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New EDMs

445 Palliative care

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Siobhain McDonagh

That this House notes with concern a recent report by Marie Curie which predicts a 42 per cent increase in demand for end-of-life care by 2040; acknowledges the lack of funding for palliative care in the UK; recognises the crucial role end-of-life care has played during the covid-19 pandemic; understands that palliative care services are under significant strain and as a result almost 15,000 people have died outside of hospital without the necessary support during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the continual increase in cost to provide these vital services; and therefore calls on the Government to bring forward plans to this House that resolves the social care crisis and provides sustainable funding for the palliative care sector.

446 Broadband for the Rural North campaign

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House commends Broadband for the Rural North's (B4RN) non-profit, community-led approach to developing Fibre To the Premises (FTTP) networks, which has connected 9000 properties across Cumbria, Lancashire and Northumberland; notes the Government's intention to deliver a minimum of 85 per cent gigabit-capable coverage across the UK by 2025 through Project Gigabit; realises that the model of community-led ISPs, such as B4RN, do not fit with the conditions placed upon Regional and Local suppliers through Project Gigabit; further notes that the deadline for individuals to register for the Voucher Scheme is 24th September 2021; and calls on the Government to ensure the future of Community Benefit Society ISPs by moving areas where they are already actively engaged into Conditional White procurement categories.

447 Kirkcaldy Strong group's community walk

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates community fundraising group Kirkcaldy Strong on successfully completing their community walk on 11th September; understands that their route took them via various local charities for whom they were raising funds, including Nourish Support Centre, Kirkcaldy Samaritans, Greener Kirkcaldy, Kirkcaldy Foodbank, Victoria Radio Network, Pete's Man Chat Movement, Fife Centre for Equalities and the Linton Lane Centre; notes that over £2,200 has been raised already in direct connection with the walk; pays credit to the incredible efforts of Kirkcaldy Strong founder Lisa May Young on organising and leading the event with the help of some fellow volunteers; thanks the local businesses who supported the initiative, including Cupcake Coffee Box, Fife Free Press, The Courier and Kingdom FM; and congratulates all who took part and helped to raise such valuable funds for these vital local charities supporting the Kirkcaldy community, particularly those who braved the heat in dinosaur and mascot costumes.

448 South Western Railway proposed timetable changes

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Sarah Olney

That this House acknowledges the new timetable proposed by South Western Railway, due to come into effect in December 2022; laments that the proposed timetable amounts to a significant reduction in services; notes that current passenger behaviour is not yet representative of post-pandemic demand for public transport; further notes the importance of ensuring that service levels reflect post-pandemic passenger demand; recognises that accepted housing developments in areas near to potentially impacted rail stations have been designed in accordance with pre-pandemic service levels; further recognises South West Railway's analysis that leisure journeys will return to pre-pandemic levels; expresses concern that at this time of climate crisis, rail services are vital in reducing emissions from private vehicles; believes that announcements on proposed changes should be withheld to avoid incentivising commuters towards more polluting forms of transport; and calls on the Department for Transport to make the necessary interventions to protect heavily relied upon South Western Railway services.

449 60 years of independent television in the north of Scotland

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Richard Thomson

That this House notes that 30 September 2021 marks sixty years of Independent Television in the North of Scotland; notes that Grampian Television, which served the area with distinction from 1961 to 2006, produced programming in Gaelic, English and Scots at a time when the indigenous languages of Scotland were under increasing threat from globalisation; recognises that many of those programmes are now a valuable archive of the language and culture of North and North-east Scotland; and calls for the full devolution of broadcasting powers to the Scottish Parliament in order that broadcasting policy better reflects the priorities and needs of the people of Scotland.

450 Anthony Nolan and Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises Blood Cancer Awareness Month from 1-30 September; notes its importance for raising awareness of blood cancers and the necessity of their early diagnosis to save lives; commends charitable organisations like Anthony Nolan and their campaign to amplify voices of blood cancer patients; recognises their Blood Cancer Awareness Month campaign to stop blood cancer patients being left behind as we come out of the pandemic; and further commends the staff at Anthony Nolan for continuing to provide advocacy, wellbeing and treatment support to blood cancer patients across Scotland and the UK during this challenging time.

451 University of St Andrews ranks first in the Good University Guide 2021

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House congratulates the University of St Andrews for being ranked first in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021; praises the dedication of students and staff to high academic standards with outstanding teaching and learning opportunities; recognises the achievement of moving to online teaching with only a minimal decline in recorded student satisfactions; recognises all individuals engaged with the university who contribute to the outstanding student experience; and wish all students and staff the very best for the 2021/2022 academic year.

452 John Henderson and the 2021 World Cup of Darts

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates John Henderson of Huntly, Aberdeenshire, on winning the PDC 2021 World Cup of Darts for Scotland with Peter Wright; notes that this is the second time in three years Scotland has won the title; commiserates with Austria, the defeated finalists this time; and wishes John and his many supporters many more victories in future.

453 Women in Football

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 3

**Julie Elliott
Owen Thompson
Kevin Brennan**

That this House welcomes Women in Football's new campaign #GetOnside; echoes the campaign's call for better gender equality in the football industry; notes Women in Football's success in representing women at all levels in the football industry; further notes the positive effect that the 2018 #WhatIf campaign had on equality in football; celebrates the work done by women at all levels of football, from the pitch, to the back rooms, to the boardrooms; thanks Chief Executive Officer Jane Purdon for all her work supporting women in the industry and for her time as CEO; thanks all the Women in Football staff and board for their work; recognises the work done by so many in the sport to support other women in the industry; and wishes Women in Football every success in the #GetOnside campaign.

454 Covid-19 vaccinations at Caird Hall

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Chris Law

That this House notes that Monday 20 September 2021 will be the last day that covid-19 vaccinations are delivered at Dundee's Caird Hall; celebrates that NHS Tayside have delivered 135,000 vaccinations at the Caird Hall over the last eight months to people across the city and wider Tayside area; further notes that delivery of the vaccination will now continue at a number of local venues across Dundee; thanks all NHS Tayside staff involved in the delivery of vaccinations for their hard work and commitment to keeping people safe throughout the pandemic; and encourages anyone who has yet to receive their vaccination to arrange for one soon.

455 Support for refugees

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the initiative between the Social Enterprise Academy Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council to support refugees by providing a series of six leadership and enterprise programmes which will help up to 84 people across Scotland; and further welcomes the focus on opportunities for new Scots to become valued contributors and leaders within their own communities.

456 Ringfenced radiotherapy funding

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House is deeply concerned by the scale and severity of the covid-19 induced cancer backlog; notes Macmillan's estimate that it will take the NHS 18 months, working at 110 per cent capacity, to clear the cancer backlog; recognises that the UK has one of the lowest cancer survivability rates in international league tables; further recognises that radiotherapy is a covid-19 safe and economical cancer treatment, costing between £4,000 and £7,000 per patient; further notes the UK's historic underfunding of radiotherapy technologies and the woeful 27 per cent treatment rate for UK patients, in comparison to the international standard of 60 per cent; calls on the Government to support the recommendations of the APPG for Radiotherapy's 2021 Manifesto Update; and and urges that £865 million of the new multi-billion-pound NHS funding package is ringfenced for investments which improve radiotherapy services.

457 Arrests and detentions in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House notes with concern reports by Amnesty International and others that authorities in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have subjected numerous journalists, activists and protestors to arbitrary arrests and forceable disappearances in a series of crackdowns beginning in March 2020; understands that among those detained is Sherwan Ameen, who graduated from the University of Glasgow's School of Education with a Master's in Teaching Adults in 2015, and who was among a number of teachers arrested for protesting that they had not been paid; further understands that he had been held without charge for almost a year until 6 September when he was charged with High Treason, which carries the death penalty, and that a trial has been set for October 6; calls on the Foreign Secretary to urgently raise this case and the wider situation with counterparts

in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq; and supports the calls of Amnesty International for an end to the crackdown on freedom of speech, the immediate release of all those who have been arbitrarily detained, and for the authorities to refrain from using vague and ill-defined laws to curtail the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in the region.

458 **Portadown Royal British Legion 100th Anniversary**

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates Portadown Royal British Legion on its 100th anniversary since its formation by the then Member of Parliament Major David Graham Shillington; recognises the remarkable support they have given to military servicemen and women, veterans and military families in those 100 years; thanks all volunteers who have helped deliver support through the Branch, and the funds raised for The Poppy Appeal; and wishes Portadown Royal British Legion continued success for the future.

459 **Mental health care**

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House believes there is a crisis of mental health problems in our country today; expresses its concern that the covid-19 outbreak has had a hugely detrimental impact on people's mental health, which is likely to lead to increased pressure on mental health services in the coming months and years; notes that there has been a 16 per cent increase in suicide since 2010; further notes that there are 2,120 fewer mental health nurses in England today than there were in 2010, 5,212 fewer mental health beds and that 695 people a month are having to travel outside of their area to access mental health services; acknowledges that these cuts have hit the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber particularly hard with a loss of a quarter of mental health beds since 2010, which has resulted in 150 people a month having to travel out of the area to receive treatment; recognises that the demand for mental health services currently far exceeds the provisions available; further believes that it is totally unacceptable that people who are struggling with mental health problems are unable to access the help they need; and demands that the Government immediately makes more funding available for mental health services.

460 **Eastbank Care Home awarded top twenty rated care homes in Scotland**

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House congratulates Eastbank Care Home for being recognised in the top 20 rated care homes in Scotland in the carehome.co.uk Awards 2021; notes that the award celebrates the dedication of the care home staff at Eastbank Care Home, who provide outstanding support to residents and their families; further notes that the award is based upon reviews from residents, their loved ones and other service users; congratulates all members of staff at the Eastbank Care Home and HC-One for the excellent reviews that led to them receiving the award; highlights that alongside Eastbank, 8 other Scottish care homes are on the top 20 list, making up almost half of the list; and celebrates the hard work and commitment of all care home staff, who work tirelessly to serve their communities.

461 Life on the Breadline Report

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House welcomes the publication of Life on the Breadline: Christianity, Poverty and Politics in the 21st Century City, researched and written by Dr Stephanie Denning, Dr Chris Shannahan, Professor Robert Beckford and Professor Peter Scott; notes that the research analyses the nature, reach and impact of Christian responses to austerity age poverty, providing insights into the impact of Christian engagement with poverty and raising new challenges for policymakers on responding to poverty in the UK; highlights the extent of the research for the report, which includes interviews with 16 national Church leaders and 104 regional Church leaders; emphasises the significance of the reports recommendations for tackling poverty, which stress the importance of Church leaders and policy makers working together to address the causes of poverty, alongside encouraging policymakers to spend more time with people experiencing poverty to understand the issue more deeply; and urges the Government to consider this report and to issue a response to the recommendations.

462 Market failure and energy supply

Tabled: 20/09/21 Signatories: 8

Jon Trickett
Zarah Sultana
Dan Carden
Ian Lavery
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mary Kelly Foy

Richard Burgon

Kate Osborne

That this House notes with concern Ofgem's announcement of the £153 energy price cap rise due to take effect on 1 October 2021; further notes the rise will coincide with the end to the universal credit uplift and end to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; regrets that these measures combined will further force 1.28 million more of those on low incomes into poverty; recognises that the energy and energy network companies' ability to realise significant profits from consumer bills since privatisation is evidence of a broken market; further recognises the pursual of fire and rehire tactics in private energy providers in the past year; acknowledges public support for public ownership in the energy system; believes that increased regulation and public ownership of private energy provision can deliver better investment in infrastructure, a faster switch to renewable energy, better staffing terms and conditions, and lower consumer bills; and further believes that public financial support for energy providers should come with clear conditions, including restrictions on elements of the private operating model such as dividend payments, excessive CEO remuneration, and with the option of public provision in the energy sector.

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.

382 Deregulated bus transport

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 25

Grahame Morris
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards

Mary Kelly Foy
 Clive Lewis
 Kenny MacAskill

Tim Farron
 John Cryer

Ms Diane Abbott
 Sir George Howarth

That this House is concerned with the adequacy of deregulated bus services in England outside London; notes the near unanimous consensus that the current system is not delivering for passengers and the multitude of reports finding as such; further notes that in England alone, average fares have increased 403 percent since deregulation, ridership has fallen almost 40 percent, and some 3,000 routes have been cut; acknowledges the many complaints from passengers concerning poor reliability and fragmented service; further acknowledges the harms caused by the breakdown of bus services, including on access to work, healthcare, and community; recognises that buses provide an essential service and account for some 4 billion journeys per year; further recognises that attractive and convenient local bus services are important to meeting the Government's climate goals; believes that structural changes are necessary for improving local bus services; and calls on the Government to ease the process for local authorities to franchise bus services, repeal the ban on municipal bus services, support local authorities making use of these options, and adopt a minimum service frequencies standard that all people can rely on.

387 Communication of changes to the state pension age for 1950s-born women

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 68

Andrew Gwynne
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra
Dame Angela Eagle
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson

Christina Rees

Gavin Robinson

That this House notes the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; urges the Government to recognise the negative effects of successive DWP maladministration; calls for compensation for 1950s-born women; notes the profound mental, physical and economic pressure placed on 1950s-born women due to poor communication from the DWP; recognises that the issue of State Pension Inequality for Women is not party-political; calls on colleagues from across the political spectrum to work together to find a solution; commends the exceptional campaigning being done by 1950s-born women; calls on the Government to meet with campaigning groups and the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women to help develop a fair and fast resolution to this problem; expresses dismay at the fact that no DWP Ministers came to the House to address the PHSO findings prior to the summer recess; calls on the Secretary of State to update the House as soon as possible on what steps she will be taking to compensate 1950s-born women.

399 World Electric Vehicle Day

Tabled: 7/09/21 Signatories: 19

Douglas Chapman
Kenny MacAskill
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

That this House urges the Government on World Electric Vehicle Day to look to Scotland and Nordic neighbours for a joined-up policy approach on the transition to electric vehicles; encourages the Government to celebrate the achievement of Norway as the first country in the world where electric vehicles outsell traditional combustion-engine cars; requests that the Government develops a holistic policy, such as that followed in Norway with more incentives for potential electric vehicle buyers and to provide many more affordable charging points in towns, cities and rural areas and at workplaces; and applauds the Scottish Government for its continued commitment to strengthen the EV Charging Place network as part of its drive towards Net Zero Scotland.

404 Emma Ritch

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 6

Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the remarkable achievements of internationally renowned feminist, the late Emma Ritch who was executive director of Engender, Scotland's feminist policy and advocacy organisation; notes that her professional and voluntary work roles over a number of years included Chair of the Board of Trustees at Human Rights Consortium Scotland, Chair of Rape Crisis Scotland, Fellow of the RSA; Member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group, Vice Chair of Close the Gap, Scotland Committee Member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Trustee of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, Member of the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls and in 2019 she was inducted into the Saltire Society Outstanding Women of Scotland; further notes that her work was recognised internationally by the UN and the EU including in association with CEDAW and she was a Board Member of the European Women's Lobby; recognises that her commitment to intersectionality and understanding of the importance of reaching out to others who hold a different point of view was outstanding; and further notes that continuing her work on gender mainstreaming and on all other aspects of women's equality is the most appropriate way to honour her legacy.

405 Argyll-based charity Mary's Meal feeding 2 million children a day

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 9

Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Chris Law

David Linden

That this House congratulates the Argyll-based Charity Mary's Meals on reaching the remarkable landmark of feeding two million of the world's poorest children every day; acknowledges the dedicated hard work of Mary's Meals eighty thousand staff and volunteers working in nineteen countries, across four continents, and thanks them for everything they have done to improve the lives of so many children by ensuring that not only are those children being fed but that they are receiving a meal in school; recognises the outstanding personal contribution made by Mary's Meals founder Mr Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who since Mary's Meal served its first meal to a Malawian child in 2002 has worked tirelessly to feed as many of the world's poorest children in a place of education; and wishes Mary's Meals every success in the future.

406 Prescription charges

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 25

Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
John Spellar
Sir George Howarth
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Gwynne

Dan Carden

John McDonnell

That this House restates its commitment to the National Health Service as a universal service free at the point of delivery and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; recognises the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on access to health services; is deeply concerned that increased waiting times could leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication to manage their pain and health conditions; considers the implications of the Government's consultation on aligning prescription charges with the state pension age as being deeply dangerous and likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities and widen existing health inequalities; fears that such a move would leave many older patients struggling to fund their medication; believes that those proposals would further increase pressure on NHS services through expensive hospital admissions; expresses its concern that more patients will have to make health choices based on their ability to pay for prescriptions; and calls on the Government to follow the devolved administrations in ending prescription charges for people with long-term health conditions in England and to set out a medium to long-term strategy for the scrapping of prescription charges altogether.

407 The Tilly Butcher AberdeenTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Kirsty Blackman
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the award winning Tilly Butcher on their 10 years' serving the community in Aberdeen after opening in Tillydrone; acknowledges the success of a thriving local business championing local produce; and their truly magnificent pies hand made in their shop.

408 Success of Toni Shaw at Tokyo ParalympicsTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **8**

Kirsty Blackman
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Chris Law

That this House congratulates 18-year-old Toni Shaw on her Paralympic performance in Tokyo, including winning bronze in the women's 400 metre freestyle S9 event; inspiring the young people of Aberdeen; and showcasing the important contribution of Aberdeen Sports Village for cultivating future talent of sport in the north east.

409 DigitalBoost FundingTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **6**

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House welcomes Scotland's DigitalBoost upskilling programme for SMEs funded by the Scottish Government and Digital Scotland; and recognises the support for the scheme, administered by Business Gateway from the Federation of Small Business Scotland, and many companies which have used the DigitalBoost funding to upskill 40,000 employees to become more digitally innovative and resilient.

410 Shortage of HGV driversTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **20**

Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern that the shortage of HGV drivers in the UK is at crisis point; regrets that even before the covid-19 pandemic, when the UK road transport business employed approximately 600,000 drivers, that there was still a shortfall of as many as 70,000 vacancies; further notes with growing alarm that many of the 60,000 drivers from EU member states who were residing and working in the UK before Brexit have now left the British jobs market; calls on the Government to take seriously the combined stresses of added border checks since Brexit, an aging and fast retiring workforce, ever increasing numbers of EU drivers who are choosing not to work in the UK and the delays caused by covid-19 safe industry measures; requests that an industry-wide support scheme is urgently developed by the Secretary of State for Transport to increase the rate of driver training and recruitment; further calls on the Chancellor to compensate small and medium-sized haulage firms for the costs involved with border checks and delays with our EU neighbours and to reduce the impact of IR35 regulations on these same firms; and asks the Home Secretary to add HGV drivers to the UK Shortage Occupation list to attract overseas labour to the UK.

411 The High Commissioner of MaltaTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **6**

Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House recognises and sincerely thanks Joseph Cole who as the High Commissioner for Malta was a positive partner for the UK across many areas of common interest and who diligently supported the Maltese diaspora based in the UK especially during the recent Covid pandemic and helping them through the impact of Brexit; thanks the team at the High Commission who have created an excellent working relationship with the APPG Malta; and welcomes the new High Commissioner whenever they may be appointed.

412 50 years of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 9

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan

Chris Law

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to the staff and volunteers of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau who will be marking its 50th anniversary on the 16th September 2021; believes that those staff and volunteers have provided an invaluable service to the citizens of the West Dunbartonshire district over those 50 years ensuring that individuals do not suffer through a lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, the services available to them or an inability to express their needs; understands that in 2019-20 they advised over 4,925 clients on 28,826 issues and generated £1,725,339 in client financial gains; and wishes the West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau another 50 successful years of supporting the people of Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven.

413 40th anniversary of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Glasgow

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 19

Patrick Grady
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the leadership and community of the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple on Otago Street, Glasgow, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; notes that that anniversary was celebrated at a special event at the Gurdwara on 29 August 2021; thanks all those associated with the Gurdwara who provide selfless service and support to the wider local community through a range of charitable and voluntary activities; notes that that service and support has been particularly important during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to the Temple and its community continuing to be a welcome and valued part of Glasgow's vibrant and diverse cultural and religious life for many years to come.

414 Play therapyTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **19**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Chris Stephens
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

Tim Farron
 John McDonnell

Wera Hobhouse

Mr Laurence Robertson

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

416 Adult social care workforce and Local GovernmentTabled: **9/09/21** Signatories: **24**

Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Wera Hobhouse
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden

John McDonnell

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

418 Scottish National Investment Bank support for Nova innovation

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

That this House welcomes the £6.4 million funding package by the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to support Nova innovation, a Scottish company specialising in meeting global demand for tidal turbines; and further welcomes the company's determination to support the Scottish Net Zero supply chain and their commitment to manufacturing the core technology of their products in Scotland

419 Trodelvy

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 16

Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Tracey Crouch
Ian Lavery

Daisy Cooper

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

420 Introducing a Wealth Tax

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 23

Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana

Dan Carden

That this House notes that almost a quarter of all household wealth in the UK is held by the richest one per cent. of the population; further notes that the wealth of UK billionaires increased by £106 billion since the start of the pandemic; believes that it is unjust that taxes on work are much greater than taxes on wealth; rejects the remarks by the Chancellor who stated in July 2020 that I do not believe that now is the time, or ever would be the time, for a wealth tax; notes that there are growing calls for wealth taxes both in the UK and around the world with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling for governments to introduce wealth taxes to help reduce global inequality exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the UK Wealth Commission, made up of a team of over 50 experts on tax policy, concluded in their December 2020 report that a wealth

tax would be preferential to raising taxes on incomes; and calls on the Government to introduce a wealth tax as a progressive alternative to raising taxes on working people.

421 **Believe in Scotland Day of Action**

Tabled: **10/09/21** Signatories: **7**

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Dr Lisa Cameron
Steven Bonnar
Marion Fellows

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the launch of the first Believe in Scotland mass Day of Action to be held on Saturday 18 September 2021 which will fire the starting gun on a major co-ordinated grassroots independence campaign in Scotland that will run until an independence referendum takes place; and further welcomes the determination of Believe in Scotland and over 100 YES groups to take a confident and positive message on Scotland's future as an independent country to every doorstep the length and breadth of the nation.

422 **Beekeeping lessons at St Ninian's High School**

Tabled: **13/09/21** Signatories: **5**

Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House applauds the work of biology teacher Angela Yekken of St Ninian's High School who used a course in beekeeping as a means of teaching pupils about science, the environment, leadership, and social justice; notes that Angela worked with a mixed group of Advanced Higher pupils and younger pupils with additional support needs to study beekeeping in nearby Rouken Glen Park, which is home to beehives and a visiting beekeeper under the auspices of Young Enterprise Scotland; further notes that the course was an ideal opportunity to learn safely outdoors during lockdown and that the students were so keen on the course that they carried on looking after the 50,000 bees during the summer holiday; recognises the part played by the pupils in the Senior Phase of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence who were able to use this as an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by taking the opportunity of supporting younger pupils with Additional Support Needs through the course; and congratulates Angela on her nomination in the Learning for Sustainability Awards run by the Daily Record newspaper and Education Scotland, which highlight the amazing work being undertaken in Scotland's schools and the commitment of teachers, pupils, and volunteers to environmental and social justice issues.

423 SATs in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 13

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the enormous effect that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; notes the study by UCL Institute of Education researchers which found that a fear of poor SATs results is driving headteachers to separate pupils by ability despite the impact on children's self-esteem and confidence; believes that the UK's teach-to-test approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further believes that high-stakes testing, exemplified by SATs, distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and affects most severely those who are most in need; further notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; further believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2021-22 academic year.

424 Auchengeich Mining Disaster 62nd anniversary

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 24

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Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Brendan O'Hara

Chris Law

John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges that Saturday 18 September 2021 is the 62nd anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to Councillor Willie Doolan and all at the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn Community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster.

426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 17

Mr Toby Perkins
 Gareth Bacon
 Chris Evans
 David Mundell
 Tonia Antoniazzi
 Sir Robert Neill

Marion Fellows

That this House is delighted, amazed and inspired by the performances of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open without losing a set; notes that she is the first qualifier in the history of tennis to win a grand slam event; congratulates Emma and all those involved in her success; further notes that an estimated television audience of over 9.5 million watched Saturday's match; hopes that this success will inspire future generations of girls, boys and adults to take up tennis; and encourages the LTA, the Government and local tennis clubs to use this success to further drive up participation of this sport which can be enjoyed by people across the country regardless of age, sex or ability.

427 National care service

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 30

Jon Trickett
 Jeremy Corbyn
 John McDonnell
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Richard Burgon
 Nadia Whittome

Clive Lewis

Dan Carden

That this House notes £7.7 billion has been cut from social care budgets since 2010; further notes that this has resulted in 1.4 million older people not having the care they need for essential daily tasks and that 300,000 people are now on local authority waiting lists for adult social care services; notes the existing model of care provision through private providers, with 84 per cent of social care beds in the private sector, exacerbates the funding crisis through profit-making and dividend payments; regrets that the 170,000 unfilled vacancies in the social care sector are caused by chronic underpayment and poor working conditions, with up to three in four care workers not earning a real Living Wage; notes reports, including by the Centre for Health and the Public Interest, that around 10 per cent of the care home industry's £1.5 billion income is taken out in the form of rent, profit, directors' fees and debt repayments; further regrets that the Health and Social Care Levy will raise funds from those on low incomes whilst leaving wealth assets unaffected; notes that the £86,000 cap on social care costs will be of no benefit to the vast majority of ordinary people who do not have assets above this value, and is concerned it will not deliver sufficient funding to solve the social care crisis; and urges the Government to develop plans for a National Care Service funded fairly through progressive taxation, universally available to all, free at the point of use.

428 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 14

Kirsten Oswald
Richard Burgon
Ian Mearns
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Law

That this House acknowledges that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; notes that blood cancers are the most common cancers affecting children and young people and that acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a type of leukaemia where cancerous cells build up in the bone marrow, is the most common cancer diagnosed in children, further notes that ALL is an acute leukaemia, which means it develops quickly and needs treatment straight away; recognises there are around 790 diagnoses of ALL in the UK each year, including over 500 in people aged under 25; welcomes signs that improvements in outcomes for children and young people with ALL have been driven by improvements in treatment related to clinical trials, including the use of CAR-T therapy, which has been effective in curing some patients with advanced cancers where other treatments have failed; expresses its appreciation for the work of groups such as the Teenage Cancer Trust and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group who are working to provide and improve the care and treatment of young people with ALL, supporting them and their families through the aftermath of a diagnosis and the extended period of treatment, which may last for two or more years; and calls on the Government to provide additional funding and support for research into promising treatments, such as CAR-T therapy, and effective means of recognising the signs and symptoms of ALL and other childhood cancers to ensure early diagnosis, which plays such an important role in ensuring survival from these distressing diseases.

429 Kharkiv Pride 2021

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 7

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Ian Mearns

This House congratulates people taking part in the Pride march in Kharkiv, Ukraine; notes that the third annual civil rights march attracted a record crowd of between 2000-3000 participants; however, condemns the violence that was instigated by right-wing protestors at the end of the parade; salutes the efforts of LGBT+ campaigners in Ukraine for stepping up efforts to gain recognition, support, and protection in the face of threats and intimidation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Ukrainians and their allies; and offers its support to them in the future.

431 Tyrone men's senior football team 2021 GAA All Ireland Final

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 7

Colum Eastwood
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna
Carol Monaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Stephen Farry

Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Tyrone in their 2021 All Ireland Senior Football Championship victory scoring 2-14 to Mayo's 0-15; congratulates all the players, managerial and coaching team in securing Tyrone's 4th All- Ireland Senior Football Championship; and marks the efforts of all those involved in the GAA from coaches and players to staff behind the scenes and volunteers across Ireland and Britain, their dedication and commitment to the GAA which continues to ensure it is a pillar of Irish cultural and sporting life and a focal point for many communities at home and abroad.

432 Support from Strangford firms for Afghan refugees

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Margaret Ferrier
Claire Hanna

Marion Fellows

That this House notes the generous offer by two Strangford firms Mash Direct and Willowbrook Foods to house and employ a number of Afghan refugees; further notes the fact that they have had difficulty filling these place with local workers and wish to be supportive in these awful times for those who are at risk due to their support for democracy and freedom in Afghanistan; highlights that there may be other firms who would be willing to help should the Government make clear a straightforward and accessible process for hiring and housing these needy people; and recognises that society stands against tyranny and oppression, and supports Afghan nationals who are suffering.

433 Role of Christian charity

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 9

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Carla Lockhart
Sammy Wilson
Bob Blackman
Paul Girvan

Tim Farron

Dr Lisa Cameron

Fiona Bruce

That this House celebrates the contribution of Christian charity, Faith in Later Life, as it seeks to mobilise the church to reach, serve and empower older people across the UK; notes the contribution of over 480 church champions, as it marks its first Annual conference to equip those who are

leading vital work at a local level; and recognises the contribution of the church in this important area as society seeks to engage afresh with older people beyond the pandemic.

434 **Support for the Plant Based Treaty**

Tabled: **15/09/21** Signatories: **11**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Colum Eastwood
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Tony Lloyd

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House welcomes the Plant Based Treaty aiming to put food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis by encouraging a shift to healthier and sustainable plant-based diets, while simultaneously working to reverse the damage to ecosystems and biodiversity; and calls on the Government to use COP26 in Glasgow as an opportunity to be a world leader in recognising the negative impact of industrial animal agriculture on climate change and commit to developing a global strategy to transition towards more sustainable plant-based food systems.

435 **Back British Farming Day**

Tabled: **15/09/21** Signatories: **9**

Tim Farron
Andrew Gwynne
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Caroline Lucas

Jonathan Edwards

That this House welcomes the National Farmers Union's Back British Farming Day on the 15 September 2021; recognises the key role farmers play in producing the food we eat and as stewards of our countryside; believes that farmers are key allies in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies; supports the introduction of a public money for public goods system for farm payments; further believes existing basic payments should continue in full until the new Environmental Land Management Scheme is fully rolled out; considers the Government's failure to protect UK standards on environmental protection and animal welfare to be deeply damaging to farmers; calls on the Government to protect those standards; and further calls for Parliament to be given the final say on any trade agreement.

436 Justice for the Yazidi and other religious minority victims of Daesh genocide

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 9

**Brendan O'Hara
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Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan**

Chris Law

David Linden

Jonathan Edwards

That this House recalls that on 20 April 2016 the House voted 278 to 0 in favour of declaring the crimes of Daesh as genocide; notes that the Government contributed to the successful establishment of the UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Daesh/ISIL (UNITAD) to collect and preserve the evidence of Daesh's atrocities in Iraq and to support Iraqi domestic efforts to hold the perpetrators to account; further notes that UNITAD identified 1,444 suspected perpetrators responsible for the attacks against the Yazidis, including 14 members deemed most responsible for the atrocities classified as war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide; is concerned that only a few perpetrators have been brought to justice, whether in Iraq or abroad, and for terror-related offences only; and calls on the Government to lead the initiative at the UN Security Council to either refer the situation in Iraq to the International Criminal Court or to establish an ad-hoc International Tribunal for Daesh's atrocities in Iraq to ensure justice for the survivors and families of victims of the crimes of Daesh.

437 Frank To and the Humanium Metal Humanitarian Project

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 7

**Drew Hendry
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Brendan O'Hara**

Chris Law

That this House recognises Scottish artist Franks To's dedication to global peace through art; commends him on his successful collaborations with IM Swedish Development Partner, who created a new type of alloy from illegal firearms seized in conflict areas; appreciates the emotional and important messaging behind the artwork of Frank To including in his latest project which involves the creation of Humanium alloy pastels which will be used for public art displays in areas affected by gun violence; recognises the impact that the procurement and destruction of illegal firearms have on the lives of millions around the world; and wishes Frank success in highlighting the cause of global peace.

438 Primark Inverness Staff Fundraising Efforts for Macmillan Cancer Support

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
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Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Primark Inverness staff on their recent Ben Nevis climb in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; notes that the team of five have already raised three times their target having raised nearly £900 for the charity; and recognises that their fundraising efforts will go towards supporting cancer patients and their families as they deal with the impacts of a cancer diagnosis.

439 Cru Holdings recognition as a Hospitality Sector Living Wage Employer

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Highland Hospitality Group on becoming accredited as a real living wage employer; notes that Cru Holdings which operates six bars and restaurants in Inverness and Nairn are the first of its kind in the area to be accredited under the Real Living Wage Scheme; further notes that the group have achieved this recognition during an extremely challenging economic time; and commends the company's commitment to a fair wage and to the wellbeing of their hundred strong workforce.

440 20 years of limits on press and freedom of expression in Eritrea

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 13

Patrick Grady
Jeremy Corbyn
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Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Claire Hanna

Chris Law

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes that 18 September 2021 will mark the 20th anniversary of the decision by the Government of Eritrea to ban all independent media outlets in the country, and the arrest and arbitrary detention of journalists and political activists; further notes that those prisoners of conscience include Aster Fissehatison and 10 others who had written an open letter to the President of Eritrea calling for democratic political dialogue, unity and the peaceful rule of law; notes reports by Amnesty International that the group has never been put on trial or charged with any offence and that no official word on its whereabouts or physical condition has ever been given to family members or friends; notes that the Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that least 11 journalists were arrested in the round-up, and several more were jailed the following month, estimating that 17 journalists remain in prison to this day, none of whom has been heard from since that time; welcomes the work of these campaign groups and members of the Eritrean community

living outside Eritrea to raise awareness of these prisoners of conscience, including a new exhibition of photos and images which will be launched by Eritrea Focus to mark the anniversary; and calls on the Government to work with the international community to address ongoing abuses of human rights in Eritrea.

441 Criminal Law

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 4

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill
Joanna Cherry
Douglas Chapman

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Scottish Sites under Section 129) Order 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 1021), dated 8 September 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 September 2021, be annulled.

442 Access to cash (No. 2)

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 6

John Nicolson
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Carla Lockhart
Ian Mearns
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises that many people living in rural communities need access to cash, particularly those who are elderly or financially excluded; further recognises that the many post office closures are having a devastating impact on people's access to wider services as well as cash; and implores the Government not to forget the many people who rely on cash in policy going forward.

443 North East Child Poverty

Tabled: 16/09/21 Signatories: 9

Ian Lavery
Rebecca Long Bailey
Mary Kelly Foy
Ian Mearns
Kate Osborne
Grahame Morris

Mr Kevan Jones

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Mr Nicholas Brown

That this House notes the rapidly increasing levels of child poverty in the North East, including in Wansbeck, among other areas of the North, rising from 26 per cent in 2014-15 to 37 per cent in 2019-20 now the second highest rate across the country only behind London; further notes the profound effects this has on children growing up in poverty in Wansbeck and elsewhere on almost every facet of life from educational outcomes, health outcomes, economic outcomes which puts them at a huge disadvantage compared with their peers; notes that these problems will all be compounded by the £20 cut to universal credit that will only serve to widen the already gross inequalities in this country; and notes the need to act urgently to tackle child poverty as an essential

aspect of any levelling up project before the worst economic, social, and political effects manifest themselves.

444 Young Christian Climate Network Relay to COP26

Tabled: **16/09/21** Signatories: **2**

Munira Wilson
Wera Hobhouse

That this House congratulates all those taking part in the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) Relay to COP26 that is taking place 11th June to 31st October 2021; praises the efforts of the organisers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to facilitate the events; commends all those taking part to raise awareness of the detrimental impacts of climate change on people's livelihoods and homes; notes with concern that climate-vulnerable countries cannot access finance for adaption and climate-induced damages without incurring further debt; regrets that the Government has reduced its foreign aid budget to 0.5 per cent of national income; and supports the calls of the YCCN Relay for the Government to reinstate foreign aid budget to pre-covid levels and further calls on the Government to show leadership at COP26 in finding ways to finance the climate-induced loss and damage faced by vulnerable countries whilst avoiding further pushing these countries into debt.