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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 22 November 2022

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### New EDMs

#### 599 **Mark Allen UK Championship Title**

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

**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Northern Ireland's Mark Allen on winning his first UK Championship Snooker Title against Ding Junhui; notes this further achievement as Allen takes his tally to eight ranking titles and two of the fabled Triple Crown, having won the Masters in 2018; further notes his brilliant sportsmanship and good nature in his performances; and wishes him all the best for his future in snooker.

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#### 600 **Pension Credit**

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

**Patricia Gibson**

That this House welcomes the Government's promotion of Pension Credit to increase its uptake, at long last, given that research by Independent Age had shown that only 61 per cent of those eligible were receiving it; appreciates that Pension Credit can be a gateway benefit for low income pensioners; is concerned by reports of lengthy delays to the processing of Pension Credit claims, with some pensioners forced to wait several months before payment is made; is disappointed by the failure of the Government to prepare for the increase in Pension Credit claims made as a result of its own awareness campaign; calls for additional support to be given to the Department for Work and Pensions to assist processing Pension Credit claims; and recognises the need for immediate action to ensure the most vulnerable in our society receive the support promised by Pension Credit to protect them during what will be a harsh winter.

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**601 Mark Allen winner of the UK Snooker Champion**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Paul Girvan**

That this House celebrates Northern Ireland's Mark Allen on winning the UK Snooker Championship and congratulates him on being crowned the UK Champion in November 2022; notes his remarkable dedication to the sport of snooker and his representation of Northern Ireland; further notes his winning of the NI Snooker Championship in October 2022; and highlights his consistency and effort in achieving his sporting goals and wishes him all the best for his future in snooker.

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**602 Young Women Lead Programme**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House recognises the significant achievements of the Young Women Lead programme upon the completion of their 'Community Places Community Spaces' project which began in May 2022; notes that the project was formulated with a passion for the provision of community services and a desire to highlight what services are available to people across Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire; appreciates that the six month project involved a series of workshops and online discussions which culminated in the creation of a website with an interactive map showing the various community services available across the local authorities; understands that the Young Women Lead programme caters for women and non-binary people aged 16-30, is facilitated by YWCA Scotland, and offers young people unique and exciting training opportunities; puts on record that the group of young people involved in the Community Places Community Spaces project are all passionate about connecting community services and have a strong belief that information about local services should be easy to access; and wishes everyone involved in the Young Women Lead programme the very best for the future.

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**603 Anniversary of channel crossing deaths**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 2

**Olivia Blake [R]  
Tim Farron**

That this House marks the first anniversary of the tragic death of 32 people in the Channel in the early hours of the morning of 24 November 2021; urges the Government to speed up the enquiry currently being carried out by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch; notes the harrowing new evidence which has come to light as part of the French investigation, suggesting that both the French and British authorities were aware of the boat in distress and of its position; further notes that despite logs showing numerous calls to French and UK authorities over the nine hour window, and that by 2.45am the boat was in British waters, no efforts appear to have been made to send help; and believes an urgent public enquiry must now be launched into these deaths to provide answers to the families of those who died and ensure all lessons are learnt and implemented to prevent further tragedies in the Channel.

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**604 Lancaster University Library and The Times Higher Education Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates Lancaster University Library; recognises its achievement in winning Outstanding Library Team in The Times Higher Education Awards; thanks the Library Team for supporting teaching, learning and research locally, nationally and globally; and praises the library in its aim to connect, innovate and include the wider community in Lancaster and beyond.

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**605 Broadband for the Rural North**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Cat Smith**

That this House congratulates Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN); thanks them for striving to digitally connect rural communities in the north; recognises their achievements in being regarded the Best British Broadband Provider as well as Best Community Project for the second year running; pays tribute to investors, local volunteers and supportive landowners; and praises B4RN for being a Community Benefit Society where profits are reinvested back into local communities.

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**606 Increases in taxation**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes that under current Government proposals not only will higher rate tax payers pay more in income tax but basic rate taxpayers, including many on average or below average incomes, as well as many senior citizens including some on the basic state pension, will also be paying more; and calls on the Government to reconsider the extent of tax rises and their intended duration, as over five million people, many of whom who can ill afford these increases, will suffer considerable hardship for a number of years under these proposals.

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**607 Heartland FM and the 2022 Community Radio Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 1

**Pete Wishart**

That this House congratulates Heartland FM on being awarded the silver trophy in the prestigious Station of the Year category for the second year in a row at the 2022 Community Radio Awards; understands that the awards recognise community radio stations across the UK and the excellent service they provide to their listeners; and further congratulates Heartland FM on celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, making it the longest running community-owned radio station in the UK.

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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.

**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: 26

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

Kim Johnson

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: 50

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

Douglas Chapman

Emma Hardy

Sammy Wilson

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: 24

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

Kim Johnson

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.

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**562 Domestic Abuse and workplaces**

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 24

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

Dawn Butler

This House note 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 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.

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**567 Cystic fibrosis and mental health provision**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 13

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

Sammy Wilson

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.

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**573 Anti-bullying Week 2022**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 13

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

Paul Girvan

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.

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

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 19

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

Wera Hobhouse

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.

**581 Protests in Iran**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 20

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

Wera Hobhouse

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.

**582 Nutrient and water neutrality**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Helen Morgan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Chris Law**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House notes with concern that phosphates and nitrates are types of nutrients that can damage wildlife at high levels; further notes that patterns of nutrient pollution vary by region, depending on population density, extent and type of agriculture and habitats; recognises the importance of the Local Government Association's Nutrient and Water Neutrality Policy Inquiry into reducing the stresses on fragile habitats; also notes with concern the impact of nutrient pollution on local planning authorities and planning decisions in affected areas under the Habitat Directive; notes with concern the lack of funding for local authorities to deal with nutrient pollution; further notes with concern the Government's proposals that a significant amount of legislation protecting the environment could be sunsetted; and calls for a reform of legislation to ensure the water companies bring forward investment to help local authorities tackle nutrient pollution.

**584 International Children's Games, South Lanarkshire**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**

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: 4

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**

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.

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**586 Give as you Live and Kevin Sinfield marathons**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 4

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paul Girvan**

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

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**587 Passing of Jimmy O'Rourke**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 14

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

Chris Law

Gavin Newlands

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 hat-trick 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.

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**588 Social tariff for domestic energy use**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 9

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

Beth Winter

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.

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### 589 Outsourcing at University College London

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 7

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Richard Burgon**

Beth Winter

That this House expresses its support for the members of International 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.

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### 591 Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences: Justice Committee report

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 25

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

Dan Carden

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.

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### 593 Co-Op Funeral Care and Unite Members Industrial Action

Tabled: 17/11/22 Signatories: 14

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

Chris Law

Beth Winter

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.

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

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 2

**Dan Carden**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

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.

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**596 Safe passage for refugees**Tabled: **21/11/22** Signatories: **11**

**Olivia Blake**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Beth Winter**

Marsha De Cordova  
 Wera Hobhouse

Dan Carden  
 Kim Johnson

Jeremy Corbyn

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: **10**

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Richard Burgon**

Beth Winter  
 Dan Carden

Kate Osborne

Jeremy Corbyn

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: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Paul Girvan**

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.