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New EDMs

379 Achieving clean air

Tabled: 8/02/24 Signatories: 1

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that 15 February marks the anniversary of the death of Ella Roberta Adoo-Kissi Debrah who became the first person to have air pollution listed on her death certificate, and extends its deepest sympathies to her family; notes that air pollution is associated with conditions like asthma, heart disease and cancer, impacts mental health, and causes up to 43,000 premature deaths each year in the UK; believes that air pollution is a public health emergency; is concerned that children are particularly affected by dirty air and that the UK has one of the highest rates of asthmatic children across Europe, with one in eleven young people living with asthma; urges the Government to take urgent action to deliver clean air, including strengthening the air quality targets under the Environment Act 2021, including committing to reduce annual mean levels of PM2.5 to 10 µg/m³ in England by 2030; welcomes the introduction of the Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill, known as Ella's Law, which would enshrine the right to breathe clean air and require the Secretary of State to deliver this in England within five years with the possibility of limited postponements subject to strict conditions; notes that it responds to the UN resolution recognising the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment and has already undergone scrutiny in the House of Lords; and calls on the Government to support this Bill as a means to achieve clean air and prevent future deaths.

380 Murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher

Tabled: 8/02/24 Signatories: 1

Allan Dorans

That this House recalls that on 17 April 1984, WPC Yvonne Fletcher, aged 25, was shot in the back and murdered by shots fired from inside the Libyan People's Bureau while policing a political demonstration; notes that no one has ever been charged in connection with her death, despite

there being an individual identified as Saleh Mabrouk suspected of involvement in her murder; further notes that in 2017 the Government refused to allow the release of certain evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service, on the grounds of national security which would potentially have allowed Saleh Mabrouk to be prosecuted in a criminal court; notes that former police officer John Murray, who was with Yvonne when she was murdered, has campaigned relentlessly for justice for Yvonne for 39 years; and on 16 November 2021, won an outstanding victory at the Royal Courts of Justice; notes the judgment determined that Saleh Mabrouk, together with others, was jointly responsible for Yvonne's death; further notes that the Government has not in any way assisted Mr Murray in his campaign for justice for Yvonne; and calls for an inquiry into why a report commissioned by the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, in 1984 (the Sir Antony Duff Report) has never been made public, and asks that it now be released; and asks that the evidence withheld from the CPS in 2017 be reviewed to ascertain if it can now be safely released with a view to the consideration of a criminal prosecution of Saleh Mabrouk.

381 UK funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Tabled: 8/02/24 Signatories: 3

Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake

This House notes the UK's decision to pause funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA); further notes that UNRWA's services are primarily funded through contributions from UN member states, constituting around 93% of the agency's funds; is concerned that UNRWA has warned that the decision by the UK and other countries to suspend funding will leave it unable to fund its aid operations in a matter of weeks; notes that UNRWA supports 5.9 million Palestinian refugees in Gaza and other countries including Syria, Lebanon and Jordan and employs 30,000 staff, 13,000 of whom work in Gaza; further notes the grave humanitarian situation in Gaza where over 2 million people are at imminent risk of famine and 152 UNRWA staff have been killed; notes UNRWA's swift action to terminate the contracts of 12 employees following allegations of their involvement in the 7 October attack and launch an investigation by the UN Office of Internal Oversight, in addition to the appointment of an independent review group by the UN Secretary-General to assess how UNRWA ensures neutrality and responds to allegations of serious wrongdoing; further notes that other countries including Ireland, Norway, Belgium, Denmark and Spain continue to fund UNRWA in light of the agency's swift disciplinary and investigative response; and calls on the UK Government to immediately re-instate funding for UNRWA given the disastrous humanitarian consequences that the pause in funding will have for people in Gaza and the wider region.

382 VAT Cut for Hospitality Sector

Tabled: 8/02/24 Signatories: 1

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the immense challenges facing the hospitality sector during the cost of living crisis; notes that the Government implemented a temporary cut of 5% on VAT for hospitality businesses during the pandemic; further notes that VAT is not devolved and can therefore only be set by the UK Government; acknowledges that local hospitality businesses deliver an important social good to their communities as well as bring in vital income and jobs; and calls on the UK Government to implement a permanent cut of 5% on VAT for the hospitality sector to help hospitality businesses meet the challenges of the cost of living crisis.

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.

321 Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 24

Munira Wilson
Mary Kelly Foy
Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Dyke
Gavin Robinson
Jamie Stone

Mohammad Yasin

That this House commemorates Children's Mental Health Week 2024 which runs from 5 to 11 February; notes with concern that one in five children between the ages of seven and sixteen have a probable mental health disorder; acknowledges the negative impacts that poor mental health can have on children's present and future wellbeing; further acknowledges the impact poor mental health is having on persistent absence in schools; recognises that this year's theme is My Voice Matters reflecting the importance of listening to children and young people; and further recognises the urgent need to provide early intervention and universal mental health support to children and young people.

322 City of Glasgow College, Queen's Anniversary Prize

Tabled: 25/01/24 Signatories: 3

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates the City of Glasgow College on receiving a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education; notes that this award was granted because of the College's life-saving research into oxygen depletion in enclosed spaces on-board ships; highlights the highly prestigious nature of this honour, which is awarded biennially to colleges and universities for outstanding work and cutting-edge innovation significantly benefiting wider society; commends the College for receiving a 7-Diamond world ranking and an Outstanding Achievement Award for Driving Innovation at the European Foundation for Quality Management Awards; further notes that the College is the first organisation in Scotland to be awarded 7-Diamond status; recognises the commitment, hard work and expertise of the College's lecturers and support staff who have created a purposeful learning environment, equipping students with vital skills which will enable them to prosper in the workforce; and wishes the College all the best for a very successful future.

326 Miners' Strike 1984: The Battle For Britain documentary series

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 33

Owen Thompson
 Jon Trickett
 Drew Hendry
 Alison Thewliss
 Richard Thomson
 Kirsten Oswald

Chris Law

That this House applauds the Miners' Strike 1984: The Battle For Britain documentary series for shining a much needed light on events that irrevocably changed our country; thanks Channel 4 and Swan Films for their continued commitment to hard-hitting factual programmes; commends the miners and their families for taking part in the programme to share their traumatic experiences; acknowledges the massive impact of the strikes and the repression of the time on the social fabric of Midlothian, Scotland and other communities across the UK; further acknowledges that this legacy continues to the present day, with former mining communities suffering unacceptable levels of deprivation including unemployment, ill health and social disadvantage; and calls for justice, a pardon and compensation for all miners and their families.

328 Nicholas Allan and WordSkills UK Medal

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 7

Marion Fellows
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Owen Thompson

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Nicholas Allan on his silver medal at the WorldSkills UK National Competition this past November in Manchester; recognises Nicholas' impressive and innovative fire detection and alarm system; wishes Team UK great success at WorldSkills Lyon 2024; further recognises the value of benchmarking UK skills through international skills competitions; supports the work of WorldSkills UK to raise standards and participation in apprenticeships and technical education; and notes the importance of world-class skills to young people, employers and the UK economy.

329 70th Anniversary of St Mirin's Primary School

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 7

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Carol Monaghan
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates St Mirin's Primary School on reaching its 70th anniversary; recognises the dedication and commitment of the school staff, past and present, for their tireless efforts in;

acknowledges the pivotal role St Mirin's Primary School has played in fostering a strong sense of community and promoting educational excellence in Glasgow South over the past seven decades; celebrates the countless achievements and accomplishments of the school's students, both academically and in their contributions to society; wishes St Mirin's Primary School continued success and growth for the future.

330 National Supported Internship Day 2024

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 6

Marion Fellows
Dr Philippa Whitford
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House recognises 27 March 2024 as National Supported Internship Day, which is an initiative founded by charity DFN Project SEARCH to raise awareness and understanding of supported internships; acknowledges that supported internships are for those aged 16-24 and give young adults the opportunity to learn in a workplace setting; further acknowledges that these internships include continuous feedback and enable young adults with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to learn while gaining real employability and competitive work skills; further recognises the work of Wishaw General Hospital in providing excellent internship opportunities; applauds charities such as NDTI and Base for their efforts in strengthening high quality supported internship provision across the UK; and urges colleagues across to house to visit their local supported internship site and advocate for further provision in an effort to reduce the disability employment gap nationally.

331 Appeal of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine for humanitarian and military aid

Tabled: 26/01/24 Signatories: 9

John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Nadia Whittome

That this House expresses its support for the appeal of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine to the Trade Unions, Parliaments, and Governments of democratic countries, which notes the new year in Ukraine began with horrific massive Russian missile attacks on the cities of Ukraine, that every day, residents of peaceful cities die and are injured at the hands of Russia, that Ukrainians are forced to live and work in a state of permanent stress and anxiety and that Ukrainians are paying a high price for freedom and peace in Europe; notes that the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, as the voice of Ukrainian workers, draws attention to the need to take decisive measures to protect Ukraine and appeals to the international community to speed up the provision of military aid to Ukraine, to continue providing economic and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, to strengthen sanctions against the terrorist regime of Russia, that can significantly limit the financial resources and export of technology necessary for the continuation of the war, to ensure the possibility of using frozen Russian assets to direct them to help Ukraine, and to isolate and remove from work in international organisations Russian political, public, and trade union figures, as

representatives of a country that carries out terrorist activities against Ukraine and its citizens; and recognises that joint efforts will help stop Russian aggression, which is not only destroying Ukraine, but also undermining economic, energy, ecological, and food stability in Europe.

334 High Income Child Benefit Charge

Tabled: 29/01/24 Signatories: 15

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Dr Philippa Whitford
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon

Patricia Gibson

Chris Law

That this House expresses deep concern that the High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) continues to create unfairness and anomalies such as discriminating against a family with one earner who earns in excess of £50,000 compared with a family whose joint earnings may exceed the £50,000 threshold; remains concerned that it has not been increased to reflect pay inflation from 2013 and discourages claims to child benefit through the need for higher earners to undertake a self-assessment tax return and potentially negatively impacts on National Insurance Contributions; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to review the HICBC at the first opportunity with a view to removing the anomalies or make arrangements to devolve responsibility and related funding for Child Benefit to the Scottish and Welsh governments and the Northern Ireland administration.

337 Childhood cancer

Tabled: 30/01/24 Signatories: 19

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett

Anne McLaughlin

Paul Girvan

That this House notes that over 4,000 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK every year; further notes that cancer is still the biggest killer by disease of children and young people in the UK; recognises the unique medical and psychosocial impacts of cancer on children and young people as compared to cancer in adults; expresses concern that the Major Conditions Strategy is being driven by adult-focused conditions and will be insufficient to address these unique impacts; highlights the Children and Young People's Cancer Plan proposed by the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group and Young Lives vs Cancer; and urges the Government to adopt the provisions of the Plan to comprehensively address the needs of children and young people with cancer.

338 Woodland Trust MOREwoods scheme

Tabled: 30/01/24 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Mr Gregory Campbell
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the Woodland Trust MOREwoods scheme, which is available to anyone wanting to plant woodland of at least 500 trees on at least half a hectare of land; highlights that the scheme includes saplings, advice and funding for new hedging projects and that all trees and shrubs supplied by the Woodland Trust in Northern Ireland are native broadleaved species that are UK-sourced and grown, which will help local landscapes become more diverse and, therefore, more resilient to future threats, such as pests and diseases; and encourages people with the necessary facilities to get in touch with the Woodland Trust to put forward an application and to do their bit to preserve nature and tackle nature emergencies.

339 Rural Support for Farmers

Tabled: 30/01/24 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sarah Dyke
Carla Lockhart
Mr Gregory Campbell
Paul Girvan

That this House expresses concern that Rural Support says calls and referrals to its service have increased by 40% due to the current pressures being faced by the industry; notes the significant pressures that farmers have been under especially due to rising interest rates, input costs, long hours and market uncertainty; highlights the stellar contribution farmers offer to our local economy and that 70,001 people are employed within the sector in Northern Ireland, based on 49,575 farmers; encourages all those suffering with the stresses of the job to seek help and discuss these issues; thanks every farmer across the United Kingdom for their efforts to our local economy; and wishes them all the best for their futures in farming.

340 Lothians Veterans Centre

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Patricia Gibson

Chris Law

That this House notes the invaluable contribution of the Lothians Veterans Centre, a small independent charity dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families in Midlothian; further notes that the centre operates a vital drop-in facility in Dalkeith, staffed by a committed team ready to address a variety of challenges faced by veterans and their families; commends the safe, welcoming environment provided by the Lothians Veterans Centre which is crucial in offering instant assistance, support and advice on a wide range of services; acknowledges the comprehensive support offered by the Centre including, but not limited to, health and wellbeing, housing,

employment, benefits, pensions, further education and training, access to health services, welfare, comradeship and activities; appreciates the importance of the informal support provided by the Centre such as the opportunity for veterans to drop in for a brew and a chat which plays a vital role in building community and offering emotional support; applauds the exceptional dedication and commitment of staff at the Lothians Veterans Centre; highlights the importance of such organisations in supporting those who have served our country; and wishes the staff and veterans there good health and success in the future.

341 Energy Training Academy's Net Zero Home

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

That this House acknowledges the commendable efforts of the Energy Training Academy in opening its Net Zero Home, a pioneering initiative that is set to play a pivotal role in shaping the workforce of tomorrow; recognises that the 12,000 sq ft. training centre in Dalkeith, Midlothian, a fully functioning one-bedroom bungalow, represents a significant step forward in addressing the pressing challenges of the modern built environment while nurturing future talent in the renewable energy sector; commends the Energy Training Academy's Net Zero Home as a testament to sustainable possibilities by showcasing innovative technologies such as solar energy, smart heating and efficient design showing how an eco-friendly living space can be created; applauds the project for not only fostering skill development but also inspiring a step towards a greener future; and wishes the project and its staff every success in the future.

342 Bonnyrigg Rose FC and the Scottish Cup

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carla Lockhart
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

That this House extends its heartfelt congratulations to Bonnyrigg Rose FC for their outstanding achievement in reaching the fifth round of the Scottish Cup football tournament; applauds their remarkable journey through the competition which has captured the hearts of fans and the wider community in Midlothian; acknowledges the club's unwavering determination and exceptional teamwork; further acknowledges that their success is a testament to the spirit of local football and the resilience of clubs that continue to make a significant impact in the national arena; recognises the supreme dedication of Bonnyrigg Rose FC's supporters, volunteers and all those who have contributed to the club's success; and wishes the side success in the forthcoming fifth round of the Scottish Cup where they face Aberdeen FC.

346 Hope Robertson, Clydebank Asbestos Group

Tabled: 31/01/24 Signatories: 10

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Ian Lavery
Allan Dorans

Chris Law

That this House pays tribute to Hope Robertson, the prominent campaigner against the use of asbestos, and champion for people suffering at home and abroad due to exposure to asbestos, who died on Saturday 27 January 2024; recognises that, as the former Secretary, stalwart supporter and contributor to the work of Clydebank Asbestos Group, Hope ensured that, across the political and health spectrum, the campaign to end the ongoing exposure of people to asbestos remains a key commitment for many; and sends its deepest condolences to Hope's family, friends and fellow campaigners.

349 Jay Abatan

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 24

Caroline Lucas
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Sir Peter Bottomley
Nadia Whittome
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn

Claire Hanna

Sarah Dyke

Ms Diane Abbott

That this House expresses concern that 25 years after Jay Abatan was killed in a racist attack in Brighton his murderers have still not been brought to justice; notes that Sussex police have apologised to Jay Abatan's family for the multiple failures in the way the investigation was conducted, as revealed by subsequent reports into his murder; further notes that a 2010 inquest into Jay's death returned a verdict of unlawful killing; considers that not all the overarching issues raised in the Macpherson report appear to have been addressed; recognises that Michael Abatan has been campaigning since 1999 for justice for his brother and that there are countless other families of the victims of racially motivated murders who have been let down by the criminal justice system; calls on the IOPC to conduct an independent investigation into Sussex Police's handling of Jay's death and for a different police force to take over the investigation; and further calls on the Secretary of State for the Home Department to establish and chair a Race Equality Steering Group to help ensure oversight of progress in addressing race equality across all police forces in England and Wales, as recommended by the Home Affairs Select Committee.

350 Independent Panel Inquiry into the death of Zane Gbangbola

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 32

Ian Byrne
 Richard Burgon
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens
 Apsana Begum

Nadia Whittome
 Hywel Williams

Anne McLaughlin
 Sir George Howarth

Ben Lake

That this House notes that the Post Office Horizon scandal has reemphasised the need for a Hillsborough Law; acknowledges that more tragedies would benefit from a duty of candour on public servants and a parity of arms; supports the call for an independent panel inquiry with full powers to compel disclosure into the death of seven-year-old Zane Gbangbola, who died during floods in 2014 from poisoning by hydrogen cyanide detected by Fire Services HAZMAT; further notes that Zane's family home was adjacent to likely contaminated landfill from which floodwater flowed and which necessitated the area being evacuated; notes that the coroner ruled Zane died after inhaling carbon monoxide from a petrol-powered pump hired by his parents to clear water from the basement, despite no carbon monoxide being detected; observes that Zane's father is paralysed from hydrogen cyanide poisoning; commends the family's decade-long campaign following Zane's death; is concerned that victims and bereaved in this case have been blamed, abused and scapegoated; reflects on the lack of proper investigation and the masses of evidence undisclosed or ignored and a flawed judicial outcome; notes that Zane's family were refused legal aid for his inquest, whilst legal support for public officials was paid from the public purse and the coroner received legal aid; and calls on Government to urgently establish an independent panel inquiry so that all evidence can be reviewed by experts and the truth about what really happened to an innocent seven-year-old boy can finally be told, heard and recorded.

351 Withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 10

Wendy Chamberlain
 Richard Foord
 Sarah Dyke
 Jonathan Edwards
 Christine Jardine
 Jeremy Corbyn

Claire Hanna
 Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

Hywel Williams

That this House notes the growing number of European countries withdrawing from the Energy Charter Treaty including France, Germany, Spain and Italy; is deeply concerned about the increasing number of legal cases from fossil fuel companies brought against countries introducing climate policy; notes with concern the impact these legal challenges have on the cost and speed of energy transition; further notes that attempts to modernise the Energy Charter Treaty have failed; recognises the need for a new global framework to incentivise global investment in the renewable energy sector to meet global targets to reduce emissions and reach net zero; and calls on the Government to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty and back a new framework replacement Renewables Treaty to drive innovation, cooperation and the greater adoption of renewable energy.

354 Scottish curlers gold at Winter Youth Olympics

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 15

Angela Crawley
Wendy Chamberlain
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Blackford
Drew Hendry

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Logan Carson, Tia Laurie, Archie Hyslop and Holly Burke on winning gold in the mixed team curling at the 2024 Winter Youth Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea; understands that they came from behind to defeat Denmark 7-5 after an extra end in the gold medal match; further congratulates Callie Soutar and Ethan Brewster for winning gold in the mixed doubles curling completing a clean sweep of curling golds at the games; praises the curlers and their coaches for their collective efforts, hard work and determination to succeed throughout the competition; commends them for upholding the spirit of curling at the games; and wishes them well in their future sporting endeavours.

355 Fuel poverty and the private rented sector

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 14

Caroline Lucas
Claire Hanna
Jonathan Edwards
Richard Burgon
Dr Philippa Whitford
Mick Whitley

Nadia Whittome

That this House believes it is a national scandal that in 2022-23 almost 5,000 excess winter deaths were caused by people living in cold and damp homes; is deeply concerned that 6.5 million UK households are experiencing fuel poverty following the energy price cap rise in January 2024; urges the Government to provide emergency support for families struggling to pay their energy bills and to alleviate energy debt; notes that the private rented sector (PRS) has the least energy efficient homes of any tenure in the UK and that over a quarter of renting households live in fuel poverty; expresses alarm that the Government has scrapped the planned upgrade to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for the PRS which, according to the Climate Change Committee, would save tenants £255 per year, even under so-called normal energy prices; calls on the Government to reverse this decision and require private landlords to bring their properties up to EPC C by 2028; further notes that, according to National Energy Action, introducing effective regulation for landlords would lead to an £8 billion reduction in the central investment required to meet the target for all fuel poor households in England to reach EPC C by 2030; observes that 80% of landlords are in favour of stricter energy efficiency standards; and further believes that improving the UK's leaky housing stock would create numerous benefits for public health, the economy and the climate, whilst delivering genuine energy security and ensuring that everyone has a warm, comfortable home.

356 Crystal FM Radio

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
 Allan Dorans
 Anne McLaughlin
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Chris Law

That this House celebrates the remarkable milestone of Crystal FM, a distinguished community radio broadcaster based in Penicuik, on completing its 11th year of operation, marking more than a decade of exceptional service in community radio broadcasting; acknowledges with great admiration the recent accolade bestowed upon the station as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster for the second consecutive year in the SME News, Scottish Enterprise Awards; commends the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of Crystal FM Radio, whose tireless efforts and passion ensure the station's smooth operation, broadcasting across Midlothian, into Edinburgh and the Lothians, and globally via the internet; applauds Colin McCall, the station coordinator and a former primary school teacher, for his pioneering vision in founding Crystal FM Radio; further applauds his leadership, along with a group of enthusiasts, which has seen the station evolve from a modest venture to an award-winning community broadcaster; praises the diverse team of around 50 presenters and information providers who contribute to the station's 24/7 broadcasting schedule; and encourages continued support for community radio stations like Crystal FM Radio, which play such a vital role.

359 LGBT History Month 2024

Tabled: 1/02/24 Signatories: 43

Kate Osborne
 Dawn Butler
 Nadia Whittome
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Byrne
 John McDonnell

Claire Hanna

Deidre Brock

That this House recognises and celebrates February as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month 2024; welcomes this month-long celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans history; notes that LGBTQ+ people have a long history of making incredible contributions to the UK; further notes that LGBTQ+ History month is much needed to challenge discrimination and educate; commemorates the progress we have made in the struggle for LGBTQ+ rights and related civil rights through the past decades; further celebrates the increasing freedoms and equality afforded to the LGBTQ+ community in recent years; notes that there is still a lot of work needed to challenge discriminatory rhetoric and attitudes in society; acknowledges that hate crime against the trans community is on the rise and the LGBT community is still discriminated against in many areas of society; and pledges to fight for full equality for all members of the LGBTQ+ community to allow LGBTQ+ people achieve their full potential and contribute fully to society.

360 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Tabled: 2/02/24 Signatories: 20

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Sarah Dyke
Jonathan Edwards
Kim Johnson
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Mohammad Yasin

That this House celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), formed on 4 March 1824; recognises that as a charity, the RNLI has throughout its history worked in the most challenging situations to protect lives at sea; notes that the RNLI operates 238 lifeboat stations with thousands of lifeboat and shore crew, has lifeguards watching over 200 beaches across the UK, and relies upon thousands of hardworking fundraisers; understands that the RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives over the course of its work since its founding; further recognises that more than 600 people have died in the RNLI's service; further notes that the RNLI maintains a close relationship with coastal communities around the United Kingdom; believes that the RNLI represents some of the best of this country's charitable principles; and wishes the organisation the very best for its future.

361 Support for bereaved children

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 16

Christine Jardine
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Jamie Stone

Patricia Gibson

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes with sadness that, on average, a child loses a parent every 20 minutes in the UK; further notes with concern that support services have no way of knowing exactly how many children suffer a bereavement each year, or where they live; recognises the work of charities in providing specialist support for children who lose a loved one; applauds the wide range of services they provide including support groups, hotlines, online chats and email support; commends charities including Winston's Wish, Childhood Bereavement Network and Child Bereavement UK for collecting over 11,000 signatures on their petition calling for better recognition of bereaved children; and calls on the Government to introduce a new protocol for authorities and public bodies to inform children of local, national and online support services available to children following a bereavement.

362 Mortgage prisoners

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 15

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

Claire Hanna
 Brock

Patricia Gibson
 Chris Law

Deidre

That this House notes the new campaign launched by the UK Mortgage Prisoners Action Group which calls for urgent and sweeping legislative reforms to mortgages to avert further homeowner crises and go some way to righting the current wrongs; understands that there are nearly 200,000 mortgage prisoners who are still suffering severe financial hardship due to decisions made by the Government and regulator in the course of bailing out the banks following the 2008 global financial crash; and believes urgent action must be taken to address the injustice that so many have suffered through no fault of their own and rather as a consequence of sales of mortgages to non lenders, repeated securitisation and regulatory changes further trapping many thousands of historic interest only customers.

364 The Pioneers display and Peter McLagan

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 9

Martyn Day
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford

Chris Law

That this House commends the temporary display entitled The Pioneers: The First Asian and Black MPs, which is being transferred to form part of the permanent hang in Admissions Order Office Corridor; reflects on the protracted process of permanently acknowledging our groundbreaking Asian and Black MPs; notes with dismay the exclusion of Scotland's first mixed-race MP, Peter McLagan, who served the Linlithgowshire constituency from 1865 to 1893; further notes that Peter was the longest-serving Scottish Member during the reign of Queen Victoria; and calls on the Parliamentary authorities to rectify the omission of Peter McLagan from The Pioneers display at the earliest opportunity.

365 Fetcha Chocolates

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 11

Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
David Linden
Stewart Hosie
Ronnie Cowan

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Fiona McArthur, owner and creator of Fetcha Chocolates from Campbeltown in Argyll and Bute on being selected to provide dairy-free, vegan chocolates which will be included the 2024 Academy Awards ceremony gift bag; understands that Fiona who started the business from her mum's kitchen in 2019 will create boxes of 24 handmade chocolates which will feature six different flavours inspired by six of the Oscar nominated movies, Barbie, Oppenheimer, Killers Of The Flower Moon, Poor Things, The Holdovers and Maestro; recognises that Fetcha Chocolates have been chosen for inclusion at the Oscars because in addition to being handmade and being free of dairy products, Fiona's chocolates contain no egg, gluten, soy or palm oil, are alcohol-free, and come in packaging that has no plastic content; and sends Fiona McArthur and Fetcha Chocolates very best wishes for the future.

367 50th anniversary of the loss with all hands of the trawler fishing vessel Gaul

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 9

Emma Hardy
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett

Sir Julian Lewis

That this House notes with solemnity and sadness the 50th anniversary of the loss of the fishing vessel Gaul, with all hands, on the night of 8-9 February 1974 in storm conditions in the Barents Sea, north of Norway; remembers the 36 crew who lost their lives; further notes that this remains the worst peacetime disaster to befall the British commercial fishing industry; offers its sincere condolences to their families, friends, relatives and the fishing community of Hull; deeply regrets the failure of the Government to locate the wreck following the sinking; notes that it took a further 23 years for the wreck to be located; recognises the distress and suffering of all those affected by the tragedy in the intervening years of uncertainty; further recognises the determination of all those who continued to campaign for answers to the tragedy; thanks the Dispatches team led by the late documentary filmmaker Roger Fenton whose work resulted in the discovery of its final resting place; further notes the series of events taking place in Hull between 8 and 11 February to commemorate the anniversary; acknowledges the eternal debt of gratitude owed by the nation to the generations who risked their lives at sea as part of the British fishing fleet; and honours the memory of all those who did not return.

368 Apprenticeships

Tabled: 5/02/24 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Gavin Robinson
Sir Mike Penning

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the importance of apprenticeships throughout the UK in helping young people achieve their full potential through employment; highlights that in the 2021 calendar year apprenticeship uptakes were sitting at 1,640,300 and in the most recent financial year increased to 1,719,600 across the UK; further notes that in Northern Ireland specifically 57% of people doing apprenticeships achieved a level 2 qualification and 38% achieved a level 3; underlines the important role apprenticeships play in holding up our economy and in giving young students the opportunity to explore the world of work throughout all industries, such as agriculture, engineering, manufacturing, accounting, business and so much more; encourages all young people to take advantage of these opportunities offered to them; and thanks local businesses and industries for giving young people a chance through apprenticeships.

370 Provision of council homes at social and living rents

Tabled: 6/02/24 Signatories: 6

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Jim Shannon
Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
Mohammad Yasin
Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that providing grants to enable councils to deliver much-needed homes at social and living rents would save the exchequer money in the medium and long-term; recognises that, under the self-financing settlement package for council housing introduced in 2012, councils were made to take on over £8 billion of national debt through tenants' rents based on the assessment at the time that councils did not need the money; further notes that due to the current housing crisis the money is urgently needed by councils and that the original £8 billion has inflated to the equivalent of over £11.7 billion by 2023; and urges the Government to commit to return the money through £11.7 billion in social housing grants to councils which would enable approximately 120,000 additional homes to be provided at social and living rents, help tackle the housing crisis and save public money through reduced housing income support in the medium and long-term.

372 20th anniversary of cockling deaths at Morecambe Bay

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 4

Tim Farron
Mary Kelly Foy
Sarah Dyke
Mohammad Yasin

This House solemnly notes the 20th anniversary of the death of 23 cocklers in Morecambe Bay on 5 February 2004; honours their memory and holds their loved ones in our thoughts and in our prayers; remains committed to maintaining safety in the Bay and supports legislation that has prevented

a repeat of the tragedy; notes with concern however that restriction of access to the Bay has caused great hardship to local families who have cockled for generations; urges the government to reconsider the Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority's licensing scheme; recommends local cocklers be given priority for these permits; and calls for family members to be allowed to pass their permits down to younger generations in order to maintain the safety of the Bay and the survival of the local cockling industry.

373 VAT on hair and beauty salons

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald
Deidre Brock
Chris Law

That this House recognises the significant contribution made by hair and beauty salons to high streets across the country; notes the severe pressure which businesses in the hair and beauty sector are currently facing due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, increasing bills, and payroll pressures; understands that salons which operate a rent-a-chair model often do not reach the threshold at which they are required to pay VAT, but that traditional salons who are also employers are under significant pressure due to the VAT burden; highlights that the potential closure of a large number of traditional salons threatens the vibrancy of high streets, employment prospects, and the tax take for the Exchequer; further notes that salon closures jeopardise apprenticeship opportunities for people entering into the hair and beauty sector; further recognises the important wellbeing impact of hair and beauty salons and the services and support they provide; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to act at the upcoming Spring Budget on 6 March 2024 by reducing VAT for hair and beauty salons to 10% support these vital businesses during this challenging period.

374 Jagtar Singh Johal

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 9

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Deidre Brock
Ms Anum Qaisar
Ronnie Cowan
Kenny MacAskill
Alison Thewliss

Chris Law

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Tommy Sheppard

That this House notes that Jagtar Singh Johal, a Sikh activist and resident of Dumbarton, will be marking his 37th birthday on 9 February, his sixth in arbitrary detention in India since being abducted from the street during his honeymoon by unidentified assailants who turned out to be undercover police agents on 4 November 2017; notes that during his incarceration it is alleged that he was tortured both physically and through electric shocks to his nipples and genitals, something which led him to signing a confession, a confession that has subsequently been used when filing charges against him; supports the ruling of the UN Working Group on arbitrary detention which in May 2022 gave its opinion that Jagtar's detention was an arbitrary one; urges the Government to also support this opinion and do what it can to achieve Jagtar's immediate release to ensure that his birthday will be marked, in person, at home with his family.

376 Hospitality and VAT

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 5

Alyn Smith
Patricia Gibson
Deidre Brock
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Law

That this House recognises the immense challenges facing the hospitality sector during the cost of living crisis; notes that the Government implemented a temporary cut of 5% on VAT for hospitality businesses during the pandemic; further notes that VAT is not devolved and can therefore only be set by the UK Government; notes that the UK is an outlier for having a higher rate of VAT for the hospitality sector compared to other European economies; further notes that organisations such as the Scottish License and Trade Association, Scottish Beer and Pub Association and Scottish Hospitality Group support a cut of 5% on VAT as the most straightforward and effective policy measure to help many small and local businesses get through the current crisis; acknowledges that local hospitality businesses deliver an important social good to their communities as well as bring in vital income and jobs; and calls on the UK Government to implement a permanent cut of 5% on VAT for the hospitality sector to help hospitality businesses meet the challenges of the cost of living crisis.

377 International Court of Justice Ruling on Gaza and the UK's duties under the Genocide Convention

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 23

Zarah Sultana
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Hannah Bardell
 Anne McLaughlin
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Tahir Ali
 Grahame Morris
 Deidre Brock

Claire Hanna
 Ian Mearns
 Andy McDonald
 Ian Lavery
 Mohammad Yasin

Allan Dorans
 Nadia Whittome
 Beth Winter
 Kate Osborne
 Dawn Butler

That this House notes the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 26 January 2024, which found that it is plausible that Israel's ongoing attacks on the Palestinian people in Gaza are in breach of the Genocide Convention; further notes that the ICJ issued provisional measures, including ordering Israel and its military to prevent acts against Palestinians in Gaza prohibited by Article II of the Genocide Convention, such as killings of Palestinians in Gaza, as well as ordering Israel to prevent and punish incitement to genocide and to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza; supports the ICJ call for the immediate and unconditional release of the hostages; notes that as a signatory to the Genocide Convention the UK has a duty to prevent genocide and to ensure that the Convention is not breached; believes the UK has a responsibility to act to ensure this ruling is upheld, and not to undermine it; therefore calls on the UK Government to support the ICJ's provisional measures; further believes that it is not possible for Israel to fulfil the ICJ's order without an immediate end to its military assault on Gaza; and therefore, in light of plausible breaches of the Genocide Convention, further calls on the UK Government to demand an immediate ceasefire and suspend all arms exports to Israel.

378 Gellings Riding School

Tabled: 7/02/24 Signatories: 17

Ian Byrne
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Kim Johnson
Peter Dowd
Mick Whitley
John McDonnell

Margaret Greenwood
Nadia Whittome
Zarah Sultana
Beth Winter

Ms Marie Rimmer
Ian Lavery
Andy McDonald
Apsana Begum

Richard Burgon
Ian Mearns
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House supports Gellings Riding School in its efforts to acquire the land it is situated upon in order to secure its existence for future generations; notes that the school is a vital community asset which has been an integral part of the West Derby community for 30 years, providing inclusive opportunities for education, health and wellbeing to residents in the entire Liverpool City Region; specifically notes its provision of visually impaired riding facilities and the use of its stables for neurodiverse young adults and those experiencing poor mental health; reflects on a recent devastating report on inequality in public health in Liverpool from the city's Director of Public Health which revealed that people living in the poorest areas of the city, including many in West Derby, live an average of 15 years less than those in the most affluent areas and live with poor health for 18 years longer; further reflects that residents in the most deprived areas of the city are also living with major illness from around 10-15 years earlier than those in the most affluent areas, that around 1,900 residents die young - under the age of 75 - and that 1,100 of these deaths are preventable; supports the view that against this backdrop access to outdoor spaces and sporting facilities for Liverpool City Region residents is vital; and further notes that Gellings supports the mental and physical health, education and social and environmental development of people across the entire Liverpool City Region.