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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 5 February 2024

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### New EDMs

#### 361 Support for bereaved children

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 4

Christine Jardine  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes with sadness that, on average, a child loses a parent every 20 minutes in the UK; further notes with concern that support services have no way of knowing exactly how many children suffer a bereavement each year, or where they live; recognises the work of charities in providing specialist support for children who lose a loved one; applauds the wide range of services they provide including support groups, hotlines, online chats and email support; commends charities including Winston's Wish, Childhood Bereavement Network and Child Bereavement UK for collecting over 11,000 signatures on their petition calling for better recognition of bereaved children; and calls on the Government to introduce a new protocol for authorities and public bodies to inform children of local, national and online support services available to children following a bereavement.

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#### 362 Mortgage prisoners

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 4

Martin Docherty-Hughes  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes the new campaign launched by the UK Mortgage Prisoners Action Group which calls for urgent and sweeping legislative reforms to mortgages to avert further homeowner crises and go some way to righting the current wrongs; understands that there are nearly 200,000

mortgage prisoners who are still suffering severe financial hardship due to decisions made by the Government and regulator in the course of bailing out the banks following the 2008 global financial crash; and believes urgent action must be taken to address the injustice that so many have suffered through no fault of their own and rather as a consequence of sales of mortgages to non lenders, repeated securitisation and regulatory changes further trapping many thousands of historic interest only customers.

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### 363 Barry John, 1945 to 2024

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 4

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

That this House mourns the sad passing of the great Welsh rugby union outside half Barry John, born and raised in the Gwendraeth Valley village of Cefneithin in Carmarthenshire; notes that Mr John played his club rugby with Llanelli and Cardiff, was capped for Wales for the first time in 1966 and represented his country on 25 occasions before retiring in 1972 aged 27; acknowledges that he is recognised as the greatest Welsh outside half; further notes that Mr John toured with the British and Irish Lions to South Africa in 1968 and New Zealand in 1971, winning five test caps; also notes that during the momentous 1971 Tour, Mr John scored 30 of the 48 points scored by the Lions in the series, the only time the Lions have won a series in New Zealand; remembers that during the tour Mr John was labelled the King by the New Zealand media and supporters; and recalls that Mr John is immortalised in the Max Boyce poem named the Outside Half Factory – Disaster struck this morning, when fitters mate Ron, cracked the mould of solid gold, that once made Barry John.

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### 364 The Pioneers display and Peter McLagan

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 4

**Martyn Day**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

That this House commends the temporary display entitled The Pioneers: The First Asian and Black MPs, which is being transferred to form part of the permanent hang in Admissions Order Office Corridor; reflects on the protracted process of permanently acknowledging our groundbreaking Asian and Black MPs; notes with dismay the exclusion of Scotland's first mixed-race MP, Peter McLagan, who served the Linlithgowshire constituency from 1865 to 1893; further notes that Peter was the longest-serving Scottish Member during the reign of Queen Victoria; and calls on the Parliamentary authorities to rectify the omission of Peter McLagan from The Pioneers display at the earliest opportunity.

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### 365 Fetcha Chocolates

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 1

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this House congratulates Fiona McArthur, owner and creator of Fetcha Chocolates from Campbeltown in Argyll and Bute on being selected to provide dairy-free, vegan chocolates which will be included the 2024 Academy Awards ceremony gift bag; understands that Fiona who started the business from her mum's kitchen in 2019 will create boxes of 24 handmade chocolates

which will feature six different flavours inspired by six of the Oscar nominated movies, Barbie, Oppenheimer, Killers Of The Flower Moon, Poor Things, The Holdovers and Maestro; recognises that Fetcha Chocolates have been chosen for inclusion at the Oscars because in addition to being handmade and being free of dairy products, Fiona's chocolates contain no egg, gluten, soy or palm oil, are alcohol-free, and come in packaging that has no plastic content; and sends Fiona McArthur and Fetcha Chocolates very best wishes for the future.

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### 366 Vanity Hair Salon, City of Durham's Small Business of the Year

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 1

**Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House congratulates Vanity Hair Salon in Gilesgate, County Durham, on winning the City of Durham's Small Business of the Year 2023; commends Katie, Courtney, Georgia and Lynsey for their cosmetology; values their contribution to the local community and the local economy; and wishes them every success for the future.

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### 367 50th anniversary of the loss with all hands of the trawler fishing vessel Gaul

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 1

**Emma Hardy**

That this House notes with solemnity and sadness the 50th anniversary of the loss of the fishing vessel Gaul, with all hands, on the night of 8-9 February 1974 in storm conditions in the Barents Sea, north of Norway; remembers the 36 crew who lost their lives; further notes that this remains the worst peacetime disaster to befall the British commercial fishing industry; offers its sincere condolences to their families, friends, relatives and the fishing community of Hull; deeply regrets the failure of the Government to locate the wreck following the sinking; notes that it took a further 23 years for the wreck to be located; recognises the distress and suffering of all those affected by the tragedy in the intervening years of uncertainty; further recognises the determination of all those who continued to campaign for answers to the tragedy; thanks the Dispatches team led by the late documentary filmmaker Roger Fenton whose work resulted in the discovery of its final resting place; further notes the series of events taking place in Hull between 8 and 11 February to commemorate the anniversary; acknowledges the eternal debt of gratitude owed by the nation to the generations who risked their lives at sea as part of the British fishing fleet; and honours the memory of all those who did not return.

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### 368 Apprenticeships

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the importance of apprenticeships throughout the UK in helping young people achieve their full potential through employment; highlights that in the 2021 calendar year apprenticeship uptakes were sitting at 1,640,300 and in the most recent financial year increased to 1,719,600 across the UK; further notes that in Northern Ireland specifically 57% of people doing apprenticeships achieved a level 2 qualification and 38% achieved a level 3; underlines the important role apprenticeships play in holding up our economy and in giving young students the opportunity to explore the world of work throughout all industries, such as agriculture, engineering, manufacturing, accounting, business and so much more; encourages all young

people to take advantage of these opportunities offered to them; and thanks local businesses and industries for giving young people a chance through apprenticeships.

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### 369 2,000th edition of Sound Around Ards

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the important milestone for Sound Around Ards, a talking newspaper service for the Ards peninsula in Strangford constituency, which last week recorded its 2,000th edition since its launch in 1980; highlights that each week, volunteers record 40 minutes of the highlights from local newspapers onto CDs, as it aims to assist those within the sight impairment community but now serves for all those who feel they would benefit from the service; further highlights the incredible work of the volunteers and the secretary Alison Coyle who go above and beyond to provide this service for so many who depend on it; and wishes the team all the best for the future and many more episodes to come.

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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.

### 318 Postural Tachycardia Syndrome awareness

Tabled: 24/01/24 Signatories: 9

**Cat Smith**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

Andrew Selous

Angela Crawley

That this House notes that Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) is an autonomic nervous system abnormality where sitting, standing and exercise can cause symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain, brain fog, dizziness, pain, fainting, vomiting and fatigue; recognises that many people suffer a combination of symptoms, which can be chronic and debilitating, in some cases, leaving people bed ridden; further notes that while there is currently no cure for PoTS, studies indicate that 90% of people with a diagnosis of PoTS have improved or managed symptoms due to medically guided treatments and lifestyle changes but awareness of the condition is still low which may explain why the average time from first presentation of symptoms to diagnosis is seven years; and recognises the need to both raise awareness of the condition amongst medical professionals, and increase the support offered to those who suffer from PoTS.

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**321 Children's Mental Health Week 2024**

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 20

**Munira Wilson**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Jamie Stone**

Caroline Lucas

Carla Lockhart

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.

**323 Armenian Quarter in Jerusalem**

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 17

**Chris Law**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Stephen Farry**

Layla Moran

That this House is deeply alarmed by the attempted take-over of the Cows' Garden in the Armenian Quarter of occupied Jerusalem by illegal Israeli settler organisations; notes that, despite the cancellation of a lease agreement, Israeli settlers have used violence, threats and bulldozers against the Armenians at this site; recognises that settlements in the Old City of Jerusalem are a method of permanent land acquisition and theft of territory, and needs the same robust international response as elsewhere in occupied Palestinian territory; acknowledges the severe and critical threat to the Armenian community of Jerusalem, which has had a presence in the Old City for almost two millennia; further recognises that the destruction within the Cows' Garden in the Armenian Quarter wounds the local fabric and relations between communities; highlights the particular vulnerability of the small yet vibrant Armenian community of Jerusalem; and calls on the Government to take effective measures in response including supporting all legal and accountability mechanisms to resolve this crisis.

**324 Michael Dunlop**

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 4

**Ian Paisley**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates Michael Dunlop winning the King Of The Roads racing award at the Irish motorbike awards ceremony in Belfast; further congratulates Michael on his victories in

a record number of road racing championships and as holder of one of the highest number of victories in the Isle of Man TT races; and wishes him continued success.

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**325 Glenn Irwin**

Tabled: **26/01/24** Signatories: **2**

**Ian Paisley**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House congratulates motorbike champion Glenn Irwin on his consecutive victory as Irish Motorcyclist of the Year at the annual motorbike awards ceremony in Belfast; and notes the outstanding achievement by Glenn Irwin to win this trophy in consecutive years.

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**326 Miners' Strike 1984: The Battle For Britain documentary series**

Tabled: **26/01/24** Signatories: **31**

**Owen Thompson**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Richard Thomson**  
**Kirsten Oswald**

Richard Burgon

Ian Mearns

That this House applauds the Miners' Strike 1984: The Battle For Britain documentary series for shining a much needed light on events that irrevocably changed our country; thanks Channel 4 and Swan Films for their continued commitment to hard-hitting factual programmes; commends the miners and their families for taking part in the programme to share their traumatic experiences; acknowledges the massive impact of the strikes and the repression of the time on the social fabric of Midlothian, Scotland and other communities across the UK; further acknowledges that this legacy continues to the present day, with former mining communities suffering unacceptable levels of deprivation including unemployment, ill health and social disadvantage; and calls for justice, a pardon and compensation for all miners and their families.

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**327 Health workers in Gaza and the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize**

Tabled: **26/01/24** Signatories: **29**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Stephen Farry**

Ian Mearns

That this House congratulates the more than 250,000 people who have signed a petition to support the nomination of health care workers in Gaza for the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize; believes that health workers in Gaza have sought to save lives in the most difficult of circumstances and mourns the loss of the more than 300 health workers so far killed in Israel's assault on Gaza; notes that the prize can be awarded to an organisation as well as up to three individuals; and encourages as many of those as possible who qualify to nominate for the Nobel Peace Prize, including parliamentarians,

government ministers, professors and members of the Institute of International Law to do so ahead of the 31 January deadline.

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**331 Appeal of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine for humanitarian and military aid**

Tabled: **26/01/24** Signatories: **8**

**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Caroline Lucas

That this House expresses its support for the appeal of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine to the Trade Unions, Parliaments, and Governments of democratic countries, which notes the new year in Ukraine began with horrific massive Russian missile attacks on the cities of Ukraine, that every day, residents of peaceful cities die and are injured at the hands of Russia, that Ukrainians are forced to live and work in a state of permanent stress and anxiety and that Ukrainians are paying a high price for freedom and peace in Europe; notes that the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, as the voice of Ukrainian workers, draws attention to the need to take decisive measures to protect Ukraine and appeals to the international community to speed up the provision of military aid to Ukraine, to continue providing economic and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, to strengthen sanctions against the terrorist regime of Russia, that can significantly limit the financial resources and export of technology necessary for the continuation of the war, to ensure the possibility of using frozen Russian assets to direct them to help Ukraine, and to isolate and remove from work in international organisations Russian political, public, and trade union figures, as representatives of a country that carries out terrorist activities against Ukraine and its citizens; and recognises that joint efforts will help stop Russian aggression, which is not only destroying Ukraine, but also undermining economic, energy, ecological, and food stability in Europe.

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**333 Retirement of Northern Ireland and Rangers footballer Steven Davis**

Tabled: **29/01/24** Signatories: **4**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the announcement of Steven Davis to retire from playing professional football; acknowledges the outstanding achievements of Steven, who at 39 years old holds the UK men's international caps record with 140 appearances for Northern Ireland as well as 742 club appearances for top flight clubs in England and Scotland, having played for his beloved Glasgow Rangers in two separate spells using the term, it's such a special football club, in his retirement statement; and wishes him and his family every blessing and good wish as he decides on his post playing career.

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**334 High Income Child Benefit Charge**Tabled: **29/01/24** Signatories: **11**

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Jim Shannon**

Caroline Lucas

Martyn Day

That this House expresses deep concern that the High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) continues to create unfairness and anomalies such as discriminating against a family with one earner who earns in excess of £50,000 compared with a family whose joint earnings may exceed the £50,000 threshold; remains concerned that it has not been increased to reflect pay inflation from 2013 and discourages claims to child benefit through the need for higher earners to undertake a self-assessment tax return and potentially negatively impacts on National Insurance Contributions; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to review the HICBC at the first opportunity with a view to removing the anomalies or make arrangements to devolve responsibility and related funding for Child Benefit to the Scottish and Welsh governments and the Northern Ireland administration.

**336 NHS dental services in Northern Ireland**Tabled: **30/01/24** Signatories: **4**

**Paul Girvan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House expresses alarm that NHS dental services in Northern Ireland are changing how they operate, resulting in patients either remaining with the practice as a private patient or having to seek to register with a practice which will provide NHS treatment; and calls on the Government to ensure that adequate NHS provision is provided throughout local communities to meet the need.

**337 Childhood cancer**Tabled: **30/01/24** Signatories: **10**

**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jon Trickett**

Caroline Lucas

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that over 4,000 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK every year; further notes that cancer is still the biggest killer by disease of children and young people in the UK; recognises the unique medical and psychosocial impacts of cancer on children and young people as compared to cancer in adults; expresses concern that the Major Conditions Strategy is being driven by adult-focused conditions and will be insufficient to address these unique impacts; highlights the Children and Young People's Cancer Plan proposed by the Children's Cancer and

Leukaemia Group and Young Lives vs Cancer; and urges the Government to adopt the provisions of the Plan to comprehensively address the needs of children and young people with cancer.

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### 338 Woodland Trust MOREwoods scheme

Tabled: 30/01/24 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the Woodland Trust MOREwoods scheme, which is available to anyone wanting to plant woodland of at least 500 trees on at least half a hectare of land; highlights that the scheme includes saplings, advice and funding for new hedging projects and that all trees and shrubs supplied by the Woodland Trust in Northern Ireland are native broadleaved species that are UK-sourced and grown, which will help local landscapes become more diverse and, therefore, more resilient to future threats, such as pests and diseases; and encourages people with the necessary facilities to get in touch with the Woodland Trust to put forward an application and to do their bit to preserve nature and tackle nature emergencies.

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### 339 Rural Support for Farmers

Tabled: 30/01/24 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House expresses concern that Rural Support says calls and referrals to its service have increased by 40% due to the current pressures being faced by the industry; notes the significant pressures that farmers have been under especially due to rising interest rates, input costs, long hours and market uncertainty; highlights the stellar contribution farmers offer to our local economy and that 70,001 people are employed within the sector in Northern Ireland, based on 49,575 farmers; encourages all those suffering with the stresses of the job to seek help and discuss these issues; thanks every farmer across the United Kingdom for their efforts to our local economy; and wishes them all the best for their futures in farming.

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### 340 Lothians Veterans Centre

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 5

**Owen Thompson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House notes the invaluable contribution of the Lothians Veterans Centre, a small independent charity dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families in Midlothian; further notes that the centre operates a vital drop-in facility in Dalkeith, staffed by a committed team ready to address a variety of challenges faced by veterans and their families; commends the safe, welcoming environment provided by the Lothians Veterans Centre which is crucial in offering instant assistance, support and advice on a wide range of services; acknowledges the comprehensive support offered by the Centre including, but not limited to, health and wellbeing, housing, employment, benefits, pensions, further education and training, access to health services, welfare, comradeship and activities; appreciates the importance of the informal support provided by the

Centre such as the opportunity for veterans to drop in for a brew and a chat which plays a vital role in building community and offering emotional support; applauds the exceptional dedication and commitment of staff at the Lothians Veterans Centre; highlights the importance of such organisations in supporting those who have served our country; and wishes the staff and veterans there good health and success in the future.

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### 341 Energy Training Academy's Net Zero Home

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 4

Owen Thompson  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the commendable efforts of the Energy Training Academy in opening its Net Zero Home, a pioneering initiative that is set to play a pivotal role in shaping the workforce of tomorrow; recognises that the 12,000 sq ft. training centre in Dalkeith, Midlothian, a fully functioning one-bedroom bungalow, represents a significant step forward in addressing the pressing challenges of the modern built environment while nurturing future talent in the renewable energy sector; commends the Energy Training Academy's Net Zero Home as a testament to sustainable possibilities by showcasing innovative technologies such as solar energy, smart heating and efficient design showing how an eco-friendly living space can be created; applauds the project for not only fostering skill development but also inspiring a step towards a greener future; and wishes the project and its staff every success in the future.

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### 342 Bonnyrigg Rose FC and the Scottish Cup

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Carla Lockhart  
Chris Stephens

That this House extends its heartfelt congratulations to Bonnyrigg Rose FC for their outstanding achievement in reaching the fifth round of the Scottish Cup football tournament; applauds their remarkable journey through the competition which has captured the hearts of fans and the wider community in Midlothian; acknowledges the club's unwavering determination and exceptional teamwork; further acknowledges that their success is a testament to the spirit of local football and the resilience of clubs that continue to make a significant impact in the national arena; recognises the supreme dedication of Bonnyrigg Rose FC's supporters, volunteers and all those who have contributed to the club's success; and wishes the side success in the forthcoming fifth round of the Scottish Cup where they face Aberdeen FC.

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**343 Barnet mental health union dispute**

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 9

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Dawn Butler**  
**Beth Winter**

Richard Burgon

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with grave concern the ongoing industrial dispute over recruitment and retention payments with Barnet Council and UNISON in relation to the deeply disturbing endemic staffing crisis that exists within frontline mental health services in Barnet; further notes that this dispute is now the longest-running mental health social worker dispute in UNISON's history; observes that Barnet Council has refused to negotiate since they were first notified of the strike dates on 1 September 2023; believes that Barnet Council has a duty to its staff and mental health service users to try to expedite a resolution that will ensure a safe service with no waiting lists; and calls on Barnet Council to enter into meaningful negotiations with Barnet UNISON, the local trade union, to try and resolve this dispute constructively in order to allow mental health social workers to feel safe and secure in their workplace.

**344 LGBT+ History Month**

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 19

**Christine Jardine**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**David Mundell**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Daisy Cooper**

Caroline Lucas  
 Chris Stephens

Richard Burgon

Angela Crawley

That this House recognises February 2024 as LGBT+ History Month; notes this year's theme of UnderTheScope, which aims to recognise the work of LGBT+ people in healthcare and medicine; celebrates the amazing contributions the LGBT+ community make to British society, including staff in the NHS, social care, research and other sectors across the UK; notes with concern the challenges which many LGBT+ people face in accessing healthcare, including specialist mental health services, unequal HIV testing and prevention, and long waiting times for gender identity clinics; acknowledges the progress made for LGBT+ rights in the UK, but notes that many inequalities still persist; regrets the reports that anti-LGBT hate crime is on the rise in the UK; further regrets the impact this has on the LGBT+ community; and calls on all Rt hon. and hon. Members of this House to work together to tackle discrimination and achieve equality for all LGBT+ people.

**345 Letter from American rabbis to President Biden**

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 3

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Angus Brendan MacNeil**

That this House welcomes the powerful and moving open letter entitled Sorrow and fury: a letter from American rabbis to President Biden, which was sent by the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical

Council; recognises the importance of the voice of moderate Jewish people across the world in opposing the actions of the Israeli Government; expresses concern that such voices are largely being ignored by the mainstream media to balance the narrative set by the Israeli Government, the UK Government and the US administration; reaffirms its sorrow over the more than 26,000 lives lost in Gaza; notes the mounting case that war crimes are being perpetrated in Gaza, as set out in the recent ICJ ruling; expresses its concern over risks to the UK Government of culpability with regard to acts of war crime, facilitating or enabling acts of war crime, and omissions to intervene to prevent the execution of war crimes; and further notes the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council's call to end U.S. complicity in Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people and their assertion that, for the words never again to have any meaning, they must mean never again for anyone.

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### 346 Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 8

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Owen Thompson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Allan Dorans**

Richard Burgon

Chris Stephens

That this House pays tribute to Hope Robertson, the prominent campaigner against the use of asbestos, and champion for people suffering at home and abroad due to exposure to asbestos, who died on Saturday 27 January 2024; recognises that, as the former Secretary, stalwart supporter and contributor to the work of Clydebank Asbestos Group, Hope ensured that, across the political and health spectrum, the campaign to end the ongoing exposure of people to asbestos remains a key commitment for many; and sends its deepest condolences to Hope's family, friends and fellow campaigners.

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### 349 Jay Abatan

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 16

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Nadia Whittome**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Richard Burgon  
 Chris Stephens

Kim Johnson

Grahame Morris

That this House expresses concern that 25 years after Jay Abatan was killed in a racist attack in Brighton his murderers have still not been brought to justice; notes that Sussex police have apologised to Jay Abatan's family for the multiple failures in the way the investigation was conducted, as revealed by subsequent reports into his murder; further notes that a 2010 inquest into Jay's death returned a verdict of unlawful killing; considers that not all the overarching issues raised in the Macpherson report appear to have been addressed; recognises that Michael Abatan has been campaigning since 1999 for justice for his brother and that there are countless other families of the victims of racially motivated murders who have been let down by the criminal justice system; calls on the IOPC to conduct an independent investigation into Sussex Police's handling of Jay's death and for a different police force to take over the investigation; and further calls on the Secretary of State for the Home Department to establish and chair a Race Equality Steering Group

to help ensure oversight of progress in addressing race equality across all police forces in England and Wales, as recommended by the Home Affairs Select Committee.

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### 350 Independent Panel Inquiry into the death of Zane Gbangbola

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 23

**Ian Byrne**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Apsana Begum**

Grahame Morris

Jess Phillips

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that the Post Office Horizon scandal has reemphasised the need for a Hillsborough Law; acknowledges that more tragedies would benefit from a duty of candour on public servants and a parity of arms; supports the call for an independent panel inquiry with full powers to compel disclosure into the death of seven-year-old Zane Gbangbola, who died during floods in 2014 from poisoning by hydrogen cyanide detected by Fire Services HAZMAT; further notes that Zane's family home was adjacent to likely contaminated landfill from which floodwater flowed and which necessitated the area being evacuated; notes that the coroner ruled Zane died after inhaling carbon monoxide from a petrol-powered pump hired by his parents to clear water from the basement, despite no carbon monoxide being detected; observes that Zane's father is paralysed from hydrogen cyanide poisoning; commends the family's decade-long campaign following Zane's death; is concerned that victims and bereaved in this case have been blamed, abused and scapegoated; reflects on the lack of proper investigation and the masses of evidence undisclosed or ignored and a flawed judicial outcome; notes that Zane's family were refused legal aid for his inquest, whilst legal support for public officials was paid from the public purse and the coroner received legal aid; and calls on Government to urgently establish an independent panel inquiry so that all evidence can be reviewed by experts and the truth about what really happened to an innocent seven-year-old boy can finally be told, heard and recorded.

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### 351 Withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 4

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes the growing number of European countries withdrawing from the Energy Charter Treaty including France, Germany, Spain and Italy; is deeply concerned about the increasing number of legal cases from fossil fuel companies brought against countries introducing climate policy; notes with concern the impact these legal challenges have on the cost and speed of energy transition; further notes that attempts to modernise the Energy Charter Treaty have failed; recognises the need for a new global framework to incentivise global investment in the renewable energy sector to meet global targets to reduce emissions and reach net zero; and calls on the Government to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty and back a new framework replacement Renewables Treaty to drive innovation, cooperation and the greater adoption of renewable energy.

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**352 Persecution of Christians**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 5

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Sir Mike Penning [R]**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes reports of continuing and increasing instances of intimidation, persecution and murder of Christians in many countries across the world; and expresses the demand that the UK takes the lead in highlighting these cases, continuing to raise with the relevant nation states and international bodies the need to act to prevent such attacks and where they occur to take robust action against the perpetrators.

**353 250th anniversary of Friends' School Lisburn**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 5

**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House warmly congratulates Friends' School Lisburn on reaching their 250th anniversary in 2024; notes the unveiling of their inspirational legacy projects, which include a new book about the school, its historic Quaker ethos and fantastic record of academic achievement, and the development of an amazing outdoor performance space and a legacy trail around their beautiful school grounds; and welcomes the exciting events and activities being held to celebrate this milestone in the life of the school, which will ensure their 250th anniversary is a truly memorable year for the entire Friends' family.

**354 Scottish curlers gold at Winter Youth Olympics**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 13

**Angela Crawley**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Drew Hendry**

Dr Philippa Whitford  
 David Mundell  
 Chris Stephens

Richard Thomson  
 Christine Jardine

Anne McLaughlin  
 Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Logan Carson, Tia Laurie, Archie Hyslop and Holly Burke on winning gold in the mixed team curling at the 2024 Winter Youth Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea; understands that they came from behind to defeat Denmark 7-5 after an extra end in the gold medal match; further congratulates Callie Soutar and Ethan Brewster for winning gold in the mixed doubles curling completing a clean sweep of curling golds at the games; praises the curlers and their coaches for their collective efforts, hard work and determination to succeed throughout the competition; commends them for upholding the spirit of curling at the games; and wishes them well in their future sporting endeavours.

**355 Fuel poverty and the private rented sector**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 7

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Mick Whitley**

Ian Mearns

That this House believes it is a national scandal that in 2022-23 almost 5,000 excess winter deaths were caused by people living in cold and damp homes; is deeply concerned that 6.5 million UK households are experiencing fuel poverty following the energy price cap rise in January 2024; urges the Government to provide emergency support for families struggling to pay their energy bills and to alleviate energy debt; notes that the private rented sector (PRS) has the least energy efficient homes of any tenure in the UK and that over a quarter of renting households live in fuel poverty; expresses alarm that the Government has scrapped the planned upgrade to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for the PRS which, according to the Climate Change Committee, would save tenants £255 per year, even under so-called normal energy prices; calls on the Government to reverse this decision and require private landlords to bring their properties up to EPC C by 2028; further notes that, according to National Energy Action, introducing effective regulation for landlords would lead to an £8 billion reduction in the central investment required to meet the target for all fuel poor households in England to reach EPC C by 2030; observes that 80% of landlords are in favour of stricter energy efficiency standards; and further believes that improving the UK's leaky housing stock would create numerous benefits for public health, the economy and the climate, whilst delivering genuine energy security and ensuring that everyone has a warm, comfortable home.

**356 Crystal FM Radio**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 5

**Owen Thompson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House celebrates the remarkable milestone of Crystal FM, a distinguished community radio broadcaster based in Penicuik, on completing its 11th year of operation, marking more than a decade of exceptional service in community radio broadcasting; acknowledges with great admiration the recent accolade bestowed upon the station as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster for the second consecutive year in the SME News, Scottish Enterprise Awards; commends the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of Crystal FM Radio, whose tireless efforts and passion ensure the station's smooth operation, broadcasting across Midlothian, into Edinburgh and the Lothians, and globally via the internet; applauds Colin McCall, the station coordinator and a former primary school teacher, for his pioneering vision in founding Crystal FM Radio; further applauds his leadership, along with a group of enthusiasts, which has seen the station evolve from a modest venture to an award-winning community broadcaster; praises the diverse team of around 50 presenters and information providers who contribute to the station's 24/7 broadcasting schedule; and encourages continued support for community radio stations like Crystal FM Radio, which play such a vital role.

**357 Ninewells Hospital 50th anniversary**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 6

Chris Law  
 Allan Dorans  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Anne McLaughlin  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the 50th anniversary of the opening of Ninewells Hospital in Dundee; notes that the first patients were admitted on 31 January 1974, with the official opening held later that year in October; thanks the thousands of current and former staff who have worked in the hospital, providing treatment to millions of patients from across Dundee, Tayside and beyond over the last 50 years; recognises that the medical and nursing schools at Ninewells Hospital have been and continue to be instrumental in bringing through generations of healthcare professionals; further recognises the important role that Ninewells Hospital has played in the advancement of medical science; and wishes all at the hospital well in their anniversary year and for the coming future.

**358 Allied Steel and Wire workers' pensions**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 5

Hywel Williams  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Mick Whitley  
 Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises the 22 year injustice experienced by Allied Steel and Wire (ASW) workers in relation to their pensions; notes that around 1000 ASW pensions were lost in 2002 despite decades of contributions because their employer went bankrupt; acknowledges that despite having paid for 100% of their pensions, ASW workers were only promised 90% of their value by the UK Government; further notes that the Government's financial assistance scheme fails to protect money paid in before April 1997 from inflation, allowing their value to further erode over time; is concerned that some ASW workers are only receiving half of what is owed to them; welcomes retrospective action beginning to finally right the wrongs of the Horizon Post Office scandal; and calls for the UK Government to similarly address this injustice experienced by ASW pensioners without delay.

**359 LGBT History Month 2024**

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 29

Kate Osborne  
 Dawn Butler  
 Nadia Whittome  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Ian Byrne  
 John McDonnell

Jonathan Edwards  
 Ben Lake  
 Charlotte Nichols

Angela Crawley  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Kim Johnson  
 Hywel Williams  
 Colum Eastwood

Anne McLaughlin  
Olivia Blake

Mick Whitley  
Chris Stephens

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises and celebrates February as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month 2024; welcomes this month-long celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans history; notes that LGBTQ+ people have a long history of making incredible contributions to the UK; further notes that LGBTQ+ History month is much needed to challenge discrimination and educate; commemorates the progress we have made in the struggle for LGBTQ+ rights and related civil rights through the past decades; further celebrates the increasing freedoms and equality afforded to the LGBTQ+ community in recent years; notes that there is still a lot of work needed to challenge discriminatory rhetoric and attitudes in society; acknowledges that hate crime against the trans community is on the rise and the LGBT community is still discriminated against in many areas of society; and pledges to fight for full equality for all members of the LGBTQ+ community to allow LGBTQ+ people achieve their full potential and contribute fully to society.

### 360 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Tabled: 2/02/24 Signatories: 16

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Sarah Dyke  
Jonathan Edwards  
Kim Johnson  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

Dr Philippa Whitford  
Ian Mearns  
Carla Lockhart

Anne McLaughlin  
Christine Jardine  
Sir Mike Penning

That this House celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), formed on 4 March 1824; recognises that as a charity, the RNLI has throughout its history worked in the most challenging situations to protect lives at sea; notes that the RNLI operates 238 lifeboat stations with thousands of lifeboat and shore crew, has lifeguards watching over 200 beaches across the UK, and relies upon thousands of hardworking fundraisers; understands that the RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives over the course of its work since its founding; further recognises that more than 600 people have died in the RNLI's service; further notes that the RNLI maintains a close relationship with coastal communities around the United Kingdom; believes that the RNLI represents some of the best of this country's charitable principles; and wishes the organisation the very best for its future.