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New EDMs

788 **Beat the Street Campaign**

Tabled: **16/12/21** Signatories: **1**

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises the collective efforts of the over eight and a half thousand people in Rutherglen and Cambuslang that participated in the Beat the Street campaign over the course of six weeks; further recognises the impressive 118 thousand miles covered by participants; commends the campaign's aims of improving physical and mental wellbeing, and fundraising for charity; and congratulates pupils from Burnside Primary School for their exceptional contribution to win the competition aspect of the campaign.

789 **Perth nurse receives Queen's Nurse Accolade**

Tabled: **16/12/21** Signatories: **1**

Pete Wishart

That this House congratulates Perth nurse, Jodie Gunn, on receiving the prestigious accolade of becoming a Queen's Nurse at a ceremony in Edinburgh; notes that this involved participating in a nine-month development programme run by the Queen's Nursing Institute, Scotland; further notes that this programme is designed to enable clinical leaders in Scotland's communities to become catalysts for change in their communities; further congratulates Jodie on her new role as Violence Against Women Nurse Advisor for NHS Tayside; and commends Jodie on the vital care she has provided to Tayside residents throughout the covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

790 Heriot-Watt University awarded Queen's Anniversary Prize

Tabled: 16/12/21 Signatories: 2

Joanna Cherry
Carol Monaghan

That this House congratulates Heriot-Watt University on the award of a Queen's Anniversary Prize, the highest honour in UK education, for its pioneering research in the frontier science of photonics; acknowledges that Heriot-Watt University has been a key contributor to this field over the last five decades and has contributed to practical applications to the world's photonics technologies, with research in fibre optics intrinsic to global communication systems and the internet; understands that uses of the University's laser technology and optical fibre sensor research applications range from manufacturing to vital health monitoring and supporting the country's national defence; celebrates the outstanding contribution of Professor Julian Jones, Senior Deputy Principal at Heriot-Watt, who has devoted much his career to advancing photonics research; notes that award of this prize comes during Heriot-Watt's bicentennial year and exemplifies the University's enduring commitment to use education and science for the betterment of society; further notes that Heriot-Watt University has been presented with a Queen's Anniversary Prize on three prior occasions; and conveys its thanks to all those who have helped to advance the understanding and application of this transformational technology.

791 Overcoming dental qualification delays

Tabled: 16/12/21 Signatories: 1

Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House calls on Health Ministers to engage with the General Dental Council, the National Health Service and the British Dental Association to identify and to overcome the difficulties that delay or prevent qualifiable dentists to be able to demonstrate without delay that they are qualified to practise and to help reduce the delays for NHS patients facing difficulties in access to dentistry services; calls on the Government to review regulations described as outdated and rigid that may require priority candidates to be sent to the back of the queue; and invites the Secretary of State to consider how to allow appropriate exemptions or to allow candidates to sit overseas registration examinations that they booked two years ago.

792 50 years of the Desperados Mountaineering Club

Tabled: 16/12/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates the Desperados Mountaineering Club, founded in the West End of Glasgow in 1971, as members celebrate its 50th anniversary; notes that the club began as a group of friends, several of whom had been undergraduate members of the Glasgow University Mountaineering Club, as a means of sharing limited personal transport to remote and hilly areas with little or no public transport, and formally registered with the Mountaineering Council of Scotland in 1974; notes that the group has remained tightly-knit, and that even though members now live throughout Scotland and beyond, the group continues to meet for social purposes and to arrange walking and climbing sessions, and that several members have completed rounds of Scotland's Munros as well as expeditions to the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc; believes the group's longevity demonstrates the perennial attraction of hillwalking in Scotland as a source of exercise and recreation; and wishes the group all the best in its activities for many years to come.

793 Welfare of greyhounds racing in the UK

Tabled: 16/12/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House pursues welfare regulations designed to improve the lives of racing greyhounds in the UK, including implementing a statutory levy on bookmakers; acknowledges the 104,883 signatories of a UK petition to ban dog racing submitted to Parliament; requires to see an end to self-regulation within the greyhound racing industry; champions the implementation of compulsory full life tracking for racing greyhounds in the UK; desires to see an end to the construction of new tracks, re-licencing of old tracks; and commends organisations and charities working to ensure and improve the welfare of greyhounds across the UK.

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.

727 Closure of TSB Denton branch

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 6

Andrew Gwynne
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Richard Burgon

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: 22

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

Richard Burgon

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.

731 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 22

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

Richard Burgon

Alan Brown

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.

734 Barnett Consequentials from the Culture Recovery Fund

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 11

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Gavin Newlands
Chris Law

Amy Callaghan

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: **15**

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

Richard Burgon

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.

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

Tabled: **6/12/21** Signatories: **20**

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

Richard Burgon

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.

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

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 9

John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Hywel Williams

Richard Burgon

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.

747 Government funding plans for Transport for London

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 16

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

Munira Wilson

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.

749 Susan Graham elected President of Print Scotland

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Alison Thewliss
Chris Law

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 as well as Modern Apprenticeship 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.

760 Fur-free Parliament campaign

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 16

Dr Lisa Cameron
Caroline Lucas
Allan Dorans
Grahame Morris
Hywel Williams
John McDonnell

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

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.

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

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 13

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

Allan Dorans

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

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.

763 Verdict of the Uyghur Tribunal

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 15

Layla Moran
John McDonnell
Christine Jardine
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Hywel Williams

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with grave concern the findings of the Uyghur Tribunal of 9 December 2021 which detailed the depth and severity of abuses taking places against Uyghurs in Xinjiang by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) including rape, forced re-education, forced labour, mass surveillance, forced sterilisation, cultural and religious destruction; further notes the Tribunal's verdict that there is proof beyond reasonable doubt that the People's Republic of China are committing crimes of torture, crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide as defined under international law; calls on the UK Government to accept Parliament's declaration of the atrocities in Xinjiang as a genocide; and urges the UK Government to step up sanctions against CCP officials involved in perpetrating these abuses.

764 Import ban on forced labour products

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 16

Alyn Smith
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams

Allan Dorans
 Lucas

Amy Callaghan
 Chris Law

Caroline

That this House commends the work of Non-Governmental Organisations and civil activists to raise awareness of the presence of forced labour in the manufacturing of products around the world; recognises that existing UK regulations are insufficient for stopping the import of products which have been produced through forced labour; notes that the United States has implemented an import ban on some products from countries where there is evidence of forced labour; further notes that the European Commission has stated its intentions to implement a similar ban; and calls on the Government to implement an import ban on specific products where there is reasonable suspicion of forced labour and apply it to regions where forced labour is systematically used by the State, thereby preventing companies from enforcing their due diligence obligations.

765 Local measurement of air quality

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 8

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

Richard Burgon

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.

766 Presidential elections and transitional justice in the Gambia

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 11

Anne McLaughlin
Kirsten Oswald
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Wera Hobhouse

Allan Dorans

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

That this House welcomes the orderly conduct of Presidential elections in the Gambia, the first in decades not to feature the participation of former long-term President Yahya Jammeh whose rule was marked by serious human rights violations including state-backed execution squads; notes the incumbent Adama Barrow won another term as President with the backing of a faction from Jammeh's party, the Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction, and despite having initially promised in 2016 to serve only as a transitional leader; urges President Barrow to undertake comprehensive democratic reform, and as soon as possible make public the report of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission, which took harrowing testimony from victims of Jammeh's brutal regime, and implement its recommendations; calls on the Government to provide continued tangible support towards the Gambia's democratic transition and inclusive development; and further call on the Government to encourage President Barrow's administration to adopt a renewed focus on transitional justice, with the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and his main accomplices and satisfactory redress offered to those targeted by Jammeh's former regime.

767 Predatory financial practices and the adult social care sector

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 10

Clive Lewis
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Kate Hollern
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon

Richard Burgon

That this House welcomes the Panorama episode Crisis in Care: Follow the Money, broadcast on 6 December 2021, on the involvement of financial entities such as private equity firms and hedge funds in the adult social care sector; notes that this has put pressure on the sector to grow its revenues, not to improve quality of care but to meet exorbitant costs associated with complex corporate group structures, high debt burdens, and offshoring of profits; further notes that as much as one sixth of the weekly fee for a residential bed can go towards interest payments on company debt; further notes that this financially extractive and growth-dependent model is draining adult social care of funds and plunging the sector deeper into economic precarity; believes that the Government's focus on developing new funding streams for adult social care fails to address this crucial underlying problem; calls on the Government to address these predatory financial practices by amending the Health and Care Bill to prevent financial assistance being used to rescue overindebted private companies in the care sector, to require providers of adult social care in England to report annually full financial accounts for all companies within the same corporate group including offshore entities, and to review the financial regulation of the adult social care sector to identify ways of reducing the large financial costs and risks created by financial engineering practices such as debt loading, asset stripping, and the offshoring of profits.

768 Glasgow Baby Food Bank awards

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 13

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Owen Thompson
Dave Doogan
Alan Brown

Allan Dorans

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

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: 14

Anne McLaughlin
 Jim Shannon
 Owen Thompson
 Dave Doogan
 Patrick Grady
 Alan Brown

Allan Dorans

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

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: 14

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

Allan Dorans

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

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: 7

Amy Callaghan
 Jim Shannon
 Patrick Grady
 Chris Stephens
 John Nicolson
 Allan Dorans

Chris Law

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: 6

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans
 Richard Burgon
 Chris Law

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: 8

Layla Moran
 Jim Shannon
 Clive Lewis
 Wera Hobhouse
 Paul Girvan
 Chris Stephens

Caroline Lucas

Chris Law

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: 8

Barry Gardiner
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss
 Mick Whitley
 Chris Stephens
 Sir Mark Hendrick

Amy Callaghan

Chris Law

That this House expresses its concern about the treatment of Iranian asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey; notes that more than 30,000 Iranian asylum 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: 14

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

Munira Wilson

Claudia Webbe

Tony Lloyd

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.

777 Panto Day 2021

Tabled: 14/12/21 Signatories: 8

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Tim Farron
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Layla Moran

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: 5

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

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 as Big Country, Nazareth and The Skids and artists such as 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.

779 Covid-19 vaccination patent waiver recommendation to the World Trade Organisation

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 8

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne
Caroline Lucas
Ian Byrne
John McDonnell

Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its concern at the UK Government's failure to adequately support low income countries in the fight against coronavirus; notes that 81 per cent of the eligible UK population has received two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, compared to less than 8 per cent of people across Africa according to Amnesty International; further notes that the UK Government are blocking countries from producing their own vaccines by refusing to support the temporary waiver on vaccine patents which is supported by the South African and Indian governments, as well as the United Nations Secretary General; disagrees with the statement made by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care that a patent waiver would "disincentive" pharmaceutical companies from producing new technology; is further concerned by the World Health Organisation's research showing that there could be a shortfall of 3 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines in poorer nations in the first quarter of 2022 if the richer nations give boosters to everyone including children; recognises that at least 97 per cent of the funding for the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine came from taxpayers; believes that the failure to vaccinate low income countries increases the risk of new variants like the Omicron variant; urges the Government to put public health before private profit; calls on the Government to support the waiver of vaccine patents at the World Trade Organisation; and further calls on the Government to increase the supply of vaccines the UK is distributing to low income countries.

780 Glasgow Central winners of the Scottish Italian Awards

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the winners of the 8th Scottish Italian Awards; notes that many winners were located in the Glasgow Central constituency; appreciates that La Fiorentina won both Scotland's Favourite Italian Business and High Recommended restaurant of over fifty seats; further notes that Scotland's Best Chef was awarded to Giuseppe Graziano of Mediterraneo Ristorante & Champagne Bar, with Santa Lucia Restaurant in the Merchant City being Highly Recommended; notes that Osteria was the winner of Scotland's Best Restaurant under 50 Seats, with Joia Italian Restaurant & Bar being Highly Recommended; further notes that La Lanterna was awarded as Scotland's Best Restaurant Over 50 Seats; welcomes that Stilla Finest Scotland were awarded as a Highly Recommended Best Newcomer; thanks the organisers of the Scottish Italian Awards and chef Aldo Zilli who led the judging of the awards; notes that £8400 was raised at the awards for Benevolent Society Scotland, appreciates the significant contribution that the Italian community makes to society, economy, culture and cuisine; and wishes all in the Italian hospitality sector all the very best for the year ahead.

781 Cinnamon Cambuslang restaurant and Cambuslang community

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 3

Margaret Ferrier
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Cinnamon restaurant in Cambuslang on their win at the 13th Annual Scottish Curry Awards for Best in Glasgow; notes that this achievement builds on their previous win of best loved restaurant, as voted by the local community; and recognises the pride taken by the staff in their work and the contribution of the hospitality sector to local communities.

782 Hope Sculpture at Cuningar Loop

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 2

Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the unveiling of the Hope Sculpture at Cuningar Loop in Rutherglen; notes the sculpture's symbolism as a beacon of hope and positivity in reaching environmental goals, and the power of collaboration in working towards a better future; congratulates the sculpture's designer and artist, Steuart Padwick on his incredible vision and execution of the project; notes the input of Clyde Gateway in their support of the project and contribution to its build; further notes the contributions of project partners Ramboll, Urban Union and Aggregate Industries; and looks forward to the sculpture's future as an inspiration to the local community.

783 A decade of the Kaleidoscope Trust

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Kirsty Blackman
Allan Dorans
Amy Callaghan
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Kaleidoscope Trust on reaching the milestone of its 10th Anniversary; notes that the Kaleidoscope Trust is a UK-based charity focused on fighting for the human rights of LGBT+ people across the Commonwealth and that it funds, fights for, and empowers those upholding the human rights of LGBT+ people by working with governments, change-makers, and civil society organisations to effect meaningful and lasting change in the lives of LGBT+ people everywhere; recalls that when Kaleidoscope Trust was established it recognised that the problem it faced then, and still does today, is that the violence, discrimination, and persecution experienced by LGBT+ people across the Commonwealth reflected discriminatory laws inherited from the colonial-era and their social and cultural residue; welcomes the fact that Kaleidoscope Trust continues to play its part in solving that problem, one that continues to cause unwarranted, unfair and unacceptable harm to LGBT+ people, and those who defy restrictive gender norms; and wishes the Trust every success over the next ten years, which look to be years of great upheaval and uncertainty for so many LGBT+ people and organisations around the world, as it works with its partners and people of goodwill to achieve a world in which LGBT+ people are free, safe, and equal absolutely everywhere.

784 Shortage of medicines in Malawi

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Claudia Webbe
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House notes with concerns reports from Malawi that a serious shortage of pharmaceutical drugs has led to the closure of operating theatres, clinics, health care centres, and many patients, including pregnant women, going without effective treatment; further notes that the Anaesthesia Association of Malawi described the situation an emergency, that the Chief Medical Adviser to the British Red Cross, Dr Barry Klaassen, is among those calling for urgent action to what he describes as a maternal humanitarian crisis in Malawi; further notes that the Society of Medical Doctors in Malawi has said that the lives of women requiring caesarean sections are at risk due to the lack of suitable anaesthetics, and that reports suggest over a third of Malawi's 28 districts have completely run out of many drugs; believes that while there have been long-standing concerns about the management of Malawi's Central Medical Stores, the current acute shortages require emergency intervention; notes with regret that the latest accounts document from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office suggest a 50 per cent. cut in UK aid funding to that country in the next financial year; and calls on the Government to work with stakeholders in the UK and Malawi to improve the sustainable supply and distribution of pharmaceutical drugs in that country.

785 Celebration of Christmas

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the celebration of Christmas across the UK as an important time for faith and family in every corner of the nation; further notes that there are many who will continue to go into work and care for others throughout the Christmas period and thanks them wholeheartedly for leaving their family so others are not alone; highlights the wonderful charitable work that sees the homeless fed, the needy helped and the lonely befriended as people seek to fulfil the aim of Christ to help the poor and needy and to point them to a loving God who never leaves and never forsakes; and takes the opportunity to wish all a very happy Christmas and a blessed, peaceful and safe New Year.

786 Northern Ireland Football and the National Anthem

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the calls for a change of national anthem for the Northern Ireland Football Team; highlights that there is only one national anthem in Northern Ireland and that God Save the Queen is neither offensive or dated; and affirms that consideration and cooperation should not and does not mean the eradication of anything that is British as a concession to political activism.

787 Freedom of speech

Tabled: 15/12/21 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Carla Lockhart

That this House believes that any legislation proposed or passed in order to prevent serious public disorder should not, as a matter of course, enable the suppression of freedom of speech; believes that laws regulating public order are too often applied beyond the original intentions of Parliament, to the detriment of freedom of speech; resolves to ensure that powers contained in proposed public order legislation will only affect freedom of speech in a manner that is proportionate, unambiguous, and predictable; and calls for improved training and guidance for the police and prosecution services that better balances freedom of speech protections with the legitimate aim of preventing serious public disorder.