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New EDMs

1757 National Autistic Society East Renfrewshire

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House recognises the fantastic work of the National Autistic Society East Renfrewshire Branch in its continued effort to increase autism acceptance and inclusion in East Renfrewshire; commends the invaluable work of volunteers in providing monthly information sessions offering support and information to autistic people and their families; notes the helpful information sessions that have provided by those volunteers on topics such as Post-School Transition and Talking to your Child/Young Person about their ASD Diagnoses which have offered support to local families; praises the work of those volunteers on social media during Autism Awareness Week where they posted a fact a day about Autism dispelling some of the myths associated with autism; welcomes the relaunch of the Stepping Stones initiative in May 2021 year that will assist East Renfrewshire parents and carers, who have a child or young person on the autism diagnostic pathway or recently diagnosed in the last 12 months, with information on understanding autism, education rights and entitlements, and signposting parents and carers to relevant East Renfrewshire services; celebrates the first birthday of the National Autistic Society East Renfrewshire Branch in March 2021, and looks forward to many more years of this vital community-focused support for autistic people and their loved ones in East Renfrewshire.

1758 Contribution to Travel Award awarded to Jacqueline Dobson

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates Jacqueline Dobson, President of Barrhead Travel Group, which is headquartered in East Renfrewshire, who was recognised with a special Contribution to Travel award in the Travel Trade Gazette Top 50 Awards for 2020; notes that that award not only recognises the success Ms Dobson has achieved with Barrhead Travel but also her wider contribution

to the travel industry and comes in the wake of what she has described as the most challenging year of her two decades working in the travel business; recognises that judges were impressed by Ms Dobson's efforts to support staff and customers at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on the travel industry; further recognises that, as demand for travel dropped as a result of that pandemic, Barrhead Travel worked proactively with the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland to ensure that the expertise of their call-centre staff could be utilised in Scotland's Test and Protect system efforts to control the covid-19 virus; and wishes Ms Dobson and the staff of Barrhead Travel all the best as they work to recover from the challenges posed by the covid-19 pandemic.

1759 Global covid-19 vaccine inequality

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 2

Claire Hanna
Colum Eastwood

That this House notes with concern that affluent countries including the UK have bought enough covid-19 vaccines to immunise the population many times over while poorer countries are hindered by industry monopolies that are driving supply shortages and blocking vaccine access; acknowledges the moral and practical necessity to challenge that situation; further notes the limited capacity of the Covax programme as it aims only to vaccinate 20 per cent of the populations of recipient countries in 2021, meaning that many nations will be waiting until at least 2024 to achieve mass covid-19 immunisation; notes that increased efforts and action are needed urgently to address that situation; adds our voice to that of over 150 former heads of state and Nobel laureates calling for a people's vaccine to end the covid-19 global pandemic; and urges the UK Government to prevent corporate profit from being prioritised in covid-19 vaccine programmes, including by dropping its opposition to a covid-19 vaccine patent waiver thereby helping to eradicate global covid-19 vaccine inequality across the globe, giving poorer nations a chance to fight and be free of the covid-19 virus.

1760 Queens Park FC Scottish League 2 Champions

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates Queens Park Football Club, Scotland's oldest team, the players, staff and supporters on the club winning its fifth league title in the club's 154-year history, the Scottish League 2 title; applauds the club in extending its own and the city of Glasgow's proud history of footballing success; and encourages supporters to celebrate safely within the current covid-19 restrictions.

1761 Cameron Garrett, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year 2020

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Cameron Garrett from Lochgilphead in Argyll and Bute on being named Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year at the Scottish Youth Parliament Awards 2021; commends Cameron on his hard work since being elected a MSYP in 2019; notes his dedication to his role, particularly his commitment to his new role as convenor of the Education and Lifelong Learning committee in the Scottish Youth Parliament; highlights the importance of the

Scottish Youth Parliament in encouraging young people to engage with politics and the issues that impact their lives; thanks Cameron for his commitment in representing Argyll and Bute; and wishes Cameron and the Scottish Youth Parliament all the best for the future.

1762 TotsBots 20th anniversary

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House congratulates TotsBots, a company based in Glasgow East constituency which manufactures environmentally-friendly reusable nappies, on its twentieth anniversary in April 2021; acknowledges how successfully the business has grown over the past two decades since starting at the kitchen table of husband and wife team Magnus and Fiona Smyth in 2001; commends the company on its sustainable credentials and the positive impact it has made by reducing the number of single-use disposable nappies in landfill; and wishes all of the management and staff at TotsBots every success as they move into their third decade in business.

1763 Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on securing a highly creditable second place at the 2021 Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships in March 2021, a category of competition that showcases the versatility of the pipes and drums in combination with other musical instruments; notes that the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band competed against 15 other schools from across Scotland in the event organised by the Scottish School's Pipes and Drums Trust; acknowledges that due to covid-19 restrictions the competition was more complicated than usual with the pipers and drummers and the other musicians having to film their individual performances for the judges; thanks everyone involved with the Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands for helping keep the piping tradition alive and thriving in Argyll; and wishes the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band all the very best in future competitions.

1764 Youth Mobility Scheme

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 1

Sarah Olney

That this House recognises the benefits of the Youth Mobility Scheme which allows young people to live, work and study in the UK for up to 24 months; notes the importance of that scheme to the development of young people's understanding of different countries and cultures; further notes that the scheme stimulates investment in tourist activities and language schools; recognises the scheme further supports the economy by providing a route for prospective Au Pairs to come to the UK from other countries and vice versa, who provide an affordable and flexible childcare solution; acknowledges that the scheme is limited in scope in terms of countries that can take part and number of places available; laments that EU countries are not included in the scheme; and urges the Government to expand the scope of the Youth Mobility Scheme in recognition of the benefits it delivers to young people.

1765 Fan-led review of football in EnglandTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **14**

Ian Mearns
Ian Byrne
Mick Whitley
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Richard Burgon
 Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne
 Rachel Hopkins
 Claudia Webbe

Mary Kelly Foy
 Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House welcomes the proposed fan-led review of football governance, but insists that it takes a comprehensive view of every aspect of both the men's and women's game in England; puts football fans front and centre of the review process and recommendations; asserts that no part of the game should be off the table for discussion, and that the sport of football grasps the opportunity to instigate widespread reform of the national game; acknowledges that football has proven unable to govern itself from the top of the game with elite clubs running roughshod over the wishes of fans, players and coaches, down to the lower leagues where historic clubs have disappeared forever; asserts that clubs are valuable cultural assets which are part of this country's heritage and deserve special protection; encourages the fan-led review to reconfigure the power structures in football institutions so that fans are at, and continue to be at, the heart of the decision-making process; supports the concept of supporter board members and removes barriers to supporter ownership; seeks to protect clubs, improve transparency and financial sustainability, strengthen the football pyramid, and increase supporter engagement as per the Football Supporters' Association's Sustain The Game campaign; gives fans a voice in determining ticket prices, kick-off times, distribution of finances, funding of the grassroots; and emphasises that all of this can be delivered but recognises that a strong, independent regulatory body will be required, as may legislation, for this to be to be successful.

1766 The need for investment in good green jobs across the United KingdomTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Alan Brown
Liz Saville Roberts
Claire Hanna

Stephen Farry

That this house notes the significance of Earth Day; further notes the urgency with which the UK must act to address the climate and nature emergencies; welcomes this government's focus on the job creation potential of a green recovery in its G7 priorities; sees the opportunity for the recovery to create over one million good green jobs where everyone has a role to play from insulating homes to delivering first class public services, replacing jobs lost as a result of the pandemic and 'levelling up'; understands green jobs to include low carbon jobs in care, education and health as well as in industry and infrastructure; welcomes data from Green New Deal UK revealing the potential for a job-rich green recovery in every constituency; calls on the government to significantly increase investment in training and the creation of well-paid, good quality, green jobs; further urges the Government to guarantee a just transition for workers in today's high carbon sectors including oil, gas, steel and aviation; regrets the closure of the Green Homes Grants scheme and urges its reform, refinancing and reinstatement, prioritising local authority-led home retrofit programmes; urges the Government to ensure the remits of the UK Infrastructure Bank and Green Savings Bonds advance

a green economy and do not support fossil fuel extraction; and calls on the Government to move towards a wellbeing economy where the number of good green jobs and the wellbeing of people and nature are the primary measures of the health of the nations.

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.

1696 Immigration

Tabled: **24/03/21** Signatories: **74**

Keir Starmer
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Holly Lynch
Valerie Vaz
John McDonnell
Mr Nicholas Brown

Neale Hanvey
 Gareth Thomas

Sarah Olney
 Angela Crawley

Patrick Grady

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 184), dated 23 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 February 2021, be annulled.

1703 Bus franchising in Greater Manchester

Tabled: **12/04/21** Signatories: **26**

Navendu Mishra
Rebecca Long Bailey
Grahame Morris
Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins

Clive Lewis

That this House welcomes the announcement by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, to bring Greater Manchester's buses back under public control; notes that the decision will give Greater Manchester Combined Authority more say over its bus network; recognises that the move will ensure that the needs of the people of Greater Manchester are put before profit; acknowledges that bus users will now have access to a cheaper and better integrated bus network; applauds the introduction of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter which will enhance transport workers' rights, ensure good standards of public service and fair treatment of staff, and help protect them from unethical employment practices; hopes that the move to a franchising model will support Unite the Union in their ongoing efforts to overturn the immoral fire and hire strategy of companies such as Go North West; is encouraged that an increase in public transport use will help improve air quality in Greater Manchester, cut congestion and noise pollution and help the UK meet its binding climate change targets; and pays tribute to the activists, organisations and trade unions who have campaigned so tirelessly to implement a franchising model, including Better Buses for Greater Manchester, We Own It, GMB Union, Unison and Unite, and thanks the Mayor

of Greater Manchester for leading the way and setting an example for other regions to move to a franchising model.

1704 Football Index

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 21

Patricia Gibson
Ian Mearns
Allan Dorans
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

Kate Hollern

That this House is deeply concerned about the recent collapse of the betting firm Football Index, following the suspension of the company's licence by the Gambling Commission and its entry into administration; notes with concern that customers collectively have over £90 million trapped in the company, with average losses of around £3,000 per customer; understands that the firm operated as a football stock market, offering customers the ability to buy shares in footballers, and customers could be paid in dividends based on player performances; recognises that only a few days after the company minted new shares in footballers, enticing customers to purchase shares, the company drastically decreased dividend payments by 82 per cent, leading to a virtual market crash on the site which caused significant losses for customers; notes that concerns have been raised that the firm operated like a pyramid scheme, and further notes it had been admonished by the Advertising Standards Authority in 2019 for creating the impression that the product was a lucrative investment opportunity; recognises that this scandal has called into question the adequacy of gambling regulation in the UK, given the Gambling Commission awarded this company a licence and would seem to have failed to ensure adequate oversight; and calls for a full independent public enquiry into this scandal to ensure that gambling regulation is fit for purpose in protecting consumers.

1705 Ear cropping dogs

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 15

Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Olivia Blake
Sir Mike Penning

Neale Hanvey

That this house notes with concern that figures released by the RSPCA show a 621 per cent increase in the number of reports of dogs who have had their ears cropped between 2015-2020, despite the practice being illegal in England and Wales; further notes that the RSPCA are concerned that dogs are being sent abroad for cropping or being purchased and imported from overseas; believes that ear cropping is a barbaric practice; and calls on the Government to ban the importation of dogs with cropped ears.

1707 Protection of seals

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 6

Tracey Crouch
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
John McDonnell
Sarah Olney

That this House expresses its sadness after the tragic loss, post dog attack, of River Thames' resident Freddie the seal; believes that seals in rivers deserve the same protections as those for deer in Richmond Park; notes that the seal population in the River Thames is as many as 4000 and expected to rise further upon completion of the Thames Tideway in 2024; and urges the Government to urgently assess the need for legislation to protect seals and encourage a peaceful co-existence between man and wildlife

1709 Black maternal health

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 25

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Dawn Butler
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the existing racial inequalities in maternal health; notes with great sadness that Black women in the UK are four times more likely to die in pregnancy and childbirth, that women of mixed heritage are three times more, and Asian women are two times more likely to die in pregnancy and childbirth; further notes that women of Black African heritage are 83 per cent more likely to suffer a near miss in childbirth, and women of Black Caribbean heritage are 80 per cent more likely; acknowledges the MBBRACE analysis which has found that black babies have a 121 per cent increased risk for stillbirth and a 50 per cent increased risk of neonatal death; supports the work of Five X More and their efforts to raise awareness of Black maternal health inequalities; is shocked by the 2020 Black people, racism and human rights report which confirms statistics but reveals that there is no target to end it; and urgently calls on this Government to fully acknowledge these disparities and commit to working with the NHS to improve Black maternal health outcomes.

1710 Achievement of the Ballantrae Trust, Ballantrae Community Council and volunteers

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 8

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Steven Bonnar
Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the achievements of, and congratulates, the Board of the Ballantrae Trust, Ballantrae Community Council and the many volunteers from the village of Ballantrae and surrounding areas, who since 2017 have organised and promoted a number of highly successful annual community events, including the Ballantrae Festival of Food and Drink and the Smugglers Festival, supporting local businesses and encouraging tourism; that, following extensive consultation with the local community, prepared a business plan and submitted successful bids for funding to purchase the Kings Arms, the last remaining pub in the village, for use as a community pub and hub, with facilities for the local community and visitors and which will offer local people, skills, experience and the chance to gain qualifications in catering and hospitality, enhancing employment opportunities; and, through the establishment of a community benefit society, the Ballantrae Community Pub Ltd, providing local people the opportunity to purchase shares and be part of ensuring the development, success and sustainability of this fantastic local community facility in South Ayrshire.

1712 100 years of the National Pharmacy Association

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 15

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Daisy Cooper
Chris Law

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) as it celebrates 100 years of serving community pharmacies in the UK; notes that the NPA has helped its members through enormous change, including the formation of the NHS in 1948, the overhaul of medicines regulations in 1968, the massive expansion in the range of medicines available to patients and the establishment of new roles in public health, urgent care and managing long term conditions; recognizes the vital contribution of pharmacies today, especially in the light of their work during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to pharmacies playing an important role in the health, wellbeing and daily life of our communities in the years to come.

1713 Strathaven Co-Op community member pioneer Carly McCleary

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the work of local Co-Op community member pioneer Carly McCleary for her work in work in the Strathaven area and her support for local community groups and food banks through the donation of food that is due to go out of date at the end of the workday; recognises that that initiative is not only a crucial step towards the elimination of excess food waste but also an invaluable source of support for those most in need in the Strathaven area; and draws attention to the work of honorary Brazilian Consul Paulo Quadros in conjunction with the Strathaven Resilience Support Service and the Brazilian Consulate to help distribute leftover food from that Co-Op to families in the local area.

1714 Tail O' The Bank Credit Union

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 14

Ronnie Cowan
Kirsten Oswald
David Linden
Patricia Gibson
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes, the difficult and unprecedented year for Tail O' The Bank Credit Union who have stayed open offering a vital service to the community of Inverclyde; further notes that in the financial year 2019-20 that Credit Union held £7.28 million in savings for its members and provided £1.38 million in affordable, ethical loans to members ensuring that the wealth is contained within Inverclyde; welcomes all the efforts of the staff and volunteers of that Credit Union who have worked tirelessly throughout the covid-19 lockdown to support members; and thanks those staff and volunteers for their great work.

1715 The Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the work of the Strathaven John Hastie Museum Trust and the tireless efforts of that Trust's board of trustees and local volunteers who are working towards the creation of a community museum through which the local community can continue to learn about the history of Strathaven and the wider Avondale area from the Neolithic period through to the present day; notes that that Trust's summer exhibitions are a highlight of the local calendar which, along

with pop-up displays and activities, attract over 1,000 visitors every year; draws particular attention to the dedicated work of the Trust's volunteers with local schools, who, through presentations and hands on activities, demonstrate an active and engaging history of the local area; highlights the aim of bringing back to Strathaven selected items from the original John Hastie Museum, including rare Japanese porcelain, on loan from the South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust Museum's Service as a welcome step towards restoring a local museum presence, enhancing the Trust's capability to bring the rich history of the area to the present and future generations of Avondale; and wishes all the trustees and volunteers well in their search for an essential, permanent location for Strathaven's John Hastie Museum, with additional accommodation for use by the community.

1716 Global Accessibility Awareness Day

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 13

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Paula Barker
Olivia Blake

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognizes Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on the 20th of May and promotes digital access and inclusion for people with disabilities; acknowledges that over 14 million people in the UK alone have visual, motor, hearing or cognitive disabilities or impairments; resolves to remove barriers from people with disabilities by improving accessibility and giving those people a voice; applauds assistive technologies like screen readers, screen magnifiers and various accessibility software which make it easier for people with disabilities to communicate; and calls on the Government to support people with disabilities and invest in the technologies which make their daily lives easier especially since the covid-19 outbreak has disproportionately affected the disabled community.

1718 Talcum powder, asbestos contaminants and cancer

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 15

Ian Lavery
Ian Mearns
Navendu Mishra
Jim Shannon
Kate Osborne
Rachel Hopkins

Zarah Sultana

That this House condemns the hypercritical and unjustifiable action by the American pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson which in 2020 withdrew from North American markets its talc-based baby powder, found to be contaminated with asbestos fibre by Government and independent laboratories, but continued to sell that product in countries all over the world including the UK; notes the billions of dollars that Johnson & Johnson has paid out to women diagnosed with ovarian cancer following use of their talc-based baby powder; commends the work of the Asbestos Victims Support Groups Forum UK and its partners in highlighting the public health hazard posed by the sale of talc-based baby powder in the UK; and calls on Johnson & Johnson to withdraw that contentious product from sale in every country around the world.

1720 The Scottish Mental Health Festival

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the 15th anniversary of the Scottish Mental Health Art Festival in May and applauds its unique use of art as a way of telling stories, challenging stigmas, and changing perceptions around mental health; draws attention to the fact that this festival is the biggest of its kind in the world and organizes hundreds of events reaching thousands of people across Scotland each year; notes with concern the rise in mental health conditions as a result of the pandemic and calls on the government to support the arts as a key form of therapy and as a source of community for many across the UK.

1723 Conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 25

Helen Hayes
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Mick Whitley
Rachel Hopkins
Mr Virendra Sharma

Alan Brown
 Patrick Grady

Tim Farron

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House condemns the massacre at Axum in Ethiopia, documented by both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, that may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity; further condemns the reported wider pattern of violence throughout the Tigray region, including the use of rape and sexual violence, and the alleged involvement of Eritrean forces; notes that there is a risk of a regional conflict in the Horn of Africa, with an escalation of tensions with Sudan and Egypt; requests that the UK Government places that issue formally on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, as well as on that of the African Union; supports calls for a full, prompt, impartial and effective investigation into the massacre and unfettered humanitarian access to Tigray, as well as immediate access for human rights and media organisations; considers that the starvation and conflict-induced food insecurity in that region is man-made, is a violation of international humanitarian law, and is a test case for the UK Special Envoy with that brief; and expresses concern for the fate of Eritrean refugees in that country alleged to be at risk of refoulement.

1724 Military trial, detention and treatment of Palestinian children by Israeli authorities

Tabled: **12/04/21** Signatories: **33**

Tommy Sheppard
Ian Mearns
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law

Angus Brendan MacNeil

Angela Crawley

That this House notes with concern that Israeli forces continue to arrest, detain and try several hundred Palestinian children in the Israeli military court and detention system each year despite evidence that that process is rife with international law violations; further notes that Israel is the only country in the world that automatically and systematically prosecutes Palestinian children in military courts which lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections; notes that ill-treatment of Palestinian child detainees by Israeli authorities includes widespread physical and psychological violence, blindfolding, strip searches, denial of food and water, position abuse and isolation solely for the purpose of interrogation, and the denial of access to a lawyer before and during interrogations; remarks on the disparity between treatment of Israeli and Palestinian children in Israeli custody; asserts that Israel, as the occupying power under international humanitarian law in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is responsible for protecting the rights of Palestinian children living under military occupation; notes too that the recommendations of the 2012 Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded report, *Children in Military Custody*, and UNICEF's 2013 report, *Children in Israeli Military Detention*, have not been met; believes that in no circumstances should civilians, particularly children, be detained or prosecuted under the jurisdiction of military courts or held in military detention; and urges the Government to engage with the Government of Israel to end the military trial and detention of Palestinian children and, as a minimum safeguard, to respect and ensure basic due process rights and the absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

1725 Applecross helipad

Tabled: **13/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Ian Blackford
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the community of Applecross as they build a helipad to serve the local community; recognizes Heather Teale who started the campaign for the helipad after the tragic death of her daughter Bethany Walker; commends Dr Chris Ward, the HELP appeal charity and its chief executive Robert Bertam and the Applecross Trust who are all contributing to this vital community asset; and notes that once completed the helipad will be a fitting memorial to Bethany.

1726 Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 37

Ms Diane Abbott
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Olivia Blake
Alison Thewliss
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum

John Nicolson

That this House notes that the publication of the report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities in March 2021 was met with immense disappointment and frustration by members of Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities across the country, and many racial justice organisations; is deeply concerned that the report largely seems to deny the existence of institutional racism in Britain, and in doing so has raised concerns that it reverses progress towards racial equality; is alarmed by the report's poor methodology, including selectively citing and listing authors and academics whose views were neither sought, or accurately represented in the report; further notes the disturbing allegations that the report was rewritten by No.10; urgently calls on the Government to acknowledge the existence of institutional racism in society and commit to tackling it in all forms; further calls on the Government to reject the report and instead implement the recommendations of existing reports on institutional racism, including the Macpherson report, the Lammy review, the McGregor Smith review and the Windrush Lessons Learned review.

1729 Wave Project Dunbar grant funding

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Neale Hanvey

That this House welcomes the grant funding to the Wave Project in Dunbar; congratulates the project on receiving the grant; notes that the funding will be used to meet the increased demand for their courses that are aimed at changing lives through surfing and surf therapy for young people; and applauds the Community Windpower and BeGreen Dunbar grant scheme for recognising the importance of the project to the people of Dunbar.

1730 Sam Downie on receiving a SportAid Scotland bursary

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 5

Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Sam Downie, aged 15 of Musselburgh Amateur Swimming Club on his receipt of a SportAid Scotland bursary to pay for training and competition expenses in 2021; notes that Sam, who was born with caudal regression syndrome is a Scotland National Para-Swimming Squad member and member of Scottish Swimming's Talent Programme; and further notes Sam's inspirational words: My words of advice for anyone out there who has an impairment of any kind

is to use the resources available to you... find what you enjoy, as when you do the world becomes a much brighter place to be.

1731 Humanitarian crisis in Yemen and UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 24

Layla Moran
Wera Hobhouse
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Olivia Blake
Paula Barker

Neale Hanvey

Tim Farron

That this House notes the continued disastrous war on Yemen which has led to the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world; further notes that the UN has warned that an estimated 24 million people, close to 80 per cent of the population, need assistance and protection; acknowledges that the UK Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the main foreign protagonist of the war, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen despite their consistent targeting of civilians in Yemen; condemns the UK Government's decision to reduce UK aid to support the world's most vulnerable; recognises US President Joe Biden's decision to commit to ending US support for the war by stopping arms sales to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen; calls on the UK Government to end support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately; urges the UK Government to return to the 0.7 per cent of GNI Official Development Assistance spending commitment immediately; and further urges the UK Government to work with its global partners and use all diplomatic means at its disposal to assist in ending the war in Yemen and resolve the underlying conflicts.

1732 Fire and rehire tactics

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 45

Grahame Morris
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Allan Dorans
 Neale Hanvey

Christina Rees

Margaret Greenwood

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are dismissing and re-engaging staff on worse pay and terms and conditions, a practice commonly known as fire and rehire; agrees with Government Ministers that such tactics represent an unacceptable abuse of power by rogue bosses, many of whom are exploiting the covid-19 crisis to increase profits at the expense of loyal staff who have risked their lives during the pandemic to keep businesses going; welcomes the Government's stated commitment to tackle those shameful abuses; calls on the Government to publish the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service report into the practice received by Ministers on 17 February 2021; and further calls on the Government to commit to including proposals in the forthcoming Queen's Speech to outlaw this form of industrial blackmail, as is the case in other European countries, and to bring forward this new legislation as a matter of urgency to protect UK workers from exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

1733 Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 5

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey

That this House welcomes the creation of the Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign, set up to involve local residents in tackling the litter problem in Cambuslang; notes that at present the Cleaning up Cambuslang Facebook group has 110 volunteer members engaged in litter collection during daily walks; expresses its gratitude to local company, J Johnstone Plumbing and Heating, which has sponsored the campaign and purchased the first 15 litter picking sticks for the group; recognises the engagement of South Lanarkshire Council and local schools with the group; acknowledges the production of a joint strategy between Cleaning up Cambuslang and South Lanarkshire Council for uplift of waste collected; and urges local businesses and organisations in Cambuslang and its surrounding areas to consider sponsoring the Cleaning up Cambuslang campaign.

1735 East Kilbride Community Litter Pickers

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans

Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the East Kilbride Community Litter Pickers and the tireless efforts of all their volunteers and founder Alice Alves to help clear the East Kilbride town of litter for the wider community to enjoy; highlights the fact that this group was only founded at the beginning of March 2021 but has since grown to host over 1250 members on Facebook who together have managed to collect over four metric tonnes of litter in the past six weeks; draws attention to the fact that the success of the group is through encouraging small family groups and individuals to get into the habit of picking up litter on their daily walks in their local areas and applauds this ethos as an example to us all of the combined cumulative effort of a committed local community; notes the recent creation of an Action Group and applauds the group for their efforts to include local schools in this invaluable project and commits to following the success and growth of this group in the months to come and all initiatives that encourage residents to Take Pride in East Kilbride.

1736 Reduction in the plug-in grant for low emission vehicles

Tabled: 14/04/21 Signatories: 6

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans

That this House commends those that take steps to reduce their carbon footprint; recognises that electric cars are an effective way of reducing carbon emissions and that use of electric cars should

be encouraged; and urges the Government to reverse its decision to lower the value of the plug-in vehicle grant from £3000 to £2500.

1737 West Lothian Prostate Cancer Support Group

Tabled: **14/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Martyn Day
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Margaret Ferrier
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the West Lothian Prostate Cancer Support Group for their efforts to provide support to men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their families since 2007; notes the importance of that group's Buddy Scheme which allows men to share their experiences; further notes that group's creation of discussion groups for family members to share support and knowledge; notes that group's collaboration with Western General Hospital, Macmillan Cancer Care and local GP surgeries to improve the accessibility of support; and wishes the Group continued success in the future.

1738 Bowel Cancer UK highlights bowel cancer red flags

Tabled: **14/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan
Margaret Ferrier
Paula Barker
Carla Lockhart

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the work by Bowel Cancer UK that has revealed that 37 per cent of adults living in Northern Ireland are not aware of any of the symptoms of bowel cancer which is that country's second biggest cancer killer; highlights that the red flags of bowel cancer are blood in your movements, changes to your movement habit, abdominal pain, weight loss and unexplained tiredness or fatigue; urges the general public to be aware of those red flags and to seek testing with their GPs in response to any of those concerns, being mindful that bowel cancer is curable when it is diagnosed early; and offers sincere thanks to Bowel Cancer UK for their continued hard work in providing information and support on that matter.

1741 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 15/04/21 Signatories: 16

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Carol Monaghan
Kirsten Oswald
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Liz Saville Roberts

Allan Dorans

David Linden

Neale Hanvey

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; believes miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that New Zealand's parliament unanimously approved legislation to give those who experience a miscarriage paid leave, no matter what stage a loss of pregnancy occurs; and further believes that the Government should follow suit and provide paid leave for people that experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve their profound loss.

1742 Robert Black Memorial Helipad, Campbeltown

Tabled: 15/04/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates everyone involved in the establishment of the Robert Black Memorial Helipad in Campbeltown; particularly notes the vital contribution made by Ambulance Technician Stuart McLellan who as well as overcoming many legal and logistical obstacles, also successfully raised £270,000 and attracted the support of many local residents, organisations and businesses including Eric Spence from South Kintyre Development Trust, the County Air Ambulance Trust, MacFadyens Contractors and McKinven and Colville Contractors in order to build the helipad; understands that there has been a need for a community helipad in South Kintyre for many years due to the unsafe nature of the previous landing site, which often resulted in emergencies being diverted to Campbeltown Airport or being forced to make a four hour transfer by road; and commends Stuart and everyone involved for their efforts and recognises the new Robert Black Memorial Helipad as a fitting and lasting tribute to the highly respected and dearly missed Campbeltown Paramedic Robert Black who sadly died of covid-19 in 2020.

1745 Salute to pro-democracy campaigners in Hong Kong

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 16

Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Jim Shannon
 Andrew Gwynne
 Ian Paisley
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Layla Moran

Marion Fellows

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with profound disappointment the sentencing to prison of Hong Kong pro-democracy campaigners, including Jimmy Lai; condemns the Chinese government's clamp down on freedom of speech, movement and association in Hong Kong since the introduction of the National Security Law; salutes those arrested, tried and punished by the Chinese communist controlled administration in Hong Kong for championing liberty and democracy; calls on the UK Government to make immediate representations to the Chinese Government on that matter; and urges the early introduction of Magnitsky-style sanctions against Chinese and Hong Kong officials responsible for this gross violation of the principles of the Basic Law and the Joint Sino British Declaration.

1747 Carbon emissions labelling

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 13

Daisy Cooper
 Jim Shannon
 Andrew Gwynne
 Jonathan Edwards
 Layla Moran
 Wendy Chamberlain

Ed Davey
 Jamie Stone
 Christine Jardine

Wera Hobhouse
 Tim Farron

Sarah Olney
 Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes with concern the lack of information available to consumers on the environmental impact of the goods and food products they buy; recognises the growing urgency of the climate emergency facing the planet as a result of carbon emissions; acknowledges that the public would welcome the opportunity to make environmentally informed decisions on their purchases; encourages manufacturers and retailers to collaborate to introduce a standard eco-labelling scheme that would make the carbon footprint of individual products transparent; notes with disappointment that previous plans by major supermarkets to introduce such a system for food have been abandoned; calls on the Government to work with industry to support the introduction of such a nationwide eco-labelling scheme; and further calls on the Government to consider the merits of introducing financial incentives to businesses who adopt eco-labelling to help offset the implementation costs.

1749 Rail to Refuge schemeTabled: **19/04/21** Signatories: **11**

Rosie Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra
Gavin Newlands
Kim Johnson

Emma Hardy
Tonia Antoniazzi

Mick Whitley
Apsana Begum

Mohammad Yasin

That this House celebrates the work of the Rail to Refuge scheme, a joint initiative between rail companies and the Women's Aid Federation of England; commends rail operators for providing free travel to over 1,348 people fleeing domestic abuse including 362 children over five; acknowledges the severe impact of the covid-19 pandemic for many and the particular challenge on those suffering domestic abuse; recognises that scheme's achievements since its conception in April 2020; and urges those who need to flee domestic abuse to use that scheme to gain safety.

1750 Proposed European Super LeagueTabled: **19/04/21** Signatories: **28**

Ian Mearns
Ian Byrne
Jon Trickett
Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris
Dawn Butler

Sir Mike Penning

That this House condemns the proposals to create a breakaway European Super League which is based on cynical greed rather than sporting integrity and merit; asserts that billionaire club owners are attempting to rip apart the fabric of our national sport to further their own interests; further asserts that those owners must listen to fans, players and pundits who oppose those plans; acknowledges that the opposition to those plans goes beyond Premier League fans and extends to fan groups in the women's game, the English Football League, non-league and grassroots football; notes the potential massive financial impact of that proposal on grassroots solidarity payments in the event that elite clubs are so allowed to hoard even more wealth; backs the Football Supporters' Association's Sustain The Game campaign and its core principles of club protection, transparency of ownership, financial sustainability, strengthening the football pyramid and supporter engagement; and calls on the Government to commence its manifesto commitment of undertaking a fan-led review of football governance with the utmost urgency.

1751 Campaign for the thirty-seven Cammell Laird workers imprisoned in 1984

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 29

Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Dame Angela Eagle
Ian Mearns

Peter Dowd

Tony Lloyd

Jon Trickett

That this House warmly welcomes the victory of the Shrewsbury Twenty Four campaign in its decades long quest for justice; recognises that there are hundreds of other trade unionists and protestors who have been the victims of unjust and politically motivated punishments, including thirty-seven workers imprisoned in the Category A prison HMP Walton for their participation in the occupation of the Cammell Laird shipyards in 1984; understands that those imprisoned workers endured immense suffering and economic hardship as a result of their month-long detention and the blacklisting and loss of redundancy and pension rights that followed that imprisonment; condemns that gross miscarriage of justice and regrets that many of those who were so imprisoned have tragically not lived to see their names cleared; applauds the surviving members of that thirty-seven for their unwavering commitment to seeing that wrong righted and the GMB Union for its support of those members; notes that the Government has failed to honour its commitment to exploring the merits of holding a public inquiry into that historic injustice; further notes that in 2014, the European Parliament's Commission on Petitions stated its belief that the authorities' response to that dispute was an overreaction and that an apology should be considered; and calls on the Government to launch an inquiry and put into the public domain any and all documentation, including cabinet papers, from that period that may shed fresh light on those events.

1753 Blasphemy charges against Christian nurses Mariyum Lal and Newsh Arooj in Pakistan

Tabled: 20/04/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes the blasphemy charges against Christian nurses Mariyum Lal and Newsh Arooj in Pakistan; highlights the attack on those nurses by members of staff within Faisalabad Civil Hospital in central Punjab; notes that the nurses were instructed to remove wall hangings and have been subjected to a personal vendetta; calls on the Punjab Police and Government to protect those nurses and further to drop the erroneous allegations; and further calls on the Foreign Secretary to intervene and apply diplomatic pressure to secure the well being of those two nurses and their families.

1754 Holehird Care Home

Tabled: 20/04/21 Signatories: 3

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes the excellent care provided by staff and volunteers for people with physical disabilities and complex needs at Holehird care home on the outskirts of Windermere for the past 60 years; regrets the decision taken by Leonard Cheshire to announce the closure of Holehird care

home; expresses concern for the 63 members of staff, 24 residents and their families; and calls upon Leonard Cheshire to pause the decision to close Holehird until a new provider can be found to take over the running of the home.

1755 Access For All in rural areas

Tabled: **20/04/21** Signatories: **5**

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises the enormous barriers that still exist at many railway stations across the country for people with mobility issues; welcomes the Department for Transport's Access for All scheme to provide funding to make accessibility improvements to railway stations; acknowledges that the scheme's criteria rewards stations with higher footfall and therefore penalise rural areas with often more elderly populations; and calls on the Government to review this criteria so that stations in rural communities are given a fair chance of being selected when the next round of funding is announced in 2024.

1756 CCRC Review of Oliver Campbell's Case (No. 2)

Tabled: **20/04/21** Signatories: **2**

John Cryer
Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House expresses its grave concern over the case of Oliver Campbell, a mentally challenged youth, convicted of murder in 1991 on the basis of a confession containing many inaccuracies and absurdities, made after unfair questioning and in the absence of a solicitor by a jury which was never informed that his co-defendant had exonerated him to police; welcomes the decision of the Criminal Cases Review Commission to reconsider the case; and encourages the Commission to follow the advice of a former Commissioner, David James Smith broadcast by BBC Newsnight on 16 March 2021, to refer this very stale and very troubling case back to the Court of Appeal at the earliest possible opportunity.