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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 29 June 2021

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New EDMs

260 Kingsway Community Connections

Tabled: 29/06/21 Signatories: 1

Carol Monaghan

That this House congratulates Kingsway Community Connections in the Glasgow North West constituency on their recent elections, rebranding and restructure; notes that Kingsway Community Connections have continued to develop their vital anchor organisation during the covid-19 outbreak; further notes that the appointment of a new managing director, chair and board of directors shows the organisation's commitment to improving the lives of their diverse community; and celebrates that the organisation's vision of bringing a proud, capable and confident multi-cultural community to life looks stronger than ever.

261 Prime Minister meeting with Libyan Premier and compensation

Tabled: 29/06/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the meeting between the UK Prime Minister and Libyan Prime Minister on Thursday 24th June 2021; recognises the continuing reprehensible situation affecting those innocent victims of Libyan IRA supplied semtex here in the UK, which resulted in many deaths and injuries, whereby no compensation has been paid despite repeated assurances by successive Governments that the matter is not closed; acknowledges that victims in other jurisdictions have received compensation; and calls for the campaign to be intensified as demanded by a range of innocent victims groups and various elected representatives including the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee in Parliament, and every avenue be actively pursued until final resolution is achieved, including HMRC flexibility regarding UK based profits on frozen Libyan assets.

262 UK citizenship chargesTabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **1****John Nicolson**

That this House regrets the extortionate charges for people wanting to gain citizenship to the UK; highlights that the fees are much higher than European neighbours and international allies; further highlights the exceptional social and economic benefit that immigrants contribute to the UK; and, finally, urges the Government to lower that cost to encourage immigration in a post-Brexit world.

263 Effect of ending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on levels of povertyTabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **1****David Linden**

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to direct Ministers to lay before this House, not later than 5.00pm on Thursday 1 July, all papers and correspondence compiled by the Department of Work and Pensions relating to an analysis of terminating the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the impact on levels of poverty.

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.

205 Cabinet Office clearing house and Freedom of InformationTabled: **15/06/21** Signatories: **32**

Navendu Mishra
Grahame Morris
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Liz Saville Roberts

Neale Hanvey

That this House believes that the Freedom of Information Act (2000) is a landmark piece of legislation which, when properly applied, helps to achieve democratic, public accountability and transparency across government; regrets that, too often, legitimate applications from the public are frustrated, delayed or illegitimately denied; notes that a key principle of the legislation is that requests should be treated in a "applicant-blind" process; further notes with concern indications that the Cabinet Office has been operating a secretive Clearing House, logging and scrutinising the identities of applicants, and withholding information to individuals based on their work as journalists; notes that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office went on public record to call such reports "ridiculous and tendentious"; recognises that in a recent Informational Tribunal ruling, the judge found that arguments presented in court by the Cabinet Office about the controversial Clearing House unit were 'misleading' and that there is a "profound lack of transparency about the operation", which might "extend to ministers"; welcomes the vital investigations being held by the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee into these matters, and joins Open Democracy and the National Union of Journalists in calling on the Committee to investigate whether any breach of the Ministerial Code has been committed;

and urges that all necessary steps are taken to ensure that Freedom of Information legislation is properly applied and enforced.

206 Imperial War Museum redundancies

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 20

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Margaret Ferrier
Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne

Marion Fellows

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the recent announcement of 49 redundancies across Visitor Services at the Imperial War Museum and its sister bodies; understands that jobs will be lost at numerous sites including the Churchill War Rooms, Imperial War Museums North and South and HMS Belfast; is aware that the contract for these roles has been outsourced since 2013 with a new contract awarded in January 2021 to ZE Global; is aware that ZE Global took over the Visitor Services contract in April 2021 and announced redundancies four weeks later on May 6th; is concerned that the loss of 49 posts across the estate will not only lead to a significant reduction in expertise and knowledge but will also pose a threat to the safety of those attending each institution; is aware that ZE Global and museum management have conducted a review and drawn up redundancy plans without consulting staff trade unions; and calls on Government to intervene to ensure jobs are retained across the estate and the safety of staff, visitors and exhibits is prioritised.

213 Royal Society of Biology's Parliamentary Links Day

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 5

Stephen Metcalfe
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Sir Peter Bottomley
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates The Royal Society of Biology on organizing this year's Parliamentary Links Day on Tuesday 22 June 2021 on behalf of the science and engineering community; applauds the timely theme of Science and Climate Change; welcomes the Society's continuing commitment to serve the public interest by improving the access of all Members to scientific information and a better understanding of science; notes the involvement of the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Council for the Mathematical Sciences, British Pharmacological Society, Biochemical Society, Physiological Society, Geological Society, British Ecological Society, Nutrition Society, Royal Society of Chemistry, British Society for Immunology, Anatomical Society, Society for Applied Microbiology, Society for Experimental Biology and many others; notes that the event will be launched by the Deputy Speaker Rt Hon Member for Epping Forest, and will include contributions from the Rt Hon Member for Reading West, the Rt Hon Member for Tunbridge Wells and the Hon Member for Newcastle Central; notes further the contributions from eminent scientists including Sir Adrian Smith, President of the Royal Society, Monica Dean and Dr Mahvash Siddiqui from the US State Department, and Sunan Jiang from the People's Republic of China, as well as Sir Patrick Vallance, Government Chief Scientific Adviser; notes that Parliamentary Links Day is an established and respected event on the annual Parliamentary calendar; and welcomes the

continuing contribution that Parliamentary Links Day makes to strengthening the dialogue between Parliament and the science and engineering community.

215 Windrush Day 2021

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 37

Helen Hayes
Florence Eshalomi
Caroline Lucas
Sir Peter Bottomley
Paula Barker
Dame Margaret Hodge

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that 22 June 2021 will be the 73rd anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Dock and the fourth annual Windrush Day; supports the commemorations across the country recognising the immense impact that the Windrush generation has had on the UK's society and culture since 1948; further notes that during the covid-19 outbreak the important role of Windrush citizens and their descendants in the NHS; deeply regrets the Windrush scandal and condemns the suffering caused by the Home Office to Windrush citizens, which led to many being wrongfully deported, losing their homes and livelihoods and being denied access to healthcare and public services; notes the excessive delays in the Windrush Compensation Scheme and the tragic deaths of at least 21 people before their compensation was paid; notes that many Windrush citizens continue to face extreme hardship and trauma as a consequence of their treatment by the Home Office; and calls on the Government urgently to speed up the processing of claims and fully implement the recommendations of the Windrush Lessons Learned Review to provide justice for the Windrush generation and deliver the change in culture, practice and policy that is needed to prevent any future similar scandal.

216 Serena Baker, Britain's best amateur sewer 2021

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 8

Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Christine Jardine
Anum Qaisar-Javed

Kirsty Blackman

That this House congratulates former Mearns Castle High School student Serena Baker for gaining the title of Britain's best amateur sewer by winning the Great British Sewing Bee 2021; applauds Serena for her fantastic final garments, in particular her striking acid yellow tulle evening gown inspired by Villanelle from the BBC TV Series Killing Eve, which stole the show and garnered high praise from the judges; recognises that Serena has made history as the youngest ever champion of the Great British Sewing Bee with top fashion designer Esme Young calling Serena a "really, really, really talented sewer"; celebrates the sewing talent all over East Renfrewshire including local resident Jenn Hogg, a Great British Sewing Bee semi-finalist in 2019 with her memorable scuba fabric tracksuit; recalls the admirable work of volunteers at East Renfrewshire Nifty Home Stitchers who used their sewing skills to make scrubs and washable scrub bags for NHS Scotland keyworkers and for key workers and volunteers supporting the work of IncludeMe2club, Barrhead Rotary Club, Angelic Threads 2020, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, and Neilston Development Trust in producing low-cost face coverings; and wishes Serena every success as she finishes her studies in

medicine and continues to follow her passion for sewing, knowing that her win will be celebrated at Mearns Castle High School and across East Renfrewshire.

218 Israel and Palestine

Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **14**

Debbie Abrahams
Mohammad Yasin
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens
Andy Slaughter
Owen Thompson

Neale Hanvey

That this House expresses its profound concern at recent events in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel; welcomes the ceasefire which began on 21 May 2021; calls for every effort to be made to end all attacks and forms of aggression, address the underlying causes and hold those responsible fully accountable; recognises that genuine calm and de-escalation can only be achieved with the full realisation of Palestinian rights and the end of Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory; and calls on the UK Government to work to end the 54 years of occupation and 14 years of the blockade of the Gaza Strip, lift the blockade of Gaza and allow the free flow of goods both way and ensure the tunnels under the Gaza-Egyptian border are closed off permanently with international monitoring, strengthen support for UNRWA and work with international partners to put it on a sustainable long-term financial footing to ensure the dignity of Palestinian refugees until such a time as a just and sustainable solution is achieved, work to ensure the holding of free and fair Presidential and Parliamentary Palestinian elections throughout the occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, end Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians including its own Palestinian citizens, ensuring all mob attacks are fully investigated and use every diplomatic method to bring about a peace process that can resolve this conflict on the basis of international law, justice and the end of all discrimination to ensure a secure and lasting peace.

219 Protection of seals

Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **15**

Tracey Crouch
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Jonathan Edwards
Tonia Antoniazzi

Sir David Amess

Sir Greg Knight

Andy Slaughter

That this House calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to amend the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 to make it an offence committed if a person (or a third party controlled by the person, including but not limited to; dogs, drones or vessels) intentionally or recklessly kills, injures, takes, disturbs or harasses a seal; recognises the importance of making legislation on disturbance of seals consistent with that for whales and dolphins; notes that seals, like nesting seabirds, are even more vulnerable to disturbance because of their need to rest, digest, moult, socialise and pup on land; further notes that disturbance includes all actions that change a seal's behaviour or its environment, affecting its wellbeing or survival prospects; understands that seals are highly mobile marine species that swim from site to site and need protection to follow them anywhere around the UK; recognises that such an amendment to existing legislation would have protected Freddie the

seal in the River Thames, who regrettably died following a dog attack in 2021; further recognises that seals make a positive contribution to local economies, providing ecosystem and health and wellbeing benefits; and further calls on the Government to amend existing legislation and continue to work with local authorities and seal conservation and welfare organisations to help educate the public on the importance of protecting the UK's globally rare and native species.

220 Meeting between parliamentarians and Julian Assange

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 21

Richard Burgon
Mr David Davis
Ms Diane Abbott
Caroline Lucas
Tommy Sheppard
John McDonnell

Grahame Morris

That this House expresses its concern at the refusal of the UK Government and prison authorities to allow an online video meeting between Julian Assange and a cross-party group of British parliamentarians; notes that the request was first made in December 2020 in a letter signed by 17 British parliamentarians from four parties; believes parliamentarians must be allowed to discuss important issues relating to press freedoms and the UK-US Extradition Treaty with interested parties; and calls on the Government to facilitate this meeting between Julian Assange and a cross-party group of parliamentarians.

223 Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 15

Andrew Rosindell
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes its concern over the recent arrests of a further five employees of Hong Kong newspaper Apple Daily on the suspicion of national security violations; recognises the importance of a free, open and robust media for holding the powerful to account and is concerned that these arrests mean that such a media no longer exists in Hong Kong; condemns the Hong Kong authorities for using the national security law to target Hongkongers who support democracy and human rights; welcomes those Hongkongers who have arrived in the UK to make a new life for themselves and to escape the brutality of the Chinese Communist Party; and commends the bravery and resilience of those Hongkongers who continue to fight for the freedom of their homeland.

229 The BBC One drama TimeTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **27**

Liz Saville Roberts
Dan Carden
Paula Barker
Ian Byrne
Kim Johnson
Chris Stephens

Marion Fellows

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the creators, cast and crew of the BBC One drama Time for shining a much-needed spotlight on the poor conditions endured by prisoners and prison staff; praises the authenticity and originality of this mini-series and the mesmerising but distressing way it highlights the extreme challenges facing anyone living or working in a prison; welcomes the resulting increased public interest in this critical component of our criminal justice system and the growing understanding that, unlike redemption, rehabilitation is impossible within violent and squalid prisons; and urges Ministers to watch Time, available on iPlayer, and to use shifting public opinion as an opportunity to take all necessary steps to minimise violence and other harm against prisoners and prison staff, starting with urgent investment to raise the level of prison officer experience, which has fallen every year since 2012.

231 Rise of anti-Indian racismTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **29**

Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Barry Gardiner
Mr Virendra Sharma
Paula Barker
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Richard Burgon
Neale Hanvey

Ian Byrne
Mary Kelly Foy

Jon Trickett
Chris Law

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

233 Use of restraints on children and young people

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 18

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Ian Lavery
Navendu Mishra
Claudia Webbe

Andy Slaughter

Neale Hanvey

That this House believes that no child or young person who has not committed nor been suspected of committing a crime be placed in handcuffs or subject to similar forms of restraint; notes with concern the prevalence of handcuffs being used against vulnerable children in the UK's care system by independent providers of secure transportation; understands that there is currently no legal obligation for these providers to report the use of handcuffs to the appropriate authorities and that this prevents an empirical understanding of how often and why handcuffs are being used; recognises the negative impact of such practices on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that further action to protect the health and wellbeing of these vulnerable children is needed through early intervention such as mentoring; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Hope instead of Handcuffs campaign to ban the handcuffing of innocent children and young people in the UK's care system unless there is a considerable risk of the child harming themselves or others and mandate that all organisations involved in the secure transportation of children be legally obliged to report any instances of the handcuffing of these children.

236 GKN Automotive alternative plan

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 60

Jack Dromey
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Kate Osborne
Preet Kaur Gill
Zarah Sultana

Ruth Cadbury

Christina Rees

That this House is alarmed by GKN Automotive's decision to close its Birmingham factory next year, with the loss of over 500 highly skilled jobs and work transferred to continental Europe; notes that GKN's origins trace back to the industrial revolution, with over 260 years of history that include making cannonballs for the Battle of Waterloo and parts for Spitfires in the Battle of Britain; further notes that GKN was subject to a hostile takeover in 2018 by venture capitalists Melrose Industries with promises made to rebuild the company into a British manufacturing powerhouse; is disappointed that GKN has rejected Unite the union's alternative business plan to save the factory, which is a major supplier to car plants across the West Midlands; believes that, with the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles ending in 2030, there is an urgent need to develop domestic infrastructure for producing electric vehicles; further believes that the factory can play a key role in the transition to electric vehicles by producing vital components such as the e-Drive axel, an existing GKN technology; welcomes assurances from Ministers that they are committed to doing what they can to save these high-skilled jobs, which could involve investment in capital equipment or skills to stoke the plant's competitiveness (Official Report, 28 April 2021, Cols 127WH 128WH); and calls on GKN to work with the Government and Unite to secure a viable future for the factory, and on the Government to provide whatever support is needed to achieve this.

237 International Women in Engineering Day

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart

Jonathan Edwards

That this House highlights International Women in Engineering Day (IWED) being celebrated on 23 June 2021; further notes the aims of IWED to support women to achieve their potential as engineers, applied scientists and leaders and to reward excellence, to encourage and promote the education, study and application of engineering and to work with organizations and influencers to promote gender diversity and equality in the workplace and sustain the historic legacy and future effectiveness of the Women's Engineering Society; and encourages schools, technical colleges and universities to engage in the promotion of International Women in Engineering Day and highlight the job opportunities and potential that exist in the sector.

240 Legacy of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu)

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 7

Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Pete Wishart
Marion Fellows

Jonathan Edwards

That this House mourns the passing of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu), musician, poet and frontman of legendary Welsh band Datblygu at 56 years old in his home in Carmarthen; celebrates the legacy of Mr Edwards, originally from Cardigan, whose radically original music and lyrics including on albums such as Wyau, Pyst and Libertino, paved the way for a whole generation of Welsh alternative musicians; notes that through their music and art, Datblygu, who formed in 1982 and released their most recent album in August 2020, have been especially influential in shaping the diverse and vibrant culture we enjoy in Wales today; and sends its condolences to his family and friends as they come to terms with the sad news of his passing.

241 General Practice Data for Planning Research

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 25

Dawn Butler
John McDonnell
Clive Lewis
Mr David Davis
Navendu Mishra
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is concerned with the current plans for the General Practice Data for Planning Research, while although noting the importance of data for legitimate research believes that it puts

patient data and medical histories at serious risk of abuse; believes that the plans will potentially discourage sick patients from seeking support from their GP as the trust between patient and GP confidentiality may be undermined; further believes that the Government's plan is putting undue pressure on already stretched GP practices; believes the current awareness of the plan by the general public is low and bureaucratic opt-out process is designed to dissuade patients; recognises the relationship between GPs and their patients and that general practices have an important role in trust within the healthcare system; and calls on the Government to stop the plan immediately, protect trust in General Practice, protect patient confidentiality for the long term, and embark on a data protection impact assessment.

243 Learning Disability Week 2021

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 17

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Andrew Gwynne
Clive Lewis

Joanna Cherry

Jonathan Edwards

Sir David Amess

That this House supports Learning Disability Awareness Week which took place from 14 to 20 June 2021; notes that the Week's theme was Art and Creativity; highlights that for many people with a learning disability and their families creativity has been a way to remain connected and positive throughout the challenges of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that for those with learning disabilities being creative through activities such as art and performing art can help with self-expression and self-confidence and improve mental health; and congratulates Mencap on their vital work delivering Learning Disability Awareness Week through arts and craft, symbolised recipes and video series and for their continued support for those with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

244 Stadler and fair pay for keyworkers on the Tyne and Wear Metro

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 8

Ian Mearns [R]
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett

Jim Shannon

That this House notes that staff who work to maintain the Tyne and Wear Metro's fleet have worked hard to keep the region's highly successful Metro service running throughout the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that those workers were recently transferred into the employment of Stadler Rail Services UK, a subsidiary of Stadler Rail AG; notes that, on transfer, Stadler's UK managing director said he was well aware of the critical role each and every one of them would play in the company's future success; notes that Stadler's latest financial results show a revenue of 3.1 billion Swiss francs and an eight per cent rise in net profits; notes with concern that in spite of those results, Stadler is imposing a pay freeze on the same dedicated workers who have maintained the Tyne and Wear Metro fleet at a time when inflation is rising fast; deeply regrets that Stadler's actions have resulted in RMT and Unite members voting to take strike action; believes that

industrial action would be damaging to the Tyne and Wear Metro's recovery; and calls on Stadler to return to the table with a fair pay offer to resolve the dispute.

245 Linton Lane Centre supporting the community during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 3

Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

That this House praises the extraordinary efforts of Linton Lane Community Centre for its support of the Kirkcaldy community since 1926; recognises the outstanding achievement of Chair, Lorraine Wilkinson for preparing 4,000 meals for vulnerable people during the covid-19 pandemic; also recognises the passion and 25-year stewardship of Mandy Henderson, Centre Manager, and thanks all board members and volunteers who help countless people and families through times of crisis; acknowledges the friendship and individual support offered to whomever walks through the Linton Lane Centre's doors; celebrates the range of support groups, the mental health drop-in clinic, foodbank access and recreational classes that are vital to those in the community living with the effects of a stroke, head and brain trauma, alcohol and drug addiction; further acknowledges the delivery of over 100 Christmas hampers to senior citizens and individuals who were unable to attend the Centre due to lockdown restrictions last year; and notes with concern the necessity for the Linton Lane Centre to continually have to seek financial support, yet gives thanks to funders past and present who ensure these local champions continue to deliver outstanding support to their community.

246 East Kilbride and District Young Farmers Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2021

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the East Kilbride and District Young Farmers on their receipt of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service; further congratulates them for continuing their commitment to the East Kilbride community during the difficulties of the last year; notes the long-standing dedication of the club and its members to supporting the local community, working with young people to realize their full potential; recognises the organisation's successful events raising funds for East Kilbride Dementia Carer's Group, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kilbryde Hospice, Maggie's, Samaritans, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance; and wishes the club success with future fundraisers and endeavours.

247 Independent bookshops in Oxford West and AbingdonTabled: **24/06/21** Signatories: **2****Layla Moran**
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the important work of independent bookshops in Independent Book Shop Week 2021 from 19 to 26 June; celebrates the significant cultural and economic contributions of local independent bookshops to the communities of Oxford West and Abingdon including the Last Book Jericho, Bookstore Ltd and Mostly Books; notes the community spirit independent book shops create; understands that a book shop is not just a place to purchase a book, but to gain expertise and get advice, attend events and peak people's interest in reading; acknowledges the threat that online book retailers pose to independent bookshops; calls on people to support local independent book shops as coronavirus restrictions are relaxed; urges the Government to ensure these invaluable assets to the community and the high street are supported so they remain in the years ahead; and further urges the Government to urgently recognise the social value and cultural importance of independent bookshops.

248 Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club - Club of the Year 2021Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **3****Kirsten Oswald**
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club on winning the Club of the Year award at the 2021 Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Tennis Awards; notes that Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club beat over 2,600 other LTA registered clubs and was the only Scottish Club to make the nomination shortlist; recognises that this year the Club of the Year category focused on how clubs responded to the covid-19 pandemic and rewarded those who reacted pro-actively, demonstrated support not only to their membership but also to their local community, and when permitted, provided a safe environment in which to play; celebrates Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club's outstanding work in setting up the Giffnock Community Outreach Project to ensure members, their families and friends were supported and offered practical assistance ranging from food parcels to care packages, online social events and a telephone buddy system; commends Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club for being one of the first sports clubs in Scotland to become covid-19 compliant; and acknowledges the fantastic efforts of staff, volunteers and members in supporting those in need and playing an important role in the local community in Giffnock.

249 Preston Lodge High School under 15's football victoryTabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **4****Kenny MacAskill**
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Preston Lodge High School on winning the boys Scottish Schools' under 15 Shield for the first time on Wednesday afternoon at the Excelsior Stadium; applauds the Scottish Schools Football Association, the Governing body for schools' football in Scotland, for their dedicated work with grassroots clubs supporting players in areas of deprivation by encouraging and facilitating boys and girls to participate in football; acknowledges the impact the covid-19 pandemic

has had on the grassroots game; and commends the work of the Preston Lodge team and their coaches on attaining their impressive victory.

250 Welfare support for terminally ill people

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **15**

Drew Hendry
Andrew Gwynne
Jim Shannon
Claudia Webbe
Marion Fellows
Joanna Cherry

Jonathan Edwards
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Alison Thewliss

Kirsty Blackman
 David Linden
 Owen Thompson

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
 Gavin Newlands
 Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that Marie Curie and the Motor Neurone Disease Association estimate that more than 6,000 people have died waiting for a decision on their benefits claim since the Department for Work and Pensions announced its review of the benefits system for terminally ill people and the Special Rules for Terminal Illness scheme in 2019; further notes that that review has yet to be published despite the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Terminal Illness's inquiry report of 2019 revealing that the six-month rule leaves terminally ill people facing devastating and far-reaching financial hardship and crippling debt; and calls on the Government to urgently publish its report into how the benefits system treats terminally ill people and bring forward proposals to end that punitive six-month rule without further delay.

251 National PTA Awards 2021

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **4**

Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Grahame Morris

That this House celebrates National PTA Week, which took place from 21 to 25 June 2021 and was launched by Parentkind, the largest network of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) fundraisers in the UK; recognises the remarkable achievement of voluntary efforts that have raised over £300 million for schools over the last three years; acknowledges the dedication and determination that PTAs have shown in maintaining support for schools despite the devastating effects of the covid-19 pandemic; notes the vital role played by PTAs, not only in fundraising, but in building the school community; and congratulates the National PTA Award winners Niels Junior Infant and Nursery School PTFA for PTA Fundraising Achievement of the Year, Willesborough Junior School Fundraisers for PTA Community Initiative of the Year, The John Roan School Association as New PTA of the Year, Michelle Draper and Rachel Rodway from High Cross Primary School PTA as PTA Volunteers of the Year, Teresa Banks from Friends of Holy Trinity Primary School as PTA Hero, and Community at Linden Lodge for Changing the Life of the School and as PTA of the Year.

254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome AwarenessTabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **13**

Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Brendan O'Hara
Dr Philippa Whitford
Joanna Cherry

Kirsty Blackman
 John Nicolson
 John McNally

Kirsten Oswald
 Martin Docherty-Hughes

Owen Thompson
 Neale Hanvey

That this House commends Rett UK for the invaluable work they do as the only specialist charity in the UK to provide professional family support, information and advice to those affected by Rett Syndrome; recognises the need for greater awareness of Rett Syndrome as a rare neurological condition that impacts one in 10,000 girls born each year; notes their vision that everyone with Rett syndrome should be given every possible opportunity to achieve their individual potential so that they may live their life to the full; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work, particularly in their increased service support during the covid-19 outbreak and wishes them well for the future.

255 Death of Jim Walker MBETabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **6**

Martyn Day
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Marion Fellows
Neale Hanvey
John McNally

That this House recognises the life and work of Jim Walker, MBE, former local councillor in his beloved Bathgate for 30 years and tireless local champion for the community of Bathgate; sends deepest condolences to his family; notes that Jim Walker was an exemplary champion of his community, serving as Bathgate Procession Secretary since 1962 at the age of 18, founder member of Newlands Brass Band, President of Bathgate Thistle Football Club, proud past Chieftain of Bathgate Highland Games and recognises his commitment to many other local organisations; further notes that he was instrumental in the forming of the Twinning Agreement between Cran Gevrier in France and Bathgate; further recognises the passion he had for his work in Bathgate and the respect he gained within the local community, both as a local councillor and as a community activist; and notes the pride his family, friends and organisations he has served will have for his lifetime commitment to the community he served so well.

256 Government contractor Mitie Group plc and employment practices

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 10

Paula Barker
 John McDonnell
 Chris Stephens
 Kim Johnson
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Navendu Mishra

Andrew Gwynne

Jim Shannon

Ian Lavery

That this House believes that the practice of threatening employees with being fired and rehired unless they accept inferior terms and conditions is immoral, unacceptable and should be made unlawful; notes that Government Ministers have previously condemned the use of such threats as a negotiating tactic; is concerned by reports that Mitie Group Plc, who have been awarded public contracts for Facilities Management, and are on the Government's strategic supplier list, are presently reportedly attempting to force through changes to pay arrangements which would be detrimental to staff including security guards employed on a number of central Government outsourced contracts; fears that unless the Cabinet Office makes clear to companies on its strategic supplier list that all such threats must be withdrawn, the same tactics may proliferate to further undermine the pay, terms and conditions of low paid, outsourced facilities management workers; and therefore joins the PCS union in calling on the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office to instruct Mitie to withdraw threats of fire and rehire immediately, and to demonstrate to all its strategic suppliers that such tactics will not be tolerated.

257 Coronavirus cross-party procurement task-force

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 3

Neale Hanvey
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the public's growing concern and alarm over the opacity of procurement contracting under emergency coronavirus powers; further notes that to date two Secretaries of State have been found to have acted unlawfully by the High Court in this regard; notes with further concern a reluctance of Government to disclose details of companies awarded contracts introduced to a high-priority lane by Ministers, hon. Members or Peers and officials; and calls for the formation of a cross party task-force to examine and reassure the House, and the wider public, of propriety in the conduct of such business.

258 BBC Scotland Studios and broadcasting powers

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill
 Neale Hanvey

That this House notes with concern findings of an investigation by The National newspaper which reported BBC Scotland senior Executives have been instructed to develop proposals to enable Studioworks, a subsidiary of the BBC to take over key parts of BBC Scotland's operation by transferring control of two studios at Pacific Quay to the BBC in London; condemns this unacceptable power grab and asset stripping of the Glasgow studios which have been identified as a commercial opportunity by BBC management in London; believes these proposals may put at risk many jobs of the 150 direct employees as well as those in the wider TV and creative sector in Scotland; is dismayed at the suggestion under this proposal that BBC Scotland would lose a

lucrative income stream from the studios, as well as making BBC Scotland pay Studioworks in future for using studios that it currently owns; pays tribute to the professionalism and loyalty of the studio employees, including camera operators, vision mixers and sound engineers; notes that the investigation reported that two senior BBC Scotland Executives have informed staff that this plan does not represent the best deal for Scotland; calls for responsibility for the regulation and licensing of broadcasting to be transferred to Holyrood to allow effective Ministerial oversight and parliamentary accountability of public sector broadcasting in Scotland; and further calls for a BBC Scotland interim board to be established, replacing the BBC Scotland Scottish Advisory Council, to be appointed by the Scottish Parliament to provide oversight and reflect Scottish views

259 FASS/ADAPT supporting substance misuse in Fife's communities during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **2**

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the extraordinary efforts of ADAPT workers who continued to deliver front line services across the communities of Fife throughout the covid-19 pandemic; further recognises their voluntary service in support of NHS Fife colleagues; acknowledges the delivery of 100 prescriptions daily over a four month period on behalf of NHS Fife Addiction services; further acknowledges the ADAPT Triage and Support Service delivery of 1,485 counselling appointments to 706 clients; notes that the Near Fatal Overdose Project distributed 1,800 Naloxone kits in partnership with NHS Fife Addiction services and has been recognized as the leading service for near fatal overdose prevention with its model being adopted as part of a national program; recognises the support of the STV Appeal in providing supermarket vouchers, electricity top-ups and food parcels for 84 families and 107 children throughout Fife; yet notes that while more financial support is sought by ADAPT to support Fife's communities they deeply value the ongoing support of Fife ADP and the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership.