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New EDMs

603 **Centenary of Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir**

Tabled: **29/10/21** Signatories: **3**

Amy Callaghan
Stuart C McDonald
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir on their 100th Anniversary; understands the Choir celebrated this milestone by hosting a virtual concert in aid of the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity; commends the Choir on raising £3,821.50 through this event; recognises their efforts to adapt their performance over the course of the pandemic to ensure the safety of its members; and thanks everyone at the Choir for all they do in the wider community.

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.

495 Lakhvinder Ricky Reel

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 36

John McDonnell
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Apsana Begum
 Jeremy Corbyn
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Caroline Lucas

Marion Fellows

Paul Blomfield

That this House continues to express its heartfelt sympathy with the family of the late Lakhvinder Ricky Reel who died in suspicious circumstances in 1997 after being racially attacked in Kingston, Surrey; is appalled to learn that his family were spied upon by undercover police officers; acknowledges that over 100,000 people have signed a change.org petition urging a new police investigation; urges the Home Secretary to reopen the case to examine the circumstances surrounding Ricky's death on public interest grounds and to welcome the naming of a day in his honour as a mark of respect.

500 Stewart Brewing and the Scottish Beer Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens

Joanna Cherry

That this House congratulates Stewart Brewing on being awarded gold medal in the Best IPA category at the 2021 Scottish Beer Awards for its New Relic; thanks Stewart Brewing for its contribution to Midlothian's reputation as a prime location for SMEs in the food and drinks sector; notes that the Scottish Beer Awards is an annual independent awards programme that seeks to recognise achievement in the brewing industry across Scotland; further notes that this year marked the sixth annual Scottish Beer awards which was held in person in Glasgow; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving Scotland's international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

538 Ilasco/Keela Outdoors Glenrothes contribute to fight against covid-19

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 7

Peter Grant
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Law
 Carol Monaghan

Chris Stephens

That this House gives thanks to Ardmel Group and Ilasco/Keela Outdoors, based in Glenrothes, for their efforts over the last year in supporting Scotland's NHS in the fight against covid-19 by producing PPE gowns for use by the NHS; highlights that in doing so they created around 50 jobs

for local folk whose employment was impacted by the pandemic; thanks the staff for producing 15,000 gowns per week and setting up their manufacturing for this within an extremely short three week timeframe; notes the company's innovative way of working and their manufacturing machines that have made Ilasco/Keela a world leader in design engineering and manufacture of specialist machinery for the clothing, electronics and motorcar industries; recognises the hard work of the staff during this particularly difficult time; further highlights the efforts of the company in ensuring manufacturing continues to play a huge part in present day Glenrothes; and wishes them all the best for the continued future success of the business.

539 Positive Aging Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Margaret Ferrier
Sir Mike Penning
Marion Fellows

That this House notes the Belfast Health Development Unit's Positive Aging month; highlights the aim of this month-long festival of events and activities to suit all tastes, from movies to walks, from chocolate tasting to disco dancing; further notes the emphasis on meeting safely and building up relationships; and urges each Council and public health agency in the UK to promote positive aging and the benefit of communities coming together.

540 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 22

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Clive Lewis
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House notes Breast Cancer Awareness Month; further notes the symptoms and signs of breast cancer which everyone should be aware of; highlights the fact that breast cancer is also found in men and the first sign is usually a lump on the chest; highlights that early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment; and encourages men and women who have any concerns to make a face to face appointment with their GP to be checked out as a matter of urgency;

541 Diane Braid

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 8

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the 28 years of dedicated service by Diane Braid to the learning community of Kilpatrick School, a specialist establishment providing education from birth to 18 years of age for 158 children and young people with additional support needs and Kilpatrick Early Years Service which offers sessions for babies and children from 0-3 years of age; thanks Diane for her hard work and commitment to the children and young people of Kilpatrick School who come from all over West Dunbartonshire; and wishes her a very happy retirement.

542 Vivid Roots Collective

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the important goal of the Vivid Roots Collective which aims to stem the flow of emerging artists from the Highlands and Islands; congratulates the Inverness College UHI alumni's theatre Collective for successfully raising £1,100 to support new artists and the creation of original works which tackle social and women's issues; appreciates the importance of keeping homegrown talent in the Highlands and Islands; and wishes creators Laura Walker, Keira Smith, Sophie Bender and Sophie Wink success in the future.

543 Black History Month 2021

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 25

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that this month we celebrate Black History Month 2021 and welcomes the many events and initiatives across the UK that highlight the successes and contributions of Black British people to British history; gives special thanks to all teachers and education staff who are taking steps to put Black history on the curriculum this month and all-year round; notes the theme of this year's Black History Month, Proud to Be; recognises the significance of such a theme and the importance of ensuring that Black and Brown people are made to feel proud of their ethnic

heritage, cultural history and the language of their ancestors; and further notes that teaching about Black history is integral to this; and calls on the Government to take steps to ensure that Black history is acknowledged, taught and celebrated all year round and not restricted to just one month in the year.

545 DVLA waiting times

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 23

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House is dismayed by the growing backlog of licence applications at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency; recognises that the ability to drive is vital to many people's capacity to work and pursue the life of their choice; understands that the pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to the work of the DVLA; notes that over 125,000 paper licence applications are waiting to be processed, while 1.4 million items of correspondence by post remain unopened; further notes the sharp increase in the size of the backlog since the beginning of the pandemic; acknowledges that licence and licence renewal applicants are currently facing processing delays of up to 10 weeks; highlights with concern the unique burden placed on those with medical conditions who require their medical forms to be physically processed, whose processing times are up to six months; calls upon the Government to mobilise the resources necessary to clear the backlog at the DVLA, and supports the return of reliable, efficient, and covid-safe services to all British drivers.

547 UK CAA Flight Crew Licences

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 9

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House calls on the Government to negotiate a post Brexit reciprocal agreement between the UK and EU regarding the transfer of UK CAA Flight Crew Licences to EASA member states licences; further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put in place immediate financial support to help with the licence conversion costs to support the UK economy and prevent many more UK licensed pilots from losing their jobs, or being unable to secure highly-trained positions over their EU/EASA licensed counterparts; and requests the Chancellor considers other financial support for the Aviation Industry while it recovers beyond Brexit and covid-19 and strives to build resilience to cope with future changes to the industry.

548 Motherland Spice, SaltcoatsTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **7**

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Mr and Mrs Madhav and Radha Bhandari and family on the official opening of their beautifully refurbished Motherland Spice Indian-Nepalese restaurant in Bradshaw Street in Saltcoats; applauds the fact that this award winning restaurant is a proven local favourite which has built up a loyal clientele in Saltcoats and across North Ayrshire since it was first established in 2012; appreciates that Madhav Bhandari's business success is inspirational given his humble beginnings in Nepal, the son of a Gurkha soldier injured in the line of duty, who has through his hard work, diligence and determination earned the custom and respect of his clientele in his adopted home in Saltcoats; and wishes Motherland Spice, the Bhandari family and the dedicated restaurant staff continued success in providing delicious food for the people of Saltcoats, the Three Towns and beyond for many years to come.

549 Broadcasting of Wales' rugby Autumn InternationalsTabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Ben Lake
Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its concern following the announcement that live coverage of Wales' rugby Autumn International fixtures will not be available on terrestrial television for the first time ever; notes that sport should belong to everyone, not just those who can afford it; further notes the significant role that Welsh language broadcasting of live sport plays in promoting the language and in particular as a gateway for learners; and calls on the Government to address the disappearance of culturally significant live sporting events from free to air television by granting the Autumn Internationals, Six Nations Championship and international football matches Category A status, under the Broadcasting Act 1996.

555 The Mochrie brothers of KilbirnieTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **7**

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Joanna Cherry

That this House commemorates on 11 November 2021 the 103rd anniversary of the 1918 armistice, which ended the First World War; acknowledges the heavy sacrifice in that appalling conflict; recognises that every community across the UK and countless families suffered grievously; believes

that few families endured as much as the Mochrie family of Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, which had five brothers serving in the British Army, three of whom, 19 year-old Private Robert Mochrie of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, 21-year-old Private Matthew Mochrie of the Cameronians, and 28 year-old Corporal James Mochrie of the Gordon Highlanders, were all tragically killed on the first day of the Battle of Loos on 25 September 1915, along with thousands of their compatriots; further notes that 36 year-old Private Andrew Mochrie, also of the Cameronians, was killed at the Battle of Arras on 9 June 1917; is aware that John Mochrie, of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, survived the conflict as did his sister, Euphemia, a nurse with Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose son, William McKim, was killed serving on HMS Hood in the Second World War; understands that many of us are the descendants or relatives of those who have bravely fought and died for their country and/or those lucky enough to return home, often maimed and traumatised, to an uncertain future; and recognises that it is the country's solemn duty both to remember them and to commemorate their sacrifices.

557 Paul McNeill awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia

Tabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **8**

Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates East Dunbartonshire resident, Paul McNeill, on winning the prestigious award of Outstanding Contribution to Education for Dyslexia at the Potential Unlock Awards 2021; understands that Mr McNeill, his wife, Julie McNeill, and author/illustrator Rossie Stone recently published the book Mission Dyslexia which aims to provide a fun, interactive way for families and children to develop their own strategies for learning; recognises that Mr McNeill draws on his own experiences growing up with dyslexia to help make a difference and serves as an inspiration to many; notes that Mission Dyslexia has been received as a high quality SEN resource by families and educational practitioners across the UK; thanks all those who have supported Mr and Mrs McNeill's efforts with this project; and looks forward to seeing what they will continue to achieve through their activism and future publications.

558 Commemoration of John Bateman

Tabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **9**

Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

Joanna Cherry

That this House commemorates the work of engineer John Bateman who revolutionised the Greater Glasgow Area's water supply, ridding the city of typhoid and cholera in the 1850s; notes the campaign from East Dunbartonshire group Friends of Milngavie Reservoir and the Institution of Civil Engineers to have Mr Bateman commemorated; understands that a new plaque has been unveiled

at Mugdock Reservoir in Milngavie to commemorate Mr Bateman; and thanks all those who continue to pay tribute to John Bateman and the significant contribution he made to the water industry and Greater Glasgow.

559 Scottish Space Strategy

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 8

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

Chris Stephens

Joanna Cherry

That this House welcomes the Scottish Space Strategy announcement made by the Scottish Government at Expo 2020 in Dubai to position Scotland as a global leader for commercial space developments and its intention to collaborate with enterprise agencies, industry group Space Scotland and the Scottish Space Academic Forum to create an ambitious space industry ecosystem in Scotland; and further welcomes support for space-related exports, to create the largest launch capability in Europe and the intention to develop a world-leading environmental strategy for Scotland's space industry, from reducing emissions to supporting the use of satellite data for environmental monitoring.

560 Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) Bill

Tabled: 21/10/21 Signatories: 5

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the presentation of the Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) Bill, laid on 21 June 2021, that would devolve management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Wales to the Welsh Government; recognises that since 2017, management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Scotland have been devolved to the Scottish Government; further recognises that the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, has outlined the potential benefits of gaining control of the Crown Estate, describing it as a direct tool the Scottish Government are able to deploy in their efforts to tackle the climate emergency; notes that the value of the Crown Estate's renewable assets in Wales grew from £49.2m in 2020 to £549.1m in 2021; believes that Wales' offshore renewable energy assets offer a historic opportunity for the Welsh economy and that devolving management of the Crown Estate would ensure that the people of Wales benefit directly from the green transition; further believes that devolving these powers would be consistent with existing Welsh Government responsibilities including achieving net-zero and overall economic development; and therefore calls on the Government to support the Crown Estate (Devolution to Wales) Bill.

561 Cambuslang COP26 CampaignTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **2****Margaret Ferrier**
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises both Cambuslang and Halfway Community Councils for their joint initiative, the Cambuslang COP26 Campaign; commends their work to clean up the local environment, collecting 26 bags of litter for 26 days in the run up to COP26; notes the importance of this work in protecting natural habitats and keeping Cambuslang and Halfway clean; and gives particular recognition to the staff and students at Cathkin High School, Trinity High School, West Coats Primary School, James Aiton Primary School, St Bride's Primary School, St Cadoc's Primary School, Cairns Primary School, Park View Primary School, Hallside Primary School, St Charles Primary School and Newton Farm Primary School.

562 John YstumllunTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **11****Liz Saville Roberts**
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House remembers the life and legacy of John Ystumllun, the first recorded black person in North Wales following his abduction as a child from western Africa in the 18th century; also remembers his marriage to Margaret Gruffydd as the first recorded mixed marriage in Wales; celebrates the launch of a dedicated rose in his honour by Harkness Roses and We Too Built Britain; notes that this is the first rose to be dedicated to an ethnic minority person in the UK; encourages gardeners everywhere to plant the John Ystumllun rose as a symbol of friendship and love, kindness and community; and further celebrates this fresh approach in sharing John Ystumllun's story to a global audience as part of Black History Month.

563 Holmhill Wood Community ParkTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **2****Margaret Ferrier**
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the award of Local Nature Reserve status to Holmhill Wood Community Park in Cambuslang; further recognises the beauty of the park and its extensive habitats, flora and fauna; notes its listing as a potential Local Nature Conservation site; congratulates the members of Cambuslang Community Council, Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Group and local schools and residents on this excellent achievement; and commends their sustained and continued effort towards this goal and to improve the local environment through activities such as litter picking.

564 Rutherglen's Old Oak InnTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **3**

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Old Oak Inn in Rutherglen on its success at the National Pub and Bar Awards, earning the titles of best establishment in South Lanarkshire; recognises the contribution of their excellent retail experience, customer service, best practice and individual entrepreneurship in this success; further recognises the hard work of boss Craig Speirs, bar manager Danielle Boyle and all the staff in maintaining the businesses high standards; and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

565 Carbon Capture and Storage at St Fergus, AberdeenshireTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **3**

Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the decision by the UK Government not to proceed with the Acorn carbon capture and storage facility at St Fergus in Aberdeenshire which proposed taking and storing carbon dioxide from the Goldeneye field in the North Sea and the refinery in Grangemouth to be stored in the north east of Scotland; believes that St Fergus was best placed of all of the locations in the UK to deliver carbon capture, utilisation and storage given the existing infrastructure, the skills and expertise available and the capacity for CO2 storage in the North Sea; laments the failure to grasp the opportunity for oil and gas companies, domestic supply chain businesses and the wider economy to utilise the considerable skills and expertise of those currently employed in the oil and gas sector to create thousands of green jobs in the future; views this decision as the third deeply cynical and politically motivated betrayal of the communities of the north east of Scotland to have taken place, including by a Conservative Government in 2015 and a Labour Prime Minister and Chancellor in 2007; believes these decisions to be the price of the Union which has seen Scotland send £350 billion since the 1980s to the UK Treasury in oil and gas revenues with zero return rather than making a significant contribution to achieving the ambition of net zero.

569 Outsourced workers at City University, LondonTabled: **22/10/21** Signatories: **10**

John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Dan Carden
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum

Chris Stephens

That this House believes that all workers in the UK's universities and colleges deserve the real Living Wage as a minimum rate and to be treated with respect and dignity at work including having access to occupational sick pay and a decent pension scheme; regrets that people employed in ancillary roles such as cleaning and catering and outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work especially when compared to directly employed

colleagues in the university sector; notes that such workers are far more likely to be female and/or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic and recent migrant backgrounds; further notes that support staff employed by the French-based multinational Sodexo and Julius Rutherford & Co at City University, London are currently eligible for limited statutory sick pay and an inferior pension scheme, while City University's administration has indicated it will not insource those workers or ensure parity of such basic employment rights; and gives its full support and solidarity to the campaign by City University branch of the UNISON trade union to secure parity of terms and conditions with university employees and the transfer of those workers to direct employment by the university at the earliest opportunity.

570 Spiking in nightclubs

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 8

Wera Hobhouse
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Richard Burgon

Hywel Williams

That this House supports the women in Bath taking part in the Bath Night In boycotts on 27 October 2021, linked to the national campaign to raise awareness of the increase in spiking incidents in nightclubs across the UK; expresses concern at reports of spiking by injection; believes women who report such incidents must be listened to and supported; and urges the Government to convene a conference of senior officers from police forces across the country as a matter of urgency, to draw up a national action plan to tackle spiking.

572 Clean air action

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 19

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Carden
Paula Barker
Richard Burgon

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the health impacts of poor road air quality; notes that long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions, a reduced life expectancy and contributes to 40,000 early deaths in the UK each year; further notes that nine out of ten adults and children now breathe polluted air; believes that urgent action is required to reduce the proportion of particulate matter in the air due to vehicle emissions; and calls upon the Government to invest greater resources into improving road air quality and to consider making reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in future legislative proposals.

573 Scottish Interfaith Week 2021 and COP26 vigil

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 20

Patrick Grady
 Carol Monaghan
 Kirsten Oswald
 Ian Blackford
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the range of events and activities planned to mark Scottish Interfaith Week 2021, which takes place between 31 October and 7 November 2021; notes the decision to dedicate the week, under the theme of Together for Our Planet, during the COP26 Conference being held in Glasgow, as a significant moment for people of all faiths and none in Scotland to come together to take action to protect the planet; further notes that a key event in the week's activities will be the COP26 vigil in the city's George Square, organised by Interfaith Glasgow and Interfaith Scotland with the support of the Scottish Religious Leaders Forum; notes that the vigil aims to bring together people of all backgrounds in Glasgow, and via a livestream from around the world, in a powerful, symbolic act of unity and solidarity for the planet, and that the event will be attended by religious leaders and faith community members determined to demonstrate their common commitment to climate justice; and wishes the organisers and all who take part in the vigil and the week's activities every success.

574 Aviemore Ice Rink

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon
 Carol Monaghan
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust (AGCT) on their considerable efforts to re-open the Aviemore ice rink after 20 years; recognises the dedication and hard work of the community who have raised funds and assisted with the build of the 20x12 metre real ice rink; and looks forward to seeing the Aviemore Ice Rink grow in success, preserving Aviemore's reputation as a first-class winter sports destination.

575 Inverness Taxis providing a safe place for women

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the team at Inverness Taxis for their ongoing commitment to the community they serve, in doing so congratulates them on their recent initiative to provide a safe place for women to wait while making their way home, welcomes this fantastic initiative which will no doubt be welcomed by women and all of those who need a safe place to wait.

576 Inverness Creative Academy

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Ian Blackford
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the Inverness Creative Academy on their recent receipt of Digital Support Funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise; notes that the grant will help advance the digital capabilities of the Inverness Creative Academy which is currently being developed by the charity Wasps; and in doing so recognises the importance of connectivity and creativity across Inverness and the Highlands.

577 Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 9

Alison Thewliss
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Peter Grant

Chris Stephens

That this House extends its congratulations to Great Britain's most successful ever tennis doubles partnership Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett, from Alexandria and Cantley, for becoming the first ever wheelchair tennis pair to complete the calendar Grand Slam in men's doubles; acknowledges how Reid and Hewett's commitment, athleticism and teamwork will have inspired so many people across the UK to pick up a racket and play tennis; and wishes both players all the best for the future.

578 Over 100 days of Dr AlSingace's hunger strike in Bahrain

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 14

Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Rebecca Long Bailey
Charlotte Nichols
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley

Chris Stephens

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing hunger strike of 59-year-old human rights defender and academic Dr Abduljalil AlSingace, in Bahrain; raises alarm that his hunger strike began on 8 July 2021 and has exceeded 100 days; expresses concern that Dr AlSingace has been hospitalised since 18 July 2021 and has lost at least 20kg; notes that AlSingace is protesting Jau Prison authorities' ill-treatment and confiscation of four years' worth of his apolitical research; decries Dr AlSingace's life sentence for his peaceful leading role in Bahrain's 2011 pro-democracy uprising; unreservedly condemns Dr AlSingace's torture in 2011 by Bahraini officials, as documented by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry; further condemns that Dr AlSingace has spent over a decade unjustly imprisoned, throughout which mistreatment and medical negligence against him has been reported by UN experts; further recalls the Government's 2012 expression of deep dismay at Dr AlSingace's conviction; echoes calls from UN experts, the EU Parliament, 101 academics and 77 cross-party UK parliamentarians, trade unions, lawyers and rights groups for Dr AlSingace's release; calls upon the Government to urgently secure the return of Dr AlSingace's research, impose Magnitsky Act Sanctions on those responsible for his unlawful imprisonment; and to call for his immediate and unconditional release; and further calls upon the Government to urge for the release of all political prisoners in Bahrain, including Hassan Mushaima, Sheikh Ali Salman, Abdulhadi Alkhawaja and Ali Alhajee.

581 35th anniversary of Charlie Reid Travel, Kirkcaldy

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 6

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Peter Grant
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens

That this House pays tribute to Charlie Reid Travel based in Kirkcaldy and formed in 1985 providing holiday experiences to the community and beyond; recognises that they have established a reputation for offering a wide range of trips, tailoring holiday packages to suit individual needs; notes that the founders Charlie and Norma Reid who ran the business until their retirement in 2002 were successful in establishing an independent, local, family run business which was taken over by sons Gordon and Ian and daughter Julie and acknowledges the business continues to be viable despite the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic with the support of their loyal customers, friends and dedicated staff; celebrates their 35th anniversary, which took place in December 2020; and wishes them many years of success in the future.

583 Proscribing of Palestinian human rights organisations

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 33

Tommy Sheppard
Apsana Begum
Alan Brown
Paul Blomfield
Julie Elliott
Dr Philippa Whitford

Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans

Joanna Cherry

Marsha De Cordova

That this House condemns the declaration of 22 October 2021 made by Israeli Minister of Defence, Benny Gantz, which designated six Palestinian civil society groups as terrorist organisations; notes that the Israeli authorities have not provided any evidence to substantiate their claims about the organisations; further notes that the targeted groups Al-Haq, Addameer, Bisan Center, Defence for Children International Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees are organisations deeply committed to protecting the human rights of Palestinian communities, highlighting Israel's illegal policies and also those of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas; further notes the statement of 22 Israeli civil society groups based in Israel in support of the six NGOs; views this as a further direct assault on Palestinian civil society in an effort to isolate and suffocate Palestinian human rights defenders; recognises the significant impact this assault has on some of the most prominent Palestinian civil society organisations including on the local and international public's right to information about the reality of human rights violations in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories; calls on the Government to demand that the Israeli Government reveal any evidence against those organisations; and further calls on the Government to reaffirm its support for Palestinian and Israeli civil society and human rights organisations as a key foundation in building a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

584 Death and recognition of Walter Smith OBE

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 40

Chris Stephens
Brendan O'Hara
Ian Blackford
Gavin Newlands
Stewart Hosie
Dan Carden

Joanna Cherry

That this House expresses its deep sorrow at the death of Rangers Football Club legend, and one of the great modern day football managers, Walter Smith OBE; recognises Walter's extraordinary contribution to Scottish football, both as a manager and as a player, beginning his playing career at Dundee United in 1966, and a spell at Dumbarton before a return to the Tangerines; pays tribute to the incredible legacy of Walter as one of the most successful men ever to manage Rangers, winning ten Scottish Premier League titles, including securing a record nine league trophies in a row in the 1990s, winning five Scottish Cups, six Scottish League Cups and taking Rangers to the UEFA Cup Final in 2008 in his second spell as manager at the club; further notes his wider contribution to Rangers as an ambassador, advisor and briefly as chairman; recognises his successful spells as manager with the Scottish National Team, Everton and his short spell as assistant manager to Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United where he won the FA Cup in 2004; and extends its sincere sympathy to Walter's family, his former team mates, the wider footballing world and the tens of thousands of Ranger's fans around the world mourning the loss of a true Rangers Football Club legend.

586 Creature Comforts and Independent Pet Retailer of the Year

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 8

Kirsten Oswald
Margaret Ferrier
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Peter Grant
Amy Callaghan
Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Graeme and Ann Wilson, whose business, Creature Comforts, was awarded the UK Independent Retailer of the Year for 2021 at the Pet Industry Federation Awards; notes that Creature Comforts' first shop opened in Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, in 1997 and that the company has since grown to be Scotland's largest independent pet retailer; further notes that Creature Comforts is going into its 25th year as a family owned independent business, which now operates four pet shops, having opened a second shop in Milngavie in 2002, one in Shawlands, Glasgow, in 2011, and another in Burnside, Rutherglen, in 2017; welcomes the support provided by Creature Comforts and its many loyal customers to the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, supported by Bearsden Dog Training Club; and records its appreciation for the contribution such quality independent retailers make to local communities.

587 National Care Practitioner of the Year

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Peter Grant
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Paul Black on being recognised as National Care Practitioner of the Year at the Barchester Care Awards 2021; recognises Paul's stellar work at Drummond Grange Care Home in Lasswade, Midlothian; notes that the Barchester Care Awards celebrate the staff who go the extra mile for the benefit of the 12,000 residents living in Barchester's 248 care homes and private hospitals across the country; understands that more than 2,900 nominations were received from homes and hospitals across the UK; and sends its thanks to all workers across the care sector for the invaluable work they do, especially during such a difficult time.

589 The service of Oliver Denton Lieberman

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 17

Tulip Siddiq
Janet Daby
Dawn Butler
Rosie Duffield
Dr Rupa Huq
Stella Creasy

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises Oliver Denton Lieberman's dedication and public service as an office manager during many turbulent years in politics; appreciates that he has coordinated the campaign within Parliament to free Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and supported her family; acknowledges the role he has played in running an efficient office and representing the interests of people in Hampstead and Kilburn including over 20,000 European Union citizens; appreciates his unique sense of humour and his fear of Shaolin; and wishes him, his wife Anne and his daughters Annabelle and Genevieve the best in all future activities.

591 Scout District of Ross, Skye and Lochalsh

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 4

Ian Blackford
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans

That this House thanks the work of volunteers within the Scout Association and in particular those in the Scout District of Ross, Skye and Lochalsh; acknowledges Scouting provides a fun and safe activity, open to all our young people regardless of background and that this has been especially important to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers over the last 18 months, helping them keep in touch with friends, even if just virtually, while still taking part in scouting activities and learning vital skills for life; notes that all this would not be possible without the dedicated work of adult volunteers; and recognises Hilary Cameron, District Commissioner, and Samantha Blyth, Deputy District Commissioner, have been a huge support to leaders across the district and that their leadership has meant groups across the area are starting to meet face to face again while putting in place COVID measures, ensuring that Scouts are firmly part of this Highland Community.

592 Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman
Chris Stephens
Andrew Gwynne
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna

That this House believes that there should be an urgent national all-faith delegation to Tehran to petition for the immediate release of British citizen Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and other political detainees currently being held in Iran; condemns the continued unjust detention of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and other dual citizens and political prisoners within the Islamic Republic and stands in solidarity with them and their loved ones; and urges the Government to renew its vigour in negotiating the release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and to appraise all options available to ensure that she returns home as soon as possible.

593 25 years of Green Flag Awards

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans

That this House applauds the success of the Green Flag Award scheme, which this year celebrates 25 years of recognising those who help create some of the best parks in the world and recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces; welcomes that the principal aims of the scheme are to ensure everybody has access to quality green and other open spaces, irrespective of where they live, and that these spaces are appropriately managed and meet community needs; welcomes news that 2,127 parks and green spaces received an award in 2021, including Rouken Glen Park in East Renfrewshire, which opened in 1906 and is one of the west of Scotland's most popular and best loved parks, which has achieved Green Flag Status in each of the last five years and was recently voted the second best free visitor attraction in Scotland; further welcomes news that the 2021 winners include Whitelee Windfarm, located on Eaglesham Moor and operated by ScottishPower Renewables, where the hugely popular visitor centre is enjoyed by families looking for fresh air on a day out, and where dog walkers can enjoy a slice of peace and quiet and cyclists and horse riders can explore the dedicated network of tracks and trails; and looks forward to the continued success of the Green Flag Scheme which is operated so successfully in Scotland by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

595 #MyBitYourBit campaign

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 5

John McNally [R]
Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Wera Hobhouse
Chris Stephens

That this House urges the Government to support the APPG on Youth Action Against Climate Change and the new campaign, led by the Hedgerley Wood Trust, called #MyBitYourBit, an initiative to elevate the voices of youth ahead of the vital COP26 summit in Glasgow; further urges the Government to support open dialogue for action on climate change between those youth campaigning organisations and politicians; that the Government recognises the importance of bringing together young people from across the country to share the action they are taking on climate change and biodiversity loss; and calls on the Government to listen and respond to these challenges to our political leaders on what they hope to achieve at COP26.

596 Closing of Amnesty International's offices in Hong Kong

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 4

Andrew Rosindell
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Geraint Davies

That this House expresses its concern at the announcement that Amnesty International will close its two offices in Hong Kong by the end of the year; highlights that Amnesty International cites the impact of the national security law as the key factor behind the decision; acknowledges Amnesty International's statement that said that the regime is attempting to rid the city of all dissenting voices; praises Amnesty International for 40 years of determined campaigning for better human rights in Hong Kong and the region; notes that as well as Amnesty International, at least 35

civil society groups and unions have been forced to disband since the National Security Law was imposed; further notes that over 150 people have been arrested under the National Security Law; condemns the Hong Kong government for implementing the National Security Law; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to make a statement on the UK's response to the situation in Hong Kong.

597 Ministerial responses to hon. Members' correspondence on Afghanistan

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 13

Helen Hayes
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Richard Thomson
Dan Carden
Chris Stephens

Ms Diane Abbott
Jamie Stone
Hywel Williams

Kim Johnson
Graham Stringer

Allan Dorans
Kate Hollern

That this House is extremely concerned by the extensive delays in hon. Members receiving responses on the resettlement of Afghan nationals to the UK; notes the Minister for Safeguarding and Afghan Resettlement's statement of 13 September 2021 on the Government's progress in providing specific updates on people within Afghanistan and is concerned that that contradicts advice given to hon. Members that they should contact the Home Office, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence on any cases their constituents raise which may be eligible for support; is concerned that the Minister's statement also contradicts the Prime Minister's response of 6 September 2021 pledging that every single email from colleagues is being responded to by close of play today; and calls on the Government to ensure that substantive responses are provided to all cases raised by hon. Members in correspondence.

598 Community Sponsorship

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 10

Helen Hayes
Mr Virendra Sharma
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry

Kim Johnson
Hywel Williams

Allan Dorans

Kate Hollern

That this House pays tribute to the hard work of over 100 community sponsorship groups who have welcomed more than 500 refugees to the UK; notes that community sponsorship has played an integral role in resettling Syrian refugees since 2016; further notes that research has found that community sponsorship creates a warmer welcome for refugees and contributes to more inclusive communities than other routes; recognises that communities across the country stand ready to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees and welcomes the Government's commitment to extend the Community Sponsorship scheme to include Afghan refugees; notes extensive delays in the processing of community sponsorship applications; and calls on the Government to provide the funding and resources to speed up the administration of that scheme.

599 Rett Syndrome Awareness MonthTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **6**

Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry
Stuart C McDonald
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

That this House recognises Rett Syndrome Awareness Month from 1-30 October; notes its importance for raising awareness of the rare genetic disorder as the second most common cause of severe disability in women and girls; commends the charitable organisation, Rett UK, for their outstanding work in providing information, support and advocacy services for people impacted by the condition across the UK; and recognises the importance of their campaign this Rett Syndrome Awareness Month to inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett Syndrome and their families.

600 National Road Safety WeekTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **4**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Wera Hobhouse
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams

That this House celebrates the tireless work of countless individuals and organisations, including community groups, schools, emergency services, businesses, fleet operators, road safety campaigners and charities, road victim support services and road safety professionals, to champion road safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads; highlights the 23,529 people killed or seriously injured on roads in Great Britain in 2020, and 6,543 in Northern Ireland, despite the pandemic reducing traffic, and the fact that no level of casualties is acceptable; welcomes Government plans to publish a Road Safety Strategic Framework; congratulates Brake, together with sponsors Arval, DHL and openreach on coordinating Road Safety Week from 15 to 21 November 2021, as a focus of community efforts to raise awareness; and notes that thousands of local groups, schools, emergency services, hospitals, voluntary sector organisations and leading companies will be holding events as part of the week to raise awareness about road safety and the steps we can take to stop these avoidable tragedies.

601 30th anniversary of Garnethill ParkTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Alison Thewliss
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Chris Stephens
Stuart C McDonald
Allan Dorans

That this House notes that the 26th of October marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of Garnethill Park in Glasgow; appreciates that this was a Scottish-German project initiated by the City of Glasgow and the Goethe Institute as a lasting contribution to the Glasgow 1990 European Capital of Culture celebrations; understands that the park was formed around a tiled mural created in 1978 by local artists John Kraska, Irene Keenan and Tommy Lydon, which was part of the creative renewal of the Garnethill area; welcomes the addition in 2005 by the artist Ulrike Enslein of cast concrete slabs which immortalise the memories of members of the Garnethill community; further notes that the park features a community bread oven; appreciates the ongoing work of Garnethill Community Council to maintain and champion the park they helped to create; thanks local businesses for contributing to the raffle which is part of the 30th anniversary celebrations; and hopes the park will continue to be a well cared for and integral part of community life in Garnethill for many years to come.

602 Pizza Express tips policyTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **19**

Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Navendu Mishra
Marsha De Cordova
Mary Kelly Foy
Ian Lavery

Dan Carden

Chris Stephens

This House is alarmed to hear that front-of-house staff at Pizza Express have seen a sizeable cut to their income since May 17 2021, the day restaurants reopened after lockdown; notes that the 30 per cent previously deducted from waiting staff tips for kitchen staff was increased to 50 per cent on this date; further notes that kitchen staff are on higher basic pay rates and get more guaranteed hours than waiting staff, while the back-of-house team is also significantly smaller than the front-of-house team at Pizza Express restaurants; believes this change has had a punitive effect on waiting staff – who are disproportionately female – as tips represent a significant proportion of their take-home pay; is concerned that this deduction is being used to boost the wages of kitchen staff by depriving minimum-wage waiting staff of their fair share of tips; is further concerned that staff were not properly consulted about this change; and calls on the Government to urge the company's management to negotiate in good faith with Unite the union to resolve the concerns of its members at Pizza Express.