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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 1 July 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 1

**Stephen Flynn**

That this House congratulates pupils from the International School Aberdeen on being selected as finalists in 2021's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition; notes that over 1,500 young people from across Scotland took part, creatively expressing their messages of inclusion with some fantastic artwork, poetry, creative writing, t-shirt designs, music and short films; acknowledges that the competition encourages children to develop a piece of creative work that gets across a clear message of anti-racism and the positive impact this can have on the attitudes of young people, and wider society; and praises the continuous work of Show Racism the Red Card in Scotland in encouraging and educating young people to respect each other.

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#### 270 In remembrance of Willie Duncan

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 1

**Peter Grant**

That this House remembers Willie Duncan of Cardenden, fondly known by many as Dunc, who was a stalwart of the local community right up until his recent passing; recognises the significant contributions he made over many years to the development of the ABCD villages (Auchterderran, Bowhill, Cardenden and Dundonald); highlights that his work was so appreciated by the community that a couple of years ago the Cardenden Community Development Fund named Dunc's View in his honour after the refurbishment of the popular beauty spot right in the heart of the community; notes his willingness to work with anyone and everyone if it benefitted the local area in some way; commends his true and unwavering commitment and the jovial nature to which he dedicated so

much of his time to the local area and its people; and sends its condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.

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**271 Levenmouth, Fife, Climate Beacon for COP26**

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 1

**Peter Grant**

That this House congratulates The Leven Programme, ONFife and Levenmouth Academy, alongside other local organisations, in becoming Fife's Climate Beacon and bringing arts and science together to raise public engagement on Climate Change; recognises the role of the Scottish Government's Climate Change and Culture Divisions, Creative Scotland and Museum Galleries Scotland in providing funding and expertise for the project which will see these organisations coming together to inspire positive action on climate change across Fife and the whole of Scotland in the run up to and beyond the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26); commends the important role this will play in sharing stories of the proud industrial heritage of Fife and to show the world how Scotland and our communities can transform to a resilient low carbon community for the future; highlights the pioneering aspect of the project to ensure that negotiations from COP26 will be linked back to our communities and felt not only in Glasgow but across the whole country; thanks all of the individuals involved with this programme; and encourages the public to get involved and consider how they too can make a positive impact on climate change.

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**272 Rose Duncan, Collydean Community Centre**

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 1

**Peter Grant**

That this House commends the work of Rose Duncan, Manager of Collydean Community Centre for the last two and a half years; highlights the vital work of Rose and the many volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak whereby they supported vulnerable people in the North Glenrothes area by extending a hand of friendship and ensuring that the most vulnerable were able to receive supplies to their homes; thanks her and the team for their work on various other projects such as the Community Larder, their Detached Youth Work with young people and their work on getting Senior Citizens online access; recognises the vital role that Rose has played in taking the Community Centre to the next level in ensuring it is accessible to all and in becoming an integral part of the local community where people are at the heart of everything they do; further thanks Rose for being such an inspiration to the community and beyond; and wishes Rose all the best in her future endeavours.

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**273 Service reductions at the British Council**

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House acknowledges the vital role of the British Council in promoting education, training and language across the globe; notes that it was created in 1934 to improve global cultural relations and social mobility and currently works with over 100 countries worldwide changing the lives of millions and helping people to understand other cultures as well as promoting British values; is aware that the British Council employs over 11,000 people across the world with over 1000 being UK based staff; is further aware that ordinarily the British Council generates 85 per cent of its income through teaching and examinations but has faced major difficulties due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that in 2020 thanks to the campaigning efforts of the PCS Union and other supportive organisations and individuals, additional money was secured from Government to see the organisations through its financial difficulties; is concerned that the loans provided as well as

emergency funding has come with stringent and detrimental conditions determined by the FCDO including the sale of a section of its commercial business in India, a restructure resulting in a 15 to 20 per cent cut to staffing and estates related to the organisation potentially resulting in the loss of around 2000 skilled and vital jobs; and therefore calls on the FCDO to halt the redundancy process and support the British Council in future strategic and detailed planning which retains jobs and the valued reputation of the organisation across the world.

## 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: **40**

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

Anne McLaughlin

Wendy Chamberlain

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: **11**

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

Patrick Grady

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.

## 217 **Bereavement support payment, widowed parent's allowance and cohabitees**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 12

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

Patricia Gibson

That this House calls for the extension of the Bereavement Support Payment and Widowed Parent's Allowance to people who were cohabiting but were not married or in a civil partnership; notes that judgments from the matter of an application by Siobhan Mclaughlin for Judicial Review (Northern Ireland) [2018] UKSC 48 and R (Jackson & Others) v SSWP [2020] EWHC 183, found that denying co-habiting parents the payments constitutes a breach of human rights and is not a proportional means of promoting marriage; further notes it has been nearly a year since the Government outlined its intention to take forward a Remedial Order to remove the incompatibilities of an extension from the legislation governing Bereavement Support Payment Widowed Parent's Allowance; and calls on the Government to swiftly fulfil the judgments of the courts to fix this manifestly unjust situation which affects some 2,000 families with children annually.

## 221 **Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver Shortages**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 10

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Ian Mearns**

Patricia Gibson

That this House notes with concern that the transport industry currently estimates the labour shortages of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) drivers to be between 60,000 and 76,000; recognises that whilst shortages are a longstanding issue, a combination of factors have exacerbated the situation and led to the current crisis point; these factors include the increasing number of retiring drivers, restrictions to vocational driving tests during the pandemic impacting the industry's ability to train

and recruit new drivers, and the loss of EU drivers due to uncertainty over their future rights to live and work in the UK; is concerned that haulage businesses have thousands of HGVs parked up because there are no drivers to drive them and that statistics released by the Road Haulage Association show that, as a result, lead times for deliveries have extended from an average of 24 hours to more than 80 hours; is further concerned about the knock on impact on supply chains; and calls on the UK Government to urgently add HGV drivers to the Shortage Occupation List.

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## 223 **Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong**

Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **16**

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

John Nicolson

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.

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## 225 **EU Settlement Scheme**

Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **19**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Patricia Gibson

That this House is concerned that many resident EU citizens may lose their rights to live and work in the UK following the 30 June 2021 deadline of the EU Settlement Scheme; notes that over 5 million applications have been made to the Scheme, over 90,000 coming from people in Wales; further notes that as the Government does not know the precise numbers of eligible people, it is not possible to know how many have not yet registered; acknowledges the barriers that some EU citizens and non-EU family members face in obtaining settled status, including a lack of awareness or understanding, misconceptions regarding the application process, difficulties evidencing residency or identity and confusion around deadlines; recognises that eligible applicants may lose their rights if their case is unresolved beyond 30 June 2021 and that this will likely impact upon vulnerable applicants with complicated cases; and calls on the Government to extend the application deadline beyond 30 June 2021, ensuring that nobody loses their current rights and fulfilling its commitment to fair treatment for all resident EU nationals in the UK as outlined in the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

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**231 Rise of anti-Indian racism**Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **32**

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

Apsana Begum

Rebecca Long Bailey

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.

**234 Anniversary of Kilcreggan Primary School**Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **9**

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

Patrick Grady

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.

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

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 12

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

Patricia Gibson

Patrick Grady

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.

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

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 7

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

Patrick Grady

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.

**250 Welfare support for terminally ill people**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **22**

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

Patricia Gibson

Patrick Grady

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.

**254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome Awareness**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **19**

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

Patrick Grady

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: **10**

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

Patrick Grady

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: **22**

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

Christina Rees  
 Barry Gardiner  
 Mick Whitley

Gavin Newlands  
 Marion Fellows  
 Rosie Cooper

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Tommy Sheppard

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.

**260 Kingsway Community Connections**Tabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **7**

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

Patrick Grady

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.

**262 UK citizenship charges**Tabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **14**

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

Patricia Gibson

Patrick Grady

Stewart Hosie

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 poverty**Tabled: **29/06/21** Signatories: **12**

**David Linden**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Patrick Grady

Marion Fellows

Kenny MacAskill

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.

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

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 16

**Owen Thompson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Patricia Gibson**

Dr Lisa Cameron  
 Dave Doogan  
 Marion Fellows  
 Patrick Grady

Stuart C McDonald  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 John Nicolson

Brendan O'Hara  
 Gavin Newlands  
 Allan Dorans

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: 2

**Geraint Davies**  
**Jim Shannon**

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: 16

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

Andrew Gwynne  
 Patrick Grady  
 Ronnie Cowan  
 Christine Jardine

John Nicolson  
 Richard Thomson  
 Anum Qaisar-Javed

Allan Dorans  
 Alan Brown  
 Stewart Hosie

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.

**268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021**

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

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.