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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 21 September 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 376 **Netflix and the Royal National Institute of the Blind's open audio description screening of The Gray Man**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House congratulates Netflix and the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) for the first ever open audio-description screening of a film in the UK; acknowledges that audio description enables blind and partially sighted people to access entertainment at the same time as their peers without sight loss; notes Netflix provided an open audio description screening of *The Gray Man*, directed by the Russo Brothers, so everyone in the room experienced how audio description helps blind and partially sighted viewers; thanks all staff at Netflix and the RNIB involved for their hard work on arranging this; further acknowledges the contributions and talents of audio-describers across the UK; recognises that Netflix has built accessibility into its service; further notes Netflix has diversity best practice guidelines for its UK scripted productions, understands that these guidelines are intended to raise standards both in front of and behind the camera including around disability; and calls on the Government to ensure that all entertainment is accessible to blind and partially sighted people and supports RNIB's mission to do so.

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#### 377 **Retirement of Patrick McGrath, Southside Housing**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Patrick McGrath on his retirement as Senior Officer of Southside Housing Association after over two decades in the post; recognises Patrick's academic achievements in the housing field from University College Dublin, Herriot Watt University and the University of Glasgow; further recognises that Patrick has been involved with housing and urban regeneration for many years with Renfrew District Council, Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association and as Senior Housing Consultant with DTZ Peda; notes that Mr McGrath came to the role as Senior Officer

1998, then dedicated 24 years to Southside Housing Association; applauds the leadership that Mr McGrath has shown in his time as Senior Officer and his management of the growth of Southside Housing Association during his tenure; thanks Mr McGrath for his outstanding service over the years; and wishes him the best in retirement and future endeavours.

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### 378 **Mr Eddie Butler 1957-2022**

Tabled: **21/09/22** Signatories: **1**

#### **Jonathan Edwards**

That this House mourns the loss of former Welsh rugby captain, Eddie Butler; notes that Mr Butler was a formidable number 8 and a key part of the famous Pontypool forwards pack of the 1970s and 1980s; further notes that Mr Butler was capped by Wales on 16 occasions, captained the national side and toured with the Lions in 1983 to New Zealand; respects Mr Butler's contribution as a journalist for the Guardian newspaper and the BBC, a brilliant wordsmith who became the voice of the beautiful game of rugby, transforming moments of high sporting drama into poetry; notes that Mr Butler was a passionate campaigner for Welsh independence and delivered one of the greatest speeches in the history of the national cause at the Yes Cymru rally in Merthyr on 7 September 2019; pays tribute to Mr Butler for his charitable work; and further notes that he died whilst raising money for Prostate Cymru in Peru.

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### 379 **Recording English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh nationalities when registering to vote**

Tabled: **21/09/22** Signatories: **1**

#### **Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes that when citizens register to vote they are unable to record their chosen nationality as English, Irish, Scottish or Welsh; further notes that for the 2021 Census, citizens were able to record their chosen nationality, including British; recognises that current nationality and immigration laws do not recognise English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh as distinct nationalities; further recognises that electoral law is determined by nationality and immigration legislation; and calls for changes to electoral, nationality and immigration legislation to enable citizens to record their chosen nationality when registering to vote.

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### 380 **Azerbaijan attacks on Armenian territory**

Tabled: **21/09/22** Signatories: **1**

#### **Chris Law**

That this House expresses deep concern following reports of new attacks by Azerbaijan on Armenian territory; expresses further concern on the scale of these unprovoked attacks, which are not only targeted on the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region but also on provinces within Armenia's international recognised sovereign boundaries; conveys its sympathy to all victims and their families who have affected; notes that this follows years of attacks on the people of Nagorno-Karabakh, for which the Government of Azerbaijan have never been held to proper account; calls on the Government to condemn the unjustified actions taken by the Government of Azerbaijan; and further calls on the Government to join other nations around the world in demanding an immediate end to any aggression.

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**381 David Stallard and his retirement from Befrienders Highland**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates David Stallard on his retirement from Befrienders Highland after 30 years; recognises the kindness and leadership displayed in his role as long-term convener; notes his commitment to the Befrienders Highland group, assisting them in providing mental health and wellbeing support to those in need across the Highlands; and wishes David the best of luck for his future.

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**382 Fire Safety and Rescue Support for Ukraine**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Bob Blackman**

That this House recognises and commends the joint efforts of UK Fire and Rescue services to assist Ukraine with fire engines and other vehicles, as well as critical equipment to protect communities at risk from Russian aggression; applauds the role of the National Fire Chiefs council and the Home Office as well as Fire Aid; and calls upon Government to continue these efforts as well as providing Fire Aid with critical funding to allow it to play its coordinating role in the Ukraine, and provide ongoing life saving training and equipment to other countries in need.

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**383 Impact of Universal Credit deductions on demand for food aid**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

This House notes the high proportion of people seeking help from food aid projects across Good Food Scotland, and the wider Feeding Britain network, who are having sums deducted from their Universal Credit payments; notes also that those deductions arise from the repayment of advances required to cover the five-week waiting period at the beginning of a Universal Credit claim, and historic debts and overpayments; notes also that the Government has acted before to reduce the rate of deductions by lowering the cap and extending repayment periods; calls on the Government immediately to reduce the rate of deductions still further, by lowering the cap to 10 per cent and extending repayment periods by a further 12 months; and calls on the Government to reconsider its decision not to reform the five-week waiting period or replace advances with grants.

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**384 Rollout of written warnings in place of benefit sanctions**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

This House notes the growing number of people seeking help from food aid projects across Good Food Scotland, and the wider Feeding Britain network, following a benefit sanction; notes that the UK Government is running a proof of concept to give claimants a Yellow Card written warning, instead of a sanction; and calls on the Government to expedite this process as part of a rapid national rollout of the scheme.

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**385 Tackling air pollution**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House recognises the urgent action needed to improve hazardous air pollution in the UK and the benefits of satellite data in monitoring and tracking the sources, extent and make-up of the hazard to ultimately mitigate the threat to human life; acknowledges that air pollution represents the largest environmental risk to public health as between 28,000 to 36,000 deaths can be attributed to air pollution in the UK every year; notes that the level of air pollutants in more than 97% of UK homes exceeds the World Health Organization's guidelines; recognises the potential of remote sensing satellites to collect regular and accurate data on air pollution to help find solutions for cleaner air; and calls on the Government to support the development of new technologies that can mitigate and end dangerous levels of air pollution and ensure that all citizens have the inalienable right to breathe clean air.

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**386 Dr Wright Memorial Pipe Band, 100th Anniversary**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes and celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Dr Wright Memorial Pipe Band which was formally founded in 1922 in Newtownards, Strangford; underlines that the founding members and Committees of Trustees of James Napier, Sam McAuley, Robert J McMillan, James Anderson and W J Barbour have all passed away; highlights the sad death of greatly respected Newtownards man Rev. Dr William Wright, Minister of the Newtownards First Presbyterian Church and further highlights permission given by the Wright family to name the band in his honour; praises the practice and hard work of the band members in raising the money to purchase their first uniforms in 1925, with the delivery of sixteen traditional Scottish uniforms, complete with Gordon tartan kilts which the band still proudly wears to this day; and wishes the Dr Wright Memorial Pipe Band success for the future as they continue to work hard together to keep this tradition alive in Newtownards.

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**387 Challenges with allergies**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House shows support to patients suffering from multiple allergies, such as asthma and eczema; acknowledges the current challenges affecting them; and urges Government to inquire whether patients have access to a multidisciplinary team who can consider the best care across their conditions, and ensure patients are being referred to specialist care for the best possible evidence based treatment, if appropriate, as recommended in the Allergy UK Patient charter for people who live with allergic disease.

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**388 World Championship Kildoag Pipe Band**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes the achievement of Kildoag Pipe Band in winning the Grade 4A World Championship in Glasgow held in August 2022; heartily congratulates the members and all associated with the Band which is based in a small rural area of Londonderry on an outstanding achievement given they have only reformed within the past ten years; and wishes them, and all

others involved in the award winning pipe band fraternity in Northern Ireland, every success in the future.

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### 389 Scottish Emergency Rescue Association and humanitarian efforts

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Richard Thomson**

That this House recognises the humanitarian efforts of the Scottish Emergency Rescue Association (SERA) in delivering over 70 fully equipped fire appliances and ambulances to countries including Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Burundi over the past 14 years; notes SERA has trained hundreds of local firefighters in each of the host countries in order that they may safely use and maintain the equipment and vehicles provided; understands that SERA recycles and refurbishes second-hand emergency equipment, allowing it to be put to good use overseas; and commends the volunteers who work so hard arranging this and personally driving the equipment to its new home.

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### 390 Scottish footballer Zander Murray

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**John Nicolson**

That this House applauds Scottish footballer Zander Murray for his courage in coming out, making him the first active senior men's player in Scotland to do so and making him a role model; notes the support Zander has received from his club, Gala Fairydean Rovers FC, his teammates, match officials and opposition players; and praises the leadership role played by women's football on LGBT+ issues within Scottish and UK football culture, a role acknowledged by Zander as inspirational.

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### 391 Urology awareness month

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Dr Philippa Whitford**

That this House notes that September is Urology Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of urological diseases and their symptoms; observes the devastating impact that conditions such as incontinence can have on quality of life; further notes that an estimated 6 million people in the UK, on average over 9,000 in each parliamentary constituency, are affected by continence problems with many relying on urology appliances every day to enable them to enjoy independence and avoid repeated medical consultation; and supports the joint Urology Trade Association / Urology Foundation commitment which recognises that patient safety and outcomes should remain of primary importance to industry and Government, that every patient is unique in their own right, that patients have a right to be involved in decisions about their care or treatment and that shared decision making between the clinician and patient should be promoted, with patients and clinicians able to choose from a wide range of products and services to suit their individual needs so as to effectively manage their condition and help them to maintain independence and a good quality of life.

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**392 Kingdom Theatre Company's Kelty Clippie**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House recognises the exceptional accomplishments of Kingdom Theatre Company; notes that the company was founded by John Murray and Lorraine Brown who recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary; acknowledges the sold-out performances and five-star reviews of Kelty Clippie The Musical at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe and its subsequent performances in Fife; congratulates the embodiment of the Kelty Clippie, Jacqueline Hannan, on her powerhouse performances which vividly bring to life a local Fife legend; and wishes everyone at Kingdom Theatre Company every success in their future creative endeavours.

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**393 Prepayment meter energy customers and self-disconnection**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Anne McLaughlin**

That this House acknowledges the rising cost of energy for households; notes that prepayment meter customers pay more in standing charges and unit rates for energy; recognises that prepayment meter customers are not afforded the same rights when in energy debt as direct debit customers; understands that a prepayment meter customer can only get into limited amounts of debt, currently ten pounds, before self-disconnection is the only option available; acknowledges that self-disconnection could see the most vulnerable in our society left without heat, light and facilities to cook and wash over the coming winter; and strongly urges the Government to outlaw self-disconnection to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable customers are not left without basic energy provision this winter.

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**394 Effect of rising energy costs on small and medium-sized businesses, public sector organisations and charities**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Anne McLaughlin**

That this House recognises the impending cost of the energy crisis facing small businesses, public sector organisations and charities; is dismayed at the delays in offering support and the lack of planning to mitigate against this foreseeable crisis for these sectors; considers the lasting impact of covid-19 and soaring inflation on businesses, public sector organisations and charities to be significant; welcomes moves towards an energy price cap for business, public sector organisations and charities but believes six months is nowhere near long enough; recognises that many of the public sector organisations and charities exist primarily to tackle the reality of poverty and the cost of living and therefore must be supported to continue doing that; urges the Government to recognise the wider impact mass closures of small businesses, public sector organisations and charities would have on our communities and our economy; and implores the Government to extend the length of the energy price cap from six months to two years in line with individual households.

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**395 Pension Credit and the cost of living payment eligibility period**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Anne McLaughlin**

That this House understands that the eligibility period for the £650 cost of living payment for anyone receiving Pension Credit has passed; recognises that the uptake of Pension Credit is low; understands that Pension Credit and the associated benefits, including the £650 cost of living payment, provide vital support to some of the most vulnerable pensioners; understands that hundreds of thousands of vulnerable pensioners could move out of poverty if uptake was greatly increased; expresses urgency to the UK Government to ensure that the billions of pounds of Pension Credit do not go unclaimed and that thousands of pensioners do not fall into poverty particularly during this cost of living crisis; urges the UK Government to view extending the eligibility period for the £650 cost of living payment as a unique opportunity to promote Pension Credit; notes the petition from residents of Glasgow North East to extend the eligibility period for the £650 cost of living payment for those on Pension Credit to the end of the fiscal year and subsequent refusal from the DWP; and strongly urges the Government to support our pensioners by supporting this campaign and reconsidering extending this eligibility period.

**396 Peter McLagan MP**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 6

**Martyn Day**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Christine Jardine**

That this House commemorates Peter McLagan, MP for the Constituency of Linlithgowshire from 1865 to 1893; applauds that, as Scotland's first mixed-race MP, he withstood negative campaigning and became Parliament's longest serving Scottish Member until his resignation; acknowledges his progressive contributions on matters of the day such as animal rights, universal free education, and women's suffrage that led him to be known as a suffragette in trousers; further acknowledges his advocacy for the establishment of a Government Department dedicated to agricultural issues; commends his goal of increasing the number of elected Members for Scotland and his support for a Bill to better prevent the pollution of rivers; and appreciates the contemporary relevance of his ambitions.

**397 Three Dads Walking campaign and suicide-awareness and mental health first aid in educational settings**

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 7

**Dr Neil Hudson**  
**Rosie Duffield**  
**Dr Liam Fox**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Tracey Crouch**  
**Ben Lake****Dr Dan Poulter**

That this House expresses its support for the brave, tireless and selfless campaigning of the Three Dads Walking, Andy Airey, Tim Owen, and Mike Palmer, who with their UK walk are raising awareness of young suicide and boosting charity funds following the tragic losses of their

daughters, Sophie, Emily and Beth to suicide; notes that suicide is the biggest killer of under-35s in the UK, with more than 200 school-aged children taking their own lives each year; and asks the Government to embed age-appropriate suicide awareness and prevention in the school curriculum and to expand mental health first aid training for staff in educational settings.

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### 398 Caernarfon Amateur Boxing Club

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Hywel Williams**

That this House warmly congratulates Caernarfon Amateur Boxing Club for their recent success in the prestigious Monkstown International Boxing Tournament, securing two silver and three bronze medals; commends the club for raising £2,000 to enable six of their junior boxers to compete in the tournament; notes the club, which was established in 1993, depends on the generosity of volunteers and support from the local community and businesses; pays tribute to all the coaches and parents for their commitment and support; and wishes the club all the best for the future as it turns its attention to the Welsh amateur boxing championships next year.

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### 399 Sittings of the House and Conference recess

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House does not wish to enter recess at this time of national crisis; notes with concern that the House would be entering recess before considering the necessary legislation to reassure British businesses of their future; notes with further concern that the House will enter a recess before either Northern Irish or rural communities have been given legislative reassurance about what energy support they will receive; notes with great concern that the House enters recess before the Government's legislative strategy on the economy can face real Parliamentary scrutiny; welcomes the Government's motion to reduce recess but considers it not enough; notes that the House has been in session for only five days since the 21 July 2022, five of sixty-one working days, and that it will not consider primary legislation to tackle the present crisis until at least October; and calls for the action hon. Members' constituents expect, not further delay.

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### 400 Conduct of the Right hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip

Tabled: 21/09/22 Signatories: 1

**Sir Stephen Timms**

That this House notes that the Right hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip stated incorrectly in the House on twelve occasions between 24 November 2021 and 20 July 2022 that total employment was higher than before the pandemic; further notes that he accepted at the Liaison Committee on 30 March and in his follow-up letter of 26 April that this claim was incorrect; notes that he answered a parliamentary written question on 23 June acknowledging that the total UK employment was lower than before the pandemic; regrets that he made the incorrect claim on three further occasions after the Liaison Committee meeting, including when he last answered questions as Prime Minister on 20 July, stating We have more people in paid employment than at any time in the history of this country; and calls on the Right hon. Member to correct the record at the earliest opportunity.

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## 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.

### 367 The UN OCHR's Assessment of Human Rights Concerns in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Tabled: 7/09/22 Signatories: 15

Brendan O'Hara  
 Jim Shannon  
 Claire Hanna  
 Chris Stephens  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 John McDonnell

Patrick Grady

That this House notes with great concern the findings of the United Nations OCHR report Assessment of Human Rights Concerns in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region released on 31 August 2022; is horrified by the details in this report including the use of arbitrary detention, forced sterilization and mass slave labour; notes that the evidence for these egregious crimes against humanity is beyond reasonable doubt; urges the Government to strengthen Magnitsky style sanctions against officials in the People's Republic of China who are involved in these crimes; and calls on the Government to now accept this Parliament's declaration that the atrocities occurring in the Xinjiang region amount to genocide.

### 368 75 Years of the Edinburgh Festivals

Tabled: 7/09/22 Signatories: 9

Tommy Sheppard [R]  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Anne McLaughlin

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the Edinburgh Festivals on their successful 75th anniversary season; notes that the first festivals took place in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War and sought to use culture as a healing balm to bring peoples and nations together in celebration of common humanity and help 'the flowering of the human spirit'; recognises that the Festivals have become increasingly internationally successful with audiences reaching almost 5 million per year; commends that the Festivals overcame the challenges facing live events and returned at 80 per cent of their previous programming level, hosting nearly 3,000 performances per day; believes that the Festivals enhance our international profile as a contemporary, creative, outward-looking nation, attracting 25,000 cultural participants from more than 70 countries and thousands of accredited media; celebrates the range of national artist showcases, including each of Australia, Switzerland, Canada, South Korea and Mexico; highlights the contribution of the Ukrainian performers granted special exemption by their government to put down weapons and take up instruments in Kyiv's twin city Edinburgh; considers that the Festivals today act as economic as well as cultural powerhouses, bringing an estimated impact in 2022 of £216 million, creating the equivalent of 4,200 jobs and supporting the tens of thousands more jobs in Edinburgh's wider creative and leisure sectors; and wishes the Festivals every success as they seek to build on this anniversary year and

develop their vision of Edinburgh as a world-leading sustainable festival city that is globally-minded, locally-rooted and creatively-led.

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**370 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Paisley**

Tabled: **7/09/22** Signatories: **8**

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Ben Lake**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the Diocese of Paisley on the 75th anniversary of its erection from the Archdiocese of Glasgow in 1947; welcomes the service of the five Bishops who have served the people of the county of Renfrewshire in that time, including the current incumbent Bishop John Keenan; notes the role the Church has played and continues to play in communities across Renfrewshire; and warmly welcomes its anniversary Mass on 15th September on the feast of St Mirin, patron saint of Paisley and founder of Paisley Abbey.

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**372 John Ferguson and Parkhead Housing Association**

Tabled: **7/09/22** Signatories: **8**

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates John Ferguson for serving on the board of the Parkhead Housing Association for over 40 years; notes that John will be stepping down from his role on the board after serving with distinction for four decades; further notes that John was a founding member of the Association, having previously served as Chair of the Parkhead Housing Association; commends John's commitment to the aims and objectives of the Parkhead Housing Association and his dedication to serving the local community; concludes that John will be sorely missed by those on the board and in the housing association; and wishes him a well-earned retirement.

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**374 Loss and Damage Action Day 2022**Tabled: **8/09/22** Signatories: **15**

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Rachael Maskell**

Patrick Grady

Tommy Sheppard

That this House acknowledges Loss and Damage Action Day, which is taking place on 22 September 2022, to highlight the severe impacts of climate change already affecting communities around the world; notes that climate change induced loss and damage is projected to cost between \$290bn and \$580bn a year by 2030 in developing countries alone, and that at present this cost is set to fall on the communities affected, who have done little or nothing to cause the problem; further notes that communities in the UK are also increasingly affected by the escalating impacts of climate change, including this summer's wildfires; believes that the UK and other developed countries have a responsibility to provide financial support to developing countries experiencing loss and damage; calls on the Government to pledge its support for a loss and damage finance facility ahead of COP27 in November; and further calls on the Government to prioritise this issue in its diplomatic efforts during the remainder of the UK's COP26 Presidency.