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New EDMs

320 Holocaust Memorial Day 2024

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House marks Holocaust Memorial Day, occurring on 27th January 2024; acknowledges that the date coincides with the 79th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp; commemorates every victim of Nazi persecution, including the 6 million Jewish people who were murdered during the Holocaust; remembers the victims of the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; notes this year's theme of the 'Fragility of Freedom', which brings into focus that our freedom should never be taken for granted; commends the work of organisations like the Holocaust Educational Trust and the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust in raising awareness of the horrors of genocide; further notes with concern the record highs of antisemitism in the UK and around the world; supports the Community Security Trust in their efforts to tackle antisemitism and to protect the Jewish community; welcomes the creation of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial in central London; acknowledges that prejudice and hatred persists in the UK today, including a disturbing rise in antisemitism and Islamophobia, and we all must work together to stamp it out; and calls on all Members of the House to work together to ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust are always understood and never repeated.

321 Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 1

Munira Wilson

That this House commemorates Children's Mental Health Week 2024 which runs from 5 to 11 February; notes with concern that one in five children between the ages of seven and sixteen have a probable mental health disorder; acknowledges the negative impacts that poor mental health can have on children's present and future wellbeing; further acknowledges the impact poor mental health is having on persistent absence in schools; recognises that this year's theme is My Voice

Matters reflecting the importance of listening to children and young people; and further recognises the urgent need to provide early intervention and universal mental health support to children and young people.

322 City of Glasgow College, Queen's Anniversary Prize

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 1

Carol Monaghan

That this House congratulates the City of Glasgow College on receiving a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education; notes that this award was granted because of the College's life-saving research into oxygen depletion in enclosed spaces on-board ships; highlights the highly prestigious nature of this honour, which is awarded biennially to colleges and universities for outstanding work and cutting-edge innovation significantly benefiting wider society; commends the College for receiving a 7-Diamond world ranking and an Outstanding Achievement Award for Driving Innovation at the European Foundation for Quality Management Awards; further notes that the College is the first organisation in Scotland to be awarded 7-Diamond status; recognises the commitment, hard work and expertise of the College's lecturers and support staff who have created a purposeful learning environment, equipping students with vital skills which will enable them to prosper in the workforce; and wishes the College all the best for a very successful future.

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.

279 150th Anniversary of St. Ninian's High School, Kirkintilloch

Tabled: 15/01/24 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Patricia Gibson

Patrick Grady

That this House warmly congratulates St. Ninian's High School Kirkintilloch on reaching its remarkable milestone of 150 years of excellence in education and service to the community; notes that, founded in 1974, St. Ninian's High School has been a beacon of education, enlightenment and community service in East Dunbartonshire; celebrates the school's rich history, unwavering commitment to academic excellence and integral role in shaping the lives of generations of students in East Dunbartonshire; recognises St. Ninian's High School's outstanding achievement in being honoured with the Scottish Education Award in 2017 which underscores the school's dedication to innovation, inclusivity, and high standards; also notes that St. Ninian's High School demonstrated exemplary commitment to creating a positive learning environment, fostering community engagement, and achieving excellence in education; commends St Ninian's High School and wishes staff and pupils well on its next chapter; expresses optimism for its continued success; and hopes that the school community continues to thrive and inspire for many more years to come.

282 Pastor Iain and Elizabeth of King's Church, Aberdeen

Tabled: 16/01/24 Signatories: 5

Kirsty Blackman
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Patrick Grady

That this House honours Pastor Iain and Elizabeth of King's Church, Aberdeen for 20 years of leadership and dedication; recognises their work brought faith and enrichment to the community; and wishes them and their family the best for the future.

284 Journalists in Gaza

Tabled: 16/01/24 Signatories: 38

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Liz Saville Roberts
Jeremy Corbyn

Martyn Day

Afzal Khan

Kate Osamor

That this House is profoundly shocked and saddened by the deaths of over 85 journalists and other media workers in Gaza since the Hamas attacks of October 7, with many more critically injured, missing or in detention without trial; believes that journalists in Gaza are the only ones standing between the truth and a total media blackout and that, without their work, the world would not bear witness to these atrocities; is alarmed by reports from the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and the International Federation of Journalists that a further 80 press and media institutions were targeted by Israeli bombing, being totally or partially destroyed in Gaza; calls on the Government to urge the Israeli authorities to desist from targeting journalists or media organisations in these deadly attacks and accept the need to help de-escalate the cycle of violence which has resulted in the mass slaughter of civilians and a humanitarian catastrophe.

291 Classification and regulation of NHS medical associate roles and patient safety

Tabled: 17/01/24 Signatories: 15

Claudia Webbe
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Mohammad Yasin
Richard Thomson
Kate Osborne

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House believes that the renaming of NHS medical assistant roles to physician associate and anaesthesia associate is confusing the public by blurring the clear distinction between doctors and other professionals who do not have medical qualifications and training; believes that this misleads the public and notes with regret the case of Emily Chesterton, whom the coroner ruled should have been sent to hospital for emergency admission but was misdiagnosed by the same physician associate on both occasions and treated for a calf sprain; agrees that the planned regulation

of these non-medical roles by the General Medical Council adds to this potentially dangerous confusion; notes that nine out of 10 doctors in a recent survey believe that the increased scope and number of these roles is dangerous to patients and highly misleading; further notes that the Royal College of GPs has opposed the Government's planned expansion of these associate roles; calls on the Government to revert the titles of these roles immediately to their previous titles of Physician Assistant and Anaesthesia Assistant to ensure the safety of patients and the proper functioning of the NHS and to regulate them through the Health and Care Professions Council, as the British Medical Association has recommended; and further calls on the Government to ensure that the NHS Workforce Plan must fill physician roles with fully-qualified physicians, maintaining a clear distinction between medically-qualified roles and other roles.

293 Angus gin

Tabled: 17/01/24 Signatories: 13

Dave Doogan
Kirsten Oswald
Richard Thomson
Dr Philippa Whitford
Drew Hendry
Chris Law

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates the Gin Bothy on their gin being selected for this year's Oscars nominee gift bags; commends the growth of this multi-award-winning business trading from Glamis in the heart of Angus and propelled by its founder Kim Cameron's leadership and vision; welcomes Gin Bothy's use of locally-sourced ingredients; celebrates their expansion to larger production premises in Forfar; highlights their growing order book and international success in markets in Europe and the US; and values their contribution to the immensely important food and drink economy in Angus and Scotland.

299 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2024

Tabled: 18/01/24 Signatories: 33

Dr Philippa Whitford
Rachael Maskell
Sir Mike Penning
Richard Thomson
Drew Hendry
Ronnie Cowan

Anne McLaughlin

Mr Gregory Campbell

Patrick Grady

That this House notes that 22 January marks the start of Cervical Cancer Prevention Week 2024, which is an opportunity to highlight the vital importance of HPV vaccines and cervical screening in the prevention of cervical cancer and their potential to thereby contribute to the elimination of cervical cancer; acknowledges that there are significant inequalities in the uptake of cervical screening and HPV vaccines; recognises the work of Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust in providing public information and individual support; and encourages hon. Members to support Cervical Cancer Prevention Week by raising awareness and sharing campaign resources with their constituents.

302 Muirtown Primary SchoolTabled: **19/01/24** Signatories: **11**

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman
Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
David Linden

Patrick Grady

That this House commends Muirtown Primary School on their ongoing commitment to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment for their pupils; recognises they have won numerous awards for their efforts including a Silver Pearson's Award for Digital Innovation, Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award, Digital Schools Award, Cyber Resilience and Internet Safety Award, Digital Wellbeing Award, School of the Year and their teacher Beth Fuller won Teacher of the Year at the Highland Hero Awards; notes that most recently they created artwork to demonstrate their passion for climate change, which was showcased at an event in the House of Commons; congratulates them for their successes; and wishes them continued success for the future.

304 15th anniversary of Fairweather Drop-in GroupTabled: **22/01/24** Signatories: **5**

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Chris Law

That this House congratulates all involved with the Fairweather Drop-in Group, who meet at Fairweather Hall, Newton Mearns, on the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the group; applauds the multi-cultural and multi-faith nature of the group, which welcomes over 50s from all sections of the local community to join their weekly drop-in sessions; understands that attendees come together in a spirit of cross-cultural friendship, which is central to the operation of the group; notes that the group meets every Thursday from 12.45pm to 3.30pm at Fairweather Hall, Barrhead Road, Newton Mearns; further applauds the wide variety of areas of interest facilitated by the group, which has included activities such as bingo, board games, cards, discussions, weekly yoga sessions, educational trips, art tuition and more; appreciates that the group incorporates a lunch club, which caters for both vegetarian and non vegetarian diets; further notes the important contribution that Fairweather Drop-in makes to preventing loneliness and fostering friendships, as well as the boost felt by members in their mental wellbeing; appreciates that the group received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2017 in recognition of the important contribution the group makes in the local community; applauds the tireless work of all involved in sustaining the club and keeping it relevant to those attending over the past 15 years; and wishes Fairweather Drop-in continued success.

317 Support for families of British PalestiniansTabled: **24/01/24** Signatories: **8**

Drew Hendry
Deidre Brock
Pete Wishart
Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

Dr Philippa Whitford

Amy Callaghan

That this House absolutely condemns the ongoing conflict in Gaza; further condemns the futile and tragic loss of life and the impact on all Palestinians; notes with specific concern the situation of Salim Ghayyada's 40 immediate family members who have been forced to abandon their homes in Gaza City and move to a tent city in Rafah with limited access to basic necessities including food, water and sanitation; and urges the UK Government to take immediate action and create safe, viable routes for the family of British Palestinians to evacuate and seek safety in the UK.