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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 22 May 2024

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### New EDMs

#### 782      **Essentials guarantee and minimum income guarantee**

Tabled: **22/05/24**      Signatories: **1**

**Angela Crawley**

That this House supports calls to implement an essentials guarantee into Universal Credit to ensure no one goes without life's essentials; commends the Trussell Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on their Essentials Guarantee campaign; congratulates these organisations on securing more than 150,000 petition signatures in support of the campaign; recognises an essentials guarantee would create a standard allowance for Universal Credit which always covers the cost of essentials including food, fuel, essential travel, communications, and sundries; regrets the existing Universal Credit standard allowance is exacerbating experiences of poverty; believes that while everyone's needs are different, an essentials guarantee would provide baseline support to the benefit of all claimants; acknowledges that an essentials guarantee would guarantee a baseline income which, at a minimum, guarantees affordability for the cost of essentials; notes that relative needs would be further supported on top of the standard allowance for Universal Credit; recognises that benefit levels in the UK are insufficient in supporting families; further commends the efforts of the Scottish Government in exploring the possibility of a minimum income guarantee for all; and further calls on the Government to reform the UK welfare system to adequately support those who are unemployed or in low paid work.

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#### 783      **The Wee Play Place success at the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2024**

Tabled: **22/05/24**      Signatories: **1**

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates The Wee Play Place in Alexandria, West Dunbartonshire, on being awarded the Children's Play Centre of the Year at the Scottish Hospitality Awards 2024; notes that the venue was highly commended in the Best Entertaining Team category; believes that this recognition is well deserved for the hard working, dedicated team at The Wee Play Place who

have a strong connection with the local community and a loyal customer base; and wishes them continued success for the year ahead.

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#### **784 250th anniversary of Irvine Old Parish Church**

Tabled: **22/05/24** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**

That this House congratulates Irvine Old Parish Church on their 250th anniversary, which will be celebrated on Sunday 23 June 2024 at a special thanksgiving service; notes that work on the church commenced in 1773 and, when it was completed in 1778, it was one of the largest churches in Ayrshire and that, with the earliest religious building having been recorded in the 9th century, the site has a history as old as that of Irvine itself; and celebrates with the congregation that the church and parish continue to play an integral part in the life of the town for regular worship, as well as marking significant local and national events and anniversaries, including Remembrance Sunday, Veterans Day and the Kirking of elected council representatives and the leaders of local civic bodies.

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#### **785 Midlothian Council Jo Cox civility pledge**

Tabled: **22/05/24** Signatories: **1**

**Owen Thompson**

That this House acknowledges the positive action taken by Midlothian Council Leader Kelly Parry, Provost Debbi McCall and Chief Executive Dr Grace Vickers in endorsing the Jo Cox Civility campaign and signing the pledge on behalf of all Midlothian councillors to run a respectful election campaign; recognises that the pledge actioned by the Jo Cox Foundation was launched in memory of Labour MP Jo Cox who was sadly murdered outside her constituency surgery in Birstall in 2016 because of her political beliefs a week before the EU referendum; further recognises that this campaign is to tackle all forms of abuse and intimidation against elected representatives and to highlight that everyone has the right to express their views without fear of harassment or threat; notes that in 2022, Local Government Association research found that seven out of 10 councillors had experienced abuse in the previous year; and further notes that abuse can make elected representatives feel they need to step down and put potential future candidates off standing altogether, which fully demonstrates the importance of signing the pledge which commits parties and candidates to set a respectful tone when campaigning, promote constructive debate and defend the dignity of others.

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#### **786 Marr College success at Scottish Power's Schools Warrior Rugby Championship**

Tabled: **22/05/24** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**

That this House congratulates Marr College of Troon on winning the Scottish Schools Warrior Rugby Championship, sponsored by Scottish Power Energy Networks, after the S1 Boys, S2 Boys and Under 14 Girls squads won two of their three games in the championship matches at Scotstoun in Glasgow, where they took on Wallace High School and Strathaven Academy in the semi-finals, before facing Belmont Academy of Prestwick in the final; celebrates the strong performances by all squads and commends the players from Glasgow Warriors for taking part in a question and answer session with the young players after the matches; recognises the work of the coaching team led by by head coaches Alex Moncrieff for the S1 Boys, Nnamdi Obi for the S2 Boys and Harry Murray for the Under-14 Girls, as well as the support provided by Marr Rugby Club which offers 24 different teams

for all ages; and celebrates the commitment of the young players of all the Marr College Teams who play in friendly and competitive fixtures against schools and clubs throughout Scotland.

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### 787 3rd Bo'ness Scout Group

Tabled: 22/05/24 Signatories: 1

#### Martyn Day

That this House congratulates the 3rd Bo'ness Scout Group on becoming the first Scout Group in the UK to achieve net zero status; notes the installation of solar panels on its scout hall, which ensures sustainable energy and operational needs for the future; further notes the role of UCS Renewables for its partnership, sponsorship, and installation of the solar panels; commends the Scout Group's initiative to incorporate environmental education into its program, teaching scouts about their role in the journey to net zero; welcomes efforts by organisations like the Scout Group in providing valuable extracurricular education, skills, and activities for children and young people; praises the positive role that Scout Groups across the UK play in communities; and extends best wishes to the Scout Group's volunteers and young people in all future endeavours.

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### 788 Farewell to Jurgen Klopp

Tabled: 22/05/24 Signatories: 4

Kim Johnson  
Dan Carden  
Ian Byrne  
Paula Barker

That this House congratulates Jurgen Norbert Klopp on his outstanding nine years as Manager of Liverpool FC; celebrates his achievements in winning the UEFA Champions League in 2018-19, UEFA Super Cup in 2019, FIFA Club World Cup in 2019-2020, English Premier League in 2019-2020, in the Club's first Premier League win for 30 years, FA Cup in 2021-22, Premier League Cup in 2021-22, Community Shield in 2022-23 and the Carabao League Cup in 2023-24; notes his commitment not just to the club, his players and the fans, but to the whole city of Liverpool, acknowledged by his winning the PFA and Liverpool Disabled Supporters Association awards in 2024 for his support for a wide array of community projects and for the Hillsborough families; and promises that he will never walk alone again and wishes this honorary Scouser every success in his next venture.

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### 789 Romford Football Club

Tabled: 22/05/24 Signatories: 1

#### Andrew Rosindell

That this House congratulates the historic victory of the Romford Football Club, founded in 1876, upon winning the FA Vase Cup at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 11 May 2024; commends the efforts of Club Chairman, Steve Gardener, Manager, Dan Spinks, the coaches, Lee Benson and John Hughes, who have led the team to this triumphant victory; applauds the skill of the players themselves who have tirelessly worked towards this magnificent win, despite the odds of being up against 597 other teams; and conveys its admiration to all the loyal Romford Football Club fans, past and present, some of whom have been supporting the club for over half a century, who can now truly say with pride Up the Boro.

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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.

### 743 Energy transition treaty

Tabled: 13/05/24 Signatories: 12

Clive Lewis  
Caroline Lucas  
Olivia Blake  
Hywel Williams  
Claire Hanna  
Colum Eastwood

Allan Dorans

Ian Byrne

That this House notes that 12 national governments, including nine Pacific Island States, are calling for countries around the world to back their proposal for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to negotiate a fast, fair and well-managed energy transition; recognises that Pacific Island States are particularly vulnerable to sea level rise from climate change, that these countries' populations are at risk of mass displacement and other human rights violations due to the ensuing climate crisis and that the UK has a responsibility to stand with them and act fast to avert this; understands that multilateral action is vital to managing an equitable transition from fossil fuels, which was agreed by all parties at COP28, with the urgency required given the scale of the climate crisis and the escalating threats it poses to human rights; acknowledges the need to take domestic action for a fair phase-out of fossil fuels—for example legislating for a ban on new coal mines—to ensure the phase-out process begins as soon as possible so that workers in the UK and globally are supported into new sustainable industries and the UK to realise the benefits of domestically produced renewable energy as soon as possible; and recommends that the UK Government endorses the proposal for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as a way to manage the energy transition quickly and fairly.

### 745 World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day 2024

Tabled: 13/05/24 Signatories: 11

Sarah Green [R]  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Marion Fellows

Owen Thompson

That this House notes that Crohn's and colitis are serious chronic diseases where your immune system affects the gut, affecting over 500,000 people in the UK; recognises that stigma, myths, and misunderstandings means thousands of people with these conditions are suffering in silence; acknowledges that World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day on 19 May is an opportunity to raise awareness of these conditions; commends the work of Crohn's & Colitis UK in supporting people living with IBD; and encourages hon. Members to support them in raising awareness of Crohn's and Colitis amongst the public and healthcare professionals.

**746 Arms sales to Israel**

Tabled: 13/05/24 Signatories: 4

**George Galloway**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**

That this House notes clearly established international law which prohibits intentionally or recklessly attacking civilians and civilian infrastructure; further notes that British arms sold to Israel are potentially being used to commit such serious violations of international law; condemns the killing of tens of thousands of people by Israel, and the forced displacement, starvation and deprivation upon more than 2 million people; therefore calls for an immediate suspension of arms licences and arms exports to the government of Israel; and further calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

**749 Scrutiny of the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and arms exports to Israel**

Tabled: 13/05/24 Signatories: 28

**Mick Whitley**  
**George Galloway**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Grahame Morris**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**

That this House expresses its deep concerns regarding the Israeli offensive on Rafah, which it believes will seriously worsen what is already one of the world's worst man-made humanitarian crises; reiterates its calls for an immediate and lasting ceasefire; further expresses its frustration at the Government's continued refusal to suspend arms exports to Israel; echoes the warnings issued by Lady Hale and over six hundred distinguished members of the legal profession in their correspondence to the Prime Minister of 3 April 2024 that the provision of military assistance and material to Israel may render the UK complicit in genocide as well as in serious breaches of International Humanitarian Law; notes that, as a result of his not having a seat in the House of Commons, the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has been unable to participate in departmental questions in the House and that Members have been restricted in their ability to scrutinise his work and that of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, particularly in relation to arms licences to Israel; believes that the moral imperative of ending arms exports to Israel is now so great as to warrant the House taking exceptional measures; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to work with the Speaker to make necessary preparations for the Secretary of State to answer questions on this and other matters from hon. Members from the Bar of the House of Commons as soon as possible.

**751 Diagnosing Coeliac disease**

Tabled: 13/05/24 Signatories: 25

Mrs Sharon Hodgson  
Mr Kevan Jones  
Ben Lake  
John McDonnell  
Daisy Cooper  
George Galloway

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises that coeliac disease is a serious autoimmune disease affecting 1 in 100 people; expresses concern that almost two-thirds of people with the condition, equating to almost half a million people in the UK remain undiagnosed, running the risk of long term complications; notes that the average time from the onset of symptoms to diagnosis of 13 years is unacceptable and highlights that it is essential that efforts are made to improve awareness of the condition amongst healthcare professionals and the public to recognise the symptoms of the disease and ensure faster diagnosis; notes that there is no national leadership and accountability for coeliac disease within NHS England and calls on the Government to take steps towards reducing the time to diagnosis by installing national accountability and leadership within NHS England for coeliac disease.

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**755 80th anniversary of the Catalina crash on Vatersay**

Tabled: 14/05/24 Signatories: 7

Angus Brendan MacNeil  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Stephens  
Sir Mike Penning  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law

Ian Mearns

That this House notes the 80th anniversary of the crash of the the Catalina aircraft on 12 May 1944; further notes that the aircraft was on a training exercise from Oban to Barra Head but sadly crashed near Heiseaval Beag on the Island of Vatersay; marks the anniversary of the deaths of Flight Sergeant David Clyne, Sergeant Fred Basset and rigger Sergeant Patrick Hines; remembers the bravery of the six other surviving crew members who had suffered the loss of their colleagues as well as remembering their families; also notes the sacrifice and courage of the Catalina crews who hunted U-boats to save the lives of merchant seamen bringing food to nations which were rationing supplies; and recognises that, prior to joining the military, Flight Sergeant David Clyne had a successful football career by playing for Queens Park FC and was twice capped for Scotland at amateur level.

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**756 Youth mobility visas**Tabled: **14/05/24** Signatories: **9**

**Tim Farron**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**

Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House acknowledges the European Commission's proposal on youth mobility visas; notes the benefits that youth mobility visas would provide for UK industries who need to supplement their local workforce; recognises that the hospitality and tourism sectors in rural and coastal areas like the Lake District, West Country, and the Scottish Highlands are especially struggling to recruit the staff they need; and urges the Government to take this opportunity to negotiate a deal which also gives British young people the opportunity of living and working abroad.

**757 Ross Cowie, Point of Light Award**Tabled: **14/05/24** Signatories: **9**

**Ian Blackford**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Deidre Brock**

Richard Thomson

That this House recognises the achievements and hard work of Ross Cowie who is a recipient of the Point of Light Reward for his work with the Lucky2BHere charity that he founded on the Isle of Skye in 2009; congratulates him and all of the others involved in Lucky2BHere for working so hard to install publicly accessible defibrillators across Scotland; further recognises his continuing work with the app providers GoodSAM and Crowdsav which help members of the public locate the nearest defibrillator in case of emergency; acknowledges his additional work on a database which allows him to check the status of each defibrillator across Scotland, ensuring that batteries and pads are always up to date; further acknowledges and recognises the intensive training that Lucky2BHere has provided to over 50,000 people and in schools across Scotland in how to use these defibrillators; and wishes him every success in the future.

**758 Take Another Look campaign**Tabled: **14/05/24** Signatories: **15**

**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Chris Stephens**

Dr Philippa Whitford

Richard Thomson

That this House acknowledges the inherent vulnerability of motorcyclists on UK roads and the tragedy that road traffic collisions bring to motorcycle riders' loved ones; extends condolences to

Tracey Marsh, Maureen Rutherford and Jacqueline Dickson, who all tragically lost their husbands in road traffic collisions; supports the launch of their Take Another Look campaign, which aims to educate motorists on their role and responsibility towards vulnerable road users; notes the importance of increasing motorists' awareness of motorcycles and reducing accidents; and agrees that all drivers should take another look to save lives.

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## 760 Saltire Patisserie, Midlothian and Scottish Baker of the Year Awards

Tabled: 15/05/24 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson  
Chris Stephens  
Allan Dorans  
Deidre Brock  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates Saltire Patisserie Ltd bakery in Loanhead, Midlothian, for their recent successes at the prestigious Scottish Baker of the Year Awards; recognises their Best in Scotland Gold Award for their steak pie, Best in Region Gold Award for their steak pie and Best in Region Gold Award for their corn bread; acknowledges that this is an incredible accomplishment and a testament to the dedication, creativity and hard work put into the bakery; applauds the bakery's commitment to greatness, combined with an innovative approach and attention to detail; further acknowledges that this award is a well-deserved recognition of the Saltire Patisserie Ltd team's efforts and the quality of products and experiences they provide to customers; and wishes Saltire Patisserie Ltd continued success and acclaim in the future.

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## 761 Penicuik Athletic youth football club and Colin Campbell Sports Cup

Tabled: 15/05/24 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson  
Chris Stephens  
Allan Dorans  
Deidre Brock  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates the Penicuik Athletic YFC under-17s team for their recent success at the Colin Campbell Sports Cup; acknowledges their award for first place; recognises that this is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the dedication and hard work that the team put into their training and football games; applauds their sportsmanship during the game; further acknowledges that this award is a well-deserved recognition of the players' and coaches' outstanding teamwork and efforts; and wishes Penicuik Athletic YFC under-17s continued success and acclaim in the future.

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**762 Imperial War Museums and union derecognition**

Tabled: 15/05/24 Signatories: 27

Chris Stephens  
John McDonnell  
Grahame Morris  
Ian Lavery  
Richard Burgon  
Ian Byrne

Ian Mearns

Richard Thomson

That this House is alarmed by reports that Imperial War Museums plans to derecognise the Public and Commercial Services union and the First Division Association for the purposes of collective representation and bargaining; is concerned that derecognising these trade unions would undermine the collective bargaining power of staff, leaving them vulnerable to arbitrary decisions by management, with limited recourse for addressing grievances or negotiating fair terms of employment; warns that derecognising any union undermines the principles of democracy and representation in the workplace, and could have significant negative effects on equality by exacerbating wage disparities, reducing job security and access to benefits, worsening working conditions, diminishing workers' voice and representation, limiting training and advancement opportunities, and weakening legal protections for workers; and calls on the Government to intervene to help resolve this dispute by ensuring that these unions remain recognised by Imperial War Museums.

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**763 Support for Bristow staff**

Tabled: 15/05/24 Signatories: 6

Angus Brendan MacNeil  
Chris Stephens  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Sir Edward Leigh  
Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House commends the work of Bristow staff who operate helicopters for search and rescue services in the Outer Hebrides across Scotland and the UK and who also operate offshore oil and gas flights; supports the 360 staff including pilots, co-pilots, winchmen operators and winchmen paramedics in their decision to vote to strike due to the derisory pay offer and the attack on their terms and conditions; condemns the pay offer by Bristow which in real terms means those brave individuals who take people on emergency medical evacuations or go out to ships in storms, as well as providing transport for workers on North Sea Oil rigs have seen a 25% decrease in their pay; thanks BALPA the union for supporting staff through this challenging time; and further thanks the courageous and highly motivated staff for the work they do in the Outer Hebrides and elsewhere in these islands.

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**766 30th anniversary of the Maritime Volunteer Service**

Tabled: 16/05/24 Signatories: 7

Kelly Tolhurst  
 Julian Knight  
 Sir Mike Penning  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Law  
 Sir Julian Lewis

Dame Tracey Crouch

That this House notes the 30th anniversary of the Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS); commends the important national role that the charity plays in ensuring that all aspect of maritime skills remain available to future generations and highlights the importance of the MVS in supporting community resilience; expresses gratitude for the tireless service of MVS volunteers, who give up their time and knowledge to serve local communities across the UK, especially in times of need or emergency; acknowledges the fundamental role that the MVS fulfils in maintaining the proud maritime traditions of the UK and calls on the Government to continue its long-standing recognition of the Maritime Volunteer Service.

**767 ILGA-Europe Rainbow Map**

Tabled: 17/05/24 Signatories: 13

Angela Crawley  
 Deidre Brock  
 Richard Thomson  
 Allan Dorans  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Wera Hobhouse

That this House regrets that the UK has received its lowest-ever rank on the ILGA-Europe's Rainbow Map; recognises the 2024 Rainbow Map is the organisation's 13th annual review of the human rights situation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex people in 49 countries in Europe and Central Asia; further regrets the UK's 51% rating, noting the decline from last year's rating of 53.9%; acknowledges this ranking is a result of the UK Government's decision to block the Scottish Parliament's Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill, delays to the banning of conversion practices and the UK Government's treatment of LGBTI migrants, including fears that the Illegal Migration Act may be used to expel LGBTQ+ asylum seekers to their home or a third country; condemns this government's record of failing to protect and support LGBTQ+ communities; and calls for an urgent reflection on the direction this Government is taking on human rights.

**768 100th anniversary of Busby Lawn Tennis Club**

Tabled: 20/05/24 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald  
 Jim Shannon  
 Dr Philippa Whitford

That this House congratulates Busby Lawn Tennis Club on reaching its centenary year, marking 100 years of service to the community; notes that the club, located at 5 Carmunnock Road, Busby, East Renfrewshire, was founded in 1925 and has three floodlit artificial grass courts for players to make use of; recognises that the club has teams playing in all West of Scotland leagues, namely, men, women, junior, and senior competitions; further notes the club also hosts an annual club

championship with a wide range of senior and junior categories; appreciates the club hosted a centenary gala day on 21 April 2024 to mark this historic occasion; applauds the significant role that the club plays in promoting tennis and healthy living in the local community; and wishes everyone at the Busby Lawn Tennis Club all the very best for the future.

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#### **769 Phoenix Flames and the Dance World Championship 2024**

Tabled: **20/05/24** Signatories: **4**

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Richard Thomson**

That this House congratulates Phoenix Flames, a group of cheerleaders from Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire, on their Junior Heatwave and Senior Elite teams ranking 8th and 10th respectively at the Dance World Competition; recognises the Dance World Competition was held in Florida on April 26 to 29 with hundreds of teams from 25 nations around the world competing; understands that many of Phoenix Flames' dancers started dancing at the age of just two years old with Dance Craze Dance Academy; appreciates the positive impact that dancing can have on a participant's physical and mental well-being; applauds all of the cheerleaders at Phoenix Flames on their phenomenal performances at the Dance World Championship; appreciates the hard work and commitment of the coaches involved in preparing the cheerleaders for the competition; and wishes everyone at Phoenix Flames all the very best of luck for future competitions.

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#### **771 Hamilton Academical and the Scottish Championship**

Tabled: **20/05/24** Signatories: **6**

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**George Galloway**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Richard Thomson**

That this House congratulates Hamilton Academical Football Club following their promotion to the Scottish Championship for the 2024-25 season; recognises that the club achieved promotion via the play-offs in which they defeated Alloa Athletic 5-4 on aggregate in the semi-finals and Inverness Caledonian Thistle 5-3 on aggregate in the final after finishing second in League One; commends Kevin O'Hara for creating the first goal and scoring a brace in the final; further commends his teammates, manager John Rankin and the coaching staff for their collective efforts and determination to succeed; and wishes Accies the best of luck for the new season.

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#### **772 Lanark United, West of Scotland Football League Third Division champions**

Tabled: **20/05/24** Signatories: **5**

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Richard Thomson**

That this House congratulates Lanark United Football Club on winning the 2023-24 West of Scotland Football League Third Division title; recognises that Lanark United, affectionately known

as the Yowes, secured their championship with two games to play after defeating Greenock 8-0 at Moor Park; notes that they ended the season on 67 points, 11 clear of runners-up Lesmahagow; commends top scorer Kieran Brannan for helping his team towards the title with 14 league goals; further commends manager Daryl Meikle and all his players and staff for their collective efforts and determination to succeed; and wishes the club well for the forthcoming season.

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#### 774 Tourism events in Northern Ireland

Tabled: 20/05/24 Signatories: 3

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

That this House notes the NW200 and the Balmoral Show, both of which were held in mid-May 2024 and attracted hundreds of thousands of local people, visitors and tourists from a number of countries; commends the organisers of both events, with those in attendance demonstrating the positive outlook and good humoured approach that characterises much of Northern Ireland life; and expresses the hope that road racing and agricultural shows and other successful events will receive ongoing support as they seek to build and grow in future years.

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#### 776 Golden Jubilee of St Filan's Primary School

Tabled: 21/05/24 Signatories: 7

**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**

Richard Thomson

That this House celebrates the golden jubilee of St Filan's Primary School in Glasgow South; notes the significant milestone of 50 years of dedicated service to the community, providing outstanding education and fostering the development of countless young minds; acknowledges the hard work and commitment of the teachers, staff, and governors, both past and present, whose efforts have shaped the school's success and positive impact on its pupils; recognises the support and involvement of parents, carers, and the wider community in contributing to the school's achievements and fostering a nurturing environment for learning; commends the school's continuous adaptation and resilience in the face of educational and societal changes, ensuring that it remains a pillar of excellence in education; and wishes St Filan's Primary School continued success and prosperity for the next 50 years and beyond, as it continues to inspire and educate future generations in Glasgow South constituency.

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**777 Children's Hospice Week**

Tabled: 21/05/24 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon  
George Galloway  
Jonathan Edwards  
Paul Girvan  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Mary Kelly Foy Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes Children's Hospice Week 2024, celebrated from 15 to 21 May 2024 in partnership with Together for Short Lives; highlights that Children's Hospice Week is the only week in the year dedicated to raising awareness and funds for children's hospice and palliative care services across the UK, and the seriously ill children and young people they support; further notes that this year's Hospice Week is Caring for the Child, Supporting the Family, and that right now, families with seriously ill children are pushed to their limits as caring for a child with serious health needs can be exhausting and often the challenges families face are little understood; recognises the work that numerous charities do and that people can take steps to support by getting involved in campaigns; thanks all parents, relatives and carers for the work they do; and calls for support for them through this campaign.

**780 Thomas Haslam and the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct**

Tabled: 21/05/24 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry  
Anne McLaughlin  
Dave Doogan  
Douglas Chapman  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates Thomas Haslam, a Cub Young Leader in Inverness, on being awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct in recognition of his assistance at the scene of a serious road traffic collision at age 16; recognises that Thomas performed life-preserving first aid, learned through Scouting, to a critically injured patient and continued to help when the Scottish Ambulance Service arrived; acknowledges the praise from Stuart Abel, an Advanced Practitioner in Critical Care and Team Lead for the Scottish Ambulance Service Prehospital Immediate Care & Trauma Team in Inverness, who commended Thomas's quick thinking and intervention as part of the clinical team at the scene; and wishes Thomas every success in his future career.

**781 Manchester Arena terror attacks**

Tabled: 21/05/24 Signatories: 2

George Galloway  
Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the melancholy anniversary of the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena during the Ariana Grande concert which killed twenty-two and injured many others on this day seven years ago; whilst noting the long public inquiry and its many conclusions, believes that

there are many questions still unanswered, foremost amongst which are the reasons why the adherents of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group were allowed, indeed encouraged, to coalesce in the City of Manchester and kept in a semi-detached relationship by successive British governments as intelligence assets waiting to be used, as they subsequently were, to assist the overthrow of the then Libyan government; and further believes that this Frankenstein monster came back to slaughter the innocents in the Manchester Arena and no politician has been held to account for what turned out to be a disastrous policy all round.