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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 9 June 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 145 PASSPORT DELAYS AND COSTS

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 1

**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House condemns as unacceptable the policy of Her Majesty's Passport Office in requiring a person who has experienced significant delays processing their passports to pay an additional £73 to have the process expedited; notes that hon. Members and their caring staff in recent weeks have listened to tears and complete utter panic from many families who reasonably booked trips ahead of time, often scheduled 10 to 12 weeks after applying for a passport (having read the website estimating processing times of up to 6 weeks); notes these applicants are all now held to ransom and forced to pay £73 a passport for HMPO to escalate the process; notes the escalation can only happen within 14 days of travel and people are grappling to manage all the new rules retrospectively applied; and calls on ministers to drop the £73 and to escalate automatically every application when notified travel is within four weeks.

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#### 146 Dafydd Iwan's folk song, Yma O Hyd

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 3

**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**

This House celebrates the success of former Plaid Cymru president, Dafydd Iwan's iconic folk song 'Yma O Hyd', We're still here, for reaching number one in the iTunes chart 41 years after its release in 1981; congratulates Welsh football supporters who led the campaign to get the song to number one after adopting it as their unofficial anthem; notes how the song tells the defiant story of the survival of the Welsh language and culture against all odds over the past millennia; further celebrates how the song is uniting Welsh language and non-Welsh language speakers from across the whole of Wales in their shared passion for Welsh football, culture and identity, demonstrating

the enduring strength of the Welsh communitarian spirit; and gives special thanks to Dafydd Iwan for his life's work of inspiring generations of people in Wales through his music and activism.

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#### 147 Launch of Bath City Women

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 1

##### Wera Hobhouse

That this House celebrates the launch of Bath City Women, Bath City FC's new women's team who will wear the famous black and white striped kit and play their home games at Twerton Park; thanks Novia Financial, a Bath-based company who will support the team as the founding sponsor; acknowledges Bath City's proud history of women's football, with Bath Ladies FC playing in front of 31,000 spectators at Old Trafford in 1921; reiterates its support for equality and inclusion across all sports and celebrates the rise of women's football as the fastest growing sport in the UK; and wishes Bath City Women every success as it helps grow the women's game.

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#### 148 Tribute to Dunfermline's iconic peacocks

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 1

##### Douglas Chapman

That this House notes the tragic loss of one of Dunfermline's iconic peacocks, Malcolm, following a horrific attack on 31 May; further notes that another bird, Louis, is recovering after being seriously injured during the incident; praises the overwhelming response from the community which raised more than £15,000 following the incident; further praises the work of the Peacocks in Pittencreeff Park group for all that they do caring for these birds, which have enjoyed the freedom of the city since 1907; wishes Louis a speedy recovery, and hopes to see him back strutting around Dunfermline very soon.

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#### 149 OCS HM Courts & Tribunals Service security staff

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 9

Liz Saville Roberts  
Chris Stephens  
Kim Johnson  
John McDonnell  
Kate Osborne  
Jeremy Corbyn

Ian Lavery

Mary Kelly Foy

Grahame Morris

That this House notes with disappointment the recent below-inflation pay offer by OCS to security staff working on the HM Courts & Tribunals Service estate; believes this offer falls woefully short of what these front-line workers deserve and continues the unacceptable position of poverty pay on the HM Courts & Tribunals Service contract, which has led to widespread problems involving recruitment and retention; expresses concern that OCS is accredited by the Living Wage Foundation despite not paying the Real Living Wage to all staff; supports demands by the PCS union for OCS to table a base-pay offer that meets the Real Living Wage as defined by the Living Wage Foundation and to give security staff full occupational sick pay from day one, an additional day of annual leave, an overtime rate of time and a quarter for weekdays, paid time off for medical appointments, full pay for covid-19 absence, five days paid dependency leave, and five days paid bereavement leave; and calls on the Government and HM Courts & Tribunals Service to apply all possible pressure on OCS to accept these reasonable demands.

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**150 Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Broomhill**

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 7

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**David Linden**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Broomhill, on the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee; recognises the importance of the parish to the Catholic faith community in Broomhill and Jordanhill; commends the parish on its contribution to the local community over the last 60 years; notes that the Diamond Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow, on Sunday, 12 June 2022; and extends best wishes to Parish Priest Rev Benneth Onyebuchukwu and the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour as they continue to participate in the excellent work of the Parish.

**151 In memory of Simon Cole QPM**

Tabled: 9/06/22 Signatories: 1

**Claudia Webbe**

That this House mourns the passing of Simon Cole QPM, who served as Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police with distinction between June 2010 and March 2022; recognises that Simon admirably prioritised community engagement and progressed issues of diversity throughout his career; notes that Simon worked tirelessly on issues relating to disabilities as he led nationally for the National Police Chiefs' Council on disability issues until March 2016; further notes that Simon represented the National Police Chiefs' Council on the Prime Ministers' Dementia Task Force, and was acknowledged by the Employers' Forum on Disability in 2012 as their Emergency Services Disability Champion in the Disability Standards Award; notes that Simon's most recent accolade was the Sir Robert Peel Medal in 2020 by the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University for Outstanding Leadership in Evidence Based Policing; holds that Simon's immense contribution to Leicestershire's community is encapsulated by his many voluntary roles, including at the University of Leicester, De Montfort University, Leicestershire Guides and Scouts; and passes its deepest condolences to Simon's family and loved ones.

**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.

**98 Storage of US nuclear weapons in the UK**

Tabled: 24/05/22 Signatories: 31

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Allan Dorans**

Ian Blackford

That this House is deeply concerned that the United Kingdom has been added to the United States' list of nuclear weapons storage site locations in Europe and that, according to information released by the United States' government, these storage sites are being upgraded; is concerned that this signals a change in the nuclear status of RAF Lakenheath, and that, having been removed in 2008, US nuclear weapons may have already been returned to the base or that the base will receive nuclear weapons in the future; condemns the refusal of the Ministry of Defence to comment on this information to members of this House; notes that RAF Lakenheath, whilst owned by the Ministry of Defence, is run by the United States Air Force; further notes that storage of another country's nuclear weapons on UK soil puts UK citizens at greater risk of nuclear attack; and calls on the Government to decline to host US nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath and to use all possible diplomatic efforts to de-escalate current nuclear tensions.

**107 Dr al-Singace's hunger strike and political prisoners in Bahrain**

Tabled: 26/05/22 Signatories: 12

**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**

Caroline Lucas

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing hunger strike of 60-year-old human rights defender and academic Dr Abduljalil al-Singace in Bahrain; notes EDM 578 and reiterates the alarm that his hunger strike began on 8 July 2021 and has exceeded 300 days; expresses concern that despite al-Singace being hospitalised since 18 July 2021 and losing well over 25kg, he has been subjected to deliberate denial of adequate medical care, has not been visited by his doctor for over three months and has not received results from an MRI taken in October 2021; notes that al-Singace is protesting the confiscation of four years' worth of his handwritten apolitical research; condemns the Bahraini government's justification of the confiscation of his research and failure to seek a timely resolution; decries al-Singace's life sentence for his peaceful leading role in Bahrain's 2011 pro-democracy uprising; unreservedly condemns al-Singace's torture in 2011 by Bahraini officials, as documented by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry; echoes the consensus of international calls from the human rights community, UN experts, global academics, and parliamentarians for al-Singace's release; calls upon the Government to urgently press for the return of al-Singace's research, impose Magnitsky Act Sanctions on those responsible for his unlawful imprisonment, including Interior Minister Rashid Al-Khalifa; and calls for his immediate and unconditional release, as well as that of the approximate 1,400 political prisoners in Bahrain, including Hassan Mushaima, Sheikh Ali Salman, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, Sheikh Mohamed Habib AlMuqdad, Abdulwahab Husain and Ali Al-Hajee.

**108 Ehlers-Danlos syndrome Awareness Month 2022**

Tabled: 26/05/22 Signatories: 13

**David Linden**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Caroline Lucas

That this House supports Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) Awareness Month 2022 which takes place throughout May 2022; thanks all of the charities and organisations which work to support those living with EDS or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD), their families and those who raise awareness; recognises the hard work that is carried out by organisations including Ehlers-Danlos Support UK which endeavour to improve the quality of life for those with EDS or HSD and to educate the medical community; and calls on the Government to assist and support research to further understand EDS and HSD.

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**113 A cross-party Commission on Levelling Up**

Tabled: 26/05/22 Signatories: 7

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Rachael Maskell

That this House recognises the grotesque geographical wealth inequalities that exist within the UK; believes that addressing regional economic disparity will require a long-term commitment that exceeds one term of government; notes that all flagship funds announced by the Government to date only runs until 2024-25; further notes that capital support for infrastructure projects require long-term multi-annual commitments; acknowledges that following the reunification of Germany, the country committed to a long-term geographical wealth equalisation programme, investing over 2 trillion Euro at an average cost of €71bn per annum and that while this sum included spending on benefits and pensions, 21 per cent was spent on deliberate financial equalisation, 13 per cent on infrastructure investment and 9 per cent on business support measures; and calls for the Government to establish a cross-party commission on the question of Levelling Up to secure long-term cross-party support for geographically rebalancing the economy.

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**117 Human rights abuses against the Talai and Kipsigis people of Kenya**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 7

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Chris Stephens**

Rachael Maskell

That this House acknowledges and condemns the human rights abuses suffered by the Talai and Kipsigis people of Kenya when they were violently evicted from their ancestral land by British colonial forces between 1905 to 1963; requests that the Government makes a formal apology for these historic crimes including rape, torture, beatings, unlawful killing, and inhuman and degrading treatment as well as land appropriation; further acknowledges the physical and economic suffering that the Talai and Kipsigis people have endured since colonial times as a result of being relocated to an uninhabitable part of Kenya, with now over 115,000 victims; recognises that the crimes perpetrated against the Talai and Kipsigis are entirely separate from those committed against the Mau Mau which were settled by reparations and an apology in 2013; and calls on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to respond to the official UN ruling that it must meet with the victims' representatives to begin a discussion about a new apology and reparations in order to restore justice and dignity to these people.

**118 Aberdeen Residents Standing With Ukraine**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 9

**Stephen Flynn**  
**Richard Thomson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Patrick Grady**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recognises the hard work, compassion and dedication of Aberdeen residents Adrianna Sosnowska and Kacha Cwiklinska who have worked tirelessly in their efforts as part of the Polish Association and OWN Woman charity to get aid to Ukrainians who have been forced from their homes; acknowledges their continued efforts and praises them both for their commitment in getting much-needed supplies to hubs all over Poland; understands that, to date, 14 articulated lorries have travelled to Poland from Aberdeen with essential items; and commends all those that have volunteered or donated to the cause, and wishes them all the best in the future.

**119 Volunteers' Week 2022**Tabled: **6/06/22** Signatories: **10**

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

Ben Lake  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House acknowledges the invaluable work of volunteers across North Ayrshire and Arran constituency, Scotland and the UK as it marks Volunteers' Week 2022; notes that this is the 38th year of Volunteers' Week when thousands of charities and voluntary organisations recognise the contribution volunteers make across the UK and thank them for all they do; appreciates that the contribution of volunteers is often unseen and unrecognised by many, visible only through the incredible impact of their volunteering; believes volunteers improve society through their countless contributions each year and at time of crisis, making services more resilient; recognises that volunteering takes place formally, through the incredible work of organisations and groups but also informally through acts of kindness between individuals, and that the wide spectrum of volunteering must be acknowledged; and offers heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all volunteers for their tireless work in communities every day of the year.

**120 Carers Week 2022**Tabled: **6/06/22** Signatories: **28**

**Ed Davey**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jamie Stone**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

Stephen Farry

That this House supports Carers Week 2022, which is taking place from 6 to 12 June; recognises this year's theme of making caring visible, valued and supported; emphasises the invaluable contribution that millions of unpaid carers make across the UK on a daily basis, by providing care to their family and friends who are disabled, ill or older and need support; highlights that unpaid carers save the British taxpayer £400 billion each year; acknowledges that unpaid carers have been under additional pressure over the past two and a half years and are urgently in need of more support; and calls on the Government to develop a recovery and respite plan for unpaid carers that recognises the enormous impact the covid-19 pandemic has had on carers' lives and sets out practical steps to mitigate some of the negative impacts that caring can have on carers' own physical and mental health.

**121 50 years of Pride in the UK**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 28

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Allan Dorans**

Crispin Blunt  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Gavin Newlands

Ben Lake  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Charlotte Nichols  
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Hywel Williams  
 David Mundell  
 Stephen Farry  
 John Nicolson

That this House welcomes Pride Month 2022, running from 1st to 30th June;

understands Pride is a month-long celebration of the establishment of the LGBTQIA+ rights movement that followed the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969; recognises this year marks 50 years of the Pride movement in the UK, following the first official UK Gay Pride Rally held in London on 1 July 1972; understands that Pride is a celebration of the successes of the diverse LGBTQIA+ community while raising awareness of continuing discrimination and issues affecting the members of the community; commends the progress that modern society has made in protecting the rights of those with LGBTQIA+ identities; further understands that this recent progress for the LGBTQIA+ community comes after decades of campaigning in civic society; celebrates the freedoms gained by LGBTQIA+ people including recognised rights to marriage, adoption and family life as well as acceptance in mainstream society; and recognises that although significant progress has been made, more can be done to make the UK a safer and fairer place for the LGBTQIA+ community and to spread that message of tolerance and acceptance throughout the world.

**122 Stonewall findings on acceptance of LGBT identities**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 11

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Allan Dorans**

Ben Lake  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House welcomes findings from recent research commissioned by LGBTQIA+ charity, Stonewall, which finds that levels of acceptance and respect of the LGBT community is now at an all-time high in the UK; celebrates that now anti-LGBT sentiments are restricted to a tiny minority of the public; welcomes that the most common feeling reported towards the LGBT population is respect; recognises that now the public are four times more likely to feel positively towards the LGBT community than they are negatively; is proud of the overwhelming progress that has been made in 35 years where two-thirds of the UK public previously felt that same-sex relationships were always wrong; further understands that even a small minority of the public holding negative feelings towards the LGBT community will have a significant negative impact on the safety of the group; recognises that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia are inextricably linked; and further implores everyone to do more to encourage active support for the LGBTQIA+ community to create a fairer, safer and more inclusive world for all.

**123 Volunteers' Week, 1st to 7th June 2022**Tabled: **6/06/22** Signatories: **12**

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Ben Lake  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House welcomes Volunteers' Week which is scheduled to take place from 1st to 7th June; understands the campaign, which started in 1984, means to mark its 38th year by formally saying thank you to volunteers across the UK; also thanks the teams involved in each of the four nations for spearheading respective campaigns; notes the tremendous work of Volunteer Scotland and its partners to further develop and promote volunteering campaigns; understands that Scotland's Volunteering Action plan is scheduled to launch on 15 June following Volunteers' Week; looks forward to seeing what areas are identified in this road map for maximising the impact of volunteering; agrees that it is essential the efforts of volunteers across the UK at both national and local level must be recognised, especially for their work during the covid-19 pandemic; looks forward to continuing to work with organisations at both the local and national level to help promote the invaluable work done by volunteers across the UK; and wishes to extend a personal thank you to all volunteers.

**126 Maggie's You Care, We Care Campaign**Tabled: **6/06/22** Signatories: **15**

**Carolyn Harris**  
**John McNally**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Deidre Brock**

Ben Lake  
 Rachael Maskell

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House supports Maggie's campaign You Care, We Care highlighting the pressure felt by those closest to people living with cancer; notes research showing nearly 90 per cent of people looking after someone with cancer have experienced feelings of anger, guilt and helplessness; recognises the importance of providing support for people looking after someone with cancer; and commends the excellent work undertaken by Maggie's expert staff to provide free psychological and practical support to people undergoing treatment for cancer and those who care for them.

**130 Killing of Christian worshippers at St Francis Catholic Church in Owo town, Ondo State, Nigeria**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 15

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Patrick Grady**

Stephen Farry

Rachael Maskell

That this House condemns the killing of Christian worshippers by terrorist gunmen at St Francis Catholic Church in Owo town, Ondo State, Nigeria on Sunday 5 June 2022; offers condolences and sympathies to the friends and family of the 40 worshippers killed during the attack; urges the Buhari Government to take effective action against the Jihadist ideology destroying lives in Nigeria; and calls on the Government to raise security concerns and threats to freedom of religion or belief with its Nigerian counterparts.

**131 Treatment of Liverpool fans at the 2022 Champions League Final in Paris**

Tabled: 6/06/22 Signatories: 69

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

Alison McGovern  
Tracey Crouch  
Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Stephen Farry  
Allan Dorans

That this House condemns the deeply disturbing treatment by French police of Liverpool and Real Madrid fans outside Stade de France at the Champions League Final in Paris; notes catastrophic failures in stadium management by UEFA and French authorities which threatened the lives and wellbeing of supporters; further notes the grossly inadequate funnelling on approaching the stadium; notes the inadequate number of trained stewards on turnstiles and access through said turnstiles; condemns indiscriminate pepper-spraying and tear-gassing of supporters including children by French police; recognises Liverpool fans arrived at Stade de France up to three-and-a-half hours before kick-off; notes Merseyside Police evidence that the vast majority of fans behaved in an exemplary manner, arriving early and queuing as directed; insists UEFA holds an independent investigation into matchday failures in co-ordination with Merseyside Police, LFC and Spirit of Shankly; demands a public apology from UEFA and French authorities for announcing on stadium boards and to a global TV audience that the delay to kick-off was caused by Liverpool fans arriving at the stadium late when this was categorically untrue; demands French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin and French Sports Minister Amelie Oudea-Castera publicly retract and apologise for their appalling and unsubstantiated comments about Liverpool fans made since the match; condemns the life threatening bottleneck and crush Liverpool fans were forced into prior to kick-off; and insists that reports of French people entering the stadium without tickets and Liverpool and Real Madrid fans being pick-pocketed and mugged near to the stadium are fully investigated.

**133 Mike Edwards OBE, Scotland's Army Reservist of the Year 2022**

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 3

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Mike Edwards, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire on being awarded an OBE for public and charitable service in Scotland in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Birthday Honours List, and also for being named Army Reservist of the Year at the Scottish Veterans Awards 2022; notes that in attaining the rank of Major in the Army Reserve, Mike has given nearly 30 years of dedicated service with the Royal Regiment of Scotland, service that has included two tours of duty in Iraq and in Afghanistan; sincerely thanks him for his tireless work promoting charitable causes including the Erskine veterans charity, the Royal Highland Fusiliers Trust, the Highlanders Regimental Museum at Fort George, the Loch Lomond Rescue Boat and the Glasgow Humane Society; further recognises the immense contribution Mike Edwards has made to Scottish broadcasting and journalism during his 40 year career working in newspapers, radio and television outlets across Scotland, most notably as Senior Reporter with STV for many years; and wishes him continued success in the future.

**134 No confidence in the Prime Minister**

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 15

**Ed Davey**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Tim Farron**

Caroline Lucas

Stephen Farry

That this House has no confidence in the Prime Minister because he has broken the covid-19 lockdown laws that his Government introduced, has presided over a culture of serial rule-breaking in Downing Street, has undermined standards in public life, and has failed to take action to support millions of families in the midst of a cost of living emergency.

**135 Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month 2022**

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 34

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Rachael Maskell**  
**Kate Green**

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House notes that during the month of June 2022 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; further notes that a key theme in 2022 is What Makes a Home?; recognises that what makes a home can mean different things to different peoples and cultures, with homes to be found on the roads and waterways, in fairgrounds, and within communities; believes that the rich culture and

history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be both celebrated and protected; and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

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**136 Dr Sabir Zazai FRSE, Scottish Refugee Council**

Tabled: **7/06/22** Signatories: **2**

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Dr Sabir Zazai FRSE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Refugee Council, on his award of the Order of the British Empire; commends his tireless dedication to advocating for refugees, who have often been through very traumatic and difficult experiences; recognises the importance of this work, particularly the leadership he has shown both in the Scottish Refugee Council and the sector more broadly; further recognises the valuable work of his colleagues at the Scottish Refugee Council, particularly over the past year, which has seen the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the outbreak of war in Ukraine, which has hugely increased demand for their services; and wishes Sabir and his colleagues the very best in their future endeavours.

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**137 Jane Reid, also known as Jean Holloway, BEM**

Tabled: **7/06/22** Signatories: **2**

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Jane Reid, also known as Jean Holloway, on her award of the Medal of Order of the British Empire for her extensive charitable work; commends her for raising over £34,000 in memory of her late husband, Walter Holloway, who sadly passed from prostate cancer in 2007; recognises her extensive efforts to raise funding and awareness for Prostate Cancer UK through numerous imaginative and enjoyable charitable events, including golfing tournaments at the club her late husband once captained; and wishes her all the best in her future charity work.

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**138 Ratification of the Istanbul Convention**

Tabled: **7/06/22** Signatories: **53**

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Stuart C McDonald**

Ben Lake  
Jim Shannon  
Rachael Maskell

Hywel Williams  
Caroline Lucas

Liz Saville Roberts  
Stephen Farry

That this House notes that 8 June 2022 will mark ten years since the UK signed the Istanbul Convention on protecting women and girls from violence; commends the work by IC Change and other groups in campaigning for the UK's ratification of the treaty; welcomes the recent announcement by the Home Secretary that the bulk of the treaty will be ratified by 31 July 2022; acknowledges the work by the former hon. Member for Banff and Buchan, Eilidh Whiteford, in proposing and having passed by Parliament in 2017 the legislation enshrining the requirement to ratify the convention; recognises the imperative for national and international action to tackle violence against women and girls; further notes with concern that two reservations have been

attached to ratification, including provisions aimed at protecting migrant women and children; believes that all women should mean all women and that migrant communities deserve equal protection under the Convention; and looks forward to the full ratification of the Convention with no reservations as quickly as possible.

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### 139 Tote-ally Chill business established by Hamilton Grammar School

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 4

**Angela Crawley**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the pupils and teachers of Hamilton Grammar School on their recent success in the Festival of Young Enterprise Scotland; commends the innovative and environmental approach used in the establishment of their business idea, Tote-ally Chill; understands the competitive nature of the business world and the difficulty for start-ups to become established; recognises the achievements of the pupils by winning the People's Choice Award for their customised tote bags; and further commends the pupils for establishing themselves in the business world and applauds the pupils for putting mental health and self-care at the heart of their ideas through their #WellbeingWednesday campaign on social media.

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### 140 Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2022

Tabled: 7/06/22 Signatories: 4

**Owen Thompson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the nominees and winners of the Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2022; thanks the organisers at Volunteer Midlothian for the annual opportunity, held during Volunteers Week, to celebrate the amazing efforts of local volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to bring about positive change in Midlothian's communities across a wide range of inspirational projects; commends the people of Midlothian for their incredible efforts and strong sense of community spirit; and sends its individual congratulations to award winners Karyn McGrath of Anam Cara, Volunteer of the Year; Ageing Well, Volunteering Team of the Year; Margaret McMeekin of Transform, Outstanding New Volunteer; Alan Paterson of Thornton Rose Riding for the Disabled, Befriender/Mentor of the Year and Digital Volunteering; the Amazing Brains Committee at Art Club, winner of the Active Volunteering and Climate Change award; Juliette Paris, nominated by Rosewell and District Community Council, Service to the Community award; Margaret Canning of Hearing Link Scotland, Health and Wellbeing Award; John McVeigh of Health-in-Mind, Dedicated Service to Volunteering Award; Joanna Habba of Home Link Family Support, Equality and Diversity Award; Sam Ewens, Lucy White, Andrew Hogg, Caitlin Chambers, Kari Calder and Jaylynn King, Saltire Summit Award winners.

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**141 Findings of Birthrights report**Tabled: **8/06/22** Signatories: **4**

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Rachael Maskell**

That this House highlights the findings of Birthrights report, Systemic racism, not broken bodies; emphasises the importance of the findings of the report, which confirm that black, Asian, and mixed ethnicity women are more likely to experience baby loss and illness, become seriously ill themselves and have a worse experience of care during pregnancy and throughout childbirth; advocates for the conclusions of the report, particularly a commitment to anti-racism by all maternity and neo-natal services alongside a commitment to ensure that more Black and Brown women and birthing people decision-makers in their care and the wider maternity system; and calls for the safe and inclusive maternity and birthing experience for all parents.

**142 The role of design in tackling climate change**Tabled: **8/06/22** Signatories: **11**

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

John Spellar  
 Allan Dorans

Christine Jardine  
 Rachael Maskell

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House notes the contribution the UK design sector makes to economic, cultural and social development across the entire country; celebrates the positive economic contribution design makes to the UK economy and its associated relationship to sustainable growth; believes that design can be used to address some of society's most urgent challenges including climate change; notes that that 80 per cent of the environmental impact of products is determined at the design stage and that 45 per cent of required reduction in global greenhouse gases need to come from everyday products; therefore calls on the Government to support the development of environmentally friendly practices in the design industry and to work closely with relevant industries to support good practice in the design stage of products so that the UK is a global leader in environmentally friendly design.

**143 Dunoon Grammar School shortlisted for World's Best Schools Prizes 2022**Tabled: **8/06/22** Signatories: **3**

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates Dunoon Grammar School on being the only Scottish school shortlisted in the Community Collaboration category for the World's Best Schools Prizes 2022; commends this remarkable achievement and recognises it as just reward for a school which has, under the leadership of Head Teacher David Mitchell, the tremendous work of the teaching staff and the dedication of its pupils, become a cornerstone of the wider Cowal community; applauds the commitment Dunoon Grammar School has shown to working with and for the benefit of their local community and for striving so hard to produce active, responsible, caring and engaged young

citizens; and wishes Dunoon Grammar School the very best of luck with the next round of the World's Best School Prizes and thanks them sincerely for their dedication to exceptional learning and to building a better community.

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**144 Bus fires**

Tabled: **8/06/22** Signatories: **17**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**

Jonathan Edwards  
Kenny MacAskill

Jim Shannon  
Rachael Maskell

Mick Whitley

That this House is alarmed by recent reports of bus fires across the country; notes with concern that research by Professor Guillermo Rein of Imperial College London shows that buses may be significantly riskier than cars, trains, ships or aircraft, mainly due to the less-stringent fire-safety requirements governing them; further notes with concern that the probability of bus fires is 2.3 times higher than for cars; believes this poses significant risk to the safety of bus workers and passengers; supports calls from the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) that action should be taken to reduce the incidence of bus fires, including the introduction of more-stringent legislation, comprehensive evacuation systems for all buses, and a requirement for operators to report all fires on their vehicles and maintain a central record of all incidents; and therefore calls on the Government to support these demands and to set out steps they are taking to reduce bus fires.