2022, and acknowledges the valuable contribution such volunteer-led running groups make towards keeping people active and healthy as well as raising funds to support local community projects.

**151 Medical support for children in Gaza**

Tabled: 4/12/23 Signatories: 14

**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Claudia Webbe

Apsana Begum

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the United Nations Children's Fund has warned that Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world to be a child, following the end of the temporary pause in hostilities between Israel and Hamas on 1 December 2023; mourns the fact that at least 6,150 children have been killed in Gaza since 7 October 2023; further notes that hundreds of children are suffering severe injuries such as burns, amputations and complex fractures due to the conflict; applauds the offer of countries such as France to make arrangements to treat wounded and sick children from Gaza in hospitals in France; and calls on the United Kingdom to offer similar support to the children of Gaza.

**153 40 years of Street Life Newtownards**

Tabled: 5/12/23 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House celebrates 40 years of men's clothing store Street Life in the town of Newtownards; notes their first store which was initially opened in Bangor and now their transformation to their current store in Newtownards where they have doubled in size, with a brand new suit lounge; highlights the ten members of staff who have unique in store and online shopping experience, and who always go the extra mile in terms of customer service; thanks them for their contribution to the local economy in Newtownards and wishes them all the best for the future.

**155 Pay for Royal Fleet Auxiliary Seafarers**

Tabled: 5/12/23 Signatories: 16

Ian Mearns  
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Ian Lavery  
 John McDonnell  
 Andy McDonald  
 Richard Burgon

Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House pays tribute to the commitment and dedication of the 1,700 civilian seafarers, including trainees, at the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA); is concerned that nearly fifteen years of pay restraint is having a negative effect on recruitment, retention, training and industrial relations in the RFA; notes that inflation and pay restraint have effectively cut the value of RFA seafarers' pay by over thirty per cent since 2009-10; further notes that the number of RFA seafarers has fallen by twenty eight per cent since 2015 which compromises full and safe deployment of the RFA fleet; notes that RFA's thirteen ships support, re-supply and re-fuel the Royal Navy fleet on international deployment, combat drug trafficking and discharge the UK's humanitarian responsibilities following natural disasters; recognises the integral role that RFA crew play in maintaining the security and international interests of the UK and its maritime allies; highlights the RMT union's finding that nearly sixty per cent of RFA seafarers have worked for the RFA for over ten years; and calls on the Government to convene a forum with the recognised trade unions in the RFA to agree a fair pay award and wider reforms to prevent a crewing crisis at the RFA.

**156 Volunteering by Swifts FC Girls u-12s, 9s and 7s**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 10

Douglas Chapman  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Stewart Hosie  
 Brendan O'Hara  
 Stuart C McDonald

Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House commends Izzy Breach, Robyn Clarkson, Lucy Final, Amy Innes, Erin Lane, Sophia Hanlin, Erin Milne, Ellie Breach, Ava Morris, Olivia Morris and Keira Moffat from Swifts FC, based in Inverkeithing, Fife for volunteering as ball girls at the European Nations League qualifiers for amputee football; notes that over two days, during terrible weather, they ensured games finished on time and were full of action without delay; recognises the girls' conscientiousness which helped raise the profile of amputee football in Scotland and across Europe; commends them for being a fantastic credit to their parents and ambassadors for the club; and thanks them for giving up their time to help others.

**157 10th anniversary of the 2013 Glasgow helicopter crash**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 12

Alison Thewliss  
Kirsten Oswald  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Stewart Hosie  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law

Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that 29 November 2023 was the 10 year anniversary of the tragic helicopter crash at the Clutha Bar in Glasgow city centre; recalls that on 29 November 2013, a police helicopter with three crew members on board crashed into the Clutha Bar on Stockwell Street, killing all three crew members and seven patrons of the bar and injuring a further 31; commends the dedication and bravery of Glasgow's emergency services on the scene of the crash, including 125 firefighters, more than 25 ambulances, and two Special Operations Response Teams; understands that as a result of recommendations made by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch after the accident, the Civil Aviation Authority mandated that all police helicopters be fitted with Cockpit Voice Recorders and Flight Data Recorders; appreciates that the Clutha reopened its doors in July 2015, in a ceremony attended by then-First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon; and expresses its continued sympathy for all those impacted by the catastrophe, and its deepest regret for the casualties of the events of 29 November 2023.

**158 Zain Iqbal named Glasgow Young Sportsperson of the Year 2023**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Zain Iqbal of Southside Boxing Academy for being named Glasgow Young Sportsperson of the Year at the Glasgow Sport Awards 2023; notes that Zain received this award after winning the gold medal at the Scottish and GB School Championships, and the silver medal at the European School Championships in 2023; recognises the fantastic work of the Southside Boxing Academy, which has worked to provide a full range of boxing classes for boys, girls, men and women since its foundation in 2018; acknowledges the significance of this achievement; and wishes Zain and Southside Boxing Academy all the best in all future endeavours.

**159 33rd anniversary of Cathouse Glasgow rock club**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 8

Alison Thewliss  
Kirsten Oswald  
Stewart Hosie  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon

Richard Burgon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Cathouse Glasgow, Glasgow's oldest rock club, on the 33rd anniversary of its opening on 22 November 1990; acknowledges the contribution of Donald



Macleod MBE in establishing the club; recognises the immense contribution of Cathouse to Glasgow's nightlife and cultural flourishing over the years; acknowledges that over the years Cathouse has played host to live performances from world-famous and commercially successful bands such as Anthrax, Black Stone Cherry, Halestorm, Pearl Jam, Fall Out Boy, Queens of the Stone Age, and many others; commits itself to supporting the continued flourishing of the Glasgow night-time economy sector, represented by such iconic institutions of the city as Cathouse; and wishes the staff and management of Cathouse all the best in all future endeavours.

## 160 Raza Sadiq and the sportscotland Lifetime Contribution Award

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 6

Alison Thewliss  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Raza Sadiq, a founder and chairperson of Active Life Club, on his receipt of the sportscotland Lifetime Contribution Award; recognises that the award has been issued after 24 years of dedicated work with Active Life Club, which seeks to provide opportunities for kids, teens and adults to get involved in sports, art, dance and social events across the Southside of Glasgow; welcomes Mr Sadiq's immense contribution to providing opportunities for hundreds of young people in the local community to participate in sport, with a particular emphasis on his work to ensure the inclusion of Glasgow's BAME community; and wishes him well in all future endeavours.

## 161 Recognition of Girvan in South Ayrshire as Most Dog Friendly Town in the UK

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 6

Allan Dorans  
Kirsten Oswald  
Stewart Hosie  
Chris Law  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises and congratulates the town and people of Girvan, South Ayrshire on winning the prestigious Dog Friendly UK awards and recognition as the Most Dog Friendly Town in the United Kingdom, achieving the most public votes of the 122 entrants in the town or city category; notes especially the contribution of the Go Girvan Project, Trustees and local volunteers for their leadership, co-ordination of the project, and their involvement and partnership working with local businesses; further notes that the initiative included introducing a Go Girvan dog-friendly sticker scheme, highlighting over 30 local businesses in the scheme including cafes, shops, pubs, visitor attractions and accommodation providers, and promoting Girvan as a dog-friendly visitor destination by further highlighting the dog-friendly beach which extends to almost two miles, local dog-friendly walks and other dog-friendly activities; and notes the benefits to the local economy by attracting visitors to shop and spend time in the area and increasingly recognising the attractiveness of Girvan as a positive, thriving and welcoming tourist destination.

**162 Moroccan Paradise Golf and Beach Resort and Atlantic View Development**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House understands that some 800 investors, 300 of whom were British, made investments in the Moroccan Paradise Golf and Beach Resort and Atlantic View Development which was first advertised in 2006; notes the development was subsequently promoted in 2010 as part of Morocco's Vision 2020 tourism plan receiving some £35 million of foreign investment of which just £12 million appears able to be accounted for; further notes that the development was marketed as a luxurious five-star tourist resort near the city of Tangier but remains incomplete after construction halted in 2009; recognises the distress that this long-running dispute has caused investors who have failed to recoup their initial investments; further understands that UK government ministers have raised the issue of the incomplete resort at meetings with their Moroccan counterparts since 2016 which have been described as constructive but not conclusive; and calls on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to take all necessary actions to bring about a swift resolution to this dispute, with investors being refunded in full.

**163 Sky lanterns**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 5

Sir Greg Knight  
Sir Mike Penning  
Jonathan Edwards  
Caroline Lucas  
Jim Shannon

That this House is concerned that sky lanterns, also known as Chinese lanterns, continue to pose a serious fire safety hazard due to their uncontrolled and unpredictable flight paths, and are dangerous to livestock, wildlife, crops and the environment; notes that these hazards are exacerbated in rural areas in summer; further notes that the voluntary code on their use is not being universally respected; and calls on the Government to introduce an outright ban on flame-powered sky lanterns.

**164 Government Property Agency, ISS and outsourced workers**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 12

John McDonnell  
Chris Stephens  
Kate Osborne  
Jon Trickett  
Dan Carden  
Beth Winter

Ian Lavery  
Alison Thewliss

Claudia Webbe  
Richard Burgon

Apsana Begum

That this House is extremely concerned about the Government Property Agency's handling of the transfer of facilities management services from Mitie to ISS with respect to the implications for workers whose employment has transferred; notes that the pay arrangements for cleaners and caterers are being shifted from a monthly to a bi-weekly basis; believes that the shorter frequency

will make it harder for workers to pay their monthly rent, mortgage and other essential bills, and that such regular fluctuation in pay dates and amounts can have serious detrimental consequences for workers claiming Universal Credit; notes that the changes represent a unilateral variation to the workers' contracts of employment made without the agreement of the individual employees affected and their representatives in the Public and Commercial Services Union; fears that these changes are discriminatory as they have only been applied to a section of the workforce in which BAME women are more likely to be employed; and therefore calls on the Government Property Agency to require ISS to align pay arrangements for caterers and cleaners with those of their monthly salaried staff.

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### 165 Mearns Cycling Club

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald  
Chris Law  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House commends Niaz Haq for setting up Mearns Cycling Club, whose members predominantly reside in Newton Mearns and Giffnock, and is open to riders of all abilities; notes that the club has grown rapidly since it was first founded and now has up to 60 riders attending sessions every week; applauds the club's group charter which promotes camaraderie between members of the club, by ensuring the front rider of a group is alternated during a ride to lessen the impact of wind resistance for others; understands the club has organised special runs, including during Ramadan, in Gran Canaria, and across Scotland's scenic countryside; acknowledges the wide range of benefits that cycling can have on the physical, mental, and social health of riders; and wishes all the riders at Mearns Cycling Club well as they continue to pursue their cycling hobby.

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### 166 Scots Trad Music Awards 2023 original work of the year

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 5

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Sarah Dyke  
Angus Brendan MacNeil  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Skipinnish for their song The Clearances Again winning original work of the year at the Scots Trad Music Awards; notes that the song was written in protest against plans by the Scottish Government to block fishing in 10 per cent of Scottish waters with the creation of highly protected marine areas (HPMAs); recognises that the popularity of The Clearances Again formed an important part of the local campaign against the imposition of HPMAs in the Highlands and Islands; welcomes the Scottish Government's recent dropping of the controversial plans; and wishes Skipinnish success in their future creative work.

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**167 Scots Trad Music Awards 2023**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 6

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Sarah Dyke  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jamie Stone  
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates all the nominees and winners in the Scots Trad Music Awards; recognises that 2023 marks the 20th year of the awards, having first been established in 2003; notes in particular that the Orkney Folk Festival was named event of the year, while long-time volunteer and committee member of the Shetland Folk Festival Mhari McLeman was named traditional music enabler of the year; believes that traditional folk music represents a vital part of the cultural heritage of the Highlands and Islands and Scotland as a whole; and wishes local musicians further success as Scottish folk music goes from strength to strength.

**168 Clarkston Chanukah celebration**

Tabled: 6/12/23 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald  
 Chris Law  
 Allan Dorans  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

That this House wishes all those celebrating a Happy Chanukah; notes that Chanukah 2023 begins on Thursday 7 December; appreciates the efforts made across communities to mark the miraculous festival of lights; recognises the tireless work undertaken by Debra Clapham to secure a Menorah, donated by East Renfrewshire Council which replaced a Menorah previously donated by Sholom Jacobs of the Lubavitch Foundation; welcomes the fact that the Menorah is displayed at Clarkston Toll, shining on the communities of East Renfrewshire; understands that the custom is to light one candle on the first night and then add a candle each subsequent night; appreciates the efforts of Clarkston Chanukah Celebration Association, working with local organisations including Giffnock Newton Mearns Synagogue, to bring people together from across the diverse communities of East Renfrewshire to celebrate together at this time of year; recognises the joy and appreciation felt by those joining these celebrations; and sends all those celebrating best wishes for Chanukah.

**169 Migrants and domestic abuse**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 10

Apsana Begum  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Claudia Webbe

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Chris Stephens

Alison Thewliss

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that domestic abuse can have profound long-term effects on survivors and is concerned that it is very difficult to speak out about domestic abuse and often those that do are

subject to further silencing tactics; is concerned that police forces potentially sharing migrant data with Immigration Enforcement could prevent migrants experiencing domestic abuse from reporting to the police and others due to the fear that they will be treated as an offender themselves and face potential criminalisation, detention and deportation; is further concerned that many migrants experiencing domestic abuse are left without support due to the No Recourse to Public Funds policy; believes that everyone experiencing domestic abuse must feel able to report abuse and access justice and safety, and that perpetrators should not be allowed evade justice by using immigration status in order to silence, abuse and control; and calls on the Government to introduce a firewall between all public services and the Home Office and to scrap the No Recourse to Public Funds policy.

## 170 Two child benefit cap

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 15

Jon Trickett  
Jonathan Edwards  
Martyn Day  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams

Caroline Lucas  
Apsana Begum  
Jim Shannon

Ian Lavery  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Richard Burgon

Claudia Webbe  
Alison Thewliss  
Chris Stephens

That this House strongly opposes the continuation of the cruel and unnecessary two child limit for benefits, introduced by the Government in 2017; notes that recent research shows that one in 10 children live in households affected by the two-child limit, that is 1.5 million children; highlights the University of York and Nuffield Trust report which states that the two child limit along with the benefit cap have contributed to the rising levels of child poverty and that they are poverty-producing policies; strongly advocates scrapping the two child limit, noting the House of Commons Library data that shows if the cap was removed it would lift 270,000 households out of poverty at a cost of just £1.4 billion, far less than the Government's £5 billion claim; and finally notes that the current Government has overseen a huge increase in child poverty since 2010, with a majority of children living in poverty in households where at least one adult is in work.

## 171 British Council International School Award accreditation for Hedworth Lane Primary School

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 5

Kate Osborne  
Ian Lavery  
Apsana Begum  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Hedworth Lane Primary School for their recent accreditation with the British Council International School Award; and notes that this is a brilliant achievement for all pupils and staff involved and applauds them for all their hard work with this accreditation and in the local community.

**172 Sewage discharges by United Utilities**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 9

Tony Lloyd  
Jonathan Edwards  
Claudia Webbe  
Apsana Begum  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

Richard Burgon

Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the regular and large-scale dumping of sewage by United Utilities across the North West of England; notes that recent Freedom of Information requests show that since 2018 raw sewage has been pumped into the North West's natural environment for a total of 2,219,418 hours; highlights that in 2021 United Utilities recorded the highest number of sewage spillages in English rivers of any water company; believes that United Utilities clearly needs to act to greatly reduce its level of sewage-dumping; is concerned by the suggestion by United Utilities that they will increase customers' bills as part of a plan to reduce sewage-dumping; and calls on United Utilities to first look to raise any funds required to reduce sewage-dumping by cutting expenditures such as the more than £300 million paid as dividends to shareholders earlier this year.

**173 Clothing poverty awareness**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 13

Apsana Begum  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Jonathan Edwards  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Hywel Williams

Ian Lavery  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

Claudia Webbe  
Jon Trickett

Mary Kelly Foy  
Richard Burgon

That this House notes with concern that rising numbers of people are unable to afford adequate clothing in the United Kingdom, that the demand for clothing banks has increased dramatically and is particularly acute during winter months and that even despite the best efforts of clothing banks clothing deprivation is an hidden aspect of poverty in the United Kingdom; further notes that whilst other deprivations, notably food deprivations, are highly publicised and visible in the United Kingdom's public consciousness the same is not true of clothing deprivation; acknowledges that through its voluntarily ratification of a range of treaties the United Kingdom has recognised and assumed obligations in international law to work towards the realisation of the right to adequate clothing; recognises the right to adequate clothing; calls on the Government to acknowledge the growing issue of clothing deprivation; further calls on the Government to publish a clothing strategy to ensure that nobody is excluded from accessing adequate clothing as well as address concerns regarding the environmental damage caused by fast fashion and the exploitation faced by garment workers in this country and in global supply chains; and also calls on the the Government to begin work towards addressing these issues through policy and law.

**174 Funding domestic abuse services**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 10

Apsana Begum  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Mary Kelly Foy

Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

Jon Trickett

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that domestic abuse has wide ranging effects, including mental, emotional, physical, social and financial, on all areas of life for the individual survivor and those around them; recognises that community-based domestic abuse services provide holistic, specialist support to women and children experiencing domestic abuse on both a short and long-term basis; further recognises that access to support at all stages - whether still living with the abuser, planning to flee, or having already left to rebuild their lives – is absolutely critical; is alarmed that many such services are chronically underfunded and working to short-term contracts, creating a postcode lottery of provision across the country; and calls on the Government to ensure that domestic abuse services, including specialist services for disabled, LGBTQ+ and Black and Asian survivors, are properly funded so that every survivor can access the support they need.

**175 Domestic abuse and the workplace**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 11

Apsana Begum  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Ian Lavery  
 Claudia Webbe

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Richard Burgon

Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that domestic abuse can have profound long-term effects on survivors and is concerned that is very difficult to speak out about domestic abuse and often those that do are subject to further silencing tactics; recognises that domestic violence is a workplace issue and that it can affect employment performance and in some cases even mean the abuse is carried out in the workplace; believes that domestic abuse policies form an essential part of a strategy to achieve equal opportunities in the workplace; recognises trade unions are key in holding employers to account and have an important role to play in bargaining for better workplace conditions; calls on all employers to ensure workplaces are places of safety for survivors of domestic abuse with measures in place for their protection and an environment fostered where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively; and calls on the Government to ensure a nationally funded network of domestic violence and abuse support services.



**176 East Renfrewshire Christmas card competition**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 4

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House applauds the fantastic artistic endeavours of the many hundreds of artistic East Renfrewshire primary school children, from schools all across the local area, who took part in the 2023 Christmas picture competition organised by the hon. Member for East Renfrewshire; notes that children produced beautifully festive and creative artwork, designed to share good cheer; appreciates the efforts and participation of all of those who took part; acknowledges the very high standard of all entries received; heartily congratulates all winners; recognises that the overall winner was Connie McCloy of Carolside Primary School; with runners up Callum O'Donnell, Caskie Kennedy, David Oliphant, and Nuala Riley of Isobel Mair School who worked together on their design; understands that the winner in the P1-P2 category was Martha McLaughlin of Eaglesham Primary School; notes that the winner in the P3-P5 category was Thom Bull of Hillview Primary School; appreciates that the winner in the P6-P7 category was Lilly-Rose Robertson of St Mark's Primary School; thanks the outstanding school teams across East Renfrewshire for all their efforts supporting pupils throughout the year; and wishes teachers, families and children a peaceful and happy Christmas.

**177 Arms to Israel**

Tabled: 7/12/23 Signatories: 32

**Chris Law**  
**Afzal Khan**  
**Tommy Sheppard**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Kim Johnson**

Caroline Lucas  
 Stewart Hosie  
 Mary Kelly Foy  
 Nadia Whittome  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Cat Smith  
 Chris Stephens

Stuart C McDonald  
 Kate Hollern  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Deidre Brock  
 Martyn Day  
 Richard Burgon

Claire Hanna  
 Apsana Begum  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Kate Osamor  
 John McDonnell  
 Barry Gardiner

That this House notes with deep concern that UK-made military equipment and technology is being used by Israel, including in its most recent bombardment of the occupied Gaza Strip which has resulted in thousands of deaths and injuries; expresses alarm at reports by the UN Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and others of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law by Israel, including apparently unlawful attacks that may amount to war crimes; further notes that Israel uses military technology and weaponry, including surveillance technology, in the broader repression of Palestinians across Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory; is therefore alarmed by the granting of and continuation of extant UK licences for export to the Israeli military of arms and arms components including for aircrafts, helicopters, drones, missiles, military technology, armoured vehicles, tanks, ammunition, and small arms; reminds the Government that under international and domestic law, the UK is required to prevent the transfer of military equipment where there is a clear or overriding risk that such exports might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law or international human rights law, as affirmed by Articles 6 and 7 of the Arms Trade Treaty, and criteria one and two of the UK's Strategic Export Licensing Criteria; and therefore calls for the Government to immediately halt all transfers of military equipment and technology, including components, to Israel, and to suspend the issuing of new licences.

**179      Alpino's Fish and Chips, Barrhead**Tabled: **7/12/23**      Signatories: **4****Kirsten Oswald**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Alpino's Fish and Chips in Barrhead for being named the Best Dine in Restaurant and the Best Family Business at the 2023 Scottish Fish and Chips Awards; understands that across East Renfrewshire there were several other fish and chip shops noted for their excellence, including Kadir's Fish and Chips who were shortlisted for the Best Chippy Award, L'arco Takeaway who were shortlisted for Best Family Business and Best Delivery Service, and CATCH Fish and Chips Giffnock who won in the Best Chippy West category; appreciates that the awards were decided by a public vote; notes the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards celebrate culinary expertise, commitment to traditional cooking, and exemplary customer service; welcomes the contribution that fish and chip shops have across communities in East Renfrewshire; and wishes all the staff at Alpino's Fish and Chips the very best for the future.