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New EDMs

636 Interstitial Lung Disease

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the urgent need to improve the experience of people with Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) and Pulmonary Fibrosis, a progressive and life-limiting lung disease affecting over 70,000 people in the UK; acknowledges the impact of the disease on patients, their families, and caregivers, including significant physical, emotional, and financial burdens; notes the current variation in access to timely diagnosis, specialist care, and support services, which can result in inequities in patient outcomes; welcomes the ILD Care Pathway developed by OneVoiceILD, supported by Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, which is designed to free up overstretched capacity in specialist ILD centres to allow for faster expert diagnosis of ILD, and help ensure better quality care closer to patients' homes; and calls on the Government to work with NHS England, devolved health services, healthcare professionals, and patient organisations to urgently implement the ILD Care Pathway.

637 Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2025

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the launch of Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2025; notes that the initiative seeks to raise the profile of apprenticeships and promote participation

across all levels and vocations; highlights that this is led by the Department for Economy and that this year's theme is "getting it right for you" which underlines that over 13,000 people in Northern Ireland are doing apprenticeships and more people than ever are choosing to pursue apprenticeships as a stepping stone to their chosen career; thanks the Department for Economy for championing apprenticeship opportunities in Northern Ireland; and sends best wishes to everyone working hard to achieve their goals through apprenticeships.

638 Rolls-Royce Motor Cars investment in Goodwood

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Jess Brown-Fuller

That this House celebrates the £300 million investment that Rolls Royce Motor Cars (RRMC) is making into its Goodwood headquarters in Goodwood, Chichester; notes that Rolls Royce Motor Cars has contributed over £4 billion to the British economy since 2003; believes that brands such as RRMC that deliver high-quality, low-volume manufacturing are an exemplar of British manufacturing; understands that manufacturing apprenticeships such as those delivered by RRMC are essential for training the engineers of the future; further notes that salaries in the British manufacturing sector are 10% higher than the mean annual gross pay, according to 2024 figures from Make UK; calls on the Government to recognise the value of local investment to achieve economic growth; and acknowledges the positive impact that premium brands such as RRMC have on the domestic economy, and international prestige of, the UK.

639 25th Anniversary of the reopening of the Forth & Clyde Canal

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Euan Stainbank

That this House congratulates Scottish Canals on the 25th anniversary of the reopening of the Forth & Clyde Canal in 2001 as part of the Millennium Link project; notes that this £83.4 million project was one of the largest canal restoration efforts in Britain, reconnecting the Forth & Clyde and Union canals; recognises the significant cultural and economic benefits brought by the construction of the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first rotating boat lift, and The Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures; further acknowledges the revitalisation of local communities and the creation of a marine hub; and commends Scottish Canals for their ongoing commitment to preserving Scotland's waterways and heritage.

640 Female football cards and consumer products

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Helen Maguire

That this House acknowledges the significant progress made in women's football and the increased visibility of female players at both national and grassroots levels; notes with concern

the lack of availability of birthday and greeting cards celebrating female footballers; believes that the underrepresentation of female athletes in such products undermines efforts to promote gender equality in sports; calls on greeting card manufacturers and retailers to expand their ranges to include more options featuring female football players; and encourages greater representation of women's sports across all forms of media and consumer products to inspire the next generation of female athletes.

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.

575 **International Human Rights Day**

Tabled: **17/12/24** Signatories: **18**

Fabian Hamilton

Jim Shannon

Jon Trickett

Luke Taylor

Ayoub Khan

Shockat Adam

Sarah Gibson

That this House recognises the importance of the international human rights framework which underpins the international rules-based order; notes that to mark this year's International Human Rights Day, the UN has highlighted the critical role of human rights as a preventative, protective and transformative force for good; celebrates the human rights achievements of UK Parliamentarians working with inspiring civil society organisations and activists, including securing the release of wrongfully imprisoned individuals, such as Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori; further recognises the Government's commitment to building support for victims of gender-based violence in conflict and of modern-day slavery; further notes that UK Parliamentarians have a key role in taking this impressive legacy forward to further justice and democracy, and to support human rights defenders; and also recognises the Government's commitment to international law and human rights internationally.

577 Democratic violations and violence in GeorgiaTabled: **17/12/24** Signatories: **21****James MacCleary****Adam Dance****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire****Richard Foord****Jim Shannon**

Sarah Gibson

That this House condemns the escalating violence and democratic backsliding in Georgia, including the disproportionate use of force by Georgian authorities against peaceful protesters, journalists, and opposition figures; expresses concern at the arbitrary detentions of civilians, suppression of peaceful assembly, and anti-democratic actions; notes with concern the Georgian Government's disregard for constitutional and legal norms; further condemns potential foreign interference in Georgia's democratic institutions; calls on the Government to demonstrate solidarity with the Georgian people by pressing for the protection of democratic and political rights, and working with international partners, including the EU, to investigate the irregularities of the latest elections; and further calls on the Government to follow the actions of the United States and formally suspend the United Kingdom's strategic partnership with Georgia.

584 Government response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on communication of changes to women's State Pension ageTabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **44****Steve Darling****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Tom Morrison****Cameron Thomas****Dr Al Pinkerton**

Andrew George

That this House condemns the Government's refusal to provide any compensation to women affected by changes to the State Pension age, turning its back on millions of pension-age women who were harmed through no fault of their own; regrets Ministers' decision to effectively ignore the recommendations of the independent Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; recognises the damage done to our economy by the previous Conservative Government, but believes that Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) women should not have to pay the price of Conservative mismanagement; notes that the Liberal Democrats have campaigned for years for fair compensation of WASPI women in line with the

Ombudsman's recommendations; and calls on the Government to rethink this heartless decision and give those affected the fair treatment they deserve.

585 **Reform of electoral law**

Tabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **29**

Sorcha Eastwood

Jon Trickett

Sarah Olney

Ben Lake

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Wendy Chamberlain

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

That this House notes with serious concern recent reports of high-profile individuals and international entities exploring avenues to influence UK political parties and elections, raising questions about the robustness of current electoral laws in preventing foreign interference; recognises the essential role of transparent and accountable political financing in preserving public trust in democracy and ensuring that elections remain free from undue external influence; believes that current electoral laws are outdated and inadequate in addressing the threats posed by modern financial and digital technologies, including cryptocurrency, which can facilitate anonymous or foreign donations; highlights the particular, imminent risks posed by wealthy international figures, who, while engaging in lawful activities, may inadvertently or deliberately influence domestic politics contrary to the principle of self-determination; urges the Government to urgently bring forward legislative reforms to strengthen electoral law, including the introduction of a cap on political donations, stricter limitations on overseas donations, mandatory transparency in the origin of political funds, and robust enforcement mechanisms; calls on the Government to work with the Electoral Commission and other relevant bodies to adapt regulatory frameworks to address emerging challenges to democratic integrity in the digital age; and affirms the UK's commitment to safeguarding democracy by ensuring that elections are free, fair, and reflective of the will of the people without interference from foreign entities.

599 England men's cricket team's upcoming fixture against AfghanistanTabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **43**

Tonia Antoniazzi
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Dyke
Tracy Gilbert
Patricia Ferguson

Sarah Gibson

Wera Hobhouse

That this House expresses profound concern regarding the England men's cricket team's upcoming Champions Trophy fixture against Afghanistan; understands that this fixture will take place in the context of the banning of female participation in sport by the Taliban in Afghanistan; pays tribute to the Afghanistan women's cricket team who are currently in exile as a result of this ban; acknowledges that this ban is a reflection of the wider erasure of women from daily activities in Afghanistan; recognises that this ban is in direct contravention of International Cricket Council rules that require all test nations to support and fund women's cricket; and strongly urges the ECB to consider a boycott of this upcoming fixture.

601 Detainment of Dr Hussam Abu SafiyaTabled: **7/01/25** Signatories: **32**

Shockat Adam
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Rachael Maskell
Brian Leishman
Claire Hanna
Ayoub Khan

Ann Davies

Llinos Medi

That this House condemns Israel's raid and destruction of Kamal Adwan Hospital, one of the last functioning hospitals in Gaza; expresses deep concern over the detention of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, the director of the hospital and a paediatric specialist; calls for his immediate release along with other detained medical personnel in accordance with international humanitarian law which safeguards medical workers from detention and harm in conflict settings; condemns Israel's systematic and deliberate targeting of healthcare facilities and personnel in Gaza; further calls on the government to exert pressure on Israel to uphold the rights of medical professionals and ensure the protection of healthcare facilities; and expresses solidarity with all those working to provide medical care and humanitarian aid in Gaza.

602 Postural Tachycardia SyndromeTabled: **7/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Cat Smith [R]
Rachael Maskell
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Claire Hanna
Wendy Chamberlain

Tahir Ali

That this House notes that Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) is an autonomic nervous system abnormality which causes chronic illness and significant disability, often in young people, in some cases leaving people bed ridden; further notes that the average time from first presentation of symptoms to diagnosis is seven years; also notes that while there is currently no cure for PoTS, studies indicate that 90% of affected people improve with medically guided treatments and lifestyle changes but awareness of the condition is still low and there are few specialist services in many regions of the UK and no care pathways for patients anywhere in the UK; and believes that this indicates a need for increased support offered to those who suffer from PoTS.

603 World Darts Champion Luke LittlerTabled: **7/01/25** Signatories: **8**

Charlotte Nichols
Sarah Hall
David Baines
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett

Ian Lavery

That this House recognises the astonishing performance of Luke Littler in winning the 2025 World Championship, becoming the youngest world champion in darts history at 17 years and 347 days old; recognises that his remarkable successes in the past year see him ranked as the number two player in the world; rejoices that he has inspired huge numbers across the country to follow and take up darts for the first time; proudly celebrates these achievements by a favourite son of Warrington; and wishes Luke The Nuke the best of success as he hopefully goes from strength to strength in 2025.

604 HousingTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **10**

Gideon Amos
Calum Miller [R]
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Roz Savage
Susan Murray
Vikki Slade

Jim Shannon

Andrew George

That this house notes with concern the ongoing housing crisis; recognises that the Empty Homes Network and Local Government Association has reported a 10% increase in long term empty homes; understands the detrimental impact these empty homes have on this crisis; notes that consenting the development of thousands of green fields will not solve the housing crisis; and instead calls for the Government to ensure that developers build genuinely affordable homes for local people in line with the Liberal Democrat commitment to create 150,000 new social homes a year; calls for second homes to be prevented from sitting empty through higher council taxes and planning controls; and urges the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to support the provision of new homes by providing Local Authorities with the funding and powers required to bring residential housing back into use and invest in a new generation of rent to own homes for young and excluded renters to get into home ownership.

605 Keenan Recycling carbon footprint reductionTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Euan Stainbank
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates Keenan Recycling on its efforts to reduce Falkirk's carbon footprint by diverting over 2,250 tonnes of food waste from landfill since 2019; notes that this waste is transformed into renewable energy through anaerobic digestion, generating electricity to power 250 homes annually; and commends Keenan Recycling for its leadership in promoting sustainability and tackling climate change.

606 Protecting children from sexual abuseTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **52**

Lisa Smart
Wera Hobhouse
David Chadwick
Ben Maguire
Josh Babarinde
Pippa Heylings

Jim Shannon

Andrew George

James MacCleary

That this House believes that no child should ever be subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation; recognises that any perpetrators must face the full force of the law; emphasises that to fully deliver justice for survivors, steps must be taken at all levels of Government to better protect children from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation in the future; commends the work of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, chaired by Professor Alexis Jay, which examined how institutions in England and Wales had protected children from sexual abuse and culminated in 20 far-reaching recommendations to improve that response in the future; notes with concern the lack of progress made in implementing these recommendations, despite more than two years passing since the final report was published; and calls on the Government to urgently implement all 20 recommendations, while providing regular reports to Parliament on its progress.

607 Pesticides in public spacesTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **10**

Siân Berry
Nadia Whittome
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Saville Roberts
Ian Byrne
Shockat Adam

Ann Davies

Ben Lake

Llinos Medi

That this House notes that many local authorities and other public authorities use pesticides to manage unwanted vegetation in public places such as parks and green spaces, streets, school grounds, churchyards, train stations and car parks; is concerned that the most commonly used pesticide in urban areas is glyphosate, which has been designated as a probable carcinogen by the World Health Organisation since 2015; is further concerned that the overuse of pesticides in urban areas is destroying areas that wildlife, including birds, insects, bees and hedgehogs, rely on for food and shelter, and that pesticides also run off hard surfaces such as pavements, contaminating water courses and damaging aquatic life; commends the more than 100 local authorities across the UK that have either ended or significantly reduced their use of pesticides; calls on the Government to provide the necessary funding and support to encourage more local authorities to follow suit; and urges the Government to support the Plant Protection Products

(Prohibition on Public Sector Use) Bill that would introduce a national phase-out of pesticide use in public spaces by local authorities and other public authorities for amenity purposes.

609 Hayesdown First School's Power Down Day

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Anna Sabine
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the students of Hayesdown First School in Frome for completing a Power Down Day to help reduce the school's carbon footprint; praises the teachers for encouraging students to think about their energy consumption and for promoting eco-friendly practices in the school; encourages other schools to carry out similar initiatives; and further recognises the importance of a curriculum that educates young children on climate change and the impact of our energy consumption on the planet and which inspires them to be active citizens in the fight against climate change.

610 Afghan women and girls

Tabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **26**

Wendy Chamberlain
Ayoub Khan
Claire Hanna
Dr Roz Savage
Susan Murray
Adam Dance

David Chadwick

Jim Shannon

Andrew George

That this House deplores the systemic and violent subjugation of women and girls in Afghanistan by the Taliban, including extensive restrictions on speech, education, working, and unaccompanied travel or movement in the public sphere; notes that this is described by the United Nations special rapporteur as amounting to a gender apartheid; acknowledges the Tirana Declaration agreed by Afghan female leaders in September 2024; further acknowledges the critical need to hold Taliban leaders accountable for human rights violations; and calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to Afghan women and girls throughout its diplomatic, international development and defence policies.

611 Import and sale of real furTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **37**

Ruth Jones
Irene Campbell
Sarah Edwards
Will Stone
Adrian Ramsay
Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon
Andrew George
Liz Saville Roberts
Jo White

Blair McDougall
Llinos Medi
Ann Davies
Lillian Jones

Mary Kelly Foy
Ben Lake
Olivia Blake

That this House urges the Government to ban the import and sale of real fur; notes that the UK has banned the main methods of fur production, namely leg-hold trapping and fur farming, due to their cruelty; believes that it is hypocritical to allow the import and sale of real fur; further notes that real fur is rejected by the public, many fashion houses and retailers, and that the sale of fur has been banned in California; and further believes that a fur ban is a natural extension of the existing import bans on cat and dog fur and commercial seal fur products, and that a comprehensive fur ban will help maintain the UK as a global leader in the promotion of animal welfare.

612 Sydney John Maskell awarded the Legion D'Honneur MedalTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **6**

Sarah Dyke
Dr Roz Savage
Susan Murray
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the extraordinary achievement of Sydney, known as John, Maskell, 105, who has been awarded the Legion D'Honneur Medal by the French Government in recognition of his outstanding service in the Royal Signals during the D-Day landings and the Liberation of France; recognises that the Legion D'Honneur is France's highest military and civil distinction, awarded upon the demonstration of extreme bravery; expresses profound gratitude for his courage, valour and dedication demonstrated in the defence of freedom and democracy against Nazi tyranny in Europe; acknowledges that in an era marked by the troubling rise of fascism and authoritarianism around the world, the sacrifices made by Mr Maskell and all veterans, serves as a powerful reminder of the enduring need to protect peace; and commends the French Government for recognising the sacrifice and contribution of Allied veterans ensuring their legacy is remembered and celebrated for years to come.

613 First Bus price fares in SomersetTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **10**

Sarah Dyke
Helen Morgan
Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Wera Hobhouse
Anna Sabine

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the decision by First Bus to keep fares across Somerset under £3, despite the national fare cap's increase, demonstrating a strong commitment to affordable and accessible transport for residents of Somerset; recognises that the Government's decision in the Autumn Budget effectively equates to a 1p income tax hike for commuters placing a significant financial burden on commuters, particularly in rural areas, who are reliant on affordable bus services; applauds the collaborative efforts of First Bus and Somerset Council in ensuring sustainable travel remains affordable, with the majority of bus passengers in Somerset benefiting from single fares of £2.40 for journeys up to six miles, 20% lower than the national cap; commends First Bus for maintaining lower fares on town services and for children, with some tickets priced as low as £1; acknowledges that affordable public transport is essential for residents in rural areas, such as Glastonbury and Somerton, where bus services provide vital access to work, school and other essential services; supports the role of public bus services in reducing carbon emissions, cutting congestion, and ensuring equal access to opportunities; and calls on the Government to scrap their £3 bus fare cap increase, reverting to the £2 bus fare cap, to avoid financially burdening working people, rural communities and those on low incomes who are dependent on affordable transport.

614 Broxburn Academy debate clubTabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Gregor Poynton
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the achievements of Broxburn Academy's debating team in competitions throughout 2024; celebrates that the team were able to win five of the seven competitions which they took part in during the year; notes the national scale of these achievements for the pupils who competed in the British Historical Association Great Debate, the Law Society of Scotland Donald Dewar Memorial Debate tournament, Glasgow Schools, Edinburgh Schools, St Andrews' day debate tournament and the Ayrshire Cup; specifically commends the achievements of Lena Zielinska who, in July, alongside three teammates from across Scotland, won the World Schools Debating Championship in Serbia where teams from 68 countries attended; and, finally, applauds the hard work of the staff and parents of Broxburn Academy for all they do in contributing to the success of the schools debating programme, in particular Mr Robbie McDonald the head debate coach and history teacher who

has spearheaded the schools debate club for the past 8 years, with his leadership playing a significant role in its success.

615 **Contribution of Selsey Life magazine to the Selsey community**

Tabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Jess Brown-Fuller

Adam Dance

Helen Maguire

Dr Al Pinkerton

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises with gratitude the outstanding dedication and service provided by Selsey Life magazine over the course of 301 issues, culminating with its final December 2024/January 2025 edition; commends its immense contribution to the Selsey community in sharing local news, promoting events, and fostering a sense of unity and belonging; applauds the exceptional commitment and hard work of Amanda, Steve, and the team of volunteers who made the magazine possible for many years; notes with concern the challenges faced by print journalism, particularly its disproportionate impact on elderly and vulnerable individuals who rely on physical publications for local information and engagement; acknowledges the vital role of community journalism in preserving local identity and facilitating informed communities; and calls on the Government to take steps to protect and promote the sustainability of print news to ensure it remains accessible to all, regardless of age or digital proficiency.

616 **Sir Jim Walker**

Tabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Graham Leadbitter

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its deep condolences following the death of Sir Jim Walker, former director of Walker's Shortbread; recognises that not only was he a highly respected businessman and a giant in the food and drink sector, but a community-minded man who always strived to do right by his area and its people; and celebrates his legacy and his efforts to take Scotland to the world with the world-renowned products produced by Walkers.

617 Sharon ScrivensTabled: **9/01/25** Signatories: **7**

Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Clive Jones
Helen Morgan
Helen Maguire
Ian Roome

Jim Shannon

That this House commends Sharon Scrivens on being awarded a British Empire Medal for her tireless work to fundraise for Cancer Research UK; applauds her and her fellow volunteers on their leadership of the CRUK Cirencester Relay for Life; recognises the incredible work that fundraisers like Sharon do to support their local communities; encourages others to get involved with the challenge and support this incredible cause; and calls on the Government to continue supporting grassroots fundraising efforts and ensure that such community-led initiatives receive the recognition and resources they deserve in the fight against cancer.

618 94th birthday of Rabbi Bernd KoschlandTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

David Pinto-Duschinsky
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Rabbi Bernd Koschland on his 94th birthday; recognises his huge contribution to Holocaust education as a survivor of the Kindertransport that saw him awarded an MBE; lauds his decades-long service to the Jewish community across the UK and his work as an teacher; celebrates his power as a story teller, his warmth, his kindness, his humanity and his wit; thanks him for the light he has brought into so many lives; and wishes him many happy returns.

619 Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-LymeTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Adam Jogee
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-Lyme on their successes in the 2024 Potteries CAMRA Awards; notes that they won the Pub of the Year Award; further notes that the Bridge Street Ale House won the Cider Pub of the Year Award; acknowledges that the Bridge Street Ale House was the runner up in the Cider Pub of the County category; appreciates all the work that the team at Potteries CAMRA do to support local pubs, publicans and the local economy; celebrates the hard work, passion, energy and commitment

of the owner and proprietor, Grum Newbury; thanks all the team that work at the Bridge Street Ale House; and encourages one and all to take the opportunity to visit the Bridge Street Ale House in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

620 100th birthday of Maria Marcotti

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Alex Brewer

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates Maria Marcotti of Fleet, Hampshire on the wonderful occasion of her 100th birthday; notes Maria was born in Italy on 11th January 1925, met and married her British husband and moved to London in 1953, where she had two children, a son and a daughter; commends Maria's many years as a carer for her brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law; recognises Maria's relocation to Fleet to live closer to her family, where she still lives independently at the marvellous age of 100; and sends warmest wishes to Maria on reaching this remarkable milestone birthday.

621 Possible sanctions on Bidzina Ivanishvili

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **11**

James MacCleary

Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse

Helen Maguire

David Chadwick

Calum Miller

Vikki Slade

Luke Taylor

Pippa Heylings

Anna Sabine

That this House expresses deep concern at the suspension of Georgia's EU accession process and the increasing use of excessive force against peaceful protesters; condemns the role of Bidzina Ivanishvili in undermining democracy and facilitating Russian influence in Georgia; notes the United States has imposed sanctions on Ivanishvili and calls on the UK Government to do the same to demonstrate a firm stance against democratic backsliding; urges a review of the UK's strategic partnership with Georgia and closer coordination with EU partners to counter Russian interference; and reaffirms support for the Georgian people's democratic aspirations.

622 Sexual harassment in the workplaceTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **19**

Dawn Butler
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne

Steve Witherden	Ian Lavery	Shockat Adam
Kim Johnson	Iqbal Mohamed	Claire Hanna
Olivia Blake	Graham Leadbitter	Ellie Chowns
Llinos Medi	Ben Lake	Ann Davies
Liz Saville Roberts		

That this House is seriously concerned about the continued incidence of alleged sexual harassment in workplaces across the UK; notes that 700 current or former employees of McDonald's UK alone are bringing legal action against the company alleging they were subject to sexual harassment, alongside other discrimination, homophobia, and racism claims; understands that 90 per cent of the complainants were employed on zero hours contracts, indicating that instances of abuse are more likely to occur given the power imbalances between managers and often young and more vulnerable workers on casualised terms and conditions; supports legislative proposals in the Employment Rights Bill to strengthen legal duties of protection on employers; welcomes the launch by the Workers Policy Project of the End Not Defend Sexual Harassment campaign, to ensure that the issue is also taken seriously within the regulatory framework governing safety in the workplace, and to strengthen workers and trade union rights; and calls for an integrated and properly-resourced approach between the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, Health and Safety Executive and the new Fair Work Agency in order to stamp out sexual harassment at work for good.

623 Honouring Albert Morrow, Korean War Veteran from Bangor Co. DownTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Alex Easton
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the remarkable contribution and sacrifice of Albert Morrow, a 97-year-old veteran from Bangor, who served with distinction in the Royal Ulster Rifles during the Korean War; acknowledges the extraordinary bravery displayed by Mr Morrow, who endured freezing conditions, fierce attacks, and personal risk while serving as an ambulance driver on the frontline, including during the harrowing Battle of Happy Valley; commends Mr Morrow's efforts in highlighting the vital role played by the Royal Ulster Rifles in the Korean War, often referred to as the forgotten war, and his dedication to preserving their legacy through his return visits to South Korea, where he helped dedicate a memorial to his regiment; notes with admiration Mr Morrow's recollections of the camaraderie and resilience of his fellow soldiers, all volunteers, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice; further notes that his memories serve

as a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment of those who fought in that campaign; pays tribute to the Korean people for their ongoing recognition of British and Irish soldiers' contributions to their freedom, as evidenced by their warm hospitality and memorials; and calls for continued efforts to ensure the Korean War and the sacrifices of veterans like Albert Morrow are remembered and respected for generations to come.

624 Knightswood play area upgrade

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Patricia Ferguson

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House welcomes the £35,000 upgrade to Knightswood play area; recognises that this was made possible by funding from Wheatley Homes Glasgow's tenant engagement Stronger Voice programme; commends the community effort to secure project, particularly the efforts of the Linkes Group, as well as local residents and children, which allowed members of the community to have their voices heard and to work together to bring about this significant and positive change; and notes this upgrade has created a fun and vibrant space for young people in the community to come together and enjoy their play area, creating a long-lasting and positive impact on the community.

625 Hyndland Secondary School, CyberFirst Girls Competition Winner 2024-2025

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Patricia Ferguson

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House congratulates Charlotte, Jess, Sania, and Aoibhe, pupils at Hyndland Secondary School winners of the Scotland category of the CyberFirst Girls Competition 2024-2025; commends the students for their hard work, resilience, and dedication throughout the competition; notes that the competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security, providing an opportunity for young women to engage with advanced cyber topics outside the curriculum, nurturing talent, developing skills and introducing girls to the possibility of a career in cyber; and commends the National Cyber Security Centre for organising the competition, which attracted entries from over 12,500 girls across the UK.

626 Eva Drummond, British Citizen Youth AwardTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House congratulates Eva Drummond for being awarded a British Citizen Youth Award; recognises that the award honours 21 young people across the UK who have made an important impact on their communities and wider society; commends Eva for her work across several years as a volunteer and activist, focusing on anti-bullying, youth mental health and youth advocacy; notes that she has been an important voice for anti-bullying across Scotland through her participation in the respectme Youth Action Group which helped to produce an anti-bullying campaign rolled out in Scotland in 2022 and 2023, entitled Listen Up Respect our Rights, as well advocating for young people and promoting their voice as an #iwill ambassador; and recognises that the award is a significant achievement, honouring her hard work, dedication and selflessness.

627 Glasgow Wood community donationTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3****Patricia Ferguson****Jim Shannon****Mary Kelly Foy**

That this House commends the community effort to save Glasgow Wood by all those who donated to a Crowdfunder, which has raised over £16,000 so far; recognises that Glasgow Wood does important sustainable work preventing timber from going to landfill by transforming waste wood into high quality indoor and garden furniture which is both sold and given to those in need; commends Glasgow Wood's work as a charitable and social enterprise providing training and volunteer opportunities to members of the local community who have experienced barriers to employment; and thanks all of the individuals and businesses who donated money to the Crowdfunder, which has allowed Glasgow Wood to continue its important work.

628 Review of the Windsor FrameworkTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon**

That this House, in circumstances where the Protocol/Windsor Framework was imposed on Northern Ireland without cross-community consent and its operation for another four years was likewise secured without the need cross-community consent, because of the resulting inequity,

finds it incongruous that the terms of reference for Lord Murphy's review of the operation of the Windsor Framework seeks cross-community consent for any proposed changes.

629 Life and achievements of Bob Williams

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **7**

Vikki Slade [R]

Anna Sabine

Brian Mathew

Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke

Helen Maguire

Manuela Perteghella

That this House celebrates the life and achievements of Bob Williams, former Dorset County Councillor, Deputy Leader of Borough of Poole and President of Mid Dorset & North Poole Lib Dems, who has sadly passed away; acknowledges Bob's dedication and commitment to Broadstone and Poole, firstly through 28 years as an elected member and latterly as a much valued community volunteer; recognises his commitment to local authority service in particular supporting youth services, planning and setting up Pride in Poole; notes the key role that he played, alongside fellow Liberal Democrat Brian Clements, in securing and building the Twin Sails Bridge; commends his support for Broadstone after his political career ended being the voice of the Broadstone Christmas Parade and serving as secretary for the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce for many years; pays tribute to his dedication to his wife Shelagh, children Christian and Kerry and his wider family, and to the Liberal Democrats where he served first as Chair of the local party and then as President, and notes his qualities as a kind and gentle man who had a talent for singing and always offered his practical help putting up Christmas lights, fixing the community hall and setting out the fun day; and thanks him for the role he played in securing the election of many councillors in Dorset and to Parliament of Dame Annette Brooke MP and Vikki Slade MP both of whom consider him a cherished friend.

630 Wild Moon Morris (No. 2)

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Sarah Dyke

Jim Shannon

Helen Maguire

That this House congratulates Wild Moon Morris, the Glastonbury-based folk dance club, on their invitation to perform on 2 February 2025 to celebrate Imbolc, the Pagan festival marking the beginning of spring and the official opening of the Celtic Settlement in Moredo, Portugal;

recognises the cultural significances of Wild Moon Morris, who through their contemporary form of Morris dancing help to preserve Celtic cultural heritage, foster community engagement and celebrate seasonal change through music, choreography and folklore; applauds their female-led recital alongside the all-female Pauliterias de Malhadas, the UNESCO-recognised Careto Demons, and The Academic Iberica da Mascara, whose performances celebrate the rich tapestry of folk and Celtic paganism shared between the UK and Portugal; notes with appreciation the financial support provided by the people of Glastonbury, Moredo Town Council, City Council Braganca and the International Art Co-operative, which have enabled this cultural collaboration; and wishes Wild Moon Morris and all participating performers every success in their recitals celebrating the arrival of spring and demonstrating the importance of cultural unity within Celtic Paganism.

631 Chris Head OBE

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Kate Osborne
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Ian Lavery

That this House congratulates Jarrow and Gateshead East constituent Christopher Head for being honoured with an OBE for services to justice in the New Years Honours List; notes that he was the youngest subpostmaster at just eighteen when taking over the West Boldon Post Office Branch; further notes that this commendation is wholly deserved after his years of tireless campaigning for justice for his fellow subpostmasters affected by the Post Office Horizon Scandal; recognises his enormous contribution to exposing this scandal including assisting hundreds of other subpostmasters with their cases; recognises his tenaciousness in continuing his fight for justice and for people to be held to account; and wishes him every success in the future.

632 Julia and Clive Davies: 35 years of volunteering with Headway Swansea

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **3**

Tonia Antoniazzi
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery

That this House recognises the dedication of Julia and Clive Davies for 35 years of volunteering with Headway Swansea, a voluntary non-professional charity which provides support to brain injury survivors, their families and carers; commends their compassion and commitment over the decades making a life-changing difference to brain injury survivors and their families in the Swansea area; remembers and celebrates the life of Julia and Clive's son, who suffered a brain injury in 1989 and is no longer with us; celebrates the couple's dedication to supporting brain injury survivors in their community through organising monthly social evenings to support people affected by brain injuries and setting up Headway Swansea's afternoon activities group;

further commends Julia and Clive's work supporting members on visits to doctors, Citizens Advice, solicitors and other professional bodies, Clive's work in supporting patients and Morriston Hospital TBU with gardening rehabilitation within hospital grounds, and Julia's role as a secretary of Headway offering substantial support to brain injury survivors and their families; notes the significant funds raised by them over the years to support Headway Swansea; welcomes recognition for their achievements from Headway Swansea; and further recognises the work of local independent Headway charities and volunteer-led branches across Wales and the rest of the UK, including Headway Swansea, and all the work they do support everyone affected by brain injury

633 **Right to protest outside the BBC**

Tabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **29**

John McDonnell
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
Grahame Morris
Brian Leishman
Brendan O'Hara

Kim Johnson	Andy McDonald	Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Dawn Butler	Apsana Begum	Nadia Whittome
Jon Trickett	Steve Witherden	Zarah Sultana
Richard Burgon	Ms Diane Abbott	Ian Lavery
Ayoub Khan	Neil Duncan-Jordan	Shockat Adam
Iqbal Mohamed	Chris Law	Dr Simon Opher
Abtisam Mohamed	Cat Smith	Seamus Logan
Ellie Chowns	Tahir Ali	

That this House is alarmed by attempts by the Metropolitan Police to prevent an agreed march for Palestine from protesting at the BBC on 18 January 2025; notes the route for the march was confirmed with the police nearly two months ago and as agreed with them was publicly announced on 30 November 2024; believes that the BBC is rightly accountable to the public and that police powers should not be used to shield it from democratic scrutiny; rejects the Metropolitan Police's claim the march could cause disruption to a nearby synagogue noting that the nearest synagogue to the BBC is not even on the march route; further notes that the Metropolitan Police themselves have acknowledged that there has not been a single incident of any threat to a synagogue attached to any of the previous marches for Palestine, and that thousands of Jewish people have been joining the protests, many of them part of an organised Jewish bloc; notes that since these restrictions were announced nearly 200 MPs, trade union and civil society leaders and groups including Amnesty International UK and Liberty, Holocaust survivors and their descendants, lawyers, journalists and prominent cultural figures as well as over 700 members of the British Jewish community have spoken out in support of the right to protest; and, therefore, calls on the Government to urge the Metropolitan Police to drop these repressive restrictions and allow the planned protest to take place at the BBC.

634 Public inquiry into Birmingham pub bombingsTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Ayoub Khan
Jim Shannon
Iqbal Mohamed
Shockat Adam

That this House continues to mourn the tragic events of the Birmingham pub bombings, which occurred on 21 November 1974, resulting in the deaths of 21 people and causing injuries to 220 individuals; regrets deeply the hardship and miscarriage of justice suffered by the Birmingham Six, who endured wrongful imprisonment for over 16 years before their eventual acquittal; further regrets the lack of closure for both victims and their loved ones in the 50 years that have elapsed since this grievous incident; acknowledges the urgent need to deliver justice to the true perpetrators of this brutal attack and to provide closure to those harmed both by the attack itself and by the flawed criminal proceedings that followed; and urges the Government to initiate a statutory public inquiry into the Birmingham pub bombings, to ensure that those affected may finally receive the answers and accountability to which they have long been entitled.

635 1st Halesowen Scout Group Christmas lunchTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **4**

Alex Ballinger
Jim Shannon
Manuela Perteghella
Tahir Ali

That this House commends the exceptional work of the 1st Halesowen Scout Group who offered a free two course meal to people across Halesowen; notes that Christmas and the festive period can be a difficult time for some and the group spent time and effort to ensure elderly and isolated people in the community got to enjoy a warm, homemade Christmas lunch; and recognises the dedication and hard work of all the Scouts in the group who are assets to our community.