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New EDMs

37 Defibrillators in Fleetwood

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Cat Smith

That this House commends the work of Helen Crane, Gillian Gallagher, and Gilly Atkinson from Fleetwood for their fundraising for defibrillators; recognises they have raised enough to fund seventeen of these lifesaving devices, and welcomes that already eight have been fitted across Fleetwood since June 2021; further commends their work in organising community training sessions in partnership with the Fylde coast first responders to show people how to use the equipment.

38 Scope charity shop, Fleetwood

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Cat Smith

That this House regrets the closure of the Scope charity shop on Lord Street in Fleetwood after 20 years in its current location and further regrets that the charity shop space will instead be used to expand licenced space for gambling; praises the work done by shop manager Sharon Kenny and assistant shop manager Steph Bend; further praises the time given by regular volunteers Monique, Judith, James and his support workers, Janet, Julie, Pauline, Maggie, Karrone and Yulia; wishes all those who have worked hard over the years the very best for the future and hopes to see no further expansion of betting shops on the high street.

39 Funding award for the King's Own Royal Regiment Museum

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Cat Smith

That this House congratulates the King's Own Royal (Lancaster) Regiment Museum Trustees and Lancaster City Museums on their £60,000 awarded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund; wishes them success in using the funding to produce *The Hinge of Fate: Living with Uncertainty in 1942*, which will tell the story of both the soldiers of the regiment and families on the 'Home Front' in Lancaster during the darkest days of the Second World War; further thanks chair of the King's Own Royal (Lancaster) Regiment Museum Trust, Robin Ashcroft, for his work on this successful bid; recognises the contributions from the Duke's Theatre, Morecambe Women's Institute, Lancaster Music Festival, Sandylands Primary School, and Global Link for their collaboration in the wider programme of events planned; and anticipates *The Hinge of Fate: Living with Uncertainty in 1942*, which will run from September 2022 to February 2023 in the Special Exhibition Gallery of The City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster.

40 Registration of deaths after a public inquiry

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes the urgent need to amend legislation to allow grieving families the choice to register the death of a loved one after a public inquiry; highlights the heart-breaking case of Liam Curry and Chloe Rutherford from South Shields who were tragically murdered in the Manchester Arena terror attack in May 2017 and whose parents are being denied the chance to register the death of their own precious children; further notes that for many families, registering a death may be a vital step in their grieving process, especially in cases of an unexpected and traumatic death that results in an inquiry; and calls on the Government to put bereaved families at the heart of inquiries by listening to their needs and making the necessary changes to this important issue.

41 Hunting on Ministry of Defence land

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Dave Doogan

That this House notes with concern that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) continues to grant licences for trail and drag hunts on MoD land, including 248 hunts over 13 MoD sites in a single year; notes that leaked footage shows the Hunting Office and the Masters of Fox Hounds Association describing trail and drag hunts as a smokescreen; notes that trail and drag hunts can be, and are used to disguise the illegal and barbaric practice of fox hunting; welcomes the National Trust and Natural Resources Wales's decisions to ban trail and drag hunting; and calls on the Government to end the licencing of trail and drag hunts on MoD land.

42 Ukrainian forces in Azovstal

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House both recognises and salutes the heroism and fortitude of the Ukrainian soldiers and volunteers fighting for their country in the Azovstal steel works at Mariupol; understands that the Azovstal defenders are trapped, starving and lacking in fresh water, ammunition, medicine, adequate heating, sanitation and heavy weapons, with several hundred reputed to be wounded, whilst the defenders suffer from almost continuous bombardment; further understands that the

defenders of Azovstal fight on without hope of relief or rescue, knowing that their continued resistance prevents the deployment of their Russian attackers elsewhere against Ukraine; acknowledges the anguish of the parents, siblings, wives, partners and children of Azovstal's Ukrainian fighters, who it understands fear for their loved ones and who want them to return home safely; and believes that, while words like hero and heroism have been devalued over the years through their misuse, the courage and determination of Azovstal's defenders shows the true meaning of those words, as they battle on in pursuit of a free and independent Ukraine.

43 UHI Inverness graduate showcase

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the students of BA(Hons) Art and Contemporary Practices at UHI Inverness on the opening of their Graduate Showcase on the 13th of May 2020, celebrating the end of their studies; recognises the hardships that Lecturer Frank To, Joint Programme Lead Rachel Fermi and students Isla Jacobs and Jemima Macdonald have faced during the covid-19 Pandemic, and the challenges this has posed to learning and creativity; commends the resilience of artists in the Highlands during the pandemic and credits the determination of Isla and Jemima over the last Seven Years; and congratulates Isla and Jemima and wishes them the best of luck in their careers.

44 Ownership of Channel 4

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House is concerned about the Government's plans to privatise Channel 4, a publicly owned company that does not cost the taxpayer a penny; notes that Channel 4 is not run for profit and is therefore free from the need to create return for shareholders; acknowledges that Channel 4's remit to demonstrate innovation, experiment and creativity makes a significant contribution to creating educational and distinctive programming; further acknowledges the substantial contribution Channel 4 makes towards the UK's creative economy and the levelling up agenda; considers that any step towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; recalls the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled A Privatised Future for Channel Four? (July 2016), which warned that Channel 4 could be adversely affected by privatisation; further recalls that 96 per cent of people who responded to the Government's consultation on the ownership of Channel 4 disagreed with privatisation; and calls on the Government to end plans to privatise Channel 4.

45 Hereditary angioedema awareness day

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House notes that Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) day takes place on Monday 16 May 2022 with the aim of promoting awareness of this rare disease amongst policymakers and healthcare professionals; recognises that the 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 50,000 people living with HAE in the UK have their daily lives significantly impacted by the disease due to unpredictable and frequent attacks; commends the important work patient organisations, such as HAE UK, have done to support and advocate for those living with HAE; welcomes the commitments of the Rare Disease Framework to improve health outcomes for rare disease populations; and urges policymakers and key stakeholders

to make efforts to reduce variation in the standards of care and access to treatment experienced by HAE patients across the UK by ensuring the successful delivery of national Rare Diseases Action Plan.

46 Cats in road traffic accidents

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is proud to state that the UK is a nation of cat lovers with approximately 12.2 million cats in UK households; notes that this makes cats the second most popular pet in the UK, second only to dogs, with 27 per cent of households owning at least one cat; sympathises with the pain that is felt by pet owners when their pet is struck by a vehicle and fatally wounded; notes with sadness that, according to data from PetPlan, approximately 230,000 cats are hit by cars every year in the UK, averaging 630 every day; is alarmed that under section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, a driver is required to stop and report an accident involving horses, cattle, asses, mules, sheep, pigs, goats or dogs, but not cats; is aware that this distinction was made to protect working animals; argues that this distinction is no longer required in the modern-day where domestic animals are mainly kept as pets; cites a 2018 study by Carbuyer which found almost 60 per cent of those surveyed agreed the law should be changed to include cats as well; and calls on this Government to introduce a change in the law that would require drivers to report a traffic collision involving a cat.

47 Fur, foie gras and trophy hunting imports

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House expresses concern and dismay at the Government reneging on its promise to strengthen animal rights through legislation by omitting this important matter from the Queen's Speech; stands with the many people who have written to their hon Member sharing their worry at the lack of action on a potential ban on fur, foie gras and trophy hunting imports; seeks to remind the Government of their 2019 manifesto promise to ban trophy hunting imports and their statement in that manifesto that high standards of animal welfare are one of the hallmarks of a civilised society; notes that 79 per cent of the British public supports the foie gras sales ban and 72 per cent supports the fur sales ban; further notes that the Government's failure to act is tantamount to propping up animal cruelty; and urges the Government to not go back on its promise and should instead take tough action against animal cruelty.

48 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Angela Crawley

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that, in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; understands that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; considers unacceptable the Government's position that Statutory Sick Pay or annual leave are adequate compromises for a specific miscarriage leave provision; congratulates private businesses which have implemented policies for paid miscarriage leave including John Lewis, ASOS and Monzo; and believes the UK Government should bring this industry standard into statute to provide paid leave for people who experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve for their profound loss.

49 32nd anniversary of the death of four Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers at Ballydugan

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes the 32nd anniversary of the slaughter of the four UDR Soldiers killed at Ballydugan on 9th of April 1990; extends its sincere and enduring sympathies to the families of Private John Birch, Lance Corporal John Bradley, Private Michael Adams and Private Steven Smart; highlights the fact that the family live daily with the pain of their loss and still long for justice that has long been denied; and reiterates the belief that justice is owed to every community in Northern Ireland and to all those who grieve.

50 Centenary of policing in Northern Ireland since the formation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1922

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House marks the centenary of policing in Northern Ireland since the formation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1922; notes the 462 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty or service during that time and the thousands of others who sacrificed their mental health and home life due to the trauma they faced; and expresses sincere gratitude to each officer and their families for all they did to allow people to live in safety.

51 Success of Liverpool men's and women's football teams

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 6

**Dan Carden
Sir George Howarth
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson
Maria Eagle
Paula Barker**

That this House extends its warmest congratulations to Liverpool Football Club for their victory in the 150th FA Cup final over Chelsea to win their second domestic honour of the 2021-22 season; recognises the incredible leadership of manager Jurgen Klopp and all of his staff; pays tribute to the guidance and direction of club captain Jordan Henderson; congratulates the skill, dedication and commitment of every player in the team and on the pitch; commends the support of Liverpool fans across the city and country; congratulates the club for building on the success of the winning of the EFL Cup; wishes the team every success in the Champions League Final and climax of the Premier League season; and congratulates the club on the promotion of Liverpool women back to the Women's Super League.

52 Dame Deborah James

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Tracey Crouch

That this House congratulates Dame Deborah James on her richly deserved Damehood; recognises her phenomenal fundraising efforts through the BowelBabe Fund for Cancer Research UK; thanks her, Lauren Mahon, the late Rachael Bland and Steve Bland for raising awareness and talking openly

about cancer in the podcast You, Me & the Big C; regrets that nearly 43,000 new bowel cancer cases are diagnosed each year and that Bowel Cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK; calls on the Government to keep to its commitment of extending the age of NHS Bowel cancer screening to those over 50 across the whole country; appeals for the Government to increase endoscopy capacity to improve earlier and faster diagnosis; acknowledges more needs to be done to raise awareness of the symptoms of bowel and other cancers in younger people by supporting campaigns such as Bowel Cancer UK's Never Too Young campaign championed by Dame Deborah; and seeks long term funding for clinical trials and research into personalised medicine that could result in new treatments for cancer patients.

53 Bearsden Academy Gold SCQF School Ambassador Status

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates the pupils and staff at Bearsden Academy on achieving Gold SCQF School Ambassador status; understands that the secondary school in East Dunbartonshire has become only the second school in Scotland to reach gold level since the recognition programme was introduced; notes the SCQF School Ambassador programme offers secondary schools the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework and seeks wider ways to support learners; further notes this includes recognising wider achievement, developing senior phase learning pathways and demonstrating equality between vocational and academic qualifications; welcomes the SCQF decision that Bearsden Academy has demonstrated significant range of senior pathways and embedded SCQF principles in school practice; and congratulates all involved at the school on this tremendous achievement.

54 The Sporting Aces award at the Non-Profit Organisation Awards 2022

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House celebrates local East Dunbartonshire charity organisation The Sporting Aces on winning the Best Sport Based Community Charity at the Non-Profit Organisation Awards 2022; understands The Sporting Aces to be the first and only charity in East Dunbartonshire aimed at promoting inclusion for multi-sport activity; notes the group work with adults, young people and children who have a range of physical, learning and communication difficulties to advance public participation in sport through provision of multi-sports coaching programmes; further notes their efforts enable participants to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens; recognises that this award comes after a challenging period for the organisation in the wake of covid-19 restrictions; congratulates everyone involved at The Sporting Aces on this tremendously well deserved achievement; and looks forward to seeing what more they will continue to achieve in the community in future.

55 Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau 20th anniversary

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau on reaching its 20th anniversary; recognises the outstanding commitment and dedication of staff past and present in providing free, confidential and independent advice on a wide range of issues to local people throughout Argyll and Bute over the past two decades; acknowledges that without the presence of the Bureau in our community that so many of our citizens would have suffered unnecessary financial hardship over the years, and extends its grateful thanks to the Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau and extends its very best wishes for a successful future.

56 Celtic Football ClubTabled: **16/05/22** Signatories: **2****Margaret Ferrier**
Steven Bonnar

That this House congratulates Celtic Football Club on winning the Scottish Premiership trophy, and the Premier Sports Cup following an impressive winning streak of 32 games, a 6-0 victory in the final game of the season and securing their place in the Champions League; further congratulates Kyogo Furuhashi on his performance in particular, which saw him named man of the match; recognises the contributions of club manager Ange Postecoglou in leading the team to victory during his first season in the position; further recognises the contributions of team captain Callum McGregor and all of the club's players this season; notes that this victory marks the final game for Tom Rogic and Nir Bitton for Celtic FC and thanks them for their service to the club; further notes the contributions of the club's many staff and supporters for all they continue to do to support the club's success; and looks forward to seeing what the next season holds for the club.

57 Eritrea's involvement in conflict in EthiopiaTabled: **16/05/22** Signatories: **1****Brendan O'Hara**

That this House strongly condemns Eritrea's continued involvement in the conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region; welcomes the tentative humanitarian truce between the Ethiopian forces and Tigray People's Liberation Front, which makes it the ideal time for a full withdrawal of Eritrean troops from Ethiopia; is alarmed by the on-going humanitarian crisis in the region, with an urgent need for aid to reach those facing food insecurity or even famine; fully supports efforts towards justice and accountability for egregious human rights abuses during the conflict, including reported large scale massacres, summary executions, widespread sexual violence and forcible repatriation of Eritrean refugees by Eritrean troops; calls on the Government to seek clarification about how Eritrean troop withdrawal from Ethiopia will be secured and monitored; further calls the Government to consider the imposition of targeted sanctions against Eritrean individuals and entities, in line with designations already made in the United States, aimed at providing accountability for, and deterring the commission of further, serious human rights violations by Eritrean troops in Ethiopia, securing their full and prompt withdrawal, and encouraging Ethiopian combatants towards a negotiated political settlement; and urges the Government to review other punitive tools and diplomatic capabilities which could be exercised to further these goals.

58 Jake DanielsTabled: **16/05/22** Signatories: **1****Mr Clive Betts**

That this House congratulates Jake Daniels on his courageous decision to be open about his sexuality; welcomes the support he has received from Blackpool FC; and calls on the Football Association, the English Football League, and the Professional Footballers' Association to provide any support Mr Daniels needs and to act in the strongest possible way against any unacceptable comments or actions which he may be subjected to.

59 Bryn Eltyd Eco House

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House congratulates Bryn Eltyd Eco House at Tanygrisiau, near Blaenau Ffestiniog, on becoming one of the first accommodation businesses in the UK to be certified carbon negative; notes that the carbon footprint analysis was funded via the Community Renewal Fund; further notes that Bryn Eltyd is the first Tesla destination charging point in Wales and has been recognised by Electrifying.com as one of the best places to visit in the UK with excellent electric charging facilities; recognises that the business has been operating entirely on renewable energy since 2013 when it was described as a beacon of sustainability at the floor of Snowdon by Considerate Hoteliers; and celebrates John and Ceilia Whitehead for their success in developing this 139 year old building.

60 Reduction in civil service employment

Tabled: 16/05/22 Signatories: 7

Chris Stephens**John McDonnell****Liz Saville Roberts****Caroline Lucas****Mr Alistair Carmichael****Grahame Morris**

Barry Gardiner

That this House condemns Government plans to cut 91,000 jobs from the civil service over the next three years; notes that departmental spending levels for the next three years have only recently been issued, following a process of assessing future staffing requirements; is angered to have learnt of these plans from tabloid newspapers rather than a statement to Members of Parliament, and considers this rushed announcement as a desperate attempt to deflect from their own failure to address the cost of living crisis; regards as spurious the claim that this would represent a return to 2016 levels, since at that time there were already serious issues of understaffing in Departments such as the Home Office and that, since then, withdrawal from the EU has increased the volume of work required; further notes that the lengthy backlogs currently experienced in HM Passport Office have resulted from a failure to plan, recruit and resource operations sufficiently to meet the upsurge in demand; believes the further loss of jobs in that department and others will only compound the present crisis; and therefore calls on the Government to withdraw these ill-considered proposals.

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.

4 Tenth Anniversary of the reopening of Maryhill Burgh Halls

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 14

Patrick Grady
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Kirsty Blackman
Stuart C McDonald
Amy Callaghan

Anne McLaughlin

Jim Shannon

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates all those involved and connected with the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust as it celebrates ten years since the historic Maryhill Burgh Halls building was reopened in April 2012; notes the Halls, originally opened in 1878 to serve as a police and fire station and municipal facility, had been marked for demolition after falling into disrepair in the late 20th century; further notes the efforts of the Trust, founded in 2004, to save and re-purpose the building as a community hub and venue; thanks the various Burgh Halls Trustees and volunteers over many years for their efforts, including securing £9.6 million from various sources such as the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund to redevelop complex; recognises the Trust's efforts in making arts, local heritage and history accessible through community events, workshops, walking trails, exhibitions and the establishment of the Maryhill Museum; acknowledges the provision of work placements and the development of employability skills as part of the Trust's volunteering, placement, and work experience strategy; commends volunteers, board members, staff, Trust members, visitors, supporters, friends, fellow organisations, and contractors for their tireless work to make this possible; and wishes the organisation well for the next ten years and beyond.

5 Perth Parrots Floorball club

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Perth Parrots Floorball Club on receiving £949.35 from the Perth Harbour Community Fund; understands that the money will be used to host a range of community focused activities to help bring the LGBTIQ+ community in the Perth and Kinross area together, reduce isolation & provide visible positive role models; commends the Club for its unique position as an LGBTIQ+ inclusive sports club in Perth that is also home to several allies of the community; welcomes their broader social outreach which it considers will be of significant benefit to people from the Perth and Kinross area and beyond; further understands that, since January 2022, membership of Perth Parrots has more than tripled and commends the Club for expanding their outreach and awareness of floorball so significantly and so quickly; wishes the Club well with its programme of activities; and hopes that some participants are encouraged to try floorball if they haven't already and hopes to see the Parrots soar into the Scottish Floorball League in the 2022-23 season.

6 P&O Ferries and employment rights

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 17

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

Jim Shannon

That this House condemns in the strongest possible terms the decision of P&O Ferries to fire 800 staff without notice or consultation with their trade unions, the RMT and Nautilus; demands the immediate reinstatement of the sacked workers; further condemns their replacement with agency workers earning as little as £1.80 per hour; condemns P&O's use of hired private security guards to remove seafarers from their place of work; notes that DP World, the owner of P&O Ferries, received millions of pounds of taxpayers' money during the coronavirus pandemic; calls on the Government to suspend the contracts and licences of DP World and remove them from the Government's Transport Advisory Group; recognises the safety inspections carried out, but asks that the result of these inspections be published in full; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to outlaw fire and rehire practices, strengthen workers' rights, and ensure that operators using UK ports pay seafarers at least the national minimum wage.

7 Melanoma Awareness Month and VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 15

Patricia Gibson
Douglas Chapman
John McDonnell
Rachael Maskell
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises that May is Melanoma awareness month; understands that melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer and that that most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays; is aware that protecting your skin from UV rays is key to lowering the risk of skin cancer; believes that Melanoma awareness month is an opportune time to once again call for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

8 Abortion time limits and fetal viability

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jim Shannon
Scott Benton
Fiona Bruce
Rachael Maskell

Ms Marie Rimmer

That this House recognises that the current 24-week abortion time limit is based on an outdated understanding of the viability of premature babies; that the latest science on fetal viability has changed substantially since the law was last changed in 1990, and that 22 weeks is now recognised by the British Association of Perinatal Medicine as the point of viability outside of the womb and the point at which doctors are enabled to intervene to save premature babies; that the UK's abortion time limit is later than the majority of countries in the European Union, where the median time limit for abortions on demand or on broad social grounds is 12 weeks; that polling has shown that 70 per cent of British women favour a reduction in the time limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks or below; and calls on the Government to reflect these changes in fetal viability in abortion law.

11 Veteran homelessness

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 15

Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Douglas Chapman
Mr Alistair Carmichael

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to end veterans' rough sleeping by the end of 2024; recognises the excellent work that organisations such as Alabaré, Launchpad, Riverside and Stoll do in providing veterans with the specialist support they need to address complex needs and promote independent living; and calls on the Government to provide the long-term sustainable funding needed to ensure the provision of specialist supported housing for veterans who are at risk of homelessness.

12 Proportional property tax

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 7

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Rachael Maskell

John McDonnell

That this House notes the UK cost of living crisis hitting family budgets; expresses concerns that people are unable to meet the cost of housing, food and utilities; believes the public cannot sustain further tax increases and recognises the need for fairer not higher taxes; notes that Council Tax disproportionately penalises deprived communities that have lower wages and property values; calls on the Government to replace Council Tax and Stamp Duty with a Proportional Property Tax securing an average annual saving of £556 as well as lowering taxes for 77 per cent of households;

notes the policy supports the current levelling up agenda, benefitting the poorest communities most; further notes that in addition to assisting with the cost of living, a Proportional Property Tax would deliver an economic stimulus through increasing incomes in areas experiencing the fastest high street decline; recognises that in areas with an overheated property market, people on low incomes can live in high value properties and therefore welcomes transitional protections to cap any tax increases at £100 a month as well as offering options to defer payment; finally notes that a Proportional Property Tax will help to close regional economic inequalities and would represent the most substantive policy to date in delivering the Government's levelling up agenda.

14 **What Were You Wearing exhibition, St Andrews**

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 9

Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Sarah Green
Sarah Olney

John McDonnell

That this House notes that the What Were You Wearing? art exhibition was displayed in Scotland for the first time at the University of St Andrews in March; understands that the exhibition is a recreation of a number outfits which were worn by people when they were sexually assaulted; further understands that the exhibition aims to challenge the blaming of survivors of sexual assault by recognising that the clothes someone wears are not in any way a substitute for giving consent; commends the StAnd Together initiative, Kara Stewart, Got Consent Coordinator and other University of St Andrews students for organising the exhibition; stands with survivors of sexual assault; and calls on the Government to do more to counter violence against women and girls.

15 **National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance**

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 11

Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell

This House notes the role played by the National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance in honouring and remembering the 2.3 million young men conscripted into the British Army under the National Service Act between 1947 and 1963; notes that youngest of those who gave their service under the Act are now 82; further notes that many of the founding objectives of both organisations have been successful, particularly to assist those former National Servicemen disadvantaged by their service, to raise awareness of the service to our country and to seek official recognition; notes that while the organisations have campaigned over many years to see the contribution given to their country by these men recognised by awarding a medal this has not yet come to fruition; supports the organisations ongoing work to see those who undertook national service to be properly recognised; and calls on the Government to right a historic wrong and ensure that medals are awarded to National Servicemen for their work on behalf of our nation.

16 Refuse disposal workers' pay and conditions

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Zarah Sultana
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Beth Winter
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell

That this House notes the recent wave of industrial action from refuse disposal workers, including in Coventry, Rugby, Wealdon, and Brighton; further notes improved pay agreements have been reached to avoid further refuse disposal workers strikes at locations including Northampton and Manchester; notes that refuse disposal workers were rightly recognised as key workers during the pandemic; notes the cost-of-living crisis and the soaring costs of basic necessities such as energy bills, food, and fuel; further notes the significant central government cuts to local authorities over the past 12 years; believes that refuse disposal workers deserve decent wages and terms and conditions; calls on the government to properly fund local authorities, reversing more than a decade of cuts; calls on local authorities to treat trade union reps with dignity and respect; and calls on local authorities to engage constructively with striking refusal disposal workers, bringing forward new deals to meet workers' concerns.

17 25th Anniversary of GalGael

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 7

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the 25th Anniversary of the founding of an inspiring and life changing community project based in Govan, the GalGael Trust Foundation, which was founded by the late Colin McLeod whose vision for the project is still upheld today; notes that their woodcraft workshop maintains the proud Glaswegian traditions of hard work, community spirit and skilled craftwork while changing lives by restoring pride and achievement and developing skills; further notes that GalGael have shown that supporting the long-term unemployed with respect and a creative vision can have more long lasting and profound impact than traditional methods; supports GalGael's efforts to be environmentally proactive by using Scottish timber from landfill as part of a culture within the organisation of respect and positive action; acknowledges that the continued success of GalGael is through it people and the inspiring volunteers and employees working in the heart of their communities; and wishes GalGael and all associated with the charity continued success in the many years to come.

19 Disability Benefit Assessments and the Health & Disability Green Paper

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 17

Marsha De Cordova
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Beth Winter

John McDonnell

That this House notes that Department for Work and Pensions statistics show that of the 1.5 million Incapacity Benefit claimants who were assessed for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) up until June 2019, 268,000 were found Fit for Work, a proportion of 18 per cent, that between 2013-2020, only 66,000 out of 400,000 requests for Mandatory Reconsideration of an ESA-Work Capability Assessment (WCA) decision resulted in a changed decision, that in 2019-20, 75 per cent of WCA appeals to the independent Tribunal were won by the claimant, that by 2020, of 1.5 million disabled people previously in receipt of Disability Living Allowance who had been reassessed for Personal Independence Payment (PIP), nearly half, 706,473, had seen their entitlement either reduced or disallowed, that of the six million people who have applied for PIP, 2.7m have been refused, a proportion of 46 per cent, that of those going on to lodge a PIP appeal in 2020-21, 31,720, DWP conceded 10,990 appeals before they even went in front of the Tribunal and lost two-thirds of those that were decided there; further notes that while the July 2021 Health & Disability Green Paper does have some useful operational changes, it does not go far enough in remedying DWP's poor quality decision-making and reforming the assessments regimes; and calls on the Government to commit to much more fundamental reform of WCA and PIP assessment in the forthcoming White Paper to guarantee disabled and seriously unwell people receive the social security they need to live on.

20 Covid-19 testing and school exams

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 13

Munira Wilson
Helen Morgan
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on pupil and staff absences; believes there is potential for further disruption in the coming weeks; commends the tireless work of school leaders, teachers and support staff to ensure schools are as safe as possible for the exam season; yet notes that schools have been informed by the Department for Education that stocks of lateral flow tests are not to be distributed; calls on the Government to immediately communicate to schools that they can use any stocks of lateral flow tests held locally; and further calls on the Government to make free testing available for all pupils and staff, including exam invigilators, for the next few weeks to cover the essential exam period.

21 Louise Aitchison and domestic violence protection

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 10

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the truth of abuse and its genuine impact on society; acknowledges that there are hundreds of female deaths, many registered as suicides across the UK and that a significant proportion of these involve cases of domestic abuse; asks the Government to amend how they investigate domestic abuse cases and risks to survivors to utilise specialised frontline responders who are fully trained in handling domestic abuse cases; appreciates the work of professionals including Professor Jane Monckton Smith, who have worked so hard to highlight this issue; acknowledges the Sunday Post campaign to highlight the need for change by Scottish journalist Marion Scott; commemorates the tragedy of East Kilbride's Louise Aitchison whose life was so cruelly taken whilst she had so much to give and live for; and urges the Government to support specialist domestic abuse risk management services, in Louise's and other victims memory to save lives.

24 60 years of ENABLE Renfrew

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Gavin Newlands
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

John McDonnell

That this House congratulates ENABLE Renfrew on its 60 years of service to the community in Renfrew and throughout Renfrewshire; notes its formation in 1962 by parents of children with learning difficulties in the area; notes its outstanding work in supporting families in the community who value and need the services and support it provides; recognises the decades-long commitment of current and former committee members who have ensured the organisation's long-term success; and further recognises the outstanding contribution by Mr Charlie Newlands, who is no relation to the hon Member for Paisley and Renfrewshire North, over the past 50 years to the work carried out by ENABLE Renfrew as it enters its seventh decade of existence.

25 Roza Salih's election as a Councillor in Scotland

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 26

Chris Stephens
 Alison Thewliss
 Anne McLaughlin
 Patrick Grady
 David Linden
 Carol Monaghan

Steven Bonnar

That this House celebrates the huge achievement of Roza Salih, a Kurdish-born, Scottish human rights activist and campaigner who has become the first former refugee to be elected as a local councillor in Scotland; congratulates Roza on her election on May 6 2022 to serve as a councillor for the Greater Pollok ward in Glasgow; welcomes the huge wealth of experience and talent that Roza will bring to the role; recognises her victory will inspire refugees and asylum seekers across the four nations of the UK; acknowledges the historical significance of this moment for Scotland; remembers Roza's first political campaign as a co-founder of the Glasgow Girls at just 15 with fellow pupils from Drumchapel High School who campaigned to stop the UK Border Force carrying out dawn raids and detaining and deporting children, and whose campaign successfully prevented the deportation of their school friend Agnesa Murselaj; and wishes Roza great success serving the people of Greater Pollok over the next five years.

26 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 11

Jim Shannon
 Sarah Green
 Rachael Maskell
 Neale Hanvey
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake

John McDonnell

That this House notes Mental Health Awareness Week running from 9 to 15 May 2022; further notes that the Mental Health Foundation are focussing on awareness of the impact of loneliness on mental health and the practical steps that can be taken to address it; highlights the awful finding that one in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time; takes this opportunity to thank all those voluntary organisations and churches who were at pains to ensure that their members were not completely isolated during covid-19 and yet understands that covid-19 has exacerbated Loneliness for many people; and further encourages organisations and local communities to continue to take those steps to make contact with people as they did during covid-19 and take time to ensure that people know they are not alone.

27 Restoration of Everton Library

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 2

Dan Carden
 John McDonnell

That this House commends the community-led campaign to restore and repurpose Everton Library, opened as a public library and Technical Institute in 1896, as a thriving community hub; commits to protecting this Grade II-listed landmark building and publicly-owned asset; regrets that it was ever allowed to fall into a state of disrepair; welcomes that remedial work has started to preserve

it from further deterioration; supports plans to revive Everton Library as a multi-use public space to create, learn and exchange on the rich, local heritage; and believes that the successful restoration of Liverpool's Jewel on the Hill would instil pride in the area, generate green jobs and stand as a beacon of community-driven regeneration.

28 Abortion rights in the United States

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 10

Ms Diane Abbott
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its grave concern about the series of attacks that have been launched in the United States on a woman's right to choose; notes that the leaked opinion of the US Supreme Court overturning the judgement of Roe v Wade has been authenticated; is aware that poorer women and many from ethnic minorities already experience severe difficulties in exercising their reproductive rights and that this situation could become much worse; further notes that anti-choice campaigners in the United States are attempting to build support overseas, including in this country; and resolves to support a strong defence of a woman's right to choose in this country and internationally.

29 Energy price rises and the price cap

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 8

Ms Diane Abbott
Rachael Maskell
Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House notes the recent rise in energy prices and that these price rises have intensified a cost of living crisis; also notes that the price cap is projected to rise again in October 2022 and that this, in combination with the seasonal increase in demand for energy in winter, will impoverish millions of the poorest in Britain; further notes that Ofgem is a government agency which determines the energy price cap and that energy companies have made record profits this year; and calls on the Government to direct Ofgem to rule out any increase in the energy price cap in October.

30 Turkish military action in Northern Iraq

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 6

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar

That this House notes and condemns the attacks by Turkish forces on the Metina mountain area in the border area of Duhok in Northern Iraq, that have included jets bombing villages, helicopters dropping ground troops and the terrorising and wounding of Kurdish civilians on the pretext of challenging the PKK, who have called repeatedly for a ceasefire and negotiations for a peaceful and democratic solution to the Kurdish Question in Turkey; further notes that the Turkish forces are being aided by the armed forces of the KDP, the ruling party in the Kurdistan Regional Government, whose Prime Minister Masrour Barzani met with Turkey's President Recep Erdogan shortly before the invasion was launched, before arriving in London for talks on trade with the Government; and calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to urge the Turkish Government to end this invasion and to withdraw troops immediately and seek immediate negotiations with the PKK on a ceasefire and progress towards a peaceful and democratic solution.

31 Consumer phone access

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 4

Robert Halfon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House believes that consumers deserve a proper customer telephone service from utility and service provider companies; congratulates the Daily Mail for launching this important campaign; notes that no customer should have to wait longer than ten minutes to be connected to an adviser, rather than an automated bot; understands that older or more vulnerable people cannot always access internet services and that therefore the provision of an adequate telephone service is critical; recognises that if companies fail to provide a suitable and adequate phone service to support their customers, they should face financial penalties which can be passed on to the consumer through rebates; and calls upon the Government to introduce new customer protection legislation that would ensure efficient, responsible and immediate customer service is guaranteed.

32 ME Awareness Day 2022

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 25

Carol Monaghan
Rachael Maskell
Jonathan Edwards
Cat Smith
Margaret Ferrier
Stephen Metcalfe

Emma Hardy
Steven Bonnar

Christian Wakeford

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises 12 May 2022 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK;

commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the publication of the new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on ME/CFS which has removed the recommendation of graded exercise therapy; looks forward to the full implementation of these guidelines as part of a complete overhaul of how ME services are planned and delivered; and calls on the Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

34 Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 26

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Tommy Sheppard
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas

Jon Trickett
 Kate Osborne
 Richard Thomson

Brendan O'Hara
 Andy McDonald

Alan Brown
 Margaret Ferrier

That this House is shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.

35 Ivors Week

Tabled: 12/05/22 Signatories: 5

Kevin Brennan [R]
Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that 16 to 20 May 2022 is Ivors Week, and joins the Ivors Academy in celebrating this country's world-leading songwriters and composers, culminating in the Ivor Novello Awards which honour the best in British and Irish songwriting and composing; further notes that the success of the UK music industry is founded upon the talent and creativity of world-leading composers and lyricists; and calls on the UK music industry and the Government to ensure that a business and public policy framework exists to nurture future songwriting talent and to properly reward those whose creativity helps generate the £5.2 billion annual economic contribution that music makes to UK plc as well as furnishing people with the soundtracks of their lives.

36 Arrests in Hong Kong

Tabled: 12/05/22 Signatories: 21

Sir Edward Leigh
Mike Kane
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards

Sir Mike Penning
Anne McLaughlin

David Linden
Owen Thompson

Adam Holloway
Patricia Gibson

That this House notes with concern reports that His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Zen, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, aged 90, has been arrested in Hong Kong on charges relating to breaches of China's National Security Law; further notes reports that alongside Cardinal Zen, Cantopop singer and actor Denise Ho, former legislator Margaret Ng, and academic Dr Hui Po Keung have been arrested for being associated with a now-defunct organisation that helped protesters in financial need and that they have been accused of colluding with foreign forces; agrees with the comments of Human Rights Watch that the arrest of 90-year-old Cardinal for peaceful activities is a shocking new low for Hong Kong's administration and illustrates the city's free-fall in human rights over the past two years; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to make urgent representations to the authorities in Hong Kong and China to secure the release of the Cardinal and his fellow detainees.