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New EDMs

608 Carers Rights Day 2022

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 1

Ed Davey

That this House supports Carers Rights Day, taking place on 24 November 2022; recognises this year's theme of Caring Costs, which acknowledges the enormous financial, mental and emotional burden faced by millions of unpaid carers looking after their loved ones across the UK; notes that many unpaid carers go unrecognised by both themselves and the Government; commends Carers Rights Day's goals of increasing awareness, recognition and support for carers; notes the need for a strategic approach from the Government to identify and support unpaid carers; and calls on the Government to immediately give carers the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

609 Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners on being awarded the Best in Britain award from Britain in Bloom for their Child Miner memorial site at the Wisp; notes that the memorial site, rockery and gateway sign are all designed to commemorate the role of children in Midlothian mining communities and the shocking deaths that occurred in the mines; recognises that Britain in Bloom is the UK's nationwide gardening competition and works to strengthen communities and tackle local issues through recognising the work of gardening groups; and wishes the gardeners all the very best for the presentation of this award at the memorial site on Sunday 27 November 2022.

610 Penicuik Athletic FC's victory in the under-16s Girls Cup Final

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on their 3-1 victory against Giffnock SC in the under-16s Girls Cup Final this week; further congratulates Caitlin Waterson, Emily Brown and Emily Reid on their goals during the game, as well as head coach Steven Clarke and the whole team; notes the club's history reaching back to 1888 and continued contributions to Scottish football over the years; recognises the extremely hard work the team has put into training; further notes the importance of maintaining opportunities for young women and girls to take part in sport in Midlothian; and wishes the team the very best of luck in now playing in the under-18s.

611 Intimidation at community, parish and town councils

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 9

Dr Julian Lewis
Cat Smith
Sir Graham Brady
Helen Morgan
Andrew Selous
Rosie Cooper

Jonathan Edwards

Sir John Whittingdale

Bob Blackman

That this House expresses its support and appreciation for local community, parish and town councils which are the first tier of local government in England and Wales and play a vital role in our communities; notes with concern that whilst the vast majority of local councils are well run, there remain behavioural issues in a small minority of councils and by members of the public which involve bullying, intimidation and harassment of both councillors and their staff, as confirmed through a dedicated Civility and Respect project led by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), One Voice Wales (OVW), county associations of local councils, and also highlighted by the Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC); further notes with concern this is leading to councillors and staff leaving the sector and is creating difficulties in recruiting to those roles; and calls on the Government to re-visit its response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life report on local government ethical standards and introduce the report's recommendations in full including tougher sanctions such as suspension for poorly behaving councillors.

612 National eye health strategy

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 1

Marsha De Cordova

That this House recognises that over two million people in the UK are living with conditions which cause sight loss; notes that 250 people lose their sight every day and sight loss costs the UK economy £36 billion per year; further notes that NHS eye care services are facing significant pressures, with ophthalmology accounting for almost ten per cent of NHS waiting lists; and calls for the development of a National Eye Care Strategy which would focus on improved health outcomes, eliminate the postcode lottery of eye care treatment, address the inequities in access to, and provision of, eye care services, reduce the backlog, ensure positive patient experiences, ensure providers of care are joined up, maximise workforce capacity and skills and make better use of research and innovation.

613 Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire 21st anniversary

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire on its twenty-first anniversary; recognises that it is one of the leading charities in family support in the community; acknowledges the impact it makes within the local communities it serves including helping to improve educational attainment, aiding the building of healthy relationships, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness, improving mental health of adults and children and supporting maternal mental health and perinatal support; further acknowledges its focus on empowerment and resilience to assist families to become self-reliant, confident and connected; praises the work of all staff and volunteers and the skills they have brought and developed; and welcomes the launch of their new book 21 stories, 21 lives as part of their 21st anniversary celebrations.

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.

560 Domestic Abuse and public life

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 26

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

Tahir Ali

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.

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

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 20

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

Ian Lavery

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: 28

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

John Spellar
 Kirsten Oswald
 Apsana Begum

Marsha De Cordova
 Dave Doogan
 Layla Moran

Paul Blomfield
 Ian Byrne

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.

586 Give as you Live and Kevin Sinfield marathons

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 5

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

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: 15

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

Ian Mearns

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.

588 Social tariff for domestic energy use

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 11

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

Ian Mearns

Tahir Ali

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

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 11

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

Ian Lavery
 Apsana Begum

Ian Mearns

Tahir Ali

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.

591 Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences: Justice Committee report

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 28

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

Rebecca Long Bailey

Tim Farron

Tahir Ali

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: 3

Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

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: 16

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

Tahir Ali

Apsana Begum

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.

594 Seventh anniversary of Brazil's Mariana dam collapse

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 5

Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum

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: 2

Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon

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: 24

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

John McDonnell
 Andy McDonald
 Tahir Ali
 Mick Whitley
 Ms Diane Abbott

Wendy Chamberlain
 Grahame Morris
 Apsana Begum
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Mearns
 Zarah Sultana
 Nadia Whittome

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: 28

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

Emma Hardy
 Ian Lavery
 Grahame Morris
 Marsha De Cordova
 Nadia Whittome
 Apsana Begum

Jim Shannon
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 John Spellar
 Margaret Ferrier
 Ian Mearns
 Tony Lloyd

John McDonnell
 Andy McDonald
 Charlotte Nichols
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Tahir Ali
 Kenny MacAskill

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.

600 Pension Credit

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

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.

601 Mark Allen winner of the UK Snooker Champion

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 2

Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon

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.

602 Young Women Lead Programme

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

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.

603 Anniversary of channel crossing deaths

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 15

Olivia Blake [R]
Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Wendy Chamberlain

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Apsana Begum
 Nadia Whittome

Andy McDonald
 Zarah Sultana
 Ms Diane Abbott

Beth Winter
 Mick Whitley
 Kate Osborne

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.

604 Lancaster University Library and The Times Higher Education Awards

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 2

Cat Smith
Jim Shannon

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.

605 Broadband for the Rural North

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 4

Cat Smith
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Mearns

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.

606 Increases in taxationTabled: **22/11/22** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

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.

607 Heartland FM and the 2022 Community Radio AwardsTabled: **22/11/22** Signatories: **3**

Pete Wishart
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

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.