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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 24 November 2021

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New EDMs

None

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.

651 **Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme**

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 54

Caroline Lucas

Jim Shannon

Jamie Stone

Clive Lewis

Dr Rupa Huq

Anne McLaughlin

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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 ACSR 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.

671 First Bus and Together for our Planet Event

Tabled: **19/11/21** Signatories: **8**

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

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

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.

678 Protections for shop workers

Tabled: **22/11/21** Signatories: **9**

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

Sir Mike Penning

Paula Barker

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.

679 Murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 6

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Ms Anum Qaisar
Chris Stephens
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier

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.

680 Charity lottery £50 million annual sales limit

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 11

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

Joanna Cherry

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.

683 Disability inclusive employment strategy

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 5

Wera Hobhouse
 Jim Shannon
 Andrew Gwynne
 Carla Lockhart
 Paula Barker

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.

684 Family Business Week 2021

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 8

Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Jim Shannon
 Andrew Gwynne
 Jonathan Edwards
 Chris Stephens
 Margaret Ferrier

Sir Mike Penning

Douglas Chapman

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.

687 Anti-Bullying Week

Tabled: 23/11/21 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
 Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
 Sammy Wilson
 Carla Lockhart
 Sir Mike Penning
 Gavin Robinson

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.

688 Ulster Scots Language Week

Tabled: 23/11/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sammy Wilson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Gavin Robinson

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.

689 Rearo's 30th anniversary

Tabled: 23/11/21 Signatories: 4

Chris Stephens
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon

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.