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New EDMs

167 Kellands primary school and the Digital Schools Awards Scotland Programme

Tabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1**

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates Kellands primary school of Inverurie, Aberdeenshire upon its recent award from the Scotland's Digital Schools programme; recognises the efforts of the school in completing a rigorous self-evaluation process to demonstrate the school's excellence in integrating digital technology into learning and teaching; further recognises the importance of digital competency in today's schooling; commends the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of staff at Kellands primary school on its tremendous achievement; and wishes all staff and pupils at the school well as they continue on their digital journey.

168 Mental health provision for university students

Tabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1**

Ed Davey

That this House calls on the Government to publish clear guidance to universities on what mental health provision should be in place for university students; recognises the immense strain placed on university students during the covid-19 outbreak and the continuing assessments and exams that students have been required to undertake; stresses that students are lacking critical pastoral support during challenging periods of time; notes the concerning Global Student Survey that suggests that 70 per cent of British university students believe their mental health has suffered since the start of the pandemic; recognises the ONS Student December 2020 survey which found students to be significantly more anxious than the UK general population; urges the Government to ensure that

universities have sufficient funding for mental health provision; and calls on the Government to ensure that all university students are guaranteed access to high quality mental health services.

169 Higher education funding

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 1

Ed Davey

That this House calls on the Government to provide financial compensation to university students for lost teaching and rent during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that university students have not had adequate teaching or the university experience that they expected; notes that universities have worked hard to adapt to online teaching but that the higher education sector is facing financial uncertainty, meaning they cannot alone be expected to compensate students; calls on the Government to initiate an independent review into the level of compensation students should be awarded due to the effect of the pandemic on their education and to ensure proper support is available for those facing financial hardship; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the APPG for Students by doubling funds for students facing hardship to £700 million to bring support for English students in line with students in Wales.

170 DS Business Solutions

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House celebrates the fundraising efforts of DS Business Solutions in East Kilbride who have raised over £100,000 for charitable causes; pays tribute to each of their staff who have given countless hours over the last seven and a half years to raise funds for a range of local, national and international charities and causes; in particular notes their efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in the local East Kilbride area and their support for local families through their annual School Uniform Campaign; highlights DS Business Solutions and the efforts of their Managing Director Gerry Strain as an example of corporate and social responsibility for businesses across the UK and wishes them the very best in their future fundraising endeavours.

171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 1

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House notes that during the month of June 2021 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; understands that the theme in 2021 is Make Some Space where it is hoped that people from different backgrounds and professions will make some space in their day to day lives, from teaching school pupils on the histories, cultures or present realities of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people to governmental bodies, both local and across these islands ensuring that there is space for Gypsy, Travellers in local areas and that any services provided are inclusive to the communities; believes that the rich culture and history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be celebrated and protected and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

172 Heart of Wales LineTabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1****Jonathan Edwards**

That this House commends the submission by Professor Stuart Cole, emeritus professor of transport at the University of South Wales and chairman of the Heart of Wales Travellers' Association, to the Union Connectivity Review calling for a £20 million investment in the Heart of Wales Line; notes that Wales has historically only received one per cent of rail investment despite having 11 per cent of the track; is concerned that the submission indicates that 87 per cent of all journeys in mid Wales are undertaken by car; recognises that the line passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the British Isles on its journey between Swansea and Shrewsbury and links three of the main market towns in Carmarthenshire - Ammanford, Llandeilo and Llandovery; welcomes that, in his submission, Professor Cole outlines how the investment will enable Transport for Wales to substantially increase service provision on the line to provide two hourly services each way over a 12 hour period; further welcomes that the report outlines the substantial economic and social benefits which this investment would bring; calls on the Department for Transport to implement the infrastructure investments outlined in the submission; and urges the Welsh Government to implement Professor Cole's proposals for increased services on the Heart of Wales line.

173 DVLA physical post-only forms and the consequences for disabled peopleTabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1****John Nicolson**

That this House recognises how difficult it can be for people with disabilities to access some services, such as the post office; understands how helpful and convenient being able to complete official forms online rather than posting them physically can be for older people or those with disabilities; is therefore disappointed that the DVLA still requires some forms to be posted, which is especially difficult for people who rely heavily on the use of their vehicles.

174 Radio Earn soft launch in CrieffTabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1****John Nicolson**

That this House recognises the difficulty of setting up new businesses during the covid-19 outbreak; understands how useful community radio can be not only for entertaining and informing the community, but also for developing careers and giving opportunities to young people; commends Radio Earn for its successful soft launch on 6 June 2021; and wishes Radio Earn good luck going forward.

175 Public scientific hearing on animal experimentsTabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **1****Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House applauds the new Animal Sentience Bill, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Scarlett; is shocked to see the harrowing exposé showing thousands of laboratory dogs intensively bred in the UK and underlines the consequences of the Animal Sentience Bill regarding this; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside the animal-based research sector, openly acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include scientists in the

pharmaceutical industry, the Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute which says cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration which states that 9 out of 10 new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; notes Doctors Greek and Shanks' Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, explaining why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and urgently calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to stop the funding of the now proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art human-based research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients and stop the suffering of laboratory dogs and other animals.

176 Racism in football

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 1

Clive Lewis

That this House applauds England football manager Gareth Southgate and his players for their principled opposition to racism; stands in solidarity with all football players and supporters who have been subjected to racism, while participating in the sport they love or in other areas of their life; recognises that those players and their manager are role models for the entire country and that their actions have a large impact on wider society; believes taking the knee to be an honourable and important act, worthy of such role models; thanks players, supporters and those in the wider football community and industry who have stood and will continue to stand against all forms of racism; condemns the booing by some fans of those that take the knee for the blatant racism it is and applauds the majority of fans who do not boo; calls on those in football management, media, sponsorship, breweries and pub landlords to stand up as anti-racists and take a robust approach to that behaviour; wishes Gareth Southgate and the England team every success in the upcoming UEFA Euro 2020 tournament; and calls on the Prime Minister to make a statement in support of anti-racism in football.

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.

112 Conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 33

Helen Hayes
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna
Mr Virendra Sharma
Paula Barker
Daisy Cooper

Mr Clive Betts

Rushanara Ali

Ms Harriet Harman

That this House notes the high level of sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray, resulting in an estimated 10,000 women being raped in the four months to March; further notes the leadership role the UK government has played in global efforts to eliminate sexual violence in conflict; notes that the UN Day for the Elimination of sexual violence in conflict is on 19 June; and calls on the UK

government to table a resolution at the UN Security Council setting up a tribunal to investigate sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray as a war crime, a crime against humanity or a constitutive act of genocide.

123 Human rights violations in Bahrain

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **15**

Andrew Gwynne
Chris Stephens
Claudia Webbe
Paula Barker
John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill

Jim Shannon

Brendan O'Hara

Chris Law

That this House regrets the 25 May 2021 meeting between the Home Secretary and Bahraini Minister of Interior Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa; further regrets the fact that the meeting took place shortly after a violent attack against over 60 political prisoners by Bahraini police at Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; highlights other recent serious human rights abuses, including the detention of children as young as 13 years old, who were subjected to beatings and threats of rape and electric shocks to coerce confessions over charges linked to protest activity; expresses concern that Minister Al Khalifa has overseen the systematic persecution of human rights defenders, journalists, and activists in Bahrain and the terrorising of civil society since at least 2011; underlines that peaceful critics of the Bahraini Government are subjected to arbitrary imprisonment, torture and sexual assault; notes that despite ultimate responsibility for serious crimes perpetrated during the 2011 uprising, including the murder of several dissidents, Minister Al Khalifa remains in his role; expresses concern that high profile meetings between senior British Ministers and individuals deeply implicated in serial human rights abuses and violations of international law send a signal that the UK will lend unreserved support to its allies regardless of their non-compliance with international law; and calls upon the Government to apply Magnitsky Act sanctions to Minister Rashid Al Khalifa for his protracted role in overseeing a culture of abuse and a climate of impunity in Bahrain.

124 Statutory paid bereavement leave for all

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **16**

Patricia Gibson
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas
Marion Fellows
Paula Barker

Jim Shannon

That this House calls for the extension of statutory paid bereavement leave to all employees upon the loss of a close family member, following the welcome introduction of paid bereavement leave for parents on the loss of a child up to the age of 18 years old; notes research showing that grief experienced by employees costs the economy £23 billion per year, and costs the Treasury nearly £8 billion per year; acknowledges that whilst some employers offer compassionate leave for staff who have lost a close relative, does not believe that this such leave should be at the discretion of employers; is aware that many bereaved employees face financial pressures to return to work while coping with grief; acknowledges that bereavement can trigger mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorders, as well as being linked to physical health issues challenges such as increased likelihood of heart attacks, diabetes and increased mortality;

believes that while bereavement is a fact of life, by providing the necessary support at the right time, we could boost the economy and have a healthier society with a greater sense of wellbeing at its heart; and therefore calls for the Government to act urgently to extend the right to statutory paid bereavement leave to all employees who lose a close family member or partner.

125 Ministry of Defence Guard Service

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **20**

Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Dan Carden
Paula Barker
Liz Saville Roberts
Kate Osborne

Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

John Spellar

That this House salutes the professionalism and dedication of the Ministry of Defence Guard Service, which provides civilian security at most of the UK's largest military bases; insists that MoD Guard Service (MGS) personnel should be celebrated for their vital contribution to the MoD, and that a culture of teamwork is best fostered through equitable terms and conditions of employment across the workforce; is concerned that the roll-out of Operational MGS Employment Contracts (OMEC) will see the creation of a two-tier workforce, with newly employed guards working significantly increased hours for less pay, and that the MoD anticipates a 14% reduction of the MGS workforce under OMEC; is further concerned that OMEC appears to be a step towards privatisation of MGS; notes that long working hours and fragmented security arrangements have been considered to be contributing factors to fatal security lapses at United Kingdom military bases in the past, yet there has been no risk analysis published on the potential impact on health, safety and welfare, nor has any Equal Pay Audit been provided; insists that the security of military bases is of paramount importance, and that operational changes to this section of the civilian MoD workforce must be achieved through detailed consideration in collaboration with the workforce and trades unions, not through hasty imposition by management; and urges the Government to support the union's call for the MoD to pause the OMEC roll-out to allow for further dialogue on the proposed contractual changes.

126 Harvey Tyrrell's Law

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **4**

Andrew Rosindell
John McDonnell
John Spellar
Jim Shannon

That this House recalls the tragic death of Harvey Tyrrell on the 11 September 2018; understands that Harvey's death was completely avoidable and was caused by negligence in safety standard by the pub owners; believes that the legislation regulating electrical safety was not sufficient and contributed to Harvey's death; further believes that legislation should require every public house to provide yearly certification that electrical works have been tested and inspected with severe penalties for any landlord who fails to comply with electrical safety standards and the immediate loss of their licence and that electrical safety certification should be visible to all customers upon entering the premises of a public house; and calls on the Government to back Harvey Tyrrell's Law and act swiftly to introduce the necessary legislation to make this legally enforceable throughout the country.

127 Fourth Plinth, Trafalgar Square

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 2

Andrew Rosindell
Jim Shannon

That this House pays tribute to His Royal Highness, the late Duke of Edinburgh for his life of service to the nation; recognises the support that he offered to the Queen throughout their seventy-three years of marriage; acknowledges the huge impact of his work and dedication to the people of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and to nations around to world; and believes that it would be a fitting and lasting tribute to Prince Philip that a statue of His Royal Highness be placed on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square.

128 Relegation of Kilmarnock FC

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 5

Alan Brown
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

That this House expresses disappointment with the relegation of Kilmarnock FC from the Premiership, ending 28 years of consecutive top-flight football; notes that only Celtic, Motherwell and Aberdeen have remained longer in the top-flight; further notes that the latter two were spared relegation due to Falkirk not having a compliant ground; notes that when the club stayed up in the first season back on the last day of season 1993-94, managed by the late Tommy Burns, no-one would have forecast how long the club would stay in top-flight football; further notes that the highlights included the Scottish Cup win in 1997, a league cup win in 2012; several trips into Europe and a lasting friendship developed between the fans of Kilmarnock FC and Kaiserslautern FC; notes that the tenure of Steve Clarke took the club from bottom of the league to finishing third, giving Killie their highest league finish since 1966, during the 150th anniversary of the club; further notes that since he left the club to manage the Scotland team, Sir Stevie Clarke has taken Scotland to their first tournament finals since 1998 and wishes Scotland well in the Euro 2020s; commends chairman Billy Bowie for maintaining the player budget for season 2021-22, and hopes that Kilmarnock FC get promoted at the first attempt, noting that being in the Premiership brings a financial boost to many businesses within the town; and hopes that the supporters are allowed to return to the ground in high numbers following the covid-19 outbreak to support the team.

129 The East Kilbride Covid19 Network

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the work of the East Kilbride Covid19 Network throughout the covid-19 outbreak, particularly in delivering thousands of food and toiletry parcels across the local area; draws attention to the work of local charity organisations like Share Alike, Loaves and Fishes, Moncrief Parish Church, the SLC Community Engagement Team, the East Kilbride Citizens Advice

Bureau, the East Kilbride Community Foodbank, Older & Active and VASLAN, as well as local councillor John Anderson, for their work in collecting and distributing much-needed provisions to the most vulnerable in the East Kilbride community over the past 12 months; and highlights the sacrifice and care of local volunteers who, in one united spirit, have come together to provide companionship and help to those who have needed it most during this difficult time.

130 Proposed Spirit of Skylark Centre in Dumbarton

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 8

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the announcement by the Skylark IX Recovery Trust of their intention to create the Spirit of Skylark Centre, an exciting new immersive heritage experience and boatbuilding training centre in Dumbarton; recognises the outstanding work of the Trust in keeping the heritage of the tragedy of Dunkirk alive by working to restore Skylark IX, which is believed to be the only surviving Dunkirk vessel in Scotland, that over the nine-day mission rescued over 600 cold and tired soldiers, helping transport them on to larger naval ships whilst under fire; understands that the Skylark IX Recovery Trust will be working in collaboration with Alternatives West Dunbartonshire to ensure that the new centre helps more people recovering from drug addiction or facing social isolation across West Dunbartonshire; believes that this valuable joint effort will preserve the Skylark IX in an historically authentic and dignified way whilst at the same time helping more people make a positive and even transformative change to their lives and community; and wishes to extend its full support to those involved developing this important community project.

131 Midlothian Young People's Advice Service National Lottery grant

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Midlothian Young People's Advice Service (MYPAS) on its award of £149,303 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to deliver support services to LGBTQ+ young people in East Lothian and Midlothian, providing a safe space to explore their identity, improve mental health and wellbeing, and form new positive connections; recognises that MYPAS are a young person's health and wellbeing organisation based in Dalkeith who provide vital information, support and advice on a range of subjects to young people in Midlothian and East Lothian; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

132 Rosewell Development Trust funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson
 Chris Stephens
 Marion Fellows
 Alison Thewliss
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Rosewell Development Trust on its award of £5,800 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to establish a sensory and vegetable garden; recognises Rosewell Development Trust is a limited community company that runs a variety of community engagement groups and projects for community wellbeing and development; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

133 Zimbabwe Scotland Society funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
 Chris Stephens
 Marion Fellows
 Anne McLaughlin
 Alison Thewliss
 Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Zimbabwe Scotland Society (ZSS) on its award of £7,000 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to tackle the effects of covid-19 on the Zimbabwean community living in Scotland which include loneliness, isolation and loss of income, as well as bringing the community together through online support and peer to peer sessions; recognises that the ZSS is an independent, non-political charity that is seeking to promote Zimbabwean culture amongst people living in Scotland; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 outbreak.

134 Dundee FC promotion to Scottish Premiership

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 8

Chris Law
 Chris Stephens
 Ian Mearns
 Alison Thewliss
 Allan Dorans
 Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon

Pete Wishart

That this House congratulates Dundee Football Club on their promotion to the Scottish Premiership following their victories home and away against Kilmarnock in the Premiership play-off final; further congratulates all at the club who contributed to this return to top-flight football, including the manager James McPake, the players and the back-room staff; recognises the important and

valued work that Dundee FC carries out in local communities across the city in partnership with the Dundee FC in the Community Trust; and wishes all at the club all of the best for the coming season.

137 The Miracle Foundation - Charitable Organisation of the Year 2021-22

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **9**

Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Anne McLaughlin
John McDonnell
Alison Thewliss
Neale Hanvey

Jim Shannon

This House congratulates The Miracle Foundation for their award of 'Charitable Organisation of the Year' in the Prestige Awards; recognises the invaluable support they provide young people who have experienced bereavement and trauma in North Lanarkshire through counselling and art therapies; notes their mission statement to provide a safe space for young people to restore their mental health and well-being so they are able to reach their full life potential; commends all of their staff on their excellent work especially during this difficult year and wishes them well for the future.

138 Arms export licences for sales to the Israeli Military

Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **39**

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Navendu Mishra
Claudia Webbe

Angela Crawley
 Neale Hanvey

Mr Clive Betts
 Colum Eastwood

Kate Hollern
 Tommy Sheppard

That this House notes with concern the recent granting of and use of extant UK licences for the export to the Israeli military of categories of arms and arms components including military technology and components for aircrafts, helicopters, and drones, as well as grenades, bombs, missiles, armoured vehicles, tanks, ammunition, and small arms; is therefore concerned that Ministers have not disclosed whether UK-made exports were used in the recent bombardment of the Gaza Strip and repression of civilian protests in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory; reminds the Government that criteria 2, 3 and 4, of the consolidated criteria on arms exports precludes licensing where there is a clear risk that items may be used for internal repression or in the commission of serious violations of international humanitarian law; notes the criteria precludes licensing for items which would provoke or prolong armed conflicts or aggravate existing conflicts, and precludes licensing for items when there is a clear risk that they could be used to assert by force a territorial claim; therefore calls for an investigation to determine whether UK-made arms and components have been used in the recent violence and if they are implicated in war crimes under investigation by the International Criminal Court, including settlement building in occupied territories; and calls for a suspension of UK arms sales to Israel until it can be demonstrated, subject to parliamentary scrutiny, that weapons and components imported from the UK are used solely in accordance with the consolidated criteria.

139 Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project funding from the National Lottery

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 3

Owen Thompson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project on its award of £8,150 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to provide support to young people at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour; recognises that Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project is a youth-led community project working with disadvantaged young people to give them a place to socially gather and call their own; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 pandemic.

140 Reform of the Mental Health Act

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake

That this House welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech on the 11 May 2021 to introduce a Bill to reform the Mental Health Act in recognition of the vast improvements in understanding and treatment of mental health disorders since the Act's original formulation in 1983; in particular commends the Government for signaling its intention to better the treatment and referral of those with a disability or autistic spectrum disorder in the criminal justice system and while detained; calls on the Government to heed the recommendations of the Green Paper titled Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision in that Bill and to work with local government, voluntary and childcare organizations to ensure that data and expertise is shared between relevant authorities and parties and that mental health conditions are treated at the earliest possibility in whichever setting they first present to ensure the best possible health outcomes for children and young people.

141 Covid-19 and local government funding in the Liverpool City Region

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 6

Sir George Howarth
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Peter Dowd
Dan Carden
Jim Shannon

That this House strongly regrets the fact that local authorities in the Liverpool City Region face a funding shortfall of £59m as a result of covid-19 pressures; notes that, although recent Government announcements have softened the impact of funding reductions which have been estimated at £440m, there will still be a major and wholly unacceptable impact on local government services which are already buckling following eleven years of austerity in public finances; strongly notes that such vital services as children's and adult social care will be severely affected having a serious and

unacceptable effect on some of the most vulnerable residents; and calls on the Government to fully recompense local councils for the cost of Covid-19.

142 Louise Caldwell and campaign for mothers who have experienced miscarriage

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Marion Fellows
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House pays tribute to East Kilbride resident Louise Caldwell in her tireless work campaigning on behalf of mothers who have suffered a miscarriage; in particular drawing attention to her ongoing petition and campaigning on behalf of those who have had to deliver a stillborn child in a maternity ward surrounded by new and expectant mums; recognizes that this is the tragic and heart-breaking reality for thousands of mothers every year; and calls on the Government to consider whether alternative maternity wards for those who have miscarried might be implemented so as to ensure that all women receive the best care and support possible.

143 Joe Forte's retirement

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 4

Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House pays tribute to Haddington businessman Joe Forte on his 36 years in business providing top class equipment to the community's sport enthusiasts; recognises Joe's important contributions in encouraging runners, footballers and all those interested in sports, young and old; commends Joe's own sporting achievements both as a professional footballer with Hibs, Berwick Rangers, Meadowbank Thistle and Ormiston Primrose and also as chair for Haddington and East Lothian Pacemakers running club winning many a medal himself for the club; and wishes Joe and his wife Norma a long, happy and fun retirement.

144 Father Stan Swamy

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 8

Neale Hanvey
Brendan O'Hara
Wera Hobhouse
Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

John Spellar

Carol Monaghan

That this House condemns the arrest in October 2020 of Jesuit Priest Father Stan Swamy by the National Investigation Agency of India; condemns the harsh interrogation, refusal of bail, and ongoing detention of this frail 83 year-old priest; notes Father Swamy's tireless work over five decades assisting the poor and vulnerable in India; further notes the gross ambiguity of the counter-

terrorism charges levied against Father Swamy; and calls on the UK Government to demonstrate its promised commitment to human rights and protecting freedom of religious belief by asking the Indian Government to both immediately safeguard Father Swamy's health and wellbeing by releasing him to his community, and to commit to protecting the rights of the activists and human rights campaigners across its country.

145 Irish Dail policy on the the annexation of Palestinian territories

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey

That this House praises the historic decision by the Irish Dail to condemn the illegal annexation of Palestinian lands by Israel; notes that the Dail Motion condemned the recent and ongoing forced displacement of Palestinian communities in the occupied Palestinian territory and described the annexation of Palestinian territory as a violation of international law; recognises that this historic moment is a victory for justice and recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination; and calls on the UK Government and devolved legislatures to replicate said decision.

147 St Ninian's High wins SSFA Senior Shield

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald
Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates St Ninian's High School senior boys football team on winning the Scottish Schools' Football Association Senior Shield for the first time in the school's history, and the first for an East Renfrewshire school; celebrates the team's brilliant performance throughout the competition including the final, which saw the team win by the only goal of the game, scored by Marc Capaldi; congratulates in particular winning Captain, Aiden McLaughlin, whose father captained the winning team in the same competition in season 1986-87, and players Rico De Marco and James Dolan who were both awarded man of the match by the opposition; notes the rich history of the Senior Shield, which started in 1904, continued through both World Wars and only once before, in 1957, was not awarded; acknowledges the fantastic work of all players and coaches during this competition, which started in September 2019, was suspended in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and resumed in May 2021; applauds all teams throughout Scotland for taking part in this competition and looks forward to the next competition, which is sure to be filled with the same passion, spirit and teamwork.

148 Carers Week 2021

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 20

Ed Davey
Ben Lake
Neale Hanvey
Andrew Gwynne
Paul Blomfield
Caroline Lucas

Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House supports Carers Week which takes place on the 7th to the 13th June 2021; notes that Week's theme is Make Caring Visible and Valued; highlights the invaluable contribution that over 6.5 million unpaid carers make to their local communities across the UK; recognises that carers have been under extraordinary pressure during the Coronavirus pandemic and that many of the challenges that those carers face have intensified, meaning that 81 per cent of carers are spending more time on their caring responsibilities and two thirds of carers have not had any breaks at all since the beginning of the pandemic; and calls on the Government to provide unpaid carers with the support services that they need, including respite care so that carers can take regular breaks.

149 UK representation at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 6

Sir Iain Duncan Smith
Siobhain McDonagh
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern that the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics will take place alongside a rapidly deteriorating human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, where Uyghurs and other minority groups are subject to widespread forced labour, sterilization, political indoctrination and arbitrary detention; reaffirms its opinion that Uyghurs and other minority groups in the Uyghur Region are victims of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity; reminds the International Olympics Committee that the Olympic Charter's principles of solidarity and non-discrimination are hard to reconcile with holding the 2022 Winter Games in a country whose Government stands credibly accused of perpetrating Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide; affirms that the International Olympic Committee's desire to stay above politics does not permit turning a blind eye to mass atrocity crimes; urges the International Olympics Committee to initiate an emergency search process for suitable replacement facilities for the 2022 Winter Games; calls on the Government to decline invitations for state officials to attend the 2022 Winter Games so long as Beijing remains the host venue; advises the Government to discourage companies operating in the UK from acting as commercial sponsors for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics; recognises that individual athletes have the right to choose whether to participate in the Olympic Games or not and urges them to think carefully about whether they should take part; and

encourages the Chinese Government to work with international partners to take verifiable steps to improve the human rights situation of Uyghurs and other persecuted groups.

152 Fees for London Licensed Taxi Trade at Heathrow Airport

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 3

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
John Spellar

That this House recognises the serious concerns of the London Licensed Taxi Trade regarding Heathrow Airport Ltd.'s plans to increase the fee payable when a driver enters the Heathrow Taxi Feeder Park in order to service the airports taxi ranks from 1 July 2021; supports the trade in its call for Heathrow to reconsider this near threefold increase; notes the important role that licensed taxis play as a form of onward transport from Heathrow, particularly for business travellers, tourists and those with limited mobility, including disabled and elderly passengers; applauds the efforts of London's black cab drivers to keep passengers moving safely throughout the pandemic, providing a covid-secure service and undertaking high risk journeys to quarantine hotels and testing sites when many other forms of transport were operating vastly reduced services; acknowledges the significant financial challenges facing Heathrow as a result of the pandemic and collapse in passenger numbers, which has also created financial hardship for many self-employed taxi drivers; believes that there is a more equitable solution that can be found to allow Heathrow to recover its losses without unfairly and unduly impacting already struggling taxi drivers; and therefore calls on Heathrow to reconsider its position and re-engage with the London Licensed Taxi Trade as a matter of urgency to ensure that the entry fee remains sustainable for drivers and does not damage their business.

154 Landmine explosions in Azerbaijan

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

This House is saddened that over 100 Azerbaijani people have lost their lives in recent mine explosions and expresses sympathy to the bereaved families; notes that during the 30 year long occupation, Armenia planted thousands of land mines in the illegally occupied territories of Azerbaijan; further notes that since the signing of the Trilateral Agreement on 10 November 2021 ending military operations, almost 100 Azerbaijani military and civilian personnel have died as a result of mine explosion in liberated territories; and calls on the UK Government to make representations to urge it's Armenian counterpart to release the maps of the minefield.

155 Ratification of the Istanbul Convention

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 10

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Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Kenny MacAskill

Jim Shannon

Alan Brown

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that 8 June 2021 will mark nine years since the UK signed the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; acknowledges the work by the former hon. Member for Banff and Buchan, Eilidh Whiteford, in securing the passage of legislation enshrining the requirement for the UK to ratify the Convention; notes that since this Act received Royal Assent four years have passed with no indication that

ratification is imminent; recognises the need for both national and international action to tackle violence against women and girls; and supports the call by IC Change and other organisations for the Government to ratify the Convention by 8 June 2022.

156 Post-WWII forced deportation of Chinese seafarers

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 6

Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Dan Carden
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that this is the 75th anniversary of the forced deportations of thousands of Chinese seafarers after the Second World War, which left many families abandoned without support and with no idea of what had happened; notes that the restricted papers, made public after 50 years, show that decisions taken by the Home Office led to the forced deportation of over 2000 Chinese seafarers from Liverpool, many of whom put their lives on the line for the Allied war effort and who were repaid with this act; notes that this was one of the most nakedly racist incidents ever instigated by the Government, and that countless families suffered a lifetime of trauma as a result, many of whom died without ever knowing the truth about what happened to their loved ones with descendants still searching for answers and lost family members; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this atrocity and issue a full and formal apology for these grave injustices.

157 Rhos y Gwalia Outdoor Education Centre

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 2

Liz Saville Roberts
Jim Shannon

This House notes the challenges faced by businesses in the outdoors activity sector, including the Rhos y Gwalia Outdoor Education Centre, posed by the covid-19 pandemic; recognises the contribution such centres make to school education and student welfare through mental and physical activity outdoors; is concerned with the double hurdle faced by such businesses in the form of rigid occupancy rules for school visits in force in both England and Wales; and calls on the UK and Welsh governments to allow schools to participate in educational bubbles so that children and teachers can bounce back from covid-19 lockdowns by experiencing the great Welsh outdoors.

158 National Bingo Day

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 4

Dr Lisa Cameron
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates National Bingo Day on 27 June 2021, when operators from both land based and online bingo operators will be coming together to raise money for charity and celebrate their love of the game of Bingo and everything that makes it special including people, players, friends and community; recognises that bingo has been a mainstay of cultural life since the 1960's, welcoming thousands customers into bingo clubs every week to eat, drink and socialise over a much-loved inclusive game; notes that for many a visit to their local bingo club is the main

opportunity for a fun night out in a safe environment; further notes that bingo plays a vital role in tackling social isolation within communities across the country, especially during the covid-19 pandemic through virtual events; notes with concern that bingo clubs have lost approximately £269.3 million in revenue during lockdown and 39 clubs have closed; and calls on the Government to support the long term sustainability of bingo across the UK.

159 Child poverty

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 28

Rebecca Long Bailey
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne

Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

Neale Harvey

That this House notes that recent End Child Poverty coalition research indicates that there were 4.3 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2019-20 and that recent Households Below Average Income figures show child poverty is likely to have significantly worsened during the covid-19 pandemic; believes the Government must prioritise expanding the safety net for struggling families and those facing housing insecurity; recognises the Government's rolling out of free school meals during school closures, the extension of free school meals to children affected by the No Recourse to Public Funds condition, the £20 a week universal credit uplift, and the Covid Winter Grant Scheme that supported families in financial crisis; and supports recent calls from the Children's Society for the Government to turn these interventions into long term sustained investment to support low-income families.

160 Child poverty in the North West

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 25

Rebecca Long Bailey
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Ian Byrne

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that recent End Child Poverty coalition research indicates that there were 4.3 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2019-20, more than a third of children in the North West are growing up in poverty after housing costs are factored in, child poverty levels have risen in almost every local area in the North West from 2016 to 2020, and 75 per cent of children growing up in poverty live in a household where at least one person works; recognises the serious impact that childhood poverty can have on children's physical and mental health, education and life chances; welcomes the cross-sector support for urgent and ongoing action to tackle growing levels of child poverty; further recognises the work of myriad voluntary and community sector organisations such as Greater Manchester Poverty Action, Shared Health, and Salford CVS; acknowledges the findings of the latest End Child Poverty survey that less than one in five people think the Government is doing all it can to tackle this issue; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to fully commit to fighting child poverty by removing the two-child limit and the benefit cap, retaining the £20 a week uplift to universal credit longer term, extending the uplift to families on legacy benefits, and committing to increasing child-related benefits in the near future; and supports

ringfencing additional Government funding for local lifeline organisations in the voluntary and community sector.

161 S4C's success at the Broadcast Awards 2021

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **5**

Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Pete Wishart

That this house congratulates S4C for winning Best Lockdown Programme at the Broadcast awards with Dim Ysgol Maesincla; notes that the programme won the award against productions for ITV, BBC1, BBC2 and Channel 4 in the Best Lockdown Programme News, Documentary and Factual category; celebrates the programme's success in documenting the honest and heartwarming stories of the children, families and school staff of the Maesincla community during a time of great change with the judges praising the documentary for providing rare access to a community that isn't usually seen on television; and recognises that the programme has won an important award in the industry through the medium of Welsh.

162 Crisis of insecure work

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **10**

Jon Trickett
Andrew Gwynne
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House expresses alarm at the £107 billion rise in wealth for those at the top; notes that the levels of insecure employment in the UK are worryingly high and that data from the Office for National Statistics published on 18 May 2021 shows unemployment at 1.6 million; further notes that 1.5 million are in temporary work and that 1 million part time workers are struggling to find a full time job; recognises that this means more than 4 million people are underemployed; also recognises that 5.5 million workers are paid below the living wage, 857,000 workers are employed on zero hours contracts and 2.2 million workers currently work fewer than 15 hours a week; believes that this is contributing to a cost of living crisis in the UK, where millions struggle to make ends meet; expresses concern about what the future holds for the 4 million workers still on furlough, as well as the growing number of employers using fire & rehire tactics across all sectors, including Weetabix and Argos this week; acknowledges that 100 million fewer hours of work are currently being undertaken in the UK economy; and calls on the Government to radically increase investment across the UK to increase productivity, create sustainable well paid jobs of the future and to do more to help the millions workers facing a very uncertain future.

163 Eden Project DundeeTabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **8**

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Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Neale Harvey

Pete Wishart

That this House welcomes announcements from the Eden Project detailing their proposals to open a new facility on the site of the former Dundee Gasworks which will celebrate humanities connection to nature as well as delve into the cities historical nine trade guilds; recognises the significance of further investment into Dundee, helping to transform the city, and solidify its position as a major tourist destination; and commends all those who have worked to bring this vision closer to reality, with a scheduled opening for 2024.

164 Channel 4's role as a Public Service BroadcasterTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **25**

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John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Dawn Butler

Jonathan Edwards
 Daisy Cooper
 Deidre Brock

Ben Lake
 Colum Eastwood
 Kevin Brennan

Alan Brown
 Jon Trickett
 Allan Dorans

That this House shares the concern of the National Union of Journalists that the Government is still actively considering the privatisation of Channel Four Television Corporation, a publicly owned but commercially funded company which makes a notable contribution to British broadcasting; notes that Channel 4 is not presently run for profit, but generates revenues to put back into commissioning independent producers to make distinctive content; further notes that the company is required to fulfil a public-service remit, which stipulates it must be innovative and distinctive, stimulate public debate on contemporary issues, reflect cultural diversity of the UK, champion alternative points of view, inspire change in people's lives and nurture new and existing talent; observes that proposals to privatise the company were considered and rejected just five years ago, with the then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport describing the channel as a precious public asset; recalls that the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled *A Privatised Future for Channel Four?*, published in July 2016, HL Paper 17, warned that the distinctive quality and contribution of Channel 4 News in particular could be adversely affected by privatisation; considers that any steps towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; and therefore calls on the Government to commit to retaining Channel 4 in public hands.

165 MBRACE enquiryTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **4**

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That this House is concerned that the MBRACE: Perinatal Confidential Enquiry report on Stillbirths and neonatal deaths in twin pregnancies found twins are twice as likely to be stillborn and are three and a half times more likely to die as newborns; is further concerned that in one in two baby deaths reviewed the care was poor and that if it had been better may have prevented the baby from dying; notes inequalities in outcomes for twins is higher than all other communities; is troubled that progress in reducing twin baby deaths has stalled since 2016; acknowledges that preventing these twin baby deaths will contribute between 5 and 7 per cent towards the national ambition to halve all stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025; and backs Twins Trust's call for the report's recommendations to be explicitly highlighted in national policies, and for local maternity units across the UK to make improvements as a matter of urgency.

166 Achievement of Ayrshire CollegeTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **4**

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That this House recognises and congratulates the Ayrshire College HND Coaching and Developing Sport staff and students on their outstanding achievement of winning the prestigious Times Educational Supplement Further Education best Teaching and Learning Initiative Award for their mental health campaign entitled Mental Health United which is now embedded in college culture across several departments; and further congratulates the college on its work in engaging with the local community including the Kris Boyd Foundation on mental health, promoting the benefits that physical activity can have on a person's mental health and wellbeing and encouraging those who are emotionally vulnerable to seek help and support.