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New EDMs

26 Mental Health Awareness Week

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes Mental Health Awareness Week running from 9 to 15 May 2022; further notes that the Mental Health Foundation are focussing on awareness of the impact of loneliness on mental health and the practical steps that can be taken to address it; highlights the awful finding that one in four adults feel lonely some or all of the time; takes this opportunity to thank all those voluntary organisations and churches who were at pains to ensure that their members were not completely isolated during covid-19 and yet understands that covid-19 has exacerbated Loneliness for many people; and further encourages organisations and local communities to continue to take those steps to make contact with people as they did during covid-19 and take time to ensure that people know they are not alone.

27 Restoration of Everton Library

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Dan Carden

That this House commends the community-led campaign to restore and repurpose Everton Library, opened as a public library and Technical Institute in 1896, as a thriving community hub; commits to protecting this Grade II-listed landmark building and publicly-owned asset; regrets that it was ever allowed to fall into a state of disrepair; welcomes that remedial work has started to preserve it from further deterioration; supports plans to revive Everton Library as a multi-use public space to create, learn and exchange on the rich, local heritage; and believes that the successful restoration of Liverpool's Jewel on the Hill would instil pride in the area, generate green jobs and stand as a beacon of community-driven regeneration.

28 Abortion rights in the United States

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Ms Diane Abbott

That this House expresses its grave concern about the series of attacks that have been launched in the United States on a woman's right to choose; notes that the leaked opinion of the US Supreme Court overturning the judgement of Roe v Wade has been authenticated; is aware that poorer women and many from ethnic minorities already experience severe difficulties in exercising their reproductive rights and that this situation could become much worse; further notes that anti-choice campaigners in the United States are attempting to build support overseas, including in this country; and resolves to support a strong defence of a woman's right to choose in this country and internationally.

29 Energy price rises and the price cap

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Ms Diane Abbott

That this House notes the recent rise in energy prices and that these price rises have intensified a cost of living crisis; also notes that the price cap is projected to rise again in October 2022 and that this, in combination with the seasonal increase in demand for energy in winter, will impoverish millions of the poorest in Britain; further notes that Ofgem is a government agency which determines the energy price cap and that energy companies have made record profits this year; and calls on the Government to direct Ofgem to rule out any increase in the energy price cap in October.

30 Turkish military action in Northern Iraq

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens

That this House notes and condemns the attacks by Turkish forces on the Metina mountain area in the border area of Duhok in Northern Iraq, that have included jets bombing villages, helicopters dropping ground troops and the terrorising and wounding of Kurdish civilians on the pretext of challenging the PKK, who have called repeatedly for a ceasefire and negotiations for a peaceful and democratic solution to the Kurdish Question in Turkey; further notes that the Turkish forces are being aided by the armed forces of the KDP, the ruling party in the Kurdistan Regional Government, whose Prime Minister Masrour Barzani met with Turkey's President Recep Erdogan shortly before the invasion was launched, before arriving in London for talks on trade with the Government; and calls on the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to urge the Turkish Government to end this invasion and to withdraw troops immediately and seek immediate negotiations with the PKK on a ceasefire and progress towards a peaceful and democratic solution.

31 Consumer phone access

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Robert Halfon

That this House believes that consumers deserve a proper customer telephone service from utility and service provider companies; congratulates the Daily Mail for launching this important campaign; notes that no customer should have to wait longer than ten minutes to be connected to an adviser, rather than an automated bot; understands that older or more vulnerable people cannot always access internet services and that therefore the provision of an adequate telephone service is critical; recognises that if companies fail to provide a suitable and adequate phone service

to support their customers, they should face financial penalties which can be passed on to the consumer through rebates; and calls upon the Government to introduce new customer protection legislation that would ensure efficient, responsible and immediate customer service is guaranteed.

32 ME Awareness Day 2022

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Carol Monaghan

That this House recognises 12 May 2022 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the publication of the new National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines on ME/CFS which has removed the recommendation of graded exercise therapy; looks forward to the full implementation of these guidelines as part of a complete overhaul of how ME services are planned and delivered; and calls on the Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

33 Moratorium on fracking

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 1

Wera Hobhouse

That this House expresses concern at reports that Cuadrilla have been given another year to explore options for its wells; regrets that fracking for shale gas is still being considered despite the renewable alternatives that are available; urges the Government to ensure the moratorium on fracking is made both statutory and permanent; and calls on the Prime Minister to step in to ensure all fracking wells are decommissioned as soon as possible.

34 Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

Tabled: 11/05/22 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson
Tommy Sheppard
Liz Saville Roberts
Caroline Lucas

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Beth Winter
 Claudia Webbe

Ian Lavery
 Chris Stephens
 Richard Burgon

Ian Byrne
 Jeremy Corbyn

That this House is shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International

Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.

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.

1 **Planned coalmine in Whitehaven, Cumbria**

Tabled: **10/05/22** Signatories: **6**

Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Douglas Chapman
Beth Winter
John McDonnell
Kim Johnson

That this House is concerned by Government plans to approve the first new coalmine for 30 years in Whitehaven, Cumbria, in order to supply steelworks; notes that industry figures say there's no demand for the mine, and that a former British Steel Chief Executive has warned the plans will delay the conversion to green steel; further notes that coal from the proposed mine will mostly be exported to Europe, will not reduce reliance on Russian coal, and will create far fewer jobs in Cumbria than would be generated by investment in green industries; recognises that no new unabated coal plants, new coal mines or mine extensions can be approved for development after 2021 according to the IEA if global temperature rise is to be limited to 1.5 degrees; further recognises the Glasgow Climate Pact committed the UK to accelerating efforts towards the phasedown of unabated coal power; welcomes the UK's founding role in the creation of the Powering Past Coal Alliance and the Government's recognition that the current statutory duty to maintain and develop an economically viable domestic coal-mining industry is at odds with its climate leadership ambitions and policies on coal; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently rule out any new coal mining in the UK, set a 2035 near zero emission steel target, and amend the Coal Industry Act to give the Coal Authority a statutory duty to manage the phasing out of the coal industry, with priority given to a just transition for workers.

2 Green New Deal Bill

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 16

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Stephen Farry
Nadia Whittome
Claire Hanna

Dan Carden
 Ben Lake
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jonathan Edwards
 Beth Winter
 Kim Johnson

Mick Whitley
 John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the lack of a sufficient and comprehensive Government plan to decarbonise the UK economy in response to the climate and nature emergencies; recognises public support for bolder and faster action; and calls on the Government to support the Green New Deal Bill, formally known as the Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill, which will introduce legally binding targets in line with the UK's commitment to stay within 1.5 degrees of global heating, reverse inequality, protect and restore nature and the environment, implement new measures of progress that prioritise human and ecological wellbeing in line with the recommendations of the Treasury-commissioned Dasgupta Review, change the way Government manages the economy to enable unprecedented investment in the Green New Deal, end any plans to licence new fossil fuel exploration and new coal mining, establish a comprehensive action plan to transform the UK's energy supply, transport system, farming, land management, homes, buildings, green spaces and the way of working, creating millions of good green jobs across the UK, involve communities, trade unions and workers in the development of the plan, ensuring a just transition by prioritising investment in communities excluded from full participation in the economy and those working in today's high-emissions sectors, enhance the democratic power and resources of devolved governments, local authorities and elected mayors, increase democratic ownership in key sectors including energy, water, transport and mail and advance global justice by ensuring finance and technology for the global South and by promoting the Green New Deal globally.

3 Fife Alcohol Support Services Near Fatal Overdose team Corra Foundation funding

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the tremendous value of the vital drop-in services provided by the teams and volunteers at Fife Alcohol Support Service (FASS) for those affected drug and alcohol dependency; further recognises that the support they offer is provided to communities across the Kingdom of Fife; congratulates the FASS Near Fatal Overdose (NFO) team in securing Corra Foundation funding which will allow them to assist people and their loved ones avoid the tragedy of a drug-related death until 2026; welcomes the opportunity for the NFO team to expand their pro-active and life-saving partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service in assisting those affected during and after a near fatal overdose; notes the important progress being made to establish new direct-referral pathways and the provision of education to communities and families on the dangers of drugs, prescription drugs and the misuse of alcohol and other substances; and wishes FASS and the NFO team continued success with their approach and their ambition to significantly reduce the devastation of drug and alcohol deaths in Fife.

4 Tenth Anniversary of the reopening of Maryhill Burgh Halls

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Patrick Grady
Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates all those involved and connected with the Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust as it celebrates ten years since the historic Maryhill Burgh Halls building was reopened in April 2012; notes the Halls, originally opened in 1878 to serve as a police and fire station and municipal facility, had been marked for demolition after falling into disrepair in the late 20th century; further notes the efforts of the Trust, founded in 2004, to save and re-purpose the building as a community hub and venue; thanks the various Burgh Halls Trustees and volunteers over many years for their efforts, including securing £9.6 million from various sources such as the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund to redevelop complex; recognises the Trust's efforts in making arts, local heritage and history accessible through community events, workshops, walking trails, exhibitions and the establishment of the Maryhill Museum; acknowledges the provision of work placements and the development of employability skills as part of the Trust's volunteering, placement, and work experience strategy; commends volunteers, board members, staff, Trust members, visitors, supporters, friends, fellow organisations, and contractors for their tireless work to make this possible; and wishes the organisation well for the next ten years and beyond.

6 P&O Ferries and employment rights

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 8

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

John McDonnell

Claudia Webbe

That this House condemns in the strongest possible terms the decision of P&O Ferries to fire 800 staff without notice or consultation with their trade unions, the RMT and Nautilus; demands the immediate reinstatement of the sacked workers; further condemns their replacement with agency workers earning as little as £1.80 per hour; condemns P&O's use of hired private security guards to remove seafarers from their place of work; notes that DP World, the owner of P&O Ferries, received millions of pounds of taxpayers' money during the coronavirus pandemic; calls on the Government to suspend the contracts and licences of DP World and remove them from the Government's Transport Advisory Group; recognises the safety inspections carried out, but asks that the result of these inspections be published in full; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislation to outlaw fire and rehire practices, strengthen workers' rights, and ensure that operators using UK ports pay seafarers at least the national minimum wage.

7 Melanoma Awareness Month and VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 3

Patricia Gibson
Douglas Chapman
John McDonnell

That this House recognises that May is Melanoma awareness month; understands that melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer and that that most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays; is aware that protecting your skin from UV rays is key to lowering

the risk of skin cancer; believes that Melanoma awareness month is an opportune time to once again call for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions such as skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

8 Abortion time limits and fetal viability

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jim Shannon
Scott Benton
Fiona Bruce

That this House recognises that the current 24-week abortion time limit is based on an outdated understanding of the viability of premature babies; that the latest science on fetal viability has changed substantially since the law was last changed in 1990, and that 22 weeks is now recognised by the British Association of Perinatal Medicine as the point of viability outside of the womb and the point at which doctors are enabled to intervene to save premature babies; that the UK's abortion time limit is later than the majority of countries in the European Union, where the median time limit for abortions on demand or on broad social grounds is 12 weeks; that polling has shown that 70 per cent of British women favour a reduction in the time limit from 24 weeks to 20 weeks or below; and calls on the Government to reflect these changes in fetal viability in abortion law.

9 New acute hospital in West Hertfordshire on greenfield site

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that the acute hospital in Watford was the first hospital to be built under the reign of Queen Victoria; further notes that the hospital has since been developed in an ad hoc manner and that the deterioration of its facilities has made it harder for the excellent doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff to carry out their work; notes that there is a lack of affordable parking facilities for staff, patients and visitors as a result of its location next to a Premier League football club; recognises the further pressure put on the hospital's facilities following the closure of acute services at St Albans and Hemel Hempstead which were opposed by the majority of local residents; and calls on the Government to halt the taxpayer-funded redevelopment of the Watford site and welcome the news that £590 million is available for a new acute hospital on a greenfield site that can serve all of the growing population of West Hertfordshire.

10 **Votes on Standards Motions**

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

Wendy Chamberlain
 Tim Farron
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell

That this House notes the investigation and findings on the Owen Paterson case by the independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and Committee on Standards Report published on 26 October 2021, HC797; is concerned that the former Member was able to cast a vote on a motion relating to his own suspension; recognises that there is a conflict of interest inherent in Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct; notes that the Prime Minister is being investigated by the Privileges Committee in relation to his own conduct in the House; and calls on the Government to urgently bring forward a motion for consideration by the House proposing amendments to Standing Orders to prevent Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct.

11 **Veteran homelessness**

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 7

Wendy Chamberlain
 Layla Moran
 Tim Farron
 Ed Davey
 Douglas Chapman
 Mr Alistair Carmichael

Jim Shannon

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to end veterans' rough sleeping by the end of 2024; recognises the excellent work that organisations such as Alabaré, Launchpad, Riverside and Stoll do in providing veterans with the specialist support they need to address complex needs and promote independent living; and calls on the Government to provide the long-term sustainable funding needed to ensure the provision of specialist supported housing for veterans who are at risk of homelessness.

12 **Proportional property tax**

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

Grahame Morris
 Jim Shannon
 Ian Lavery
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the UK cost of living crisis hitting family budgets; expresses concerns that people are unable to meet the cost of housing, food and utilities; believes the public cannot sustain further tax increases and recognises the need for fairer not higher taxes; notes that Council Tax disproportionately penalises deprived communities that have lower wages and property values; calls on the Government to replace Council Tax and Stamp Duty with a Proportional Property Tax securing an average annual saving of £556 as well as lowering taxes for 77 per cent of households; notes the policy supports the current levelling up agenda, benefitting the poorest communities most; further notes that in addition to assisting with the cost of living, a Proportional Property Tax

would deliver an economic stimulus through increasing incomes in areas experiencing the fastest high street decline; recognises that in areas with an overheated property market, people on low incomes can live in high value properties and therefore welcomes transitional protections to cap any tax increases at £100 a month as well as offering options to defer payment; finally notes that a Proportional Property Tax will help to close regional economic inequalities and would represent the most substantive policy to date in delivering the Government's levelling up agenda.

13 SNP Election results in Midlothian

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Owen Thompson
Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates the Scottish National Party (SNP) Midlothian Council group on their success in being elected as the largest party following Thursday 6th May's local elections; recognises that the SNP successfully won both the most seats and the most votes, and has therefore secured a mandate to form Midlothian Council's next administration; recognises that the SNP's success in Midlothian reflects the people of Midlothian's desire for a new administration that prioritises local services, a forward-thinking and long-term outlook for Midlothian's future, and meaningful engagement with communities; congratulates the following elected SNP Midlothian councillors: Debbi McCall, Connor McManus, Dianne Alexander, Colin Cassidy, Kelly Parry, Stuart McKenzie, Douglas Bowen, and Ellen Scott; further congratulates all the SNP Midlothian candidates who were not elected, for running fantastic campaigns that engaged the people of Midlothian and highlighted the local issues most important to communities; sincerely thanks voters in Midlothian for putting their faith in the SNP to take on the mantle of running Midlothian Council on their behalf; and wishes the SNP Midlothian Council group the very best in forming an administration and putting Midlothian's needs first.

14 What Were You Wearing exhibition, St Andrews

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 4

Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Jim Shannon

That this House notes that the What Were You Wearing? art exhibition was displayed in Scotland for the first time at the University of St Andrews in March; understands that the exhibition is a recreation of a number of outfits which were worn by people when they were sexually assaulted; further understands that the exhibition aims to challenge the blaming of survivors of sexual assault by recognising that the clothes someone wears are not in any way a substitute for giving consent; commends the StAnd Together initiative, Kara Stewart, Got Consent Coordinator and other University of St Andrews students for organising the exhibition; stands with survivors of sexual assault; and calls on the Government to do more to counter violence against women and girls.

15 National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 6

Ian Lavery
 Jim Shannon
 Jon Trickett
 Grahame Morris
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Claudia Webbe

This House notes the role played by the National Service Veterans Association and the National Servicemen's Alliance in honouring and remembering the 2.3 million young men conscripted into the British Army under the National Service Act between 1947 and 1963; notes that youngest of those who gave their service under the Act are now 82; further notes that many of the founding objectives of both organisations have been successful, particularly to assist those former National Servicemen disadvantaged by their service, to raise awareness of the service to our county and to seek official recognition; notes that while the organisations have campaigned over many years to see the contribution given to their country by these men recognised by awarding a medal this has not yet come to fruition; supports the organisations ongoing work to see those who undertook national service to be properly recognised; and calls on the Government to right a historic wrong and ensure that medals are awarded to National Servicemen for their work on behalf of our nation.

16 Refuse disposal workers' pay and conditions

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 6

Zarah Sultana
 Dan Carden
 Jonathan Edwards
 Beth Winter
 Ian Lavery
 Claudia Webbe

That this House notes the recent wave of industrial action from refuse disposal workers, including in Coventry, Rugby, Wealdon, and Brighton; further notes improved pay agreements have been reached to avoid further refuse disposal workers strikes at locations including Northampton and Manchester; notes that refuse disposal workers were rightly recognised as key workers during the pandemic; notes the cost-of-living crisis and the soaring costs of basic necessities such as energy bills, food, and fuel; further notes the significant central government cuts to local authorities over the past 12 years; believes that refuse disposal workers deserve decent wages and terms and conditions; calls on the government to properly fund local authorities, reversing more than a decade of cuts; calls on local authorities to treat trade union reps with dignity and respect; and calls on local authorities to engage constructively with striking refusal disposal workers, bringing forward new deals to meet workers' concerns.

17 25th Anniversary of GalGael

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Chris Stephens
 Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the 25th Anniversary of the founding of an inspiring and life changing community project based in Govan, the GalGael Trust Foundation, which was founded by the late Colin McLeod whose vision for the project is still upheld today; notes that their woodcraft workshop

maintains the proud Glaswegian traditions of hard work, community spirit and skilled craftwork while changing lives by restoring pride and achievement and developing skills; further notes that GalGael have shown that supporting the long-term unemployed with respect and a creative vision can have more long lasting and profound impact than traditional methods; supports GalGael's efforts to be environmentally proactive by using Scottish timber from landfill as part of a culture within the organisation of respect and positive action; acknowledges that the continued success of GalGael is through it people and the inspiring volunteers and employees working in the heart of their communities; and wishes GalGael and all associated with the charity continued success in the many years to come.

19 Disability Benefit Assessments and the Health & Disability Green Paper

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 9

Marsha De Cordova
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson
Beth Winter

Ian Lavery

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes that Department for Work and Pensions statistics show that of the 1.5 million Incapacity Benefit claimants who were assessed for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) up until June 2019, 268,000 were found Fit for Work, a proportion of 18 per cent, that between 2013-2020, only 66,000 out of 400,000 requests for Mandatory Reconsideration of an ESA-Work Capability Assessment (WCA) decision resulted in a changed decision, that in 2019-20, 75 per cent of WCA appeals to the independent Tribunal were won by the claimant, that by 2020, of 1.5 million disabled people previously in receipt of Disability Living Allowance who had been reassessed for Personal Independence Payment (PIP), nearly half, 706,473, had seen their entitlement either reduced or disallowed, that of the six million people who have applied for PIP, 2.7m have been refused, a proportion of 46 per cent, that of those going on to lodge a PIP appeal in 2020-21, 31,720, DWP conceded 10,990 appeals before they even went in front of the Tribunal and lost two-thirds of those that were decided there; further notes that while the July 2021 Health & Disability Green Paper does have some useful operational changes, it does not go far enough in remedying DWP's poor quality decision-making and reforming the assessments regimes; and calls on the Government to commit to much more fundamental reform of WCA and PIP assessment in the forthcoming White Paper to guarantee disabled and seriously unwell people receive the social security they need to live on.

20 Covid-19 testing and school exams

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 7

Munira Wilson
Helen Morgan
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Dan Carden
Wendy Chamberlain

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House recognises the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on pupil and staff absences; believes there is potential for further disruption in the coming weeks; commends the tireless work of school leaders, teachers and support staff to ensure schools are as safe as possible for the exam season; yet

notes that schools have been informed by the Department for Education that stocks of lateral flow tests are not to be distributed; calls on the Government to immediately communicate to schools that they can use any stocks of lateral flow tests held locally; and further calls on the Government to make free testing available for all pupils and staff, including exam invigilators, for the next few weeks to cover the essential exam period.

21 Louise Aitchison and domestic violence protection

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 2

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the truth of abuse and its genuine impact on society; acknowledges that there are hundreds of female deaths, many registered as suicides across the UK and that a significant proportion of these involve cases of domestic abuse; asks the Government to amend how they investigate domestic abuse cases and risks to survivors to utilise specialised frontline responders who are fully trained in handling domestic abuse cases; appreciates the work of professionals including Professor Jane Monckton Smith, who have worked so hard to highlight this issue; acknowledges the Sunday Post campaign to highlight the need for change by Scottish journalist Marion Scott; commemorates the tragedy of East Kilbride's Louise Aitchison whose life was so cruelly taken whilst she had so much to give and live for; and urges the Government to support specialist domestic abuse risk management services, in Louise's and other victims memory to save lives.

22 Local Election results in Oxfordshire

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran
Helen Morgan
Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House congratulates Lidia Arciszewska, Hugo Ashton, Alaric Smith, Julian Cooper, Jean Conway, Gemma Coton, Laurence Fouweather, David Hingley, Dave Jackson, Natalie King, Katherine Miles, Charlie Maynard, Angus Patrick, Sally Povolotsky, Christopher Pruden, Carl Rylett, Jo Sandelson and Chris Smowton on being elected as Liberal Democrat councillors in Oxfordshire; notes that in West Oxfordshire, a Conservative administration which has lasted more than two decades was toppled; looks forward to the forming of a new, cross-party administration; acknowledges that people across Oxfordshire are fed up of being taken for granted by the Conservatives, and have sent a clear message in these local elections results; and wishes all these councillors the best of luck in serving their constituents and representing their communities over the next four years.

23 Talyllyn Railway and John Bate

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 5

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Talyllyn Railway Preservation Society who, on May 14th 2022, will celebrate 71 years since the society ran the first train on the Talyllyn Railway; recognises that this marked the start of heritage railways as they are known now, with the Talyllyn Railway being the first volunteer run railway in the world; further recognises that railways are nothing without the people who run them and that John Bate has been invaluable in the work of transforming the Talyllyn railway into the world-class tourist attraction it is today; notes that John started volunteering at the railway in 1951, became the railway's first full-time Chief Engineer in 1963, a post he occupied until his retirement in 1994, and has continued to support the railway as an active volunteer; commends John for leading the effort to save the railway after a major landslide near Dolgoch damaged the line in 1957; and celebrates the positive impact John has had on both the Talyllyn Railway and on the wider Heritage Rail Sector.

24 60 years of ENABLE Renfrew

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 3

Gavin Newlands
Jim Shannon
Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates ENABLE Renfrew on its 60 years of service to the community in Renfrew and throughout Renfrewshire; notes its formation in 1962 by parents of children with learning difficulties in the area; notes its outstanding work in supporting families in the community who value and need the services and support it provides; recognises the decades-long commitment of current and former committee members who have ensured the organisation's long-term success; and further recognises the outstanding contribution by Mr Charlie Newlands, who is no relation to the hon Member for Paisley and Renfrewshire North, over the past 50 years to the work carried out by ENABLE Renfrew as it enters its seventh decade of existence.

25 Roza Salih's election as a Councillor in Scotland

Tabled: 10/05/22 Signatories: 21

Chris Stephens
Alison Thewliss
Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
David Linden
Carol Monaghan

Jim Shannon

Patricia Gibson

That this House celebrates the huge achievement of Roza Salih, a Kurdish-born, Scottish human rights activist and campaigner who has become the first former refugee to be elected as a local councillor in Scotland; congratulates Roza on her election on May 6 2022 to serve as a councillor for the Greater Pollok ward in Glasgow; welcomes the huge wealth of experience and talent that Roza will bring to the role; recognises her victory will inspire refugees and asylum seekers across the four nations of the UK; acknowledges the historical significance of this moment for Scotland; remembers

Roza's first political campaign as a co-founder of the Glasgow Girls at just 15 with fellow pupils from Drumchapel High School who campaigned to stop the UK Border Force carrying out dawn raids and detaining and deporting children, and whose campaign successfully prevented the deportation of their school friend Agnesa Murselaj; and wishes Roza great success serving the people of Greater Pollok over the next five years.