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Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 3 December 2021

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New EDMs

733 Northlink Ferries and Islander food discount

Tabled: **3/12/21** Signatories: **1**

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House notes with concern Northlink Ferries' decision to cut islander discounts on food and drink on its ferries to and from the Northern Isles; recognises that ferry services are a lifeline transport link for islanders and are generally the only affordable travel option for those who use them, with journeys lasting several hours; understands that this decision was taken without notice or consultation with local people; notes that the Islands Act passed by the Scottish Parliament is intended to ensure that policy changes are island proofed to avoid such outcomes; and calls upon Northlink Ferries to reverse its decision and consult with isles representatives and local people to resolve their grievances about this change.

734 Barnett Consequentials from the Culture Recovery Fund

Tabled: **3/12/21** Signatories: **2**

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans

That this House notes with concern reports that HM Treasury has only delivered £9 million of an expected £40 million to the Scottish Government in consequential funding arising from the £300 million increase in the Culture Recovery Fund announced in the March 2021 Budget; notes that while First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on 11 May 2021 that the expected £40 million would be made available for culture organisations in Scotland, six months later Scottish Ministers have been unable to fulfil that commitment in full due to HM Treasury not delivering the remaining consequentials in a timely manner; shares the concerns expressed by the Scottish Commercial Music Industry Taskforce that the result of these funds being withheld by the Government is that Scottish artists and culture organisations are at significant disadvantage compared to their counterparts elsewhere in the UK, and that while Arts Council England has been able to continue making

support available to organisations through to January 2022, such support in Scotland has not been able to continue beyond 30 September 2021, leading to fears that the sector has been left in a severely weakened position with no access to support needed to restart and recover as the economy emerges from pandemic-related restrictions; and calls on the Treasury to explain why there has been such a significant delay, and to take action to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency in order that artists and culture organisations in Scotland can benefit from the expected and intended support.

735 Glen Cinema Disaster Memorial

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 3

Gavin Newlands
Mhairi Black
Allan Dorans

That this House commends the work of Paisley Rotary, Future Paisley and the Paisley community in providing a fitting permanent memorial to honour the 71 children who lost their lives in the Glen Cinema Disaster on the 31st of December 1929; notes that the children died after a smoking canister reel caused a panic which sadly resulted in a crush as the exit doors had been locked; acknowledges that changes to Health and Safety legislation were introduced following the tragedy including the introduction of push bars on fire exits; further notes that the memorial will offer future generations the opportunity to remember those who were lost and also those survived such as Emily Brown and Robert Pope who attended the unveiling ceremony; welcomes that the annual remembrance event which takes place every Hogmanay will now have a unique and dedicated focal point.

736 Knightswood Community Centre 50th (+1) Anniversary

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 2

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the important milestone for Knightswood Community Centre as it celebrates its 50th (+1) anniversary; notes that Knightswood Community Centre is a valued asset that has been at the heart of the local community for the last fifty one years, providing a wide range of services, including dance classes, arts and crafts classes, language learning, sporting and fitness activities, health advice and meeting places for local organisations; further notes that Knightswood Community Centre is one of the largest and busiest community facilities in Glasgow; recognises the commitment of the centre staff and centre management to the local community; notes that the 50th anniversary celebrations were unable to take place last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; congratulates everyone involved in the celebrations on 4th December 2021; and looks forward to the continuing success of the centre throughout the next 50 (+1) years.

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.

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

Tabled: 19/11/21 Signatories: 28

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

Jamie Stone

John McDonnell

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: 7

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

John McDonnell

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 encourages 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.

678 Protections for shop workers

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 18

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

John McDonnell

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.

683 Disability inclusive employment strategy

Tabled: 22/11/21 Signatories: 25

Wera Hobhouse
 Jim Shannon
 Andrew Gwynne
 Carla Lockhart
 Paula Barker
 Hywel Williams

John McDonnell

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: 17

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

Allan Dorans

John McDonnell

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.

693 **Barclays bank branch closure in Caernarfon**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 4

Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
John McDonnell

That this House regrets the decision of Barclays to announce further high street closures, including Porthmadog and Caernarfon branches; recognises that communities and charities rely on high street banks and that 30 per cent of people in Wales want to be able to access a bank branch regularly; notes that 7.5 per cent of people in rural Wales are more than 16 kilometres from their closest bank; welcomes the Welsh Government's announcement to establish a Community Bank of Wales and Banc Cambria's intention to open high street branches in Wales, and calls on the UK Government to support the establishment of these banks.

694 **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2021**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 13

Owen Thompson [R]
Marion Fellows
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House notes that 25 November 2021 marks the first day of 2021's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; further notes that 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, that was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership; acknowledges that this year's global campaign theme Orange the World: end violence against women now!, which will advocate for long-term strategies, amplify success stories, and promote the leadership of women and girls; supports those organisations and individuals around the world who use the campaign as an organising strategy to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls; recognises the stellar work done in Scotland towards this same goal by White Ribbon Scotland engaging with men and boys to end violence against women, particularly in seeking to prevent violence before it happens; calls on all men to take White Ribbon's promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women; praises groups such as Women's Aid East and Midlothian, as well as others across the country, who are doing a wealth of work to support women who are affected by violence against women; and notes that nearly 1 in 3 women aged 15 years and older around the world have been subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate

697 Football Index collapseTabled: **25/11/21** Signatories: **27**

Sir George Howarth
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Dr Rupa Huq
Clive Lewis
Kim Johnson

Mick Whitley

That this House remains deeply concerned about the collapse of the betting firm Football Index in March 2021, following the suspension of the company's licence by the Gambling Commission and its entry into administration; notes with concern that customers collectively have over £90 million in open stakes trapped in the platform, with average losses of around £3,000 per customer; further notes that shortly after the site's management announced a cut in dividends of approximately 80 per cent, it suspended trading a few days afterwards, leading to a virtual market crash which caused significant losses for customers; notes with further concern that warnings about the firm operating like a pyramid scheme went unheeded; recognises the recommendations made by Michael Sheehan QC as part of his independent review; calls on the Government to implement his recommendations, specifically those that identified areas for improvement for the Gambling Commission and Financial Conduct Authority, including how they worked together, without delay, to ensure that a similar scandal does not happen again and; and further calls on the Government to do all that it can to ensure that those owed money receive full reimbursement.

705 Safer ageingTabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **10**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Stuart C McDonald
Charlotte Nichols
Claire Hanna

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the importance of Safer Ageing Week for promoting discussion about safer ageing; notes that in the UK there are an estimated 2.7 million people that have been a victim of abuse as an older person; further notes that safer ageing charity Hourglass receives 8000 calls to its helpline every year about older people suffering abuse and neglect; is concerned about the scale of the abuse and neglect of older people; and believes that more attention should be given to addressing these challenges and calls for safer ageing to be better embedded in policy making.

706 Recognition of the life of Bertie AuldTabled: **29/11/21** Signatories: **12**

Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Dave Doogan
Chris Stephens
Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates the life of Celtic Football Club legend, and member of the European Cup winning 'Lisbon Lions' side, Bertie Auld, who sadly passed away on 14 November 2021; recalls that he spoke fondly of growing up in Glasgow's Panmure Street where he played for local club Maryhill Harp, before signing for Celtic in 1955; notes that, after a loan spell at Dumbarton and four years at Birmingham City, where he won the English League Cup in 1963, he returned to Celtic in 1965 where he enjoyed incredible success, winning five League Championships, four League Cups, three Scottish Cups and two Glasgow Cups; recognises that the pinnacle of his achievements was winning the European Cup with Celtic in 1967 at the Estadio Nacional, where he famously led the team in a rendition of The Celtic Song in the tunnel before kick-off; acknowledges that, after finishing his playing career at Hibernian, he entered management in 1974, leading his boyhood favourites Partick Thistle, and latterly Hibernian, to Scottish First Division titles and promotion, alongside spells in charge of Hamilton Academical and Dumbarton; appreciates that, in his later years, he embraced his role as an ambassador for Celtic Football Club and, with great humour, storytelling and friendliness, became a beloved figure not just at Celtic but across Scottish football, and was inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame in 2009; and conveys sincere sympathy to Bertie's family, his former teammates and all of the clubs with which he was associated.

708 Republic of BarbadosTabled: **30/11/21** Signatories: **10**

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Brendan O'Hara

Kenny MacAskill
Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

That this House welcomes the decision by the people of Barbados to become a republic and wishes the new president Dame Sandra Mason every success in developing Barbados as a successful, democratic and ambitious nation while still remembering and being aware of the island's colonial history; and praises the citizens of Barbados for taking this step on the 55th anniversary of the nation's independence from the United Kingdom.

709 New Zealand Free Trade Agreement

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 14

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Jamie Stone
Ed Davey
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Sarah Olney

Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

John McDonnell

That this House notes the recent free trade agreement with New Zealand; expresses strong concern that imports from New Zealand will undercut the environmental, animal welfare and food safety standards of British beef, lamb and dairy farmers; acknowledges the Department for International Trade's assessment that the estimated impact on GDP will be close to zero; notes that this will severely damage rural Britain, particularly in regions like Shropshire where one fifth of businesses are agricultural; further notes that Shropshire's total income from farming was £76 million in 2020, which was the lowest figure in ten years; asks that farmers across the country are properly consulted; further asks that MPs are given the time to adequately read, scrutinise and debate the agreement; and calls on the Government to bring forward a motion to Parliament on the negotiated trade deal.

711 Launch of I Am Me's Keep Safe Kids app

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 6

Gavin Newlands
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the launch of the Keep Safe Kids app by the I Am Me charity; acknowledges that the app allows young people to report school bullying safely and anonymously and provides a range of information and support for young people; commends the work done by I Am Me since its launch in 2013 in challenging attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel safe within their communities; congratulates the charity on its two wins at the recent ROCCO awards organised by Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, the Community Champion Award and Renfrewshire's Favourite Business; and congratulates all the staff, volunteers and board members at I Am Me on their work over recent years.

714 Integrated Rail Plan and Northern Powerhouse Rail

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 19

Paula Barker
Charlotte Nichols
Kim Johnson
Navendu Mishra
Rebecca Long Bailey
Andrew Gwynne

Kate Osborne
John McDonnell

Maria Eagle

Peter Dowd

That this House notes the Government's announcement on the Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands on 18 November 2021; recognises the dismay of many Council Leaders, Metro Mayors and hon. Members across the north of England at the scaling back of promises made under the original Northern Powerhouse Rail proposal; asserts that the Government, through the Integrated Rail Plan, is not delivering the extra capacity and better connectivity truly required to level-up public transport infrastructure in the north of England; further notes with concern much of the support for HS2 in the north of England was predicated on realising the full potential of the proposals under Northern Powerhouse Rail; and agrees with the calls of the respective Metro Mayors of Greater Manchester, the Liverpool City Region, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and the North of Tyne to revert back to the original plans set out under Northern Powerhouse Rail.

715 World Aids Day

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 14

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Andrew Gwynne
Jonathan Edwards

Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

John McDonnell

That this House recognises World Aids Day on Wednesday 1 December; highlights the difficulty those with HIV/Aids face during the covid-19 pandemic at home and abroad; notes in particular the needs of countries like Eswatini who have the highest prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15 to 49 in the world at 27.2 per cent; and urges the Government to increase aid to provide assistance to those countries with high rates of HIV/Aids and low rates of covid-19 vaccination as a matter of urgency.

716 Universal Credit reduction

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 27

Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Beth Winter
Ian Byrne
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Hywel Williams

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House deplores the Government's punitive decision to remove the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift, which the Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimates leaves around 5.5 million families worse off by £1,040 per year and will push a further half a million people over the poverty line; deeply regrets that people have been plunged into greater financial jeopardy and, with energy prices surging, now face the Dickensian prospect of going either cold or hungry this Winter; shares the concern of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health that the cut to Universal Credit will increase the number of children who will be disadvantaged in terms of physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing, and will deepen structural social and health inequalities; and therefore supports Unite Community's call for the Government to reverse its cruel and callous policy by reinstating the uplift and extending it to cover those on legacy benefits in order to relieve financial anxiety, food poverty and energy insecurity.

725 Support for small businesses

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the tremendous pressures placed on businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sector over the period of the covid-19 pandemic; welcomes evidence that many businesses have sustained or improved their offer to customers as they welcome them back after such a lengthy disruption; notes that many trade and industry bodies continue to highlight examples of great businesses in this sector, including recent awards for F & M Hairdressers of Barrhead, Scottish winners for Best Salon Team of the year in this year's Salon Awards, and Lucali by Andiamo and Toni's, both of Giffnock, and Villaggio of Eaglesham, all of them Highly Recommended in the Scottish Italian Awards, and all of them great contributors to the community and economy of East Renfrewshire; further notes that Saturday 4 December 2021 is Small Business Saturday across the UK; and calls on all levels of government to support the small businesses whose development and success in the years ahead will be a vital factor in delivering a fairer and more sustainable post-pandemic and net-zero economy.

726 Eastwood Refugee Aid

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Allan Dorans

That this House calls on the UK Government to provide more effective support for those asylum seekers whose desperate plight is evidenced by the dangers and deprivations they are prepared to face in travelling to the UK; notes the commendable work of organisations such as Eastwood Refugee Aid, whose longstanding commitment to supporting refugees locally and overseas has made a significant difference to many facing the most challenging of times; appreciates the significant direct support the group has provided via Convoys to Calais; acknowledges the huge community effort the group has spearheaded, including most recently working with local Scouts to assist in fundraising for an initiative designed to assist Afghan refugees; welcomes their initiative and cooperation with East Renfrewshire Council, which has resulted in them securing use of a local hub to enable donations and distribution to take place; thanks the group for their focus on practical support for those in peril overseas and for refugees settling in Scotland; notes the importance of this initiative to the local community; and considers that this tireless work to support asylum seekers and refugees expresses the best values of people across Scotland and the UK, in contrast to those who would prevent the rescue of asylum seekers from the perils of the sea or would push them back, including women and children, into continuing danger.

727 Closure of TSB Denton branch

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 2

Andrew Gwynne
John McDonnell

That this House regrets the announcement by TSB that it intends to close a further 70 of its branches and notes with concern that this represents a closure of a quarter of its network; highlights the planned closure of the TSB Denton branch and regrets that the closure will leave just one bank remaining in the town centre; recognises the importance of physical banking services and expresses concern at the lack of diverse access for customers to banking facilities; regrets that the closure of the TSB Denton branch will leave just one bank remaining in the town centre; further notes that Denton and Reddish constituency is already underserved with relation to physical banking services and that Reddish town centre currently has no high street bank; and implores TSB to reverse this decision as a matter of urgency.

728 Fan-Led Review of Football Governance

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 5

Ian Mearns
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House welcomes the publication of the report following the Fan Led Review of Football Governance, chaired by the hon. Member for Chatham and Aylesford, Tracey Crouch MP; notes that the recommendations within the report are supported in full by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football Supporters and the All Party

Parliamentary Group on Women's Football; and calls on the Government to implement in full the recommendations of that report at the earliest opportunity to safeguard the future of the football pyramid in England.

729 Resale of in-demand goods purchased by automated bots

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 5

Douglas Chapman
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Allan Dorans

That this House believes that the online provision of items should be available to all customers and that items should not be bought in bulk by the use of automated bots which often circumvent maximum purchase quantities imposed by the retailer, and which subsequently distorts the marketplace by creating a scarcity thus enabling the bulk purchaser to then resell the items at grossly inflated prices above the Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price; calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals similar to those introduced for the secondary selling of tickets, thereby prohibiting the resale of items at prices greatly above Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price when purchased using automated bots; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals making the resale of goods purchased using an automated bot an illegal activity, thereby denying unscrupulous vendors the chance to make themselves vast profits at the expense of genuine end-use consumers, while also deterring fraudulent cybercriminal activity.

730 Peter O'Keefe Special Recognition Grassroots Award 2021

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 2

Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Peter O'Keefe on receiving the McDonald's Special Recognition Award at the Grassroots Awards 2021; understands Mr O'Keefe has operated restaurants across Glasgow for over 25 years; notes Mr O'Keefe has used his platform throughout his career to support local clubs such as Milngavie FC, host a number of community festivals, and deliver thousands of new strips and equipment to clubs who need it most; further notes Mr O'Keefe's support for charities and his fundraising efforts over the years by running 13 marathons, completing multiple kilt walks, and organising a number of other fundraising events to raise thousands for charity; thanks Mr O'Keefe for all his efforts to give back to the community over the years and for using his platform to support those in need; and congratulates Mr O'Keefe once more on receiving this well deserved recognition award.

731 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week running from 1 to 7 December; understands Crohn's & Colitis UK aim to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around these very serious and incurable conditions; notes that each day of Crohn's Awareness Week a platform will be available for anyone living with Crohn's and Colitis or supporting a loved one who does to share their story; understands the covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on research and treatment of the condition; encourages greater access to inflammatory bowel disease services to help treat the condition across the UK; wishes all those with Crohn's and Colitis taking part in the awareness week the very best; and thanks Crohn's and Colitis UK for their work to support people living with inflammatory bowel diseases.