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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 15 January 2025

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New EDMs

641 Open Doors 2025

Tabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the launch of the Open Doors World Watch List 2025 on Wednesday 15 January 2025, which assists in helping to highlight areas worldwide where Christians continue to be persecuted and where many face the most extreme oppression, threats and on many occasions death; and calls on the Government to increase support to all those working to end such persecution across the world.

642 Linda Norgrove Foundation wins Voluntary Sector Partnership Award

Tabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **1**

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the Linda Norgrove Foundation on winning the Voluntary Sector Partnership Award at the Scottish Public Service Awards; commends their collaboration with the UK and Scottish Governments in order to resettle 19 Afghan female medical students; notes that the students were forced to give up studying medicine after the Taliban took control of Afghanistan and forced women to leave universities; recognises the incredible hard work that the Linda Norgrove Foundation put in to helping the students come to Scotland to finish their studies; and wishes them all the best for their studies and futures ahead.

643 B-Eames Cutting GuideTabled: **15/01/25** Signatories: **1****Gregory Stafford**

That this House notes that the the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 is inadequate, and requires strengthening to ensure it remains in line with updated regulation; celebrates the B-Eames Cutting Guide, the use of which would improve safety standards within the industry, specifically advocating for the mandatory use of cutting guides when using cutting tools onsite due to unique health and safety benefits; and further notes that the B-Eames Cutting Guide assures that a safety cutting tool is the only way to eliminate eye-to-blade contact, unlike traditional guards and provides an opportunity for improved posture during cutting and improved efficiency for safety while working.

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.

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: **46****Steve Darling****Wendy Chamberlain****Clive Jones****Tom Morrison****Cameron Thomas****Dr Al Pinkerton**

Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

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 lawTabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **31****Sorcha Eastwood****Jon Trickett****Sarah Olney****Ben Lake****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Wendy Chamberlain**

John McDonnell

Andrew George

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.

586 Financial redress for 1950s-born womenTabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **11****Llinos Medi****Ben Lake****Ann Davies****Liz Saville Roberts****Ellie Chowns****Iqbal Mohamed**

John McDonnell

That this House supports the campaigns of women failed by the implementation of UK Government changes to the State Pension Age for women born after 6 April 1950 by way of the 1995 and 2011 Pension Acts; commends the work of campaigners who have fought tirelessly over many years for justice, accountability, and financial redress; notes the recommendations

of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report into the communication of State Pension changes in March 2024, that found maladministration by the Department for Work and Pensions, and recommended compensation at Level 4 of the ombudsman scale, £1,000 to £2,950; condemns the UK Government's decision to refuse compensation for 1950s women despite that report's recommendations, and despite acknowledging that maladministration did take place; is disappointed the 2019 promise that a Labour government would create a system of recompense for affected 1950s women has been broken; and calls on the UK Government to reverse this decision, and finally deliver justice for the 3.6 million affected 1950s-born women.

587 Healthy lunches

Tabled: **18/12/24** Signatories: **25**

Sarah Dyke
Ellie Chowns
Wendy Chamberlain
Helen Morgan
Dr Roz Savage
Sarah Gibson

Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the importance of eating a healthy and nutritious lunch; further recognises that poor diet is now the biggest risk for preventable disease, placing a huge strain on the NHS; notes that the number of food-secure households decreased by 2% according to the UK Food Security Report 2024; recognises the important role British farmers play in putting nutritious food on our plate, but is aware of the financial pressure food producers in the UK are currently facing; is worried further notes that 61% of farmers are concerned they will have to give up their farms within the next 18 months; and calls on the Government to ensure fairness in the food supply chain by strengthening the Groceries Code Adjudicator to protect consumers from unfair price rises and to support food producers.

591 Commonwealth War Graves Commission's new memorial in South Africa

Tabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Adam Jogee
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Ellie Chowns
Gavin Robinson

That this House welcomes the imminent inauguration of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's new memorial in South Africa on Wednesday 22 January 2025 by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal; acknowledges the sacrifice, valour and service of South African military labourers who served in campaigns during the First World War in East Africa; notes that this memorial will commemorate by name over 1,700 South Africans who died during World War

One; thanks all those involved in the research, design and creation of this memorial; recognises the contribution made to Britain's military effort and success in both world wars of men and women from right across the Commonwealth; and celebrates the bonds of solidarity that remain strong and indivisible between our United Kingdom and our Commonwealth family.

595 20th anniversary of Patton's Bakery

Tabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson

That this House celebrates 20 years of Patton's Bakery, opened in 2004 by Warren Patton in a small rented premises in Newtownards; notes the tremendous expansion of the business with dozens of staff and delivery vans; highlights that, in 2015, they won Best Family Business at the then-Ards Borough Council Business Awards, and Manager of the Year at the same awards; underlines that, in 2017, they were also named spar supplier of the year, as the business continued to grow; wishes the family all the best and a very successful future; and thanks them for their contribution to local hospitality in Northern Ireland.

596 Posthumous Victoria Cross for Blair Paddy Mayne

Tabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **10**

Jim Shannon
John Cooper
Mr Gregory Campbell
Alex Easton
Dr Scott Arthur
Bob Blackman

Gavin Robinson

That this House remembers the heroic endeavours of Blair Mayne; believes that these should be acknowledged through the award of a posthumous Victoria Cross; notes that Blair, known as Paddy, Mayne was a native of Newtownards in the constituency of Strangford and that he was a legendary member and officer of the Special Air Service; highlights that he served with considerable valour and distinction throughout the Second World War and will always be remembered for his efforts; and underlines that his legacy shall never be forgotten and that he should no longer be denied the honour of a Victoria Cross for his sensational contribution to the Special Services throughout the War.

599 England men's cricket team's upcoming fixture against AfghanistanTabled: **6/01/25** Signatories: **45**

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

Gavin Robinson

Andrew George

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: **34**

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

John McDonnell

Nadia Whittome

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: **9**

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

John McDonnell

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: **10**

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

Tristan Osborne

Gavin Robinson

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: **11**

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

Sarah Dyke

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: **3**

Euan Stainbank
Mary Kelly Foy
Tristan Osborne

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: **56**

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

Victoria Collins
John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

Tristan Osborne

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: **14**

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

Sarah Dyke
Andrew George

Olivia Blake

John McDonnell

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: **5**

Anna Sabine
Adam Dance
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon
Sarah Dyke

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: **30**

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

Victoria Collins
John McDonnell

Sarah Dyke

Christine Jardine

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: **42**

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

Sarah Dyke
Gavin Robinson

Euan Stainbank
John McDonnell

Graham Leadbitter

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.

613 First Bus price fares in SomersetTabled: **8/01/25** Signatories: **11**

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

John McDonnell

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.

618 94th birthday of Rabbi Bernd Koschland

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

David Pinto-Duschinsky

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Christine Jardine

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.

621 Possible sanctions on Bidzina Ivanishvili

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

James MacCleary

Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

Wera Hobhouse

Helen Maguire

David Chadwick

Martin Wrigley

John McDonnell

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

Euan Stainbank

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Andrew George

Gavin Robinson

Ms Diane Abbott

Colum Eastwood

John McDonnell

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: **3****Alex Easton****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson**

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: **4**

Patricia Ferguson

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

John McDonnell

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.

628 Review of the Windsor Framework

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

Jim Allister

Jim Shannon

Mr Gregory Campbell

Gavin Robinson

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.

633 Right to protest outside the BBCTabled: **13/01/25** Signatories: **34****John McDonnell****Ian Byrne****Jeremy Corbyn****Grahame Morris****Brian Leishman****Brendan O'Hara****Euan Stainbank****Clive Lewis****Dave Doogan****Liz Saville Roberts****Graham Leadbitter**

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: **5****Ayoub Khan****Jim Shannon****Iqbal Mohamed****Shokat Adam****Gavin Robinson**

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.

636 Interstitial Lung Disease

Tabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **5**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Tristan Osborne
Gavin Robinson
John McDonnell

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: **3**

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell
Gavin Robinson

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 GoodwoodTabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **4****Jess Brown-Fuller****Ian Roome****Jim Shannon****Helen Maguire**

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 CanalTabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **2****Euan Stainbank****Jim Shannon**

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 productsTabled: **14/01/25** Signatories: **6****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster****Zöe Franklin****Steff Aquarone****Martin Wrigley**

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.