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New EDMs

592 **Football World Cup**

Tabled: **16/11/22** Signatories: **1**

Jonathan Edwards

This House wishes the Cymru and England national football teams well in the World Cup and a safe journey to all supporters attending matches.

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.

527 **Disability and the cost of living crisis**

Tabled: **2/11/22** Signatories: **32**

Debbie Abrahams
Marsha De Cordova
Kate Hollern
Ben Lake
Yvonne Fovargue
Dan Carden

Mike Amesbury

That this House congratulates the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel on their recent Big Disability Survey, the largest survey of disabled people in the UK, and the report highlighting the barriers disabled people face; notes its key findings, that disabled people in Greater Manchester

are living under a threefold assault on their rights and quality of life: firstly, through austerity, then covid-19 and now as a result of the cost- of- living crisis; further notes its finding that disabled people are experiencing shocking levels of poverty; furthers notes disabled people are commonly often unaware of their rights under legislation and when they are aware, have little access to legal advice provision and advocacy and are often also digitally excluded and have a right to accessible information; notes its recommendations, firstly to increase disabled people's income, secondly to provide decent, affordable and accessible housing and finally to ensure the protection of disabled people's human rights, as defined under the UN Conventions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and calls on the Government to recognise these findings and incorporate their recommendations into Government's spending plans.

532 PEEK Project and small employer of the year award

Tabled: 3/11/22 Signatories: 8

Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House notes the victory of the PEEK Project in the Small Employer of the Year category in the Herald's Top Employer Awards; notes that PEEK works to provide opportunities for children aged 0-18 and their families through play projects, creative arts projects, youth work, leadership, volunteering, peer training, education and internship projects across Glasgow; recognises that this great achievement is the result of PEEK's hard work to improve their workplace policies in line with its value statement, which promotes compassion, dignity, excellence, integrity and respect for both service users and staff; congratulates them on this fantastic achievement; and wishes them the best of luck in all future endeavours.

533 Glasgow Rens basketball team

Tabled: 3/11/22 Signatories: 10

Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Glasgow Rens basketball team on their recent success in winning the 2022 Under 18s Scottish Cup; notes they competed in the tournament in April in Dundee and won 71 - 63 against Edinburgh Kings; understands that this was the first time in 16 years a Glasgow team has claimed the Under 18s Scottish Cup; notes that the final squad for the Scottish Cup contained players from many nationalities and from all over Glasgow; further notes the contribution of Ayman Kraria, who went on to compete in the Under 16s Great Britain national team, the only Scottish player to do so; and wishes all the players the very best in future tournaments.

537 Liver cancer

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 21

Sir George Howarth
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Allan Dorans
Wayne David
Amy Callaghan

Kim Johnson

That this House notes that liver cancer is one of the less survivable cancers with mortality rates rising by 40 per cent over the last decade; recognises that only 13 per cent of liver cancer patients survive for five years after diagnosis; further notes that the number of people dying from liver cancer is increasing the fastest out of the 20 most common forms of cancer; encourages the Government to commit to improving earlier diagnosis and outcomes for liver cancer and the less survivable cancers in the upcoming 10-Year Cancer Plan; supports the recent launch of Liver Cancer UK by the British Liver Trust; and welcomes the efforts of the Less Survivable Cancer Taskforce to close the deadly cancer gap.

538 Carers Rights Day

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 10

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Richard Burgon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises Carers Rights Day on 24 November; recognises the valuable contribution unpaid carers make every day; commends Connecting Carers in the Highlands for their ongoing work in creating a better life for unpaid carers; acknowledges their commitment to ensuring unpaid carers are acknowledged and supported in their work; and encourages all carers to know their rights and make use of the support that is available to them.

539 Inverness restaurant award

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant Cinnamon on recently being awarded top place in the Highlands for Asian dinner; notes that the restaurant received their award at the sixth annual Asian Restaurant Awards held in Edinburgh; recognises that this much-loved restaurant has been enjoyed by visitors and locals alike for almost 20 years; and wishes them ongoing success for the future.

540 Hydro Ness recognised for Renewable Success

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Hydro Ness, the Highland Council's new renewable energy installation on their recent success at the British Construction Industry Awards (BCIA 2022); notes that the Archimedes Screw installation on the banks of the River Ness in Inverness was named Small Project of the Year; recognises that the Hydro Ness uses the natural flow of the River Ness to generate electricity and incorporates a public viewing gallery and visitor attractions; further recognises that the power generated will supply the nearby Inverness Leisure Centre and provide approximately 50 per cent of its electricity needs each year; and commends the successful collaboration from all in achieving this project that will go some way in helping to achieve net zero ambitions.

541 Kenny Nicol recognised at Top of the Shops awards

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Kenny Nicol on his recent success at the Top of the Shops awards; notes he was awarded Store Manager of the Year across Scotland and Northern England; and finally, recognises the ongoing hard work of Kenny at the Poundland Store in Inverness and his deserved success in achieving this award.

542 Inverness City Centre BID Awards success

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 9

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar
Douglas Chapman
Patrick Grady
 Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Inverness-based businesses on their recent success at the Inverness City Centre BID Business Awards; notes that across 13 categories, 26 businesses were recognised as winners or highly commended for their hard work across the last year; and finally, wishes all businesses ongoing success going forward.

543 Jenny-Rose Miller recognised for 30 years of service to Poppy Appeal

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Jenny Rose-Miller on her recent receipt of the President's Award in recognition of her 30 years of service to the Poppy Appeal; recognises that Jenny is the convenor of the Nairn Earl Haig Fund coffee morning held annually at the Royal British Legion; acknowledges Jenny's success in raising in excess of £20,000 for the Poppy Appeal across the last 30 years; and finally commends Jenny's can-do attitude in the work she does for Nairn legion and the wider Nairnshire community.

544 Anne McCreadie awarded Age Scotland's Jess Barrow Award for Campaigning and Influencing

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Anne McCreadie, chairperson of the Merkinch Community Centre in Inverness, for recently being awarded Age Scotland's Jess Barrow Award for Campaigning and Influencing; recognises that Anne received her award at Age Scotland's national awards ceremony in Glasgow; notes that Anne took over as chairperson for the Merkinch Community Centre in the 1990s and since then has created a centre with strong community spirit, helping tackle loneliness for regulars at the centre; and finally pays thanks to Anne for her many years of volunteering in the Inverness community.

545 Highland Hospice celebrates 35 years

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 11

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell
Steven Bonnar
Patrick Grady

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises the 35th anniversary of the Highland Hospice; commends them for the invaluable work they do in supporting people, their families and carers during some of the most difficult times of their lives; and pays thanks to all volunteers and staff who have fundraised, volunteered or worked for them over the years to ensure this work can continue.

548 Young people's experiences of food insecurity

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 15

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Patrick Grady

Anne McLaughlin

That this House notes recent research carried out by Centrepoin into food insecurity experienced by young people; further notes with deep concern the findings which show that over a fifth of young people say they have missed work or education due to lack of food; highlights with alarm that nearly half of the general youth population in the UK say they have gone to bed hungry in the last 12 months; recognises that under-25s receive a lower benefit rate which makes it difficult to meet essential living and housing costs, particularly for young people without family support; further recognises that this policy makes it difficult for young people to move on from homelessness and puts them at risk of harm, exploitation and abuse; and supports Centrepoin's recommendation that young people living independently without family support, including care leavers, should be able to claim the adult rate of the Universal Credit standard allowance to help them meet essential costs and avoid homelessness for good.

550 BBC local radio programming

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 47

Karl Turner
Sarah Olney
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Graham Stringer
Debbie Abrahams
Wendy Chamberlain

Mr Barry Sheerman

Tracey Crouch

That this House condemns the proposed cuts to BBC local radio programming which will see programming shared between regions after 2pm and on weekends; applauds the role of BBC local radio stations in democratic accountability, combating isolation and responding to crises such as covid-19 and local emergencies; questions for what reason the BBC's digital first strategy is at the expense of a vital part of local media infrastructure; notes with concern that staff whose jobs are at risk found out about the plans through the media; stands with members of the National Union of Journalists resisting the planned cuts; and urges the BBC to consult local radio listeners and licence fee payers before making permanent changes.

558 Trophy hunting import and exports

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 42

Sir Mike Penning
Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jeremy Corbyn
Wendy Chamberlain

Owen Thompson

Dr Philippa Whitford

Grahame Morris

That this House notes the recent report of the APPG on Banning Trophy Hunting: Trophy Hunting and Britain: The Case for a Ban, its contributions from IUCN scientists, CITES officials and African community leaders, and its findings that trophy hunting is exacerbating the conservation crisis and that African communities are overwhelmingly opposed to the practice; notes the concerning status of the most popular African animals shot by British trophy hunters, including elephants that are classed endangered by IUCN, the hippopotamus, zebra and leopard that are classed as vulnerable, that lion populations have fallen from 200,000 in the 1970s to 10,000, and that British trophy hunters have shot threatened cheetahs, black rhinos and polar bears; notes that British trophy hunters are winning prizes from killing large numbers of animals, including an award for shooting animals from 125 different species, and British-owned firms are selling holidays to shoot endangered animals; notes that 86 per cent of submissions received by DEFRA from experts and others during the public consultation expressed support for a ban, that opinion polls show nine out of 10 voters support a ban, and that a ban enjoys support from cross-party MPs and Lords, media organisations, and conservation and animal welfare charities; and calls on the Government to fully support the passage of the Trophy Hunting (Imports Prohibition) bill, including as a tribute to the late Sir David Amess MP who campaigned tirelessly on this issue, and to allocate whatever time may be necessary for the bill to pass.

559 Arrest of journalists at protests

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 22

Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Ian Mearns
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Anne McLaughlin

Dan Carden

This House notes with alarm the arrest and detention of the LBC journalist, Charlotte Lynch, on the suspicion of causing conspiracy to commit public nuisance during her coverage of a Just Stop Oil Protest, despite showing police officers a legitimate press accreditation; notes that she was detained for a total of five hours without being questioned and was searched twice in this time; reaffirms that journalists should have the right to cover protests without fear of arrest or detention from the police, and that this is a vital part of living in a free, transparent, accountable and democratic society; believes this arrest should be viewed in the context of increasing powers to restrict protest; believes this has created a culture in which protest is seen as illegitimate, and those who demonstrate or who are even loosely connected to a demonstration in whatever capacity, are regarded as suspicious; urges the Government to protect the freedom of journalists to report on events without fear of arrest or detention, and to investigate the circumstances of Lynch's arrest to ensure similar does not happen again.

560 Domestic Abuse and public life

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 23

Apsana Begum
Kate Kniveton
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Christine Jardine
Kate Osborne

Anne McLaughlin

This House notes that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; understands that not all domestic abuse takes place in the home or during a current relationship and that often women are most vulnerable when they are leaving a relationship, or after it has ended; highlights that post-separation control and/or harassment is a form of abuse that can occur long after a relationship or marriage is over, with different tactics of abuse employed; recognises that domestic abuse is prevalent and can affect people from all walks of life and in all forms of employment, including those public life; also notes that female political representatives, including those from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, face disproportionate barriers and are at greater risk of harassment and abuse; and therefore calls on all political parties to ensure that political representatives who are survivors of domestic abuse are not exposed to further harassment in their roles and to raise awareness of the issues in order to create a society where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively.

561 UK Disability History Month

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 17

Dr Lisa Cameron
Tim Farron
Jeremy Corbyn
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards

Anne McLaughlin

Owen Thompson

Daisy Cooper

That this House recognises that 16 November to 16 December is Disability History Month which is now in its thirteenth year of being celebrated in the United Kingdom and that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; notes that this year's joint themes are Disability, Health and Well Being; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; also recognises that more than half the 14.5 million people currently identified as disabled in the UK have hidden impairments; further recognises that due to discrimination many who can pass as non-disabled have chosen not to identify, even though this has caused them many difficulties; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability for disabled people's health and well-being; also recognises the need to move away from a medical approach to disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for disabled people in the United Kingdom.

562 Domestic Abuse and workplaces

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 22

Apsana Begum
Kate Kniveton
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Kate Osborne
Ian Mearns

Anne McLaughlin

This House notes that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; recognises that domestic abuse can have profound long-term effects on survivors and is concerned that it is very difficult to speak out about domestic abuse and often those that do are subject to further silencing tactics; further recognises that domestic violence is a workplace issue and that it can affect employment performance and in some cases even mean the abuse is carried out in the workplace; believes that domestic abuse policies form an essential part of a strategy to achieve equal opportunities in the workplace; calls on all employers to ensure workplaces are places of safety for survivors of domestic abuse with measures in place for their protection and an environment fostered where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively; and calls on the Government to ensure a nationally funded network of domestic violence and abuse support services.

565 British Indian Ocean Territory sovereignty negotiations

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 17

Jeremy Corbyn
Patrick Grady
Margaret Ferrier
Jon Trickett
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates His Majesty's Government on its decision to begin negotiations with Mauritius concerning sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago (British Indian Ocean Territory) to seek agreement to resolve all outstanding issues in accordance with international law including those relating to the former inhabitants; recognises that this is a significant reversal of a long standing policy; acknowledges the tireless campaigning by the Chagos Islands (BIOT) APPG and its Coordinator since 2008, the work of the Chagos Refugees Group and other Chagossian organisations, and the roles played by lawyers, the English and International courts; looks forward to the day when Chagossians who wish to return to the islands are permitted to do so.

566 Birthday of Kirkintilloch whisky producer Spirit of Alba

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 8

Amy Callaghan
 Allan Dorans
 Jonathan Edwards
 Hywel Williams
 Patrick Grady
 Kirsten Oswald

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Spirit of Alba, a family run Kirkintilloch producer of whisky and spirits, on their second birthday since opening; commends Jim Hopkins and his team for their hard work, their contribution to the local economy and to the history of Kirkintilloch whisky; further congratulates them on becoming specialist spirits retailer of the year at the Scottish enterprise awards; and acknowledges that small businesses face an incredibly challenging time, but can take inspiration from the success of Spirit of Alba.

567 Cystic fibrosis and mental health provision

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 9

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Jonathan Edwards
 Christine Jardine
 Ben Lake
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises the vital importance of psychosocial professionals in supporting those with long term health conditions including cystic fibrosis (CF) with their mental health and wellbeing, alongside providing support in employment or education; believes that everyone with CF who requires it should have access to a CF specialist social worker and clinical psychologist as outlined in NHS CF service specifications; notes the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's staffing report that found that more than two thirds (69%) of UK paediatric CF centres and nearly half (44%) of UK adult CF centres reported not having a CF specialist social worker; and calls on the Government to urgently address a workforce strategy to progress recruitment and retention issues facing CF centres UK wide.

568 Sylvia's Soapy Suds

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates family business, Sylvia's Soapy Suds in Ardrossan, on winning the prestigious accolade of Best Laundry Business at the grand finale of Scotland's Business Awards 2022; appreciates that this business, which was established almost 11 years ago, is now a cherished feature of the Ardrossan community; recognises that this award comes after a challenging period for businesses which struggled during the Covid-19 pandemic; applauds the delivery service provided by the business during Covid-19; notes how important this was to their customers; praises

the hard work of owner, Dora Kane, and her mother and former owner, Sylvia who started the business, as well as staff members Elaine and Laura, in developing a successful family business which is considered to be so much more than a laundry service by the Ardrossan community; and wishes this local family business continued success in the future.

571 A Dyslexic Life campaign

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 6

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Anne McLaughlin

That this House welcomes A Dyslexic Life campaign, which originated in Na h-Eileanan an Iar and has gained traction in Scotland and across the UK; recognises that one in 10 people have dyslexia and notably over five in 10 prisoners have dyslexia; calls on the UK Government to support the Private Members Bill entitled Dyslexia Screening and Teacher Training Bill which will apply in England, but hopes that similar bills will be introduced in the devolved nations; commends those educational institutions which proactively screen and assess children for dyslexia; welcomes training for teachers to recognise signs of dyslexia; and commends the work of teachers and parents who actively assist children with dyslexia.

572 Kaf goods, Bearsden

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Anne McLaughlin

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates kaf goods in Bearsden, a general store and takeaway café offering high quality ingredients and goods, on their first birthday; praises them for their contribution to the local economy; recognises the challenges that all businesses currently face; and commends kaf goods for continuing to provide fresh produce to the local area.

573 Anti-bullying Week 2022

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Patricia Gibson
Ben Lake
Mr Gregory Campbell
Anne McLaughlin

Marion Fellows

That this House notes Anti-bullying Week 2022, which runs from 14 to 18 November; further notes this year's Reach Out campaign by the Anti-bullying Alliance that shines a light on the impacts of bullying and encourages all those young and old alike to take action against acts of bullying; underlines the horrid effects bullying has on individuals' self-confidence and the ongoing impacts it can have on young children especially; expresses concern at the 5.4 million students who miss school at least once due to bullying and the 530,000 pupils who will skip school more than three times; highlights odd socks day on Monday 14 November to raise awareness of anti-bullying; and encourages those to come forward and speak out without fear.

574 Commemoration of hero John Herivel

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House commemorates hero John Herivel, born on Malone Avenue in Belfast in 1918 and who worked as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park during the war to help decipher the Enigma Code; notes the time spent by John and his colleague Alan Turing in deciphering the code, with Herivel's tip being a vital component in handicapping the Nazi war machines in the 1940s, these being used to send encrypted military messages to Nazis throughout the war; further notes the work at Bletchley Park which was kept a secret for decades but possibly shortened the conflict by two to four years; highlights the blue plaque to honour the efforts of Herivel at Methodist College Belfast, where he was educated and encouraged to expand his ability in maths; and remembers with pride the impacts codebreaking had in World War II.

575 Brendan Harris, 145th Glasgow Scout Group

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Anne McLaughlin
Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the vast contribution and dedication of Brendan Harris as he stands down as the Leader of the 145th Glasgow Scout Group in Giffnock; notes that Brendan has been involved with the group for 29 years, first joining the group in 1993 and then becoming the leader in 1995; appreciates that Brendan had a talent for recruiting adult leaders to support the young people of East Renfrewshire and under his guidance several thousand young people have benefited from their involvement with the 145th, with many young people eventually returning to volunteer as leaders themselves; puts on record that Brendan and the wider team have developed adventurous activities and expeditions, including international experiences for the benefit of young

people; further notes that Brendan was awarded the Silver Acorn for outstanding scouting service by the Chief Scout in 2017; and wishes Brendan and everyone involved with the 145th Glasgow Scout Group the very best for the future.

578 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (No. 3)

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 11

Tony Lloyd
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Hilary Benn
Christina Rees

Allan Dorans

That this House is concerned by warnings from the World Food Programme (WFP) that 18.9 million Afghans are acutely food insecure and six million are on the brink of famine; highlights that Save the Children report a 47 per cent increase in dangerously malnourished children in Afghanistan; notes that international support was largely responsible for preventing famine in Afghanistan in winter 2021-22; emphasises that the WFP says millions of families have almost no way to endure another harsh winter; highlights that the Afghan economy has almost collapsed since the Taliban takeover and the suspension of most international aid, meaning Afghans have limited access to basic services and some are having to take desperate measures such as marrying off or even selling their children; notes that external factors, such as the war in Ukraine, have contributed to rising food prices; highlights that this economic crisis has been exacerbated by droughts, floods, and earthquakes; further notes that floods in Pakistan have worsened the situation by damaging trade; emphasises the role of climate change in these disasters; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030; believes that the UK has a continuing responsibility to the Afghan people following our withdrawal from the country; and calls on the UK Government to support international and non-governmental humanitarian organisations operating in Afghanistan, promote greater international engagement to help the Afghan people, and restore the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

579 Derry City Football Club

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 3

Colum Eastwood
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna

That this House congratulates Derry City Football Club for its 4-0 win against Shelbourne F.C. in the Football Association of Ireland Senior Challenge Cup, securing its sixth win in the competition and winning by the largest-ever goal margin; recognises the immense contribution of all the players, their manager Ruaidhri Higgins, club Chairman Philip O' Doherty and all those in coaching and support positions for their dedication to football and to Derry City; and commends the commitment of Derry City's fans, over 20,000 of whom travelled to Dublin for this year's final and who have remained committed to the club through thick and thin.

580 Mixed-age couples and Universal Credit

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 9

Angela Crawley
Jonathan Edwards
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Chris Law

Anne McLaughlin

Marion Fellows

That this House expresses its concerns about the eligibility rules for pension credit and housing benefit for mixed-age couples on low incomes; notes that a mixed-age couple is made up of a pensioner and their partner below the state retirement age; understands that since 2019 pensioners in mixed-age couples have been unable to make a new claim for pension credit or housing benefit and are instead forced to make a claim for Universal Credit; recognises that Universal Credit is designed as a working-age benefit and represents, in the words of Age UK, a “substantial wealth cut” for this group which was previously able to claim for pension credit and housing benefit; regrets the increase in pension-age poverty during the cost of living crisis and the expected exacerbation of problems for pensioners during this winter when many will be forced to choose between heating and eating; acknowledges that the Government has estimated that in 2022/23 there will be 50,000 mixed-age couples unable to access pension credit or housing benefits, assistance which would go some way towards alleviating pensioner poverty; and urges the Government to reverse the changes made in 2019 to allow mixed-age couples access to means-tested benefits that suit their needs.

581 Protests in Iran

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 9

Nadia Whittome
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Caroline Lucas
Ben Lake

Stephen Farry

Dan Carden

That this House notes that protests against the Iranian government have been taking place for the last two months in Iran following the death in custody of Mahsa Amini; further notes with alarm that the Iranian authorities have killed more than 300 people and detained thousands of others in response; understands that hundreds of people have been charged for their participation in the protests, with at least one person being sentenced to death so far; reaffirms its solidarity with pro-democracy and human rights activists, and its opposition to violent repression and the use of death sentences; urges the Government to call for the UN Human Rights Council to establish an international investigative and accountability mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve, and analyse evidence of the most serious crimes under international law committed in Iran; and calls on the Government to commit to exercising universal jurisdiction to criminally investigate and prosecute Iranian officials suspected of criminal responsibility for crimes under international law and to strengthen Magnitsky-style sanctions on officials involved in human rights abuses.

583 A decade of fundraising by Ruth Moore, East Kilbride

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House commends the extensive fundraising over a decade of Mrs Ruth Moore from East Kilbride; notes Ruth's fundraising was inspired by the death of her late father; further notes that Ruth has raised over £10,000 for both local and national charities including East Kilbride Dementia Carers, Kilbryde Hospice, The British Heart Foundation and Epilepsy Scotland; thanks Ruth for the significant difference she has made to the community through her efforts and wishes her the very best for the future.

584 International Children's Games, South Lanarkshire

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House celebrates the incredible performance of Team South Lanarkshire at the International Children's 2022 Games in Coventry; notes that the squad won gold in two events and also a silver medal, achieving many more personal bests for the individual athletes participating; also notes that in each sport they competed in they reached the finals; further acknowledges the success of the girls' football team in winning a gold medal and not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament, the gold and silver medal won in the boys' 1500m and girls' 100m respectively; congratulates the swimming team reaching the final of the tournament; and salutes the efforts made by coaching staff and parents in encouraging the role of exercise in promoting children's health and wellbeing.

585 EK Credit Unions 40th Anniversary

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 2

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon

This house congratulates East Kilbride Credit Union on their 40th Anniversary; thanks Mr John Geraghty and Mr Les Walker who instigated the credit union and who still sit on the board of directors today as President and Chairman; commends EK Credit Union's success in increasing accessible savings and credit facilities for people across East Kilbride; notes their expansion with a recent digital drive improving inclusion and accessibility; further notes EK Credit Union's dedication and ethos to serving the public including those most vulnerable, setting an example to other financial service providers; and wishes EK Credit Union every success for the future.

586 Give as you Live and Kevin Sinfield marathons

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 3

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes the incredible seven marathons in seven days undertaking by rugby league legend Kevin Sinfield, who is visiting a range of sporting venues in Scotland and England to aid a number of charities including those associated with research into combating Motor Neurone Disease; and expresses the hope that his efforts on his Give as you Live fund raising site will result in donations exceeding his target of £777,777 so that a cure for one of the most debilitating and heart-breaking conditions can be found

587 Passing of Jimmy O'Rourke

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 8

Ian Blackford
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Anne McLaughlin
Patricia Gibson

Marion Fellows

Douglas Chapman

This House notes with sadness the passing of Jimmy O'Rourke at the age of 76 at his home in Edinburgh; recalls that Jimmy became the youngest ever player to play for Hibernian aged 16 years and 85 days in 1962, a record that stood until 2004; further recalls that he remains the youngest ever Hibernian goal scorer having hit the net against Dunfermline three days after his debut; also notes that Jimmy scored 122 goals for Hibernian, perhaps most notably a hatrick against Sporting Lisbon in the Cup Winners Cup in 1972, the same season that he netted a brace in Hibs' famous 0-7 New Year's Day victory against Hearts; remembers that the song goes Jimmy, Jimmy O'Rourke, everyone knows his name; and expresses the hope that Jimmy will rest in peace.

588 Social tariff for domestic energy use

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That this House believes in protections for low income, vulnerable and fuel poor households; notes that even with the current price cap in place there has been a 139 per cent increase in a year on the average bill; recognises that as a result there are now 6.7 million households in fuel poverty and many more grappling with soaring energy prices; further notes with alarm the possibility that a further 3 million households could slip into fuel poverty in April 2023, bringing the total number to the highest levels since records began; notes with concern that there has been a significant increase in the number of households being involuntarily moved onto prepayment meters and that Citizens Advice report a truly unprecedented number of people who can't afford to top up their prepayment energy meter; calls on the Government to introduce a social tariff into the energy market of the kind advocated by Fair By Design and National Energy Action, but which at a minimum must: be priced below the default tariff price cap, capped against significant increases, targeted at those most in need and reduce the energy costs of vulnerable consumers; and further

calls for such a tariff to be additional to the Warm Home Discount and Default Tariff Price Cap, mandated across all suppliers to guarantee equality of access, and that all eligible consumers must be automatically enrolled onto the tariff using suppliers' existing customer data and/or via data-sharing with the Department of Work and Pensions and HMRC.

589 Outsourcing at University College London

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That this House expresses its support for the members of Internation Workers Great Britain taking industrial action to demand that University College London (UCL) ends the outsourcing of its services which has resulted in low pay and insecure work lack of management accountability associated with bullying and abuse; further notes that the vast majority of outsourced workers are Black, Asian, Latino American or from other ethnic minority groups who continue to be denied the employment rights to that other UCL employees take for granted; and urges UCL to end outsourcing and bring in house immediately the security officers currently forced to take strike action.

591 Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences: Justice Committee report

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 21

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That this House welcomes the Justice Committee's report on Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentences, which were introduced under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 to detain people in prison who posed a significant risk of causing harm to the public; notes that IPP sentences were abolished prospectively, but not retrospectively, by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012; further notes that there were 2,926 IPP prisoners in England and Wales as of 30 June 2022, of which 1,492 had never been released and 1,434 had been recalled to custody, which is expected to rise sharply over the next few years; agrees with the Committee's recommendations calling for significant reform of the operation of IPP sentences, and especially its key recommendation that the Government legislate to enable a resentencing exercise for all IPP-sentenced individuals, except for those who have successfully had their licence terminated; believes that, a decade after the prospective abolition of the IPP sentence, it is time for the Government to take steps to bring certainty and hope to those prisoners still serving a sentence that has since been discredited; calls on the Government to respond to the Committee in a timely fashion and to accept its recommendations in full; and further calls on the Government to make Parliamentary time available, at the earliest opportunity, for the legislation necessary to enable a resentencing exercise.