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## **Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 8 December 2021**

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### **New EDMs**

#### **749 Susan Graham elected President of Print Scotland**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Susan Graham on her election as President of Print Scotland; notes that Susan is the managing director of FLB Group based in Dalkeith, Midlothian, and is Print Scotland's first female President; further notes that Print Scotland is the trade association and voice of Scotland's graphic communication industry and is now in its 111th year; recognises Print Scotland's work to provide training for Modern Apprentices through the Scottish Training Scheme, which provides a grant from the Scottish Government to cover the cost of the training; further recognises its provision of a range of Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) as well as Modern Apprenticeship (MA) certification; further congratulates Richard McCombe, managing director of Coatbridge-headquartered Matic Media, on being elected Vice President; and wishes Susan all the very best in her two year term as President, as well as everyone else involved in Print Scotland.

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#### **750 National Lottery funding for Dirleton Good Neighbours**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates East Lothian community group, Dirleton Good Neighbours, on receiving £7,613 from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland; understands that this funding will go towards gazebos, tables and chairs for Dirleton Good Neighbours' outdoor markets which will take place six times a year; commends Dirleton Good Neighbours for their contribution to their community by helping to keep residents active, healthy and connected with lunch hubs, exercise classes, and more; and wishes the Dirleton Good Neighbours project the best of luck with future events.

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**751 National Lottery community funding for Dunbar Traditional Music Festival**

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates East Lothian group Dunbar Traditional Music Festival on receiving £9,500 from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland; understands that this funding will go towards planning and carrying out an extended programme of events for their community music festival in September 2022; acknowledges that the Dunbar Traditional Music Festival started in 1988 and has taken place every September ever since, boosting morale and community spirit with live music in pubs, restaurants, church halls and pop up gigs on the High Street; and wishes everyone involved with Dunbar Traditional Music Festival the best of luck with all future projects.

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**752 North Berwick Coastal Community Connections receives National Lottery community funding**

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates East Lothian group, North Berwick Coastal Community Connections, on receiving £195,000 from Medium Grants Scotland: Improving Lives; understands that this funding will build on the groups' existing connected project which reduces isolation and loneliness by offering their drop-in Scone café a befriending service which includes buddy walks, villages outreach and group/peer support for people in East Lothian with issues such as bereavement, anxiety, and depression; notes that the project will also deal with loss by training volunteers as Compassionate Neighbours for people facing terminal illness or dealing with bereavement; commends North Berwick Coastal Community Connections for their contribution to the community; and wishes everyone involved the best of luck with the future.

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**753 Dunbar Surf Life Saving Club receives National Lottery community funding**

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates East Lothian volunteer group Dunbar Surf Life Saving Club on receiving £9,450 from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland; understands that this funding will provide a range of life saving equipment and training for beach warden patrols at Belhaven beach in Dunbar; commends Dunbar Surf Life Saving Club, established in 2014 to address the gap in provision for coastal water safety in East Lothian and the only one of its kind in Scotland, for their volunteers selflessness; and wishes them the best of luck with their future.

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**754 East Lothian Roots and Fruits SCIO receives National Lottery community funding**

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates East Lothian charity Roots and Fruits SCIO on receiving £9,000 from National Lottery Awards for All Scotland; understands that this will fund installation of a summerhouse in their hub to offer more community lunches, activities and events; and wishes the group the best of luck with their future.

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**755 Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health café and wellbeing centre in Wishaw**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Marion Fellows**

That this House congratulates Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health on their recent opening of their Café and Wellbeing Centre in Wishaw; recognises the invaluable work they have done to create a community space which aims to provide healthy, well priced meals, alongside wellbeing services to support mental health; commends their Pay It Forward Scheme which provided over £600 worth of free meals last month to those in need; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work to support people in Wishaw, particularly during this difficult year, and wishes them the best for the future.

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**756 National Lottery Awards for All Scotland award to Newtongrange Development Trust**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Newtongrange Development Trust on its award of £9,800 from the National Lottery Awards for All Scotland; notes that the Trust will use this funding to develop an action plan for their organisation and run events; applauds the Trust's aim of to building on the strong community spirit in Newtongrange to develop inclusive, dynamic and sustainable initiatives to enhance social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits for its growing community; recognises the sterling work done by the National Lottery Community Fund to distribute funding on behalf of National Lottery players who raise more than £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK; welcomes the awarding of £588.2 million of funding last year alone; and encourages projects and organisations to apply for grants whether large or small.

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**757 Azerbaijan and Armenia relations**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Bob Blackman**

That this House calls on HM Government to encourage both Azerbaijan and Armenia to work together to build a strong, stable and peaceful region; further calls on both sides to honour the full implementation of the trilateral agreement of 10 November 2020; raises concern of the number of humanitarian issues such as the exchange of accurate mining maps, sharing of information about the whereabouts of close to 4000 Azerbaijanis who went missing during the hostilities in 1990s, the re-opening of regional transportation and communication routes; and expresses support for the British companies are involved in the reconstruction of the liberated lands in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

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**758 The Scottish Italian Awards 2021 and Liberta, Bathgate**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Martyn Day**

That this House congratulates Liberta Restaurant in Bathgate on being named Scotland's Best Family Business at the 8th annual Scottish Italian Awards; recognises that the Scottish Italian Awards celebrates Italian hospitality and culture in Scotland; praises Fikret, Tahir, Mustafa, Fatima and

all the staff for their hard work; congratulates Liberta on receiving this prestigious accolade; and wishes the family run business every success for the future.

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**759 Independent scrutiny of Luton Council and Luton Airport expansion proposals**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House regrets the decision by Luton Council's planning committee on 1 December 2021 to proceed with the expansion of operations at Luton Airport; regrets that the increased upper passenger limit of 19 million will contribute to increased harmful carbon emissions and air pollution; considers that the process that allows the Luton Council as the owner of the airport to come to a decision that will generate future revenues without independent external oversight is a conflict of interest; notes with disappointment that promises by Luton Council/Luton Airport of introducing quieter aircraft before any moves to expand operations at the airport have not been met or enforced; recognises the anger and frustration of affected residents in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and beyond that their lives will continue to be blighted by the impact of aircraft noise, that has been shown to be detrimental to health; and urges the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to use his powers to call in and determine this planning application without delay.

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**760 Fur-free Parliament campaign**

Tabled: **8/12/21** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House recognises the unnecessary slaughter of animals to produce fur for Parliamentary and State garments; calls on the Government to replace these with sustainable non fur alternatives, now that an indistinguishable alternative has passed the Ministry of Defence's copyrighted test in the Ministry's accredited laboratory; notes that the use of real fur is not in line with the Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare across the UK; and believes sustainable, faux fur should be the default option for garments and accessories for this purpose moving forward.

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## 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.

**692 Glenburn Centre wins Frontline Leaders Award**

Tabled: **25/11/21** Signatories: **5**

**David Linden**

**Allan Dorans**

**Chris Stephens**

**Marion Fellows**

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the Glenburn Centre in Easthall in the Easterhouse area of Glasgow East constituency on being awarded the Frontline Leaders Award at the Great British Care Awards

2021; commends the dedicated Glenburn Centre team for achieving this award in recognition of the incredible work that they have done and continue to do every day; understands that contenders for this award not only operate across Scotland but the North East of England also; thanks all those who volunteer and work at the Glenburn Centre as well as Easthall Residents Association for ensuring the continued success of the centre and for providing an invaluable community resource for the people of Easthall; acknowledges that the Great British Care Awards aims to be a celebration of excellence across the care sector and pays tribute to individuals and organisations demonstrating outstanding excellence within their field of work; and wishes the Glenburn Centre team every success as they move on to the final awards which cover all of Britain.

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**695 60 years of St Columba's Scottish country dancing class**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 9

**Peter Grant**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the participants, past and present, of St Columba's Scottish Country Dancing class in Glenrothes on their 60th year serving the local community through the hosting of Scottish Country Dancing classes; recognises the leadership of RSCDS qualified teachers Lesley Shand and Lorna Sim and previously Nancy Duncan and thanks them for their contributions; notes that Lesley had a passion for teaching young people and combined this by leading one adult and two children's Scottish Country Dancing classes for over 30 years; further notes that Lesley inspired her daughter, Lorna Sim, to teach also; recognises that the class has been indebted throughout the years to the support of those attending and participating in the running of the class and that their thanks is highlighted to St Columba's Church, Glenrothes and the Kirk Session, Ministers and volunteers who have accommodated them over the years; and congratulates all involved for the goodwill and positive collective approach within the class, and by those leading, which has helped to realise the vision that Scottish Country Dancing ought to be accessible for all, in order for it to remain a popular and sociable past time.

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**696 Red Wednesday campaign**

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 11

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Chris Stephens**

Patrick Grady

That this House marks Red Wednesday, an annual day when persecution against Christians and other religious minorities is highlighted; supports the launch of Hear Her Cries, a report by Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need that investigates the abduction, rape, forced conversion and forced marriage of Christian women and girls; implores the Government and the UN to take more effective steps to tackle this issue in line with the petition organised by ACN; highlights to the Home Office the case of Maira Shahbaz, a Pakistan Christian who was raped and forcibly converted aged

14; expresses sympathy for all those victims of religiously-motivated sexual violence; and supports a future whereby no-one is persecuted because of their religious beliefs.

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**699 Turnbull High School Learning For Sustainability Community Award**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 9

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Turnbull High School on winning the Learning For Sustainability Community Award presented by Education Scotland; understands this award recognises the achievements of schools which enable learners, educators, and wider communities to build a socially-just, sustainable and equitable society in the face of the climate emergency; notes Turnbull High School's efforts in creating an effective approach to learning for sustainability which encourages sustainable development education and creates rewarding learning experiences; thanks Turnbull High School and its pupils for setting such a positive example for schools and the wider community across East Dunbartonshire; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve in the collective fight against climate change.

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**700 BetterBriggs outstanding It's Your Neighbourhood report rating**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 9

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates local East Dunbartonshire charity, BetterBriggs, on achieving an outstanding rating in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup from the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity; understands BetterBriggs is a local community group consisting of residents who carry out community activities and events to make Bishopbriggs a happier and healthier place to live; notes that the group carry out a number of community projects and are working in partnership with local stakeholders to ensure everyone is involved in the regeneration of the town centre; recognises that their efforts in the community and promoting environmental responsibility contributed to their level 5 score in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup; thanks BetterBriggs for all the work they have done over the past year; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve for the community.

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**701 Girvan and District Great War Project and Wildflower Memorial Garden**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 8

Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens  
Margaret Ferrier  
Marion Fellows  
Chris Law

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises and congratulates Lorna and Ritchie Conaghan of the Girvan and District Great War Project established in 2013, which has researched, identified and recorded details of at least 600 servicemen from the local area who lost their lives during World War One and subsequent conflicts including a number who have previously not been commemorated on local war memorials, and those local men who lost their lives in the armed service of Commonwealth countries, including Australia and Canada; and further congratulates them on the creation and planting of the Wildflower Memorial Garden located at Hamilton Park in Girvan earlier this year, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Poppy, which has been chosen by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Foundation as the winners of this year's prestigious national Best In Bloom Wildflower Competition from a great number of entries across the United Kingdom.

**702 Retirement of Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 9

Brendan O'Hara  
Jim Shannon  
David Linden  
Chris Stephens  
Allan Dorans  
Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

That this House conveys its most sincere thanks to Alastair MacGregor on his retirement following thirty one years of working in public sector housing, particularly his last seventeen years in which he served as Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA); acknowledges the enormous contribution Alastair has made throughout his career to the community-based housing movement in Argyll and across Scotland as a whole, particularly in respect of community and tenancy empowerment; hugely appreciates the close working relationship that Alastair and his team at ACHA have nurtured over the years with all of Argyll & Bute's elected members to help improve the lives of thousands of families throughout Argyll & Bute; and wishes Alastair many peaceful, relaxing and happy year tending his croft, or whatever he chooses to do.

**704 Scottish Comic Book Day 27 November 2021**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 12

Richard Thomson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Douglas Chapman  
 Dave Doogan  
 Chris Stephens  
 Allan Dorans

Patrick Grady

Chris Law

This House notes that Scottish Comic Book Day was marked on 27 November 2021 celebrating comics, comic artwork and related media with a link to Scotland; understands that people from Scotland continue to be involved in the comic and graphic novel industry, including the film and televisual adaptations of those genres that are made by independent film producers and studios, such as Marvel Studios, DC Studios, Disney and Netflix; believes that the master of design course on Comics and Graphic novels that is offered by the University of Dundee is the only one of its type in the world; recognises this year is the 70th anniversary of the character, Dennis the Menace, in The Beano, which is the UK's longest running comic; acknowledges the importance of the creative sector to Scotland's economy and the contribution of comics and graphic novels towards that; and congratulates #scottishcomicbookday and its organisers on a successful inaugural event.

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

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 11

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

Patrick Grady

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.



**713 Closure of TSB branch in Angus**

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Dave Doogan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Law**

Patrick Grady

That this House regrets the announcement by TSB that it intends to close its Forfar Branch and in so doing completely removes the TSB name from the county of Angus after previously closing Kirriemuir, Brechin, Montrose, Arbroath & Carnoustie TSB branches; notes that this once great banking institution has served communities across Scotland for generations, upholds the need to appropriately support approximately 20 per cent of customers who still require access to traditional physical banking services; highlights that the retention of the Forfar TSB branch was set out by TSB as a rationale and justification for closing the previous surrounding branches in Angus; and calls on the Bank to urgently reconsider this proposal and instead maintain its branch in Forfar in the interests of fairness and financial equity to its customers in Angus.

**716 Universal Credit reduction**

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 34

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

Chris Law

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.

**717 Centenary of Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru**

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 8

**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Jim Shannon**

Chris Law

This House congratulates Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru, the University of Wales Dictionary of the Welsh Language, on reaching its centenary this year, and acknowledges the support of the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and the Welsh Government; notes that it is the standard historical dictionary of the Welsh language in printed form, online, and as an app used by scholars across the world as well as the authoritative source upon which numerous other Welsh dictionaries and linguistic resources are based, serving a community of hundreds of thousands of Welsh speakers; acknowledges that it contains nearly 90,000 entries, 410,000 quotations, and 9 million words; celebrates that it is the longest-running continuous dictionary project in the UK; and commends the vision of the University of Wales, the dedication of the team of editors, volunteers, contributors and proof readers, and the contribution the Dictionary continues to make to the study and growth of the Welsh language.

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**718 Supporting Oban's bid for City Status**

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 6

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Chris Law**

That this House supports the town of Oban in its bid to achieve city status and become Scotland's eighth city; notes Oban's strategically important position on Scotland's beautiful west coast, connected to the rest of Scotland by a network of rail, air, road and ferry links; acknowledges the vitally important role the busy ferry port of Oban plays in being the Gateway to the Isles, providing a transit point for tens of thousands of islanders and tourists every year; recognises that as a university town, home to the world renowned Scottish Association for Marine Science and a campus for the University of the Highlands and Islands, Oban is at the forefront of pioneering aquaculture innovation and is a seat of learning for more than 1000 students; notes that with stunning scenery, some outstanding seafood outlets and a beautiful old whisky distillery in the very heart of the town, Oban is increasingly becoming a popular visitor destination; recognises that proportionally, Scotland has markedly fewer cities than the other three nations of the United Kingdom, and with a declining population in the western highlands, believes that being awarded city status will bring greater investment in to Oban and the Highlands and Islands and will help reverse the trend of declining population; and wishes the people of Oban the best of luck in their attempts to become Scotland's eighth city.

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**721 Recognition of Easthall Residents' Association**

Tabled: 1/12/21 Signatories: 7

**David Linden**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**John Nicolson**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the Glenburn Centre in Easthall on being awarded the Frontline Leaders Award at the Great British Care Awards 2021; commends the dedicated team, led by Andy Gilbert, for achieving this award in recognition of the incredible work that they have done and continue to do every day; understands that contenders for this award not only operate across Scotland but the North East of England also; thanks all those who volunteer and work at the centre as well as Easthall Residents' Association for ensuring the continued success of the Glenburn Centre and providing an invaluable community resource for the people of Easthall; acknowledges that the Great British Care Awards aims to be a celebration of excellence across the care sector and pays tribute to individuals and organisations demonstrating outstanding excellence within their field of work; and wishes the team every success as they move on to the final awards which cover all of Britain.

**725 Support for small businesses**

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 11

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**

Patrick Grady

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: 12

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

Patrick Grady

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: 5

**Andrew Gwynne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

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: 16

Ian Mearns  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
John McDonnell  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Jonathan Edwards

Tony Lloyd

Mr Clive Betts

That his 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: 12

Douglas Chapman  
Hywel Williams  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Allan Dorans  
Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

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.

**731 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week**

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 18

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

Patrick Grady

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.

**735 Glen Cinema Disaster Memorial**

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 11

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Mhairi Black**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Law**

Ian Mearns

Patrick Grady

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: 8

Carol Monaghan  
 Allan Dorans  
 Marion Fellows  
 Chris Law  
 Chris Stephens  
 Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady

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.

**737 Recognising the service of House of Commons staff member Will Conway**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 16

Charlotte Nichols  
 Paula Barker  
 Jim Shannon  
 Mr Virendra Sharma  
 Chris Stephens  
 Mark Tami

Gareth Thomas  
 Ian Mearns  
 Luke Pollard  
 Wera Hobhouse

Hilary Benn  
 Yasmin Qureshi  
 Dan Jarvis

Clive Efford  
 Mike Amesbury  
 Chris Law

That this House wholeheartedly thanks Will Conway for his 28 years of service as a member of House of Commons staff; offers gratitude for his over two decades of service as the Branch Secretary of the GMB Union representing House of Commons staff; thanks him for his support and assistance in organising the GMB Members' and Peers' Staff Branch that was formally recognised by the Parliamentary Labour Party in 2018; thanks him for the numerous trade union representatives he has trained and supported; notes his work in roles across the estate and parliamentary community, particularly in Bellamy's and Strangers' Bar; and wishes him a happy and relaxing retirement.

**738 Linlithgow Black Bitch**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 11

**Martyn Day**  
**John McNally**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Douglas Chapman**

Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House supports the rich traditions, local customs and heritage found throughout these islands and beyond, such as the Linlithgow Black Bitch; notes that in Linlithgow the local custom of describing locals as Black Bitches is based on the heroic greyhound who fed her master when he was incarcerated on an island in the middle of a loch with no food and water, before the dog was subsequently given the same punishment; further notes that the dog's loyalty, determination and grit was respected in Linlithgow by naming Linlithgow people Black Bitches as a mark of honour; acknowledges that the Black Bitch has been depicted on Linlithgow's ancient burgh seal as far back as 1296 and in the Royal Seal that marked the town's status as a Royal Burgh; recognises that Black Bitch imagery and artwork is featured throughout the town, including on schools' badges, local magazines, buildings, and a recent statue that stands in the High Street alongside a plaque that explains its history; further notes that Linlithgow's oldest public house is named the Black Bitch Tavern, which is recognised far and wide as a well-run and friendly hostelry; and calls on the brewing conglomerate Greene King to abandon plans to change the name of the tavern in a misguided attempt at virtue signalling, and instead recognise the nation's history and culture.

**739 Gia's of Shettleston**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 7

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Glasgow East eatery Gia's on its recent success at the 8th annual Scottish Italian Awards; recognises that Gia's was awarded commendations as a highly recommended establishment in the Scotland's Best Family Friendly Restaurant category and in the Scottish Barista Champion category;

warmly welcomes the success of this family business since it moved to its new location in Shettleston in 2019, having firmly established itself as a popular spot with East End locals; and wishes Gia's every continued success in 2022 and beyond.



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**740 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and labour law reforms in Ukraine**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 4

**John McDonnell**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes leaked documents published by the European Public Service Unions reportedly showing that the Government, via the British Embassy Kyiv and UKaid, is funding communications consultants Abt Associated to assist efforts to negatively reform the employment laws in Ukraine; further notes that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is also funding a labour regulation project in Ukraine to support such changes; and expresses concern that the changes set out in draft Ukrainian laws 5388 and 537 will remove 80 per cent of Ukrainian employees from existing protections and undermine trade union rights, and stand condemned as an infringement of international labour standards by Ukrainian trade unions and undermines efforts of the International Labour Organisation in Ukraine.

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**741 Scottish Women's Premier League Cup Final 2021**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 13

**Patrick Grady**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Kirsten Oswald**

Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Celtic Football Club's Women's Team on their success in the 2021 Scottish Women's Premier League Cup Final against Glasgow City, played at Firhill Stadium in Glasgow on Sunday 5 December 2021; notes that this is the first silverware for the team since 2010, and the first since that year not be won by either Glasgow City or Hibernian; believes that the record attendance of 3,645 indicates a growing interest in the women's game; further notes that the match took place 100 years to the day on which the Football Association in England announced an effective ban on women's football which had a chilling effect on the game across the UK, and remained in place for 50 years; notes that various events and exhibitions have been planned to mark this anniversary, and looks forward to interest in the game continuing to grow, and the future success of national and local teams across the country.

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**742 Consequentials for Scotland and the Culture Recovery Fund**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 7

**Patricia Gibson**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the Government's £300 million uplift to the Culture Recovery Fund, set up to tackle the crisis facing the culture sector as a result of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that the Fund was designed to assist a sector devastated by the essential public health measures, and further excluded from Government covid-19 support schemes such as the furlough scheme, due to the freelance nature of many of those working within it; acknowledges that devolved Administrations expected to receive a consequential share of this fund to ensure support for the sector's recovery across the UK; is concerned by recent reports that only a fraction of the funding promised to the devolved Administrations has been distributed, with only £9 million of an anticipated £40 million boost being delivered to the Scottish Government to support its efforts to fund the recovery of the sector in Scotland; notes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has made available £25 million to support recovery in the culture sector in Scotland; and urges the Government to deliver consequential funding to the devolved Administrations, in full, as a matter of urgency.

**744 Continuing incidences of sporadic violence between Azerbaijan and Armenia**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 6

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

That this House expresses deep concern that despite the November 2020 ceasefire between Azerbaijan and Armenia in the Nagorno-Karabakh region there are continuing incidences of sporadic violence on an ongoing basis; expresses concern for the Armenian prisoners of war and civilians still unlawfully held by Azerbaijani forces; expresses further concern regarding the scale and prevalence of hate speech and ethnic profiling in that region; states the need to ensure access for humanitarian aid and human rights investigators; calls for the release of unlawfully held prisoners and a cessation of hate speech; and echoes the United Nations and the EU calls for both sides to respect the ceasefire and secure a lasting peace.

**745 Lavender Drive Christmas lights**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 7

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**

Chris Law

That this House commends the big hearts and thoughtfulness of the residents of Lavender Drive, East Renfrewshire, dubbed Scotland's most festive street after residents switched on a street-long Christmas display that has transformed the street into a winter wonderland to raise money for cancer research and support; notes that the idea for the festive initiative came during the 2020 lockdown when local resident, father of two Fred Banning, was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer; recalls that Mr Banning's plea to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation for those living with a terminal diagnosis and their immediate family members to be a high priority for the administration of the covid-19 vaccine was highlighted in EDM 1260; further notes that by asking for donations from those who came to see the spectacular light show last Christmas, the street's residents raised more than £5500 for the Beatson Cancer Charity, and backs the residents in their desire to collect even more money this Christmas for Cancer Research UK.

**746 Food insecurity**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 31

**Ian Byrne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Beth Winter**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Barry Gardiner**  
**Dan Carden**

Wera Hobhouse  
 Kim Johnson

Dave Doogan

Chris Law

That this House recognises the horrific levels of food insecurity in the UK being experienced by approximately 11 million people; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our communities; notes with concern that the need for emergency food parcels remains well above pre-pandemic levels; further recognises that, as per Trussell Trust figures, food parcels given to children have increased at double the rate for adults compared to pre-pandemic levels; agrees that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry; asserts that the Government's duty should be reflected in legislation and that the right to food should be enshrined in UK law; recognises the many councils across the country that have declared themselves right to food cities and towns; recognises that the Trade Union Congress 2021 passed a motion calling for the right to food to be enshrined in law; recognises that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has recommended the Government urgently consult on a legal right to food; calls on the Government to include the right to food in its White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy recommendations; and notes that the White Paper is due in early 2022.

**747 Government funding plans for Transport for London**

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 13

**Dawn Butler**  
**Marsha De Cordova**  
**Dr Rupa Huq**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John Cryer**  
**Barry Gardiner**

Ian Mearns

Kim Johnson

That this House is concerned with the current Government funding plans for Transport for London; believes that a short term deal or reduction in funding could threaten London's recovery and the potential long term effects could be devastating; recognises the vital role that Transport for London has to not just the economic prosperity of London and surrounding regions; calls on the Government to ensure that safe, reliable, inclusive, affordable and frequent bus, train and Tube services can increase as London recovers; further calls on the Government to recognise the important role that Transport for London plays in achieving net zero and clean air targets and in funding programmes such as cycle proficiency across the capital; and calls on the Government to secure long term funding and maintain Transport for London as an integrated transport authority with independence to make operational decisions and renewals investment.

**748 Sustainable Communities**

Tabled: 7/12/21 Signatories: 4

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House notes the importance of sustainability in community growth and development; further notes the aid of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in providing concrete measurements and targets for efforts aimed at improving sustainability at a local level; recognises the positive impact that grassroots sustainability initiatives, like Sustainable Huddersfield, have on their local communities; calls on the Government to champion similar local sustainability initiatives in 500 towns, cities and communities across the country as a mechanism of implementing the COP26 Glasgow Agreement at a grassroots level; and further notes the need for such initiatives to bring about positive change in the broader areas of environmental, economic and social sustainability.