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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 8 March 2022

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New EDMs

1049 Cost of living

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House expresses its deepest concerns about the explosion in the cost of living and its impact on millions of working people across the country, with Ofgem announcing that the energy price cap will rise by £693 to £1,971 per year on 1 April 2022, a 54 per cent rise; further notes a rise of up to 13 per cent in the lowest paid workers' National Insurance contributions from April 2022, together with increases in council tax and the highest levels of inflation for nearly 30 years; sadly notes wage growth has been stagnant for 15 years and looks set to stay that way, with the average person losing £1,000 in real terms in 2022 alone; particularly notes Resolution Foundation's report showing people are facing the worst fall in living standards since the 1970s; highlights that food prices have increased, since 2010, by 27 per cent and childcare costs by 50 per cent, placing strain on millions of families; shares concerns that despite the decline in quality of privatised transport, bus and rail fares are up 50 per cent on average; also acknowledges the struggle faced by private renters, with average annual rents up £2,000 since 2010; notes with regret that this cost of living crisis will be compounded by the war in Ukraine and many families will be pushed deeper below the poverty line; and urges the Government to act immediately to tackle the cost of living crisis by ensuring that those with the broadest shoulders contribute more.

1050 The future of Gaelic language media

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House notes the important cultural and economic contribution that minority language broadcasting contributes to the communities it serves and the UK's wider creative economy; recognises that there is a vital opportunity to use the Government's upcoming Broadcasting White Paper to tackle shortcomings in the current legislative status for Gaelic broadcasting; and urges the

Government to provide a clear statutory basis for Gaelic language public service media, putting it on an equal footing with Welsh language broadcasting.

1051 Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club's centenary

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises that 2022 marks the centenary of Rutherglen Lawn Tennis Club; congratulates the club on this impressive achievement; notes the success of their celebratory quiz night, well attended by locals across a broad spectrum of ages; further notes the club's commitment to their Project 100, which seeks to secure a strong and healthy future for the club and further their engagement with the local community and wider Scottish tennis community; and wishes them the best for their future centenary events throughout 2022, including the Ceilidh on the Courts, vintage tennis tournament, book launch and centenary dinner and dance at Rutherglen Town Hall.

1052 Persecution of religious minority women and girls

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on Tuesday, 8 March, 2022; supports the UK's commitment to promoting gender equality around the world; recognises that women from religious minorities face persecution and discrimination on account of both their faith and their gender; highlights particularly the cases of Christian women in Nigeria, Yazidi women in Iraq, and Hindu and Christian girls (forcibly converted and married) in Pakistan; calls on the Government to facilitate asylum for the Christian girl Maira Shahbaz, currently in hiding in Pakistan; urges the Government to intensify its efforts to ensure the safe release of Leah Sharibu, Alice Ngaddah and the Chibok girls in Nigeria; insists that gender-specific religious persecution is clearly recognised in FCDO policy and practice; recommends that the Government fund targeted programming for women facing double vulnerabilities as members of minority faith communities; and encourages the FCDO to work with local faith actors who can best respond to these experiences.

1053 Treatment of workers following closure of Dawnfresh factory, Uddingston

Tabled: 8/03/22 Signatories: 5

Ian Mearns
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Mick Whitley
Kim Johnson

That this House condemns the treatment of 200 loyal staff of Dawnfresh Seafoods Ltd following the closure of the Uddingston site near Glasgow as a result of the company being put into administration; notes that Dawnfresh, one of the UK's largest fish and seafood processors, was owned by billionaire Alastair Salvesen, one of the richest people in Scotland; further notes that as a result of the site closure, the workers were denied the opportunities they had been promised to either transfer to the company's Arbroath site, recently upgraded with extensive public subsidies, or negotiate redundancy terms; is scandalised that whilst Salvesen prioritised the recovery of his private art collection from the site, the workers from the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union found their employment terminated without notice and without receiving wages they were owed,

forcing people into such financial jeopardy that they fear being forced to turn to food banks; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently review and reform the legal framework which allows such callous treatment of workers.

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.

994 Venue for 2022 Champions League Final

Tabled: 22/02/22 Signatories: 32

Mr Clive Betts
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Valerie Vaz
Mr Barry Sheerman

Sammy Wilson

That this House calls for UEFA to move the Champions League final scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 May 2022 from St Petersburg in Russia to a new venue outside of Russia as a result of Russian hostility to Ukraine.

995 Jamal Edwards MBE

Tabled: 22/02/22 Signatories: 38

Dr Rupa Huq
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Valerie Vaz
Mr Virendra Sharma

Apsana Begum

Martyn Day

That this House remembers the life and achievements of Jamal Edwards MBE, a musical pioneer, entrepreneur, author and philanthropist born in Luton, raised in Acton, who never forgot his roots; recognises that Jamal's work had a tremendous impact on music in the UK, notably launching SBTV, a ground-breaking platform that was credited with helping to launch the careers of many of the UK's foremost recording artists and was noteworthy in its democratisation of music production, distribution and exchange; further notes that Jamal had a deeply held passion for wanting to better the lives of young people, starting JE Delve, the grassroots youth charity to give young people the opportunities to develop skills to help them embrace their passions and giving his time to a plethora of voluntary causes; notes that Jamal was instrumental in bringing to light many hitherto taboo issues in the attempt to improve situations, such as mental health among young black men; and extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Jamal Edwards MBE, his friends, and all of those whose lives he helped, may he rest in eternal peace.

996 Estonian National DayTabled: **22/02/22** Signatories: **31**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Alan Brown
John Spellar
Owen Thompson

Alyn Smith

That this House notes that 24 February is the Estonian National Day, marking 104 years since the signing of the Estonian declaration of independence in 1918, and the foundation of the Republic of Estonia; further notes that the Estonian people had been subjects variously of Swedish, Russian and German Empires and that in 1917 after years of brutal conflict in Europe, Estonians formed a Provisional National Council, the Maapäev, to reform and modernise institutions and governance that had previously been the preserve of the Russian Imperial elite; notes that as the Bolshevik government sought to overturn these steps towards self-determination and the German army threatened to invade, the Maapäev held elections at the start of February 1918 which underlined its legitimacy before the declaration of independence on 24 February; and further notes that following this demonstration of Estonian self-determination it was required to bravely fight both German and Soviet forces until the signing of the Tartu Peace Treaty in February 1920; and recalls the words in the preamble to the Estonian Declaration of Independence on 24 February, which state that never in the course of centuries have the Estonian people lost their ardent desire for independence and that from generation to generation Estonians have kept alive the secret hope that in spite of enslavement and oppression by other nations the time will come in Estonia when it is said that all splinters, at both ends, will burst forth into flames and when Kalev will come home to bring his children happiness.

1006 Accommodation for children in care over the age of 15Tabled: **24/02/22** Signatories: **26**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ian Mearns
Kim Johnson
Mohammad Yasin
Mr Virendra Sharma
John McDonnell

Ian Lavery

That this House notes with grave concern the introduction of secondary legislation by the Department for Education which guarantees care and regulated accommodation to vulnerable looked-after children only to the age of 15; and is further concerned by the disproportionate impact this policy has on boys and children from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities; further adds that between 2018 and 2020, 22 children in care aged 16 and 17 died while living in this type of unregulated setting which is devoid of care and consistent adult supervision; further champions the charity Article 39 and the delegation of care experienced people who handed over a 10,700 signature-strong #KeepCaringTo18 petition to Downing Street on this issue; and urgently calls on the Government to change this legislation to ensure all looked after children, no matter what their age, live in accommodation that has carers and provides care.

1008 25th Anniversary of Pro-Duct Group, Cardenden

Tabled: 24/02/22 Signatories: 8

Peter Grant
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the family-run Pro-Duct Group in Cardenden on their 25th anniversary in business; notes that Brian Dempster Snr. started Pro-Duct in 1996 with second-hand machinery from its origins in an old dairy workshop in Kingskettle, and with a lot of hard work and drive has grown the business over the years to become one of the UK's leading manufacturers and installers of ventilation ductwork systems; further notes that the business and its five operating companies (Pro-Duct Fife Ltd, Pro-Duct Installations, Pro-Duct Sheet Metal Ltd, Pro-Duct Fabrications Ltd and Pro-Duct Maintenance Services Ltd) have grown from a turnover of just over £30,000 per year to over £5 million; congratulates Brian's son, Brian Dempster Jnr. on his first two very successful years at the helm of the business; highlights some of the business' recent success in securing contracts to help tackle covid-19 by supporting the construction and development of the Rosalind Franklin Laboratory in Leamington Spa, the UK's first testing mega lab, and Valneva in Scotland which is a vaccine manufacturing facility; thanks all of the more than 70 strong team, many of whom have worked with Pro-Duct for many years, for their hard work and dedication to the business; and offers all of the team at Pro-Duct its best wishes for the future of the business.

1009 Olympic medallist Hammy McMillan

Tabled: 24/02/22 Signatories: 8

David Linden
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Glasgow East constituent Hammy McMillan who recently won the silver medal in men's curling at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics Games; commends his teammates Bruce Mouat, Grant Hardie and Bobby Lammy on their achievement; notes that the team is the first men's team since 2014 Sochi Winter Games to reach the curling final; celebrates the success of Scottish Sport at the Winter Olympics, and hopes that the achievements of the men's curling team will inspire young people across Scotland, but particularly in Glasgow East.

1011 Sir Alex Ferguson statue at Pittodrie Football StadiumTabled: **28/02/22** Signatories: **7**

Kirsty Blackman
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Patrick Grady

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Sir Alex Ferguson, Aberdeen Football Club's most successful manager of all-time, on the unveiling of a statue in his honour at Pittodrie Football Stadium; celebrates the monumental success he brought to Aberdeen FC, including winning the European Cup Winners Cup in 1983; and recognises the enormous positive contribution and influence Sir Alex has had on Aberdeen and Scottish football during his trophy-laden career.

1013 World Seagrass DayTabled: **28/02/22** Signatories: **15**

Douglas Chapman
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House celebrates World Seagrass Day and recognises the important role of seagrass restoration as a nature-based solution to the climate and biodiversity crisis; further recognises the vital role of seagrass meadows as marine powerhouses in terms of increasing biodiversity, as a blue carbon store, as a way of enhancing coastal defences and a habitat for a huge variety of life in our shallow, sheltered waters; understands the great threat to these habitats, with an estimated loss of the size of two football pitches an hour across the globe; and calls for the UK Government to support these important marine habitats and celebrate some of the incredible community-led projects around Scotland such as Restoration Forth in the Dunfermline and West Fife constituency, which aims to restore and sustainably manage seagrass habitats in the Firth of Forth.

1015 Ovarian Cancer Month 2022Tabled: **28/02/22** Signatories: **17**

Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Sir Mike Penning
Gavin Robinson
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker

Patricia Gibson

That this House notes Ovarian Cancer Month in March; highlights the campaign by Target Ovarian Cancer to highlight the major symptoms of Ovarian Cancer acknowledging that four in 10 women wrongly believe their cervical screening also detects Ovarian Cancer and that knowing the symptoms is a key for early detection; thanks all of those who, in recognition of the 11 women

per day who die in the UK from Ovarian Cancer, have pledged to walk 11,000 miles each day in March to raise money for the charity; and calls upon the Government to train more GPs in symptom spotting for Ovarian Cancer as well as to shorten the diagnostic pathway by carrying out CA125 blood test along with ultrasounds as standard practice.

1017 Royal Mail workforce reductions

Tabled: 1/03/22 Signatories: 41

Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Paula Barker
Kate Hollern
Andy McDonald

Wayne David
 John Spellar
 Cat Smith
 Ben Lake

Jonathan Edwards
 Clive Lewis
 Dave Doogan
 Liz Saville Roberts

Kenny MacAskill
 Kevin Brennan
 Hywel Williams
 Alyn Smith

That this House expresses alarm at plans by Royal Mail to reduce frontline managerial jobs by 900 posts, a reduction that will further harm the postal service in this country; condemns this continued attack on the jobs of workers while shareholders receive £311 million in rewards; is appalled at the treatment of postal managers, who have been the hidden heroes of the service during the coronavirus pandemic, working excessive hours with no additional pay in order to ensure that the public receives their post and packages; calls on Royal Mail to immediately engage with the workforce and its union, Unite, to save these jobs; is concerned that Royal Mail is already failing to meet its public service obligation, with delays to post now a regular occurrence around the country; agrees with Unite that the removal of hundreds of core workers is a senseless move that will see the service worsen; and calls on the regulator to intervene immediately to prevent Royal Mail taking a death-by-a-thousand-cuts approach to a cornerstone public service.

1018 Vehicle Safety Standards

Tabled: 1/03/22 Signatories: 5

Sir Peter Bottomley
Margaret Ferrier
Rachael Maskell
Peter Dowd
Patricia Gibson

That this House supports the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-30 and the target to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030; welcomes the Global Plan for the Decade of Action and, in particular, the recommended best practice in vehicle safety technologies; calls on the Department for Transport to ensure those recommendations are included in the UK's new motor vehicle type approval system; proposes that the UK should adopt in full the fifteen proposed safety technologies included in the General Safety and Pedestrian Regulations being applied across the European Union and Northern Ireland from July 2022; notes that this package is estimated by the Transport Research Laboratory to have the potential to avoid 1,762 deaths and above 15,000 serious injuries and generate approximately £7 billion in net economic benefits in the UK; and urges the Government to ensure that UK vehicle safety regulations do not fall behind both EU and global best practice.

1020 Defibrillator fundraising by Jamie Canavan

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 8

David Linden
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Stephens
 Patrick Grady

Chris Law

Patricia Gibson

That this House commends Glasgow East constituent Jamie Canavan on his fundraising efforts for a defibrillator to be placed in the Shettleston community; notes that after witnessing a man receiving CPR on the side of the road, Jamie Canavan set about ensuring that the local community was equipped with a defibrillator; further notes that Jamie Canavan set up a go fund me page where he proceeded to raise the necessary £1,595 for a defibrillator; congratulates Jamie on his commitment to the local community; and thanks him for his fundraising efforts.

1023 Effect of a temporary timetable on the Pontefract line

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 3

Jon Trickett
 Jim Shannon
 Ian Lavery

That this House regrets the reduction in timetabled rail services and continued operation of a temporary timetable by Northern Rail on users of the Pontefract Line between Leeds and Knottingley; regrets the impact on users of stations of all stations, including at Streethouse and Featherstone in the Hemsworth constituency; notes there are no alternative bus routes from Streethouse or Featherstone to Leeds; further notes that users of those locations can no longer arrive in Leeds before 9am; believes this demonstrates the failure of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and ongoing need to invest in improving connectivity; and urges the Secretary of State for Transport to ensure the necessary requirements are in place to ensure Northern Rail provides sufficient services on the Pontefract Line.

1026 European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service

Tabled: 2/03/22 Signatories: 10

Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Marion Fellows
 Margaret Ferrier
 Hywel Williams

Chris Law

That this House calls on the Government to re-join the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS); notes that EGNOS is a Safety-of-Life service that is required across the UK for safe flight operations from the Hebrides to the Isles of Scilly; recognises airline services to be vital in many places for bringing mail and cargo, taking people to and from medical appointments, facilitating search and rescue operations and general travel and without this capability there is a risk to life; observes that since leaving EGNOS in June 2021 that the UK is the only G20 country without any satellite-based aviation navigation capability; and urges the Government to swiftly review and reassess the decision to leave EGNOS.

1027 Russia and the Intelligence and Security Committee's report

Tabled: 3/03/22 Signatories: 30

Caroline Lucas
Chris Bryant
Dame Margaret Hodge
Alyn Smith
Layla Moran
Hywel Williams

Martin Docherty-Hughes

Apsana Begum

Kenny MacAskill

That this House unequivocally condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine and decision of President Putin to start a brutal war in Europe; notes that the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament report, entitled Russia, published 21 July 2020, HC 632, is of critical importance to UK national security and particularly so at this time of war in Europe; further notes the Report's damning conclusion that insufficient attention has been paid to Russian state-linked infiltration in British politics and public life; notes paragraphs 47 and 48 on the lack of retrospective assessment and believes Ministers in effect turned a blind eye to allegations of Russian disruption in UK elections; further notes the finding that credible open source commentary that Russia undertook influence campaigns appears not to have been investigated; notes the words of the Prime Minister on 23 February 2022 that he had seen no evidence of successful Russian interference in any electoral event; calls on the Prime Minister to publish details of the unsuccessful Russian interference he has seen and criteria used to judge success; believes Kremlin-linked interference in British politics through financial dealings at multiple levels, including connections in the House of Lords, are a corrupting force in British public life that must be addressed to protect our democracy and national security; and calls on the Government to undertake a full investigation of the security threat posed to UK democracy by Russia as set out in the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament's Russia Report.

1031 Big Yellow Friday 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 8

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman

Chris Stephens

Alyn Smith

That this House notes that 4 March 2022 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that every week 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease that can mean a lifetime of care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2022 and showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1032 Retirement of Margaret McIntyre at Citizens' Advice Bureau

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 5

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alyn Smith

That this House congratulations Margaret McIntyre on her retirement as Bureau Manager of the Greater Pollok Citizens' Advice Bureau after two decades in the post; notes Ms McIntyre took on the role as Bureau Manager when the Pollok Citizens' Advice Bureau opened to the community in 2001; recognises Margaret has been with the CAB service for over 30 years, dedicating 22 years to the community of Greater Pollok; applauds the leadership that Ms McIntyre has shown in her time as Bureau Manager; further recognises the tremendous work done by Citizens Advice and Ms McIntyre over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic to assist those most in need; thanks Ms McIntyre for her outstanding service to service users and the Greater Pollok community over the years; and wishes her the best in retirement and future endeavours.

1033 Retirement of Sir Jason Kenny

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

Yasmin Qureshi
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House wholeheartedly congratulates Sir Jason Kenny on an unprecedented career in cycling and wishes him all the best in his future retirement plans as Coach for Team GB; notes that Sir Jason, a proud Boltonian, is this country's most decorated Olympian ending his career with an amazing seven Gold medals; and further notes that he will go down in history as one of the greats of world cycling, alongside his wife Dame Laura Kenny, who is also the most successful female Olympian this country has ever seen.

1034 World Kidney Day 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 7

Daisy Cooper
Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Apsana Begum
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that World Kidney Day takes place on Thursday 10 March 2022 on the theme of education and awareness of kidney health; recognises that 250,000 people living with stage 4 and 5 chronic kidney disease are at higher risk of hospitalisation or death following COVID-19 infection than any other group and have faced difficulty protecting themselves due to challenges accessing additional vaccine doses, and guidance that excluded them; welcomes the rollout of COVID-19 treatments but encourages the Government to consider their use prophylactically to prevent infection in those for whom vaccines are less effective; commends the important work charities, such as Kidney Care UK, have done to protect, support and advocate for clinically extremely vulnerable kidney patients from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, as well as people who are immunocompromised or immunosuppressed; and calls on the Government to acknowledge

all late-stage chronic kidney disease patients' vulnerability to COVID-19 and ensure this group are included in and protected by COVID-19 guidance.

1035 Exclusion of women members from The Garrick Club

Tabled: **7/03/22** Signatories: **3**

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Women At The Garrick Club campaign on collecting more than 300 signatories from the legal profession, including more than 100 Queens Counsel barristers, for their petition to members of the Garrick Club; notes that they urge the club membership to behave ethically by holding a vote on, and voting in favour of, admitting women as members; regrets that currently The Garrick affords men opportunities through their membership to form connections with senior legal practitioners and members of the judiciary, which may support their professional aspirations, and that these opportunities are not available to women; calls on all private members clubs to immediately abolish archaic rules preventing women from being admitted as members; and encourages those at the Garrick and other clubs to reflect on their commitment to equality and diversity in the approach to International Women's Day on 8 March.

1036 Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association 125th Anniversary

Tabled: **7/03/22** Signatories: **7**

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman
Chris Stephens

Alyn Smith

That this House is delighted to acknowledge the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Scotland Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), also known as Scotland GAA; believes that Scotland GAA has been instrumental in maintaining and strengthening the links between the sport, Ireland and the Irish diaspora across Scotland over the last century and that the organisation continues to grow with strength; wishes to extend its thanks to those involved in the organisation for their dedication and hard work; and believes that a positive long term future of the sport is built on strong foundations with their Sports Community Hub based in Clydebank.

1037 Leuchie House National Lottery Community funding

Tabled: **7/03/22** Signatories: **3**

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates national respite centre Leuchie House on receiving £117,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund to help improve their facilities; understands that the charity located near North Berwick provides care for people with neurological conditions and has now fully reopened following closure during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the money will fund a new occupational therapist to join the team for three years, help fund a new digital skills coordinator

for one year, and provide guests with smart technologies that will assist them in their daily life which will help them live more independently and feel less isolated; welcomes Mark Bevan CEO of Leuchie House's comments when showing delight for the funding to be awarded to the charity and the positive impact this funding will have for Leuchie House; and wishes the staff, guests and all involved at Leuchie House the very best for their futures.

1038 Muirfield Riding Therapy gift from Knox Academy pupils

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Olivia Dale, Kirsty Dee and Ellen Davidson, pupils at Knox Academy in Haddington, on securing £3000 for the Muirfield Riding Therapy through the school's Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) competition; understands that after groups of pupils had to research a social issue and deliver a presentation on Muirfield Riding Therapy, which provides pioneering life-changing equine therapy and since their founding 1989 have opened and indoor arena, physiotherapy room, play area, meeting room, and full length viewing gallery, was named the successor thanks to the groups' research and presentation; and wishes Olivia, Kirsty, Ellen, and everyone involved in the Muirfield Riding Therapy the best of luck with their future.

1039 North Berwick gardeners representation of Scotland in Britain in Bloom

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates keen gardening group North Berwick in Bloom on being selected to represent Scotland in this year's Britain in Bloom contest organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), which is making its return for the first time since 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; understands that North Berwick in Bloom have been chosen thanks to the group's efforts to deliver environmental improvements to the town, work which saw it win gold at the Beautiful Scotland awards in 2021; notes that in partnership with RHS, the awards are run by Keep Scotland Beautiful who aims to combat climate change, reduce litter and enhance the beauty of the nation's towns; and wishes the best of luck to all those involved in North Berwick in Bloom.

1040 Gosford House Winter Wonderland fundraising for ill children

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House commends the fundraising efforts of those at Gosford House who held the first of its kind Winter Wonderland in East Lothian on raising thousands of pounds to grant the wishes of children living with life-threatening illnesses; understands that Gosford House welcomed thousands of visitors last festive period over the course of a week to support local businesses and raise money of When You Wish Upon a Star, a Scottish charity granting special wishes to children between the ages of four and sixteen; congratulates those involved in the Winter Wonderland on their fundraising success; and wish those at Gosford House and When You Wish Upon a Star the best of luck with any future fundraising efforts.

1041 Gullane Day Centre National Lottery Community funding

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

**Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Gullane Day Centre on receiving a funding of £6,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this funding will go towards the group's outreach wellbeing project which was developed during lockdown to support older people who were isolated and vulnerable; commend Gullane Day Centre for their efforts in the community; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the future.

1042 MADE In East Lothian CIC National Lottery Community funding

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

**Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates MADE in East Lothian CIC on receiving a funding of £9,272 from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group, who support artists and creators throughout East Lothian, will carry out a community consultation into the future of the arts hub based in Haddington with a view to buying the property and re-developing it based on feedback from the community; commends the group's efforts in the community; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the future.

1043 Natural Connections National Lottery Community funding

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

**Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Natural Connections in Tranent on receiving a funding of £9,896 from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group, who support local community and causes in East Lothian, will use the funding to run an outreach project to help people in the local area to develop their gardens to grow food; commends the efforts of the group's help in the community; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the future.

1044 Volunteer Development East Lothian National Lottery Community funding

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

**Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Volunteer Development East Lothian on receiving a funding of £200,00 from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the group will build on its existing befriending project (Engage) supporting young people who are vulnerable, and the befrienders will meet the young people weekly in an activity or session chosen by the young person to help address isolation, loneliness, mental health issues and disadvantages that the young people is experiencing; commends the group for their efforts in the community; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the future.

1045 Endometriosis Awareness Month 2022

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Mohammad Yasin
Patricia Gibson

Jonathan Edwards Douglas Chapman

That this House notes Endometriosis Awareness Month 2022; further notes that it is estimated that one in 10 women have endometriosis which frequently presents with the symptom of pain and which can cause infertility in up to 40 per cent of sufferers; highlights this awareness month to promote a greater awareness and understanding of endometriosis among the medical profession, education sector, employers, politicians and society in general; and reaffirms the right of women to access best practice and consistent care and treatment for everyone regardless of where they live.

1046 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Abercorn Restaurant in Belfast

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Abercorn Restaurant in Belfast; highlights the loss of innocent life with the death of Anne Owens and Janet Bereen with the bomb detonation a mere two minutes after the warning was phoned in and expresses our continued sympathy; further expresses support for the 130 victims who were maimed and live with the physical and emotional scars; and also remembers those first responders on the scene of that atrocity who dealt with images that can never be forgotten perpetrated by those who have never been charged or arrested and into which an historical investigation has not been carried out.

1047 Thameslink service frequency and fares

Tabled: 7/03/22 Signatories: 3

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes with concern that Thameslink service frequencies remain substantially reduced compared to pre-pandemic levels, notably including the St Albans to London commuter route; further notes the frustrations expressed by many passengers that peak time services can be crowded as a result of the reduction in services, compounded by the sometime use of shorter trains at peak commuting times; understands that Govia Thameslink Railway are constrained by the Department for Transport requirement that service schedules and expenditure must be approved by the Government under the current model of operating the railways; regrets that the Secretary of State for Transport approved a substantial increase in rail fares despite the current reduction in rail services available to commuters; and calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to reverse the annual fare increase for 2022, work urgently with Train Operating Companies to support the recruitment and training of train staff in order that a full timetable can be reinstated at the

earliest opportunity, and to provide appropriate compensation to season ticket holders and regular commuters, while these measures are introduced, on the basis that their travel options continue to be considerably reduced and their journeys uncomfortable and overpriced.

1048 Environmental impact of planned Luton Airport expansion

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Daisy Cooper
Sir Mike Penning

That this House deplores the announcement by Luton Council that they intend to pursue an expansion of Luton Airport which would see annual passenger numbers increase from the current permitted figure of 18 million passengers per annum, to a total of 32 million; recognises the widespread community opposition to the plans from groups such as the Luton and District Association for the Control of Airport Noise, Stop Luton Airport Expansion, St Albans for Quieter Skies, St Albans and District Friends of the Earth, Extinction Rebellion, and St Albans Wilderhood Watch; notes with alarm that Luton Borough Council has approved the plans to significantly increase aviation passenger numbers whilst also declaring a climate emergency; notes with concern the Climate Change Committee recommendation in their sixth carbon budget that there should be no net expansion of UK airport capacity unless the sector is assessed as being on track to sufficiently outperform a net emissions trajectory that is compatible with achieving Net Zero; further notes that the nuisance, disruption and suffering endured by residents in Hertfordshire as a result of aircraft noise is likely to be exacerbated by expansion of operations; calls on Luton Council to enforce promises made by Luton Airport on aircraft noise reduction; and calls on the Government to drop its support for airport expansion unless the sector is assessed as being on track to sufficiently outperform a net emissions trajectory that is compatible with achieving Net Zero.