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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 14 December 2021

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New EDMs

776 Annual Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 1

Andrew Rosindell

That this House congratulates Dairy UK in staging the 2021 Annual Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses, which forms the beginning of the Chelsea Pensioners' traditional Christmas celebrations; further congratulates in-pensioner Mrs Carol Knight, who was given the honour of cutting the ceremonial cheese at this historic ceremony; recognises that dairy products form a key part of a balanced diet for all ages; welcomes the work of the Royal Hospital in ensuring that dairy products play an important role in the diet of the Chelsea Pensioners; and calls on the Department of Health and Social Care to take steps to promote the consumption of nutrient-rich foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt.

777 Panto Day 2021

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House marks the tenth Panto Day, appropriately themed the Year of Love, on 17 December 2021; acknowledges the joy and happiness that pantomime brings across the UK every year; notes that after cancellations last year due to the pandemic, theatres and entertainers seek stability and security this Christmas season; and calls on the Government to account for losses made to the theatre sector as a result of Plan B covid restrictions.

778 Dunfermline City Status

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 1

Douglas Chapman

That this House welcomes the bid from Dunfermline, as the former capital of Scotland, to be recognised as the eighth city of Scotland; celebrates Dunfermline's rich heritage and strong links with royalty, religion and international relations going back centuries; recognises Dunfermline's contribution to well-being through the philanthropic activities of Andrew Carnegie and his generosity in building libraries and cultural centres across the world, and Dunfermline's contribution to more modern culture through a plethora of bands such a Big Country, Nazareth and The Skids and artists such a Moira Shearer and Barbara Dickson who graced many a stage; further recognises the future of Dunfermline, as one of Scotland's fastest growing towns, which has a focussed economic base in defence, financial services, food and distribution services, backed up by enviable road, rail, air and maritime connectivity links with other parts of Scotland, the UK and Europe; and further celebrates recent decisions to build a new Learning Campus involving St Columbas High, Woodmill High and Fife College to create one of the most exciting innovative educational projects in Europe where the focus is firmly on 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.

716 Universal Credit reduction

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 38

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

Dr Rupa Huq

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: 13

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

Patrick Grady

Stuart C McDonald

Allan Dorans

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.

728 Fan-Led Review of Football Governance

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 20

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

Yasmin Qureshi

Scott Benton

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.

747 Government funding plans for Transport for London

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 15

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

Ian Lavery

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.

761 Formal Government recognition of the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other persecuted minorities as genocide

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 8

Brendan O'Hara
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Kirsten Oswald

Mohammad Yasin

That in April 2016 this House recognised the Daesh atrocities against religious minorities, Yazidis, Christians, and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as genocide under Article II of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; notes the UK Government's long standing policy that genocide determination is a matter of competent courts, including domestic criminal courts; and notes the German criminal court's verdict of 30th November 2021 finding a Daesh fighter guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other religious minorities as genocide and take further steps to ensure justice, including by leading efforts to establish an international mechanism to prosecute the perpetrators.

762 50th anniversary of the murder of Kenneth Smyth and Daniel McCormick

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Gavin Robinson
Ian Paisley
Sir Mike Penning

Mr Gregory Campbell Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the murder of UDR soldiers Kenneth Smyth and Daniel McCormick who were killed on the 10th of December 1971; notes that Kenneth was off duty and that Daniel had left the UDR and they were slaughtered as they headed to work together; further notes that no one has ever been brought to justice for this evil terrorist murder that saw these men brutally slain for no other reason than serving Queen and Country in the UDR and that the family still mourn their loss; highlights that whilst other 50 year old crimes are still being investigated at great cost to the public purse, the murder of Kenneth and Daniel remains unsolved; and reaffirms the commitment of this House to support justice for all victims of the Troubles, and not only for those who have politically motivated support.

765 Local measurement of air quality

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 6

Mr Barry Sheerman
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes with concern the issue of air pollution and its ensuing effects on health and wellbeing; recognises the 2018 guidance on air pollution by Public Health England that cites poor air quality as the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK; acknowledges that every human being has an inalienable right to breathe clean and safe air; urges the Government to consider making reference to this in any future legislative proposal; further recognises that policy to improve air quality requires evidence and records of public and private entities that contribute to air pollution in local authorities; further urges the Government to make provision for local authorities to take an air pollution audit of public and private entities in their area; and calls on the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to report annually to Parliament on these audit reports.

768 Glasgow Baby Food Bank awards

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Owen Thompson
Dave Doogan

That this House commends the amazing efforts of Springburn based Glasgow Baby Food Bank over the last 18 months, culminating in the food bank winning the Glasgow Times Community Champions Award for Public Service and the Glasgow Lord Provost's Special Recognition Award;

is grateful for the work the food bank does in supporting young families and providing baby and child essentials including food, clothing and equipment across Glasgow; congratulates the selfless dedication of their volunteers who give so much of themselves to this crucial venture; and thanks them on behalf of thousands of grateful families who have benefited from their care and assistance.

769 Jackie Shearer and Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Owen Thompson
Dave Doogan
Patrick Grady

That this House commends the critical role that Jackie Shearer has played in launching the new Business Improvement District (BID) in Saracen Street, Possilpark, Glasgow; congratulates her on winning the Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; welcomes her work to bring an alliance of businesses, public authorities, social landlords and politicians together to show what the power of local collaboration can deliver; and looks forward to seeing the much deserved benefits of that work being enjoyed by the Possilpark community for generations to come.

770 Bailie Jackie McLaren Community Champion Award

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin [R]
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Owen Thompson
Dave Doogan

That this House congratulates Bailie Jacqueline McLaren on winning the Community Champion award at the 2021 Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) Scotland Councillor Awards for her hard work and dedication to her community; celebrates her successes including securing £800,000 funding from the Scottish Government in partnership with North United Communities for the creation of a new services hub in Milton; looks forward to seeing the continued regeneration of Canal Ward in partnership with the fantastic local community groups in the area; and recognises that the efforts of local councillors such as Bailie McLaren are often overlooked but are vitally important to thriving communities and neighbourhoods.

771 Bishopbriggs Academy named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 3

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Bishopbriggs Academy in East Dunbartonshire on being named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade in the prestigious Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide 2022; notes that Bishopbriggs Academy has continued to rise in the rankings over the last

decade; thanks the staff at Bishopbriggs academy for their exceptional leadership and encouraging children to participate and succeed in all areas of school life, not just the exam hall; further notes the influence of former Headteacher Gordon Mouldale on Bishopbriggs Academy becoming one of the top state schools in the country; understands that this placement is a testament to Bishopbriggs Academy's outstanding academic achievements and high teaching standards; looks forward to seeing what more the school will achieve in the future under new Headteacher Mr Donaghey; and once again congratulates everyone at Bishopbriggs Academy on this glowing endorsement and for being an outstanding representation of East Dunbartonshire schools.

772 Joe Gilhooley LRPS

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 2

Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates photographer Joe Gilhooley on being awarded Distinction of the Licentiate of The Royal Photographic Society (LRPS) on 8 December 2021; notes that Joe is based in Loanhead, Midlothian and is self-taught in photo editing, restoring and manipulation, with interests including sports, wildlife and landscapes; further notes that Joe has been a regular photographer for Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic; congratulates Joe on his other past achievements including being awarded The Scots Magazine Photographer of the Year 2017 and 2019, as well as reaching the shortlist for the Landscape Photographer of the Year 2021; and understands that the Distinction of the LRPS is an internationally recognised photography qualification, judged by the submission of 10 photographs to a panel.

773 Work of NHS staff during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 3

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Clive Lewis

That this House recognises the extraordinary work of NHS staff throughout the covid-19 pandemic; appreciates the incredible effort that they continue to put into the national vaccination programme, especially as the booster campaign is ramped up in the face of the Omicron variant; and calls on the Government to provide the necessary support that our NHS workers so desperately need and deserve.

774 Treatment of asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 2

Barry Gardiner
Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its concern about the treatment of Iranian asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey; notes that more than 30,000 Iranian asylums seekers and refugees, many of whom are political dissidents, human rights activists and journalists, are living in an unacceptable state of limbo, without access to work or healthcare and are facing increased risk of deportation to Iran and persecution; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for the Home Department to facilitate and expedite the relocation of those asylum seekers whose cases have been approved for transfer to the UK by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees without further delay.

775 Funding and support for local government from central government

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 7

Caroline Lucas**Jim Shannon****Clive Lewis****Sarah Olney****Apsana Begum****Mohammad Yasin**

Kim Johnson

That this House thanks local authorities for their leadership during the covid-19 pandemic and for the ongoing contribution of their essential workforces to communities; notes National Audit Office figures showing central Government funding for local authorities in England has been cut by 52.3 percent overall in real terms between 2010-11 and 2020-21; believes the Government should address in full the financial challenges arising from this decade of underinvestment, while tackling the enhanced financial pressures local authorities face because of extra costs, increased referrals, loss of income and cash-flow challenges associated with covid-19; further believes Ministers must take responsibility for the financial stability of local government and its ability to plan, sustain and improve community and essential frontline services such as adult and child social care, and support for older people, looked-after children, care leavers, people with disabilities or special educational needs, survivors of domestic violence and low-income families in crisis; notes recent Local Government Association analysis that social care-providing authorities are spending more than 60 percent of their outgoings on these essential care services; considers locally-led initiatives to urgently improve equality, sustainability and resilience, such as providing genuinely affordable, energy efficient homes, supporting socially necessary bus services, and transforming waste collection, should be funded nationally; considers there is an urgent need to address the pressures on local authorities now; and therefore calls on the Government to immediately provide local councils with the money to protect and restore spending on community and frontline services to sustainable levels and reset local economies.