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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 30 June 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 264 Families of children with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Owen Thompson**

That this House recognises the challenges faced by parents of children with unique or extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders in receiving tailored medical care and locating support groups specific to their situation, as well as in being able to know what to expect or gauge against; commends the work of Unique, whose database helps to track down and pair families with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders; notes that Unique was founded in 1984 by Edna Knight after two of her four daughters were born with a rare chromosomal disorder; and welcomes significant progress in recent years in helping families overcome diagnostic obstacles through DNA sequencing.

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#### 265 Co-operative businesses 250 years after Robert Owen

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Geraint Davies**

That this House notes that the UK co-operative movement has grown to a combined annual turnover of £38.2 billion and has increased by £340 million in the last year; notes that over 7,000 independent co-operatives in the UK are owned by over 14 million members and 241,714 employees; recognises the contribution of the co-operative sector in response to the national effort against the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; further recognises the role co-operatives can play in rebuilding the economy in the aftermath of the covid-19 crisis; notes that Co-operatives Fortnight takes place from 21 June until 4 July 2021; recognises that 2021 marks 250 years since the birth of Robert Owen and notes his contribution and legacy as the father of co-operation; and urges the Government to take steps to increase the size of the co-operative sector.

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**266 Sarcoma UK and Sarcoma Awareness Month 2021**

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Marion Fellows**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**David Linden**  
**Patricia Gibson**

That this House recognises Sarcoma Awareness Month from 1 to 31 July, and its importance in spreading awareness of Sarcoma as an uncommon and fast-spreading cancer; acknowledges the necessity of early, fast and accurate diagnosis for the 5,300 people diagnosed with the disease annually in the UK; recognises the hard work of carers, NHS and Hospice staff for all they do to support patients; commends the charity Sarcoma UK for its excellent work in providing essential information, support and advocacy for those diagnosed with Sarcoma and their families; and further commends the staff at Sarcoma UK for continuing to advocate for Sarcoma patients to have access to the best physical and psychological care possible.

**267 Baroness Harding of Winscombe and the role of Chief Executive of NHS England**

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 21

**Richard Burgon**  
**Dawn Butler**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Clive Lewis**

Ms Diane Abbott  
 Apsana Begum  
 Tahir Ali  
 Paula Barker  
 Jeremy Corbyn

Kate Osborne  
 Mick Whitley  
 Jon Trickett  
 Grahame Morris  
 Claudia Webbe

John McDonnell  
 Beth Winter  
 Ian Byrne  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Ian Mearns

That this House notes reports that Baroness Dido Harding has applied to become Chief Executive of NHS England; notes that the NHS Act 2006 requires the consent of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to the appointment of the Chief Executive of NHS England; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to block the appointment of Baroness Dido Harding to this role.

**268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021**

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House notes that from 4 to 11 July 2021, the UK will mark Srebrenica Memorial Week with commemorations taking place in hundreds of schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres, and police forces to name but a few, all of which bring the nation together in powerful acts of remembrance to mark the 26th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide; further notes the theme for this year is Rebuilding Lives, which will enable individuals to gain an insight into the challenges that those who survive genocide and ethnic cleansing face and how they have been able to overcome these challenges whilst encouraging others to think about our own responsibility in ensuring that prejudice does not take root in our communities; recognises the courage of the survivors who continue to be a source of inspiration, and who despite experiencing the very worst

of humanity, have shown great strength and determination to rebuild their lives; and commends the work done by the charity Remembering Srebrenica who since 2013 have educated 130,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,800 community actions to take place right across the country each year, and have created 1,450 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities.

## 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.

### 215 **Windrush Day 2021**

Tabled: **17/06/21** Signatories: **38**

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

Jonathan Edwards

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: **10**

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

Chris Law

John Nicolson

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.

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## 218 Israel and Palestine

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 16

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

Tommy Sheppard

Zarah Sultana

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.

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**222 Anti-Asian hate crime**Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **18**

**Deidre Brock**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Navendu Mishra**

Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates the British Born Young Talent Association (BBYTA) on holding its recent seminar on Conversations on Anti-Asian Hate; notes from the seminar that many of our Asian communities, in the wake of covid-19, have experienced an increase in hate crime; appreciates BBYTA raising awareness of such an important matter; condemns racism; and encourages people to report such incidents to the police.

**231 Rise of anti-Indian racism**Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **30**

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

Beth Winter

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: **19**

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

John McDonnell

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.

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### 234 Anniversary of Kilcreggan Primary School

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 8

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Kilcreggan Primary school on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the current school by the former Argyll and Bute Provost, Billy Petrie in 1971; commends Head Teacher Frances Bretman and staff in providing a positive learning environment for the children to grow and develop into confident and happy young people and being located in the beautiful Rosneath Peninsula, offers a unique outdoor education and experience within the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence; notes that the pupils celebrated the anniversary by researching the school's 150 year history and by speaking to past pupils and staff, were able to gain a real insight into school life in the last fifty years; hopes that, when the restrictions due to Covid-19 are lifted, the school will be able to celebrate their anniversary with the community in which they play an important part; and thanks staff for their continued dedication and commitment and wishes all those involved in Kilcreggan Primary school every success in the future.

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### 237 International Women in Engineering Day

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 8

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

John McDonnell

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.

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## 238 World Continence Week

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 7

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

John McDonnell

That this House recognises World Continence Week, from 21 to 27 June 2021, which aims to raise awareness of incontinence related issues; observes the devastating impact that incontinence can have on quality of life; further notes that an estimated 6 million people in the UK, on average over 9,000 in each parliamentary constituency, are affected by continence problems with many relying on urology appliances every day allowing them independence and avoiding repeated medical consultation; regrets that urinary tract infections remain one of the most frequent causes of unplanned hospital admissions requiring the commitment of major NHS resources; further notes that NICE considers intermittent self-catheterisation with single use catheters as the gold standard in urine drainage and for reducing the risk of infection; acknowledges the extent to which suppliers of continence products ensured continued supply to patients throughout the pandemic; and encourages the Government to ensure that urinary device development and innovation continue to be encouraged to improve patients' quality of life and longevity, whilst further boosting the success of the important medical technology sector and its contribution to the economy.

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## 241 General Practice Data for Planning Research

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 26

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

Emma Hardy

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.

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**242 John Frace, Dunoon and Scotland's award for covid-19 tracker website**

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 10

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Pete Wishart**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Dunoon resident John Frace on being awarded outstanding contribution from a university student in the Herald Higher Education Awards 2021 for his work in establishing the Scottish and UK covid-19 tracking website; commends the remarkable work of John, a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands in collating data and statistics on coronavirus cases, including the tracking of the vaccination programme; acknowledges the contribution of the website in distributing and sharing information about the pandemic, which has led to the website receiving acclaim from both scientific experts and the wider public; acknowledges that to date the website has attracted almost 15 million views, with more than 1,000 people logging on every day to see the updates; applauds John's dedication to the tracking website, which he has continued to run alongside his university studies; thanks John for his commitment to providing up-to-date data and analysis on the pandemic and the recovery; and wishes John every success in his future studies.

**243 Learning Disability Week 2021**

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 20

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

Chris Law

John McDonnell

John Nicolson

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: 9

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

John McDonnell

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.

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

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 8

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

Chris Law

John Nicolson

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 Abingdon**

Tabled: 24/06/21 Signatories: 3

**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**

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.

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**248 Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club - Club of the Year 2021**

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 6

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**John Nicolson**

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.

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**250 Welfare support for terminally ill people**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **20**

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

Allan Dorans  
John McDonnell

Dr Lisa Cameron  
John Nicolson

Chris Law

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.

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**251 National PTA Awards 2021**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **5**

**Ian Mearns**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Jon Trickett**

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.

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**254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome Awareness**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **17**

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

Allan Dorans  
 John McDonnell

Dr Lisa Cameron

Chris Law

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 MBE**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **9**

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

Allan Dorans

Chris Law

John Nicolson

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: 14

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

Jon Trickett  
 Allan Dorans

Kenny MacAskill

Alan Brown

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.

**258 BBC Scotland Studios and broadcasting powers**

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 3

Kenny MacAskill  
 Neale Hanvey  
 John McDonnell

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

**260 Kingsway Community Connections**Tabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **6**

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**John Nicolson**

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: **3**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Jim Shannon**

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 charges**Tabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **11**

**John Nicolson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Marion Fellows  
 John McDonnell

Jim Shannon  
 Ben Lake

Chris Law

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.

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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.