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New EDMs

594 **Seventh anniversary of Brazil's Mariana dam collapse**

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 1

Dan Carden

That this House expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of the 19 people killed by the Mariana dam collapse in Brazil, seven years on from the disaster; acknowledges with deep concern the irreparable social and environmental damage caused by the 60 million cubic metres of toxic waste unleashed by the dam collapse which destroyed towns, countless livelihoods and severely impacted indigenous communities; notes with dismay that no adequate compensation has been paid to the hundreds of thousands of victims; criticises BHP's failure to address the environmental and human impact of their subsidiary's conduct in Mariana; further criticises the global mining industry for failing to fully implement global international standards for tailings management; urges the Government to introduce stronger accountability mechanisms for UK corporations operating both domestically and internationally to help protect against human rights abuses and protect our fragile environment; and calls on the Government to enshrine in law mandatory compliance with the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management.

595 **Diageo UK's Learning for Life Hospitality Training Programme**

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates the participants of Diageo's award-winning Learning for Life hospitality training scheme for learners in Edinburgh in partnership with The Prince's Trust and Springboard; celebrates the success of half of the graduates securing employment shortly after completing their intensive training; commends the scheme's commitment to diversity, inclusion and supporting refugees through awarding spaces to seven Ukrainian refugees alongside participants from the local community and around the world; and calls on the Government to explore similar

opportunities to help more adults, including refugees, into the workplace through vocational training and work experience.

596 Safe passage for refugees

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 1

Olivia Blake

That this House commends the work of PCS and Care4Calais and the launch of their policy document Safe passage for refugees: humane alternative to the Rwanda policy; notes the key demands include the implementation of a safe passage visa scheme, greater investment in the Home Office and the reform of immigration detention centres; acknowledges the worrying increase in small boat crossings this year with numbers of individuals making this journey in 2022 expected to rise to over 60,000; deplores the hateful rhetoric against refugees which has continued to appear in many parts of the press and social media in recent months; is concerned that the Government's own policies and decisions are encouraging this rhetoric despite the UNHCR and Refugee Council confirming that most individuals making the treacherous journey are needing protection; and calls on the Government to urgently act to protect these vulnerable people who are fleeing humanitarian crises across the world and work with PCS and Care4Calais to create a system which will stop these dangerous small boat crossings and will instead support genuine asylum claims allowing individuals and families to arrive safely in the UK and begin their new lives in the UK

597 Funding for fire and rescue services

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 2

**Mary Kelly Foy
Zarah Sultana**

That this House recognises and celebrates the significant role firefighters play in society, particularly in the face of increasing extreme weather events and the part they played during the pandemic that included delivering medicines to the vulnerable, supporting the ambulance service and moving the bodies of the deceased; further recognises that the fire and rescue service has suffered central funding cuts of around 30 per cent since 2010, resulting in the loss of more than 11,500 frontline firefighters; is concerned that lives could be put at risk from further cuts; acknowledges that firefighters have lost approximately £4,000 in real terms over the past decade; notes with dismay that some firefighters are resorting to food banks; further notes when inflation is taken into account, the 5 per cent offer from the employers that was rejected by the Fire Brigades Union still represents a further cut in real wages; calls for urgent central Government funding for fire and rescue services; and urges employers and the Government to give firefighters a fair pay rise.

598 Rory McIlroy's contribution to golf

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy on winning his fourth Harry Vardon Golf Trophy and congratulates him on being crowned the DP World Tour's top player in Dubai in November 2022; notes his remarkable dedication to the sport of golf and his representation of Northern Ireland; further notes his winning of the FedEx Cup Crown in August 2022 and becoming the words No.1 golfer last month after dominating the United States; and highlights his consistency and effort in achieving his sporting goals and wishes him all the best for his future in golf.

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.

536 Young Movers Maryhill award winners 2022

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 3

Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates all those involved in the Maryhill Young Movers, known as YoMo, Awards Night on 14 October 2022, which sought to recognise the achievements of young people from across the north of Glasgow in a range of youth empowerment activities and events over the previous year; notes that the awards included HiFive and Dynamic Youth Awards, which are accredited to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, as well as participation certificates for activities in a range of areas including cycling, litter picks, science, technology engineering and maths activities, beach-themed activities, arts and crafts, and visits to Glasgow's Riverside Museum, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Glasgow Green; further notes that four young people also achieved the Saltire Award, presented by the Scottish Government in recognition of their roles as volunteer leaders and role models for younger children involved in the programme; recognises the support for the awards and the ongoing programme provided by Maryhill Housing Association; and wishes all the YoMo staff, volunteers, and young participants, all the best for the coming year's activities.

542 Inverness City Centre BID Awards success

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 10

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

545 Highland Hospice celebrates 35 years

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 12

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

Alison Thewliss

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: 18

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

549 Second anniversary of conflict in Tigray

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 31

Dame Angela Eagle
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

That this House, recognising the achievement of a peace deal last week at the African Union peace talks, and congratulating all sides on the ceasefire agreement, deplores the widespread use of rape and use of violence against women and girls by all the belligerent parties, noting that Tigrayan

women have been recognised by the UN to have been subjected to particular violence leaving an estimated 26,000 in need of services; regrets the loss of life of 500,000 civilians in Tigray, killed from violence and famine, the displacement of more than 1.6 million by this conflict, and the mass detention of many thousands; calls on the Government to (i) increase humanitarian aid when the 17-month humanitarian blockade on Tigray is lifted, (ii) provide assistance for the reconstruction of infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, destroyed during the war, (iii) support the establishment of an internationally recognised ceasefire monitoring mechanism, and (iv) press for full access to all parties and areas for the UN Human Rights Council's Commission of International Experts on Ethiopia; notes the Government is hosting an important global conference on the use of sexual violence in conflict; and further calls on the Government to give an urgent priority to ending the use of such violence in Ethiopia.

552 Industrial action at Jacob's Bakery

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 12

Dan Carden
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Beth Winter
Chris Stephens
Jon Trickett

Alison Thewliss

That this House supports members of the GMB union employed by Pladis Global at Jacob's Bakery, Aintree, Liverpool who are taking strike action in a long-running dispute over pay and terms and conditions; believes that these workers should be treated fairly and given a pay deal that reflects the rising cost of living; notes that Pladis Global saw profits of £220m last year; further notes that the Aintree site is Jacob's first factory in England and has operated for over a century; and urges Pladis Global to negotiate a fair deal with the GMB and work with the union to secure the future of the factory and prioritise its most valuable asset, the workforce.

555 Use of COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Alaa Abd el-Fattah's immediate release

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 25

Olivia Blake
Dan Carden
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon

Alison Thewliss

This house condemns Alaa Abd el-Fattah's ongoing imprisonment in Egypt; expresses serious concern at his treatment by Egyptian authorities and for his health and wellbeing; notes that he has been on hunger strike for over six months and has now begun a water strike; further notes that his imprisonment is part of a wider pattern of political arrests and disappearances and that he is one of as many as 60,000 political prisoners held in Egypt; also notes that Abd el-Fattah is a British citizen and therefore entitled to consular support from the British embassy; also notes with concern that the UK Government has yet to call publicly for his unconditional release; also notes that the total value of UK arms exports licensed to Egypt in the last three years was £24m and that this would provide significant leverage in talks to secure Abd el-Fattah's release; and urges the Government

to use COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Abd el-Fattah's immediate release and to provide him with independent medical assistance.

558 Trophy hunting import and exports

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 47

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

Alison Thewliss

Kim Johnson

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.

566 Birthday of Kirkintilloch whisky producer Spirit of Alba

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 9

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

Alison Thewliss

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: 12

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

Wendy Chamberlain

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: 6

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Anne McLaughlin
Alison Thewliss

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.

569 All Saints Secondary School World Schools Football Cup success

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates All Saints Secondary School, Barmulloch, on their recent triumph in winning the World Schools Football Cup; notes they made it to the semi-finals of the competition back in 2019 and won the final match 2-0 at the Futbol Salou Sports Center in Barcelona; recognises

the hard work and effort from all involved; also recognises that the trip was only made possible by the support of the local community and teachers at the school who were determined to see the team succeed; and wishes all the players the very best in future tournaments.

571 A Dyslexic Life campaign

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **8**

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

573 Anti-bullying Week 2022

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **12**

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

580 Mixed-age couples and Universal Credit

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 14

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

Alison Thewliss

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: 19

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

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Munira Wilson

Alison Thewliss

Cat Smith

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.

587 Passing of Jimmy O'Rourke

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 12

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

Alison Thewliss

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 hattrick 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

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 8

Emma Hardy
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Claudia Webbe
Claire Hanna
Caroline Lucas

Alison Thewliss

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.

591 Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences: Justice Committee report

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 24

Kim Johnson
Ms Diane Abbott
Ms Marie Rimmer
Nadia Whittome
Liz Saville Roberts
Grahame Morris

Mick Whitley

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.

592 Football World Cup

Tabled: 16/11/22 Signatories: 2

Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss

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

593 Co-Op Funeral Care and Unite Members Industrial Action

Tabled: 17/11/22 Signatories: 12

Chris Stephens
Grahame Morris [R]
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Mick Whitley [R]
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss
 Claudia Webbe

Charlotte Nichols

Dan Carden

That this House shows solidarity with Unite members working at Co-Op Funeral Care in Glasgow who are currently taking industrial action over pay; understands the context of the cost of living crisis with rising food costs, energy bills and inflation at a 41 year high; notes that the Retail Price Index is at its highest level since 1980; further notes that this means RPI is currently over 10% higher than the Co-Op Funeral Care's latest 4% pay offer; is alarmed by the absence of planned talks with the employer, Co-Op Funeral Care; is disappointed to see this behaviour in a workplace that carries

the Co-Op brand name; is surprised to see an organisation, like the Co-Op, whose values are linked to democracy, equality and caring for others, treating workers in such a way that has left them feeling forced to take industrial action; expresses concern that this dispute will continue risking significant coffin supply disruption at a time when seasonal mortality rates are highest; and urges Co-Op Funeral Care to get back round the table to engage in meaningful negotiations.