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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 23 November 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 687      **Anti-Bullying Week**

Tabled: **23/11/21**      Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House notes the end of Anti-Bullying week and highlights the need for hon Members of this House to lead the way in exemplifying respectful discourse; further notes that sometimes we allow passion to overcome manners and appropriate language; and notes Mr Speaker's comments that the House will only gain respect when individuals show respect for each other, Official Report, 17 November 2021, col 573, as something for all hon. Members to observe.

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#### 688      **Ulster Scots Language Week**

Tabled: **23/11/21**      Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the 2021 Ulster Scotch Leid Week, Ulster Scots Language Week; highlights the beauty of Ulster Scots in the written and spoken form and the tremendous poetry of Philip Robinson and many others who preserve this aspect of Northern Ireland culture and heritage; further notes the translation of the Bible into Ulster Scots along with other wonderful historic texts; and encourages the general public to become involved in this wonderful celebration of language and culture.

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**689 Rearo's 30th anniversary**Tabled: **23/11/21** Signatories: **1****Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Rearo Laminates, an independent family business, who specialise in the manufacturing of laminate surfaces for the domestic and commercial market, headquartered in Govan in the Glasgow South West constituency, on celebrating their 30th anniversary in November 2021; notes that the company went from modest beginnings in 1991 and has grown to have more than 100 workers across sites in Govan, Fife, Lerwick, Washington and Northampton; recognises the success of Rearo's apprenticeship programme, providing vital apprenticeships which have benefitted many, for which they won the Scottish Apprenticeship Award in 2018 for equality and diversity; supports their ambitious growth plans with a £500,000 investment in transforming production processes and working practices, developing new products and embedding a commitment to customer service across the company; and wishes all the management and staff at Rearo continued success as they move into the fourth decade in business.

**690 Govan Housing Association's 50th anniversary**Tabled: **23/11/21** Signatories: **1****Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Govan Housing Association as it celebrates its momentous 50th anniversary; recognises that, when founded in 1971 under the name Central Govan Housing Association, it was the first community-based housing provider, leading the way for social housing provision in Scotland; notes that Govan Housing Association has a rich history of development and innovation, initially set up to carry out rehabilitation of 212 tenement flats in Taransay Street in Govan; further notes that Govan Housing Association now has ownership and management of over 1600 properties in the local area, including many award-winning new build developments that have assisted with the continual regeneration of Govan; proudly acknowledges Govan Housing Association's rich history of pioneering housing achievements; and wishes it, all its staff and its tenants and the wider community involved with it, all the best for the future.

**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.

**646 Willie Taylor, Ellon Pipe Band**Tabled: **15/11/21** Signatories: **12**

**Richard Thomson**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Chris Law**  
**Marion Fellows**

John Nicolson

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House acknowledges the hugely significant voluntary contribution of Mr Willie Taylor of Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire to the success and ongoing development of the Ellon Pipe Band; further recognises Mr Taylor's pivotal role in developing the long-standing partnership between the

Ellon Pipe Band and the Koninklijke Harmonie Concordia silver band from Maaseik, Belgium; and wishes him well as he retires from the Ellon Pipe Band after 38 years of service to the band and to community life in the Ellon area and beyond.

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## 649 Hillsborough disaster and the National Curriculum

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 36

**Ian Byrne**  
**Maria Eagle**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**John McDonnell**

Mohammad Yasin

That this House acknowledges that, 32 years after the Hillsborough disaster, criminal trials collapsed in May 2021 and nobody has been held to account for the unlawful killings of 97 innocent people; acknowledges that it took 23 years of campaigning for the truth about the disaster to be finally acknowledged at the Hillsborough Independent Panel and for lies and smears about victims and survivors to be corrected; further acknowledges that it took 27 years for the true inquest verdicts of unlawful killing to be recorded; recognises the important work of the hon. Member for Garston and Halewood in getting Parliament to learn lessons from the disaster and her work to introduce legislation that would ensure that bereaved families and survivors of future disasters never go through the injustices faced by the Hillsborough families and survivors; furthermore recognises the important role of education in learning the lessons from the disaster; and calls on the Government to include the Hillsborough disaster in the National Curriculum, a programme of education which should cover the events of the past 32 years, the continuing campaign for justice and how we ensure the events of that fateful day are not forgotten and that the ensuing miscarriage of justice is never repeated.

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## 651 Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 53

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Anne McLaughlin**

Mohammad Yasin

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House notes the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACSR) was announced on 18 August 2021; further notes that hon. Members are still receiving desperate messages for help and that Ministerial replies to queries make repeated reference to the scheme; is concerned that three months later the ACRS is still not open to applications and that vulnerable people seeking safety from the Taliban, and for whom the UK has a responsibility, are therefore not able to access it; is further concerned that the 5,000 cap on the number of people who can be helped by the scheme in the first year is insufficient and that there's every likelihood those places will already be filled by, for example, people evacuated to the UK via Operation Pitting or who have crossed the border into refugee camps in neighbouring countries, with knock on implications for the Afghan national family members of our constituents; and calls on the Government to open the ACRS without any further delays and to significantly increase the number of people eligible, starting with bringing forward the overall 20,000 cap to the first year.

**662 Mental health of spinal cord injured people**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 11

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Byrne**

Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges recent research into the mental health requirements and difficulties for people with a spinal cord injury that shows 40 per cent had depression and 28 per cent had experienced suicidal thoughts; notes that it is important for newly injured spinal cord injured people to be able to access timely and appropriate mental health support; further notes that NHS health professionals who care for spinal cord injured people must understand the mental health aspects of a spinal cord injury; and calls on the Government to increase funding and capacity to meet the lifelong mental health needs of the spinal cord injured community in the UK.

**663 Treatment of journalists in Myanmar**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 17

**John McDonnell**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Jim Shannon

That this House deplores the sentence of eleven years hard labour given to Frontier Myanmar's managing editor Danny Fenster by the military junta; notes that Fenster is the first western journalist to be convicted from over a hundred journalists arrested since February's military coup, and that of the seven journalists convicted, his sentence represents the harshest punishment yet; believes this sentencing sends a dangerous message of the military junta's absolute disregard for press freedom to suppress critical voices and reports on human rights violations; and calls on the Government to join the International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland in calling for the authorities in Myanmar to drop the remaining charges and immediately release Fenster along with all other media workers detained since 1 February 2021.

**664 Carers Rights Day**

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 15

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**

Jim Shannon

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people who are providing unpaid care to family and friends across the UK; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2021, taking place

on 25 November 2021, in raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic; stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers who are juggling their caring responsibilities alongside paid work; and calls on the Government to implement its plans to introduce Carer's Leave at the earliest opportunity, as well as providing all employees a day one right to request flexible working.

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## 665 Welsh Men's National Football Team Success

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 12

**Hywel Williams**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Mark Tami**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Chris Stephens**

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the success of the Welsh Men's National Football team for securing a seeded play off spot for the 2022 World Cup qualification following their 1 to 1 draw with current FIFA World Ranking leaders Belgium; pays tribute to manager Rob Page and his backroom staff for their fantastic work in guiding the team to the verge of qualification by finishing in the top-two of a World Cup qualifying group for the first time since qualification for the 1966 World Cup; notes the side's current 16 game unbeaten run at home is in part testament to the tremendous support by Welsh fans; and wishes the team the best of luck for the remainder of the campaign to qualify for a World Cup for the first time since 1958.

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## 666 Scottish Curry Awards 2021

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the importance of the Scottish curry industry and of the best Scottish curry establishments and professionals that create and serve delicious dishes in communities across Scotland; congratulates all winners in the Scottish Curry Awards for 2021 in categories as diverse as Takeaway and Home Delivery of the Year, Outstanding Indian Restaurant of the Year, Customer Service of the Year, Curry Champions of the Year and Curry Lover of the Year; congratulates in particular the Turban Tandoori restaurant in Giffnock, East Renfrewshire, which received the much-prized Outstanding Curry of the Year award; notes that the Turban Tandoori is a well-loved local business not just for the quality of their food and customer service but also for the contribution they make to their local community, not least by their generosity in ensuring that surplus food was distributed to people in need when the restaurant closed during the covid-19 pandemic; and applauds Turban Tandoori's generous donations to the NHS to help keep front-line staff energised as they cared for patients during the covid-19 pandemic.

**667 Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau 50th anniversary**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau for reaching its 50th anniversary; recognises the role that the Citizens Advice Bureau plays in providing free, independent and confidential advice to clients in Airdrie; commends the hard work of staff and volunteers at that Citizens Advice Bureau, empowering clients from all demographics to manage their lives and financial affairs; understands that on average 40 people receive assistance each day from Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau and since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, 32,910 issues were dealt with by that Bureau, generating £2.2M in financial gains and entitlements for their clients; and wishes the Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau success going forward.

**668 Isle of Kerrera Development Trust's work on developing and improving community life and island infrastructure**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust (IKDT), including islander project team Martin and Aideen Shields and the residents of Kerrera, on the opening of a link road connecting the communities in the North and South of the island; notes the tireless efforts and success of the IKDT in securing funding from Argyll & Bute Council and the Scottish Government Islands Team and the precedence this sets for other island communities wishing to develop and improve their communities infrastructure; further notes the dedicated hard work of Alistair McCrae and his team from Barrachander Quarry in getting the road built in a timely and affordable manner; recognises the huge economic and social benefits that this project will bring to the residents of and visitors to Kerrera who can now access vital services much more readily; commends the IKDT for all of their hard work on other projects and partnerships, including, the purchase and renovation of the Old School into a community hub, the acquisition of the breakwater and slipway as the IKDT's first income generating community asset and the island e-bikes project; and wishes all those on Kerrera every success with future plans.

**669 Rosneath Primary School winner of Tree Council national competition**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the primary six class of Rosneath Primary School and their teacher Mrs Hazlett on their outstanding success in the Tree Council national competition, taking first place among 800 entrants and being involved in the initiative, which included the planting of over 30,000 trees and fruiting hedgerow whips across the UK with the aim of creating a healthier future for young people and the planet by unlocking the power of trees; welcomes the school's involvement in the Tree Council's Force for Nature climate event; recognises the pledges made by pupils to

reduce carbon emissions; marks the work undertaken by primary seven children at the school to carry out a village litter survey followed by a litter pick resulting in 11kg of litter being collected; and commends all of these efforts by the school to improve the local environment as well as engaging young people in the aims of the COP26 event while it was taking place in Glasgow.

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**670 Heartstart Projects Argyll and Clyde team win volunteer of the year at Scottish Health Awards**

Tabled: 18/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the Heartstart Projects in Argyll and Clyde team for winning the volunteer of the year award at the Scottish Health Awards ceremony held in Edinburgh; marks 25 years of that group saving the lives of people across Helensburgh and Lomond and the wider Argyll and Clyde area; recognises the value of training provided to members of the public including basic emergency life support in schools, workplaces and community settings as well as training in the use of more than 220 publicly accessible defibrillators; commends NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership for providing financial support for the project; and thanks Heartstart co-ordinator, Sheenah Nelson, trainer, Frances Parkinson, and staff, including Angela McNeil and Bernadette Walker, for their dedication to the project's success.

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**671 First Bus and Together for our Planet Event**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates First Bus on its successful hosting of the official COP26 electric vehicle charging site at its Caledonia Depot, the largest charging station for electric vehicles in the UK; notes that international and delegates from across the UK visited throughout COP26 to discuss the future of sustainable energy and transport; recognises that the event was held in partnership with Hitachi and Octopus Energy, who partner with First Bus on sustainable transport, energy and infrastructure; welcomes First Bus's contribution of electric bus shuttle services, which carried thousands of delegates to and from the COP26 campus throughout the two weeks of the event; acknowledges that, in addition to the investment and ongoing delivery of 150 electric buses built by Alexander Dennis, First Bus are also running the UK's first hydrogen-powered bus services in Aberdeen; and wishes First Bus continued success in its efforts to decarbonise its bus fleets across Scotland's transport network.

**673 Church of Scotland's action on Climate Change**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the contribution of the Church of Scotland to the discussion and action on climate change, including the Church's own Net Zero target by the year 2030; notes the participation by the Rt Hon. Lord Wallace of Tankerness, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as a delegate at COP26; recognises the continuing role of the churches and faith groups in advocating for the care of the environment; and calls on the Government to continue to engage with faith groups and civil society in this matter.

**674 Animals in Scientific Research and transition to new approach methodologies**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Martyn Day**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House regrets 2.88 million animal experiments were carried out in Great Britain in 2020; notes there can be better options than using animals in scientific research; further notes the Animal Free Research UK report Modernising Medical Research recommendation to establish a role focussed on replacing animals with human relevant techniques, which could accelerate the transition to New Approach Methodologies (NAMs); and urges the Government to show global leadership and seize the scientific and economic opportunities that the NAMs sector provides.

**675 Uptake of heat pumps**

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

That this House welcomes the publication of the Heat and Buildings and Net Zero strategies, which include a commitment to deploy 600,000 heat pumps per year by 2028; notes that delivering net zero will require a very significant increase in the uptake of ground source and air source heat pumps within this decade; expresses concern that heat pump deployment is currently only 35,000 per year; believes that the Government must do more to encourage the uptake of cost-effective ground source heat pump solutions for multiple homes, including new build properties; further



believes that the Government should ensure the heat pump industry has long-term stability to drive forward UK investment and training and must act quickly to reduce electricity prices to encourage greater uptake of heat pumps; and calls on the Government to increase the overall funding for the boiler upgrade scheme from 2022, including increased support for ground source heat pumps.

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### 676 Royal DSM Dalry and Emissions Reduction

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Royal DSM Dalry, North Ayrshire, following the announcement that it will be the first global production facility for a ground-breaking £100 million investment, backed by Scottish Enterprise, to reduce methane using a feed additive; notes that DSM already employs over 300 people in at its world-leading Dalry plant for micro-nutrients, including vitamin C; understands that just a quarter of a teaspoon of Bovaer its safe, revolutionary new product will cut methane emissions from dairy cows by over 30 per cent and 90 per cent from beef cattle, thereby delivering a strong sustainable export product; acknowledges this is a crucial step in supporting farming communities in their fight against climate change and therefore, an important contributor to carbon reduction; recognises that this project will increase employment at DSM Dalry by 10 per cent or 30 people, as well as ensuring over 100 construction roles over the next two years, boosting the local economy and securing the facility's long-term future; and commends Royal DSM for their dedication to fighting global warming and supporting Scotland's aim to achieving its climate ambitions and wishes the facility the best with this exciting project and in its future endeavours.

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### 677 Home Energy Scotland

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 7

**Martyn Day**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the work of the Scottish Government's Home Energy Scotland service that is managed across Scotland by Energy Saving Trust and delivered to constituents in South East Scotland by Changeworks; recognises that Home Energy Scotland is the referral point for the Scottish Government funded Warmer Homes Scotland programme that, since 2015, has helped over 24,000 households across Scotland with a range of energy efficiency improvements to help keep people warmer in their homes and reduce their energy bills; notes Home Energy Scotland provides a range of free and impartial advice on energy efficiency, low and zero emissions heating, sustainable transport and water efficiency; further commends this service for continually delivering crucial support to constituents throughout the pandemic by helping households to stay warm, save money and reduce their carbon impact; and further recognises the support this service provided to local authorities to reach households who were shielding and providing e-bike trials to key workers.

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**678 Protections for shop workers**Tabled: **22/11/21** Signatories: **6**

**Robert Halfon**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the need to protect shop workers; further recognises that shop workers are too often subjected to abuse, threat and assault; acknowledges the difficulties experienced by hardworking employees such as residents in the constituency of Harlow, who have faced such behaviour; praises the incredibly important service that shop workers provide; and calls upon the Government to go further to raise awareness of this significant issue.

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**679 Murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher**Tabled: **22/11/21** Signatories: **4**

**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recalls that on 17 April 1984, WPC Yvonne Fletcher, aged 25, was shot in the back and murdered from inside the Libyan Embassy while policing a political demonstration; notes that no one has ever been charged in connection with her death, despite there being an individual identified as Saleh Mabrouk suspected of involvement in her murder; further notes that in 2017 the Government refused to allow the release of certain evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service, on the grounds of national security which would potentially have allowed Mr Mabrouk to be prosecuted in a criminal court; notes that former police officer John Murray, who was with Yvonne when she was murdered, and to whom he pledged that he would bring those responsible to justice, has campaigned relentlessly for justice for Yvonne for 37 years and on 16 November 2021, won an outstanding victory at the Royal Courts of Justice; notes the judgment delivered by the Hon. Mr Justice Martin Spencer determined that Mr Mabrouk, together with others, was jointly responsible for Yvonne's death; further notes that it is shameful that the Government has not in any way assisted or supported Mr Murray in his campaign for justice for Yvonne; and calls for an inquiry into why the evidence was withheld from the CPS in 2017 and a review of the previously withheld evidence as to whether it can now be safely released with a view to considering a prosecution of Mr Mabrouk in a criminal court.

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**680 Charity lottery £50 million annual sales limit**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 10

**John Nicolson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Scott Benton**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**

Grahame Morris  
Chris Stephens

Ben Lake

Neale Hanvey

That this House acknowledges the success of the charity lottery annual sales limit being raised to £50 million and the per draw limit being raised to £5 million; notes these important reforms have freed up millions of pounds of funding for good causes across the country, which has proven especially valuable during the pandemic; notes charity lotteries still face a heavy administrative and bureaucratic burden, hindering their ability to raise as much as possible for good causes; further notes that further reform introducing a £100 million annual sales limit was the recommendation of the Gambling Commission and was the Government's preferred option during consultation on charity lottery reform; notes that raising the annual sales limit to £100 million would help free up even more funding for good causes; and calls on the Government to proceed with this next stage of reform as soon as possible to futureproof the fundraising capability of the sector.

**681 Invinity Energy Systems**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Martyn Day**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Invinity Energy Systems on their new flow battery manufacturing facility in Bathgate; recognises that their innovative flow batteries store energy from renewable sources and are inherently safe and non-flammable, last for decades without degrading, allow unlimited cycling, and are proven in commercial installations around the world; notes that the company's growing commercial success has led to partnerships with EDF, Siemens Gamesa, Scottish Water, the California Energy Commission and Wärtsilä; further notes that the company has expanded significantly in the past year including creating 25 new green jobs in Bathgate, with many employees transferring skills from the oil and gas industry to support the energy transition; and further recognises Invinity's commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

**682 Fundraising for Cornerstone Charity**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates the fundraising efforts of Airdrie and Shotts Constituent Beth McPhee in raising funds for the charity, Cornerstone; highlights the over £500 raised by Beth through bake sales; understands that Beth raised funds for Cornerstone after her grandfather received care and support from the charity; and wishes Beth all the best in her continuing fundraising efforts.

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**683 Disability inclusive employment strategy**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 4

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House expresses concern that the covid-19 pandemic is still disproportionately affecting the financial security and working status of disabled people across the UK; highlights the recent report by the charity Leonard Cheshire, which found that 69 per cent of disabled people have had their work impacted by the pandemic, rising to 89 per cent among disabled 18-24 year olds; expresses further concern at Leonard Cheshire's findings about employer attitudes, which show that 1 in 5 employers are less likely to hire a disabled person; believes that disabled people must not be left behind as the UK rebuilds from the pandemic; and calls on the Government to increase efforts to support disabled people by adopting Leonard Cheshire's recommendations, including dedicated employment support for disabled jobseekers, promotion of Access to Work to employers and employees and introducing mandatory reporting for large employers on their performance in employing disabled people.

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**684 Family Business Week 2021**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House supports Family Business Week 2021, a week-long celebration of family businesses and local communities across the UK; notes that family-owned and -run business are often some of the most vital to communities both rural and urban, providing both economic growth and social support; calls on the Government to ensure that small family businesses have the best possible chance to recover following the pandemic; and recognises the role of the Institute for Family Business in organising and amplifying this event.

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**685 Living wage and Grandview and Mains Care Homes**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 5

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**

That this House congratulates the team at Grandview and Mains Care Homes on receiving the Living Wage Scotland Trailblazer award 2021; in doing so recognises the incredible work that this family run business has put in to become a stand out employer in the care sector and their commitment to pay staff the real living wage; and commends the efforts of the entire team for their commitment to the communities they serve, especially in light of the challenges they have faced during the covid-19 pandemic.

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**686 Near net-zero status - Nairn Community Arts Centre**

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Drew Hendry**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ms Anum Qaisar**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Sam Morrison, Centre Manager, Bob Ferenth, Centre Director and the team at the Nairn Community Arts Centre on their near net-zero status; recognises the importance of setting this standard for businesses in the Highlands and becoming the greenest building in Nairn, notes that the Nairn Community Art Centre now generates 90 per cent of its annual electricity requirements; and further recognises that the support and advice from Zero Waste Scotland has helped the charity complete a five-year programme to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels in just two years.