Published: Wednesday 2 September 2020

Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 1 September 2020

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions for which no days have been fixed.

The number of signatories includes all members who have added their names in support of the Early Day Motion (EDM), including the Member in charge of the Motion.

EDMs and added names are also published on the EDM database at www.parliament.uk/edm

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

New EDMs

796 Season of Creation 2020

Patrick Grady

That this House notes that between 1 September and 4 October 2020, Christian communities around the world will mark the Season of Creation, a period of reflection and recommitment to tackling the challenges facing our common home, planet Earth; further notes that initiative was founded by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I in 1989, and is now supported by Christian denominations worldwide, including the Conference of European Churches and the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE); welcomes the call of faith leaders from these communities to reflect in particular on the impact of the pandemic, environmental devastation and the threat of climate change; notes that the 2020 season takes place within a special year-long celebration organised by the Catholic Church to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si, which will promote the document as a moral and spiritual compass for the journey to create a more caring, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world; and welcomes these initiatives as a sign of collective determination to create a more harmonious relationship with the natural world, our common home.

797 Reinstatement of IKEA shop steward Richie Venton

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 3

Tabled: 1/09/20

Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens Patrick Grady Gavin Newlands

That this House condemns the sacking of IKEA Glasgow USDAW Shop Steward and convenor Richie Venton for carrying out his duties as an elected workers' representative who sought to prevent hardship, while protecting workers' health during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; notes Mr Venton opposed IKEA's plans to remove wages from workers self-isolating as a result of covid-19; further

notes employees excluded from IKEA's sick benefit had to to live on £95 statutory sick pay; is concerned that Mr Venton's efforts to raise with management his concerns that financial hardship could force employees to make the incorrect decision to come into workplace while unwell, potentially spreading the virus, were ignored; opposes any attempts by IKEA to change the terms in conditions in employees' contracts which would reduce worker's rights, including efforts to limit sick benefit entitlement; urges IKEA to give consideration to the suggestion of an average wage; and demands that IKEA immediately reinstate life-long trade unionist, and campaigner for worker's rights, Richie Venton to his role within their organisation and his elected union position.

798 G53 Together's Response to covid-19

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens

That this House commends G53 Together, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak, supporting families and children in the community with their local foodbank, the delivery of emergency food provisions, a shopping service, prescription pick up, activities for children and business and welfare support; appreciates the support given to people living locally including the delivery of food parcels to people shielding, those with higher risk medical need and other vulnerable groups locally including people on low incomes who could not attend supermarkets; praises the organisation for their efforts to lift people's spirits and to bring a little community cheer to try to tackle loneliness during a difficult lockdown period; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most at need in their community.

799 Ridgeway Dairy free packed lunch project during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens

That this House commends Ridgeway Dairy, in Drumoyne, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their free packed lunch project; notes the packed lunches, which Ridgeway had been providing since the start of lockdown in April, included a fresh filled roll, a yoghurt, a piece of fruit, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar; further notes that Ridgeway Dairy went from providing around 300 free packed lunches in April, to over 1,500 in June; praises the efforts of owner Jim Creaney and all involved with this project, including Lisa Devlin from the Drumoyne Community Council, for their collaborative efforts to tackle food insecurity in Drumoyne during the covid-19 outbreak; welcomes funding from Feeding Britain amongst others which helped to secure the substantiality and delivery of the project in Drumoyne; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

800 Govan Help's response to covid-19

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens

That this House commends Govan Help from Govan, in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their foodbank; appreciates the support given to people living locally including the delivery of food parcels to people shielding, people with higher risk medical need and other vulnerable groups including people on low incomes who could not attend supermarkets; praises the organisation for their efforts to lift people's spirits and to bring a little cheer to try tackle loneliness during a difficult

lockdown period; welcomes the award of crucial funding from Feeding Britain to support Govan Help's covid-19 response; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

801 Govan Youth Information Project covid-19 food provision project

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Chris Stephens

That this House commends Govan Youth Information Project (GYIP), in Glasgow, for their inspiring work during the covid-19 outbreak supporting families and children in the community with their food provision project; notes that GYIP received a grant from the local authority to deliver a Holiday Food Programme, however quickly adapted the project after their spring programme had to be cancelled as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the huge efforts by all involved to establish and deliver the 14 week, 5-days a week, food provision programme in Govan at short notice; praises the collaborative working between Govan Housing Association, the Salvation Army, Unlock Employment, Make Do and Grow and other local organisations and volunteers which helped make the project a massive success by drawing on their individual strengths and resources to meet the needs of the community of Govan; welcomes all funding that was given to support the project including from Feeding Britain and Glasgow City Council; and thanks everyone involved with the project including volunteers who gave up their time to support the most in need in their community.

802 Roadchef Employee Benefit Trust

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Neil Gray

That this House deplores the failure to date of HMRC to propose a resolution to the dispute with the Roadchef Employee Benefits Trust; notes that Honourable Members and Ministers have been informed by HMRC that they are seeking a resolution but regrets HMRC's considerable delay in proposing a resolution, further notes that the scandal affecting over 4000 mainly low paid catering and cleaning staff working at Roadchef Motorway Services including Norton Cranes, Taunton Dene, Tibshelf, Sandbach, Clacket Lane, Strensham, Rownhams, Killington Lake, Pont Abraham, Annandale Water and Harthill has been ongoing for over 30 years; is saddened to note the recent death of Tim Warwick the Company Secretary who exposed the Roadchef share scandal perpetrated by former Chief Executive Tim Ingram Hill; notes that other beneficiaries have also died waiting for HMRC to decide what tax, if any, they and the Trust should be liable for despite Parliament's intention that such employee benefits schemes should be tax free; calls on the Chief Executive of HMRC to meet with the Trust with proposals to resolve this matter urgently; and calls on the Government to propose legislation to protect participants of employee benefit schemes from the unscrupulous actions of trustees as occurred in the Roadchef case.

803 Anniversary of the murder of Lord Mountbattan and Warrenpoint Massacre

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon Paul Girvan

That this House remembers with great sadness the murder of Lord Mountbatten, his grandson Nicholas, Lady Doreen Brabourne and local 15 year old Paul Maxwell and further the slaughter of

18 British Army Soldiers at an ambush at Warrenpoint on 27th of August 1979; extends our sincere sympathy to her Majesty the Queen and all of the families of those murdered on that dreadful day; points again to the necessity of the Victims pension for those who were not war criminals but innocent bystanders of war crimes perpetrated against them; and continues to assert that the truth of horrific acts of terrorism and savagery carried out by any terrorist during The Troubles will not be whitewashed by a narrative which seeks to glorify as necessary the wilful, calculated and evil murder of children, men and women in Northern Ireland.

50 years since the deaths of Samuel Donaldson and Roy Millar

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon Paul Girvan

That this House remembers with deep sadness the murder of RUC Constables Samuel Donaldson and Roy Millar following a car bomb in South Armagh on 11 August 1970 as the first of many evil murders during the Provisional IRA Terrorist Campaign; extends heartfelt and sincere sympathy to their families who still feel the pain and loss 50 years later; notes that those who joined the RUC did not simply choose a job, but chose to face physical danger daily, made the choice to go to a job where they knew they were targeted and even their family may be targeted and chose to endure unimaginable mental torment which continues to this very day as they see themselves and their colleagues who paid the ultimate sacrifice vilified; and places on record once more deep and abiding thanks to every man and women from all communities who donned the RUC uniform and simply did the right thing, the honourable thing, the noble thing every day and who saved the lives of untold thousands in Northern Ireland through their bravery and dedication.

Shannon's Box: a Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Alan Brown

That this House congratulates Shannon Brown, creator of Shannon's Box, a Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum (Staf) project, delivered in association with East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership; notes the initiative has been named as a finalist for the Pioneering Project Award at the SCVO Scottish Charity Awards; commends Shannon for using her personal experience of care to create a box of items to support children entering the care system; notes that the box contains various comfort items, such as a soft toy, colouring pens and a nightlight, as well as a letter from Shannon; and wishes the Shannon's Box project the best of luck for the finals, and hopes that it will continue to support care-experienced young people in East Ayrshire and beyond for many years to come and notes that the best initiatives often come from those with lived experience.

806 Remembering Denny Oliver

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House celebrates the life and legacy of Mr Denny Oliver who sadly passed away at home on 11 July 2020 at the age of 68; acknowledges the huge contribution that he made to the Glasgow music scene as guitarist and vocalist of Glasgow band Scheme; notes that he is considered to be a local musical legend as a key part of the first ever unsigned band to sell out Glasgow's Apollo Theatre; praises the enormous contribution that Mr Oliver made to Easterhouse and to the city of Glasgow in general, in particular through his considerable charitable work; acknowledges his role in nurturing the musical talents of younger people through guitar lessons and song writing

workshops; and commends the work of his friends and family following his passing to ensure that his life and legacy are remembered and celebrated.

807 ITV Voice Kids television programme

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 2

Paul Bristow Alexander Stafford

That this House applauds the efforts of all the contestants in this year's ITV The Voice Kids television programme; notes the tremendous talent the programme uncovered; congratulates the winner Justine Afante and all the finalists; further congratulates finalist George Elliott from Walton, Peterborough who has inspired a City; believes his mum Jodie, dad Karl, brother Jacob, and the people of Peterborough, have every reason to be proud of him; and wishes him well in his future as a new pupil at the Queen Katherine Academy and in all his musical endeavours.

808 Rescue on Gwynedd beach

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House welcomes the recovery and safe return home of Rian Lewis Bradburn and six others who were rescued from rip currents in Aberdyfi, Gwynedd beach; commends RNLI volunteers Arwel Jones, Drew Nickless and Alun Edwards for their quick response in safely returning the swimmers back to the beach; applauds healthcare staff at Ysbyty Gwynedd's children's ward for looking after Rian Lewis Bradburn who has now made a full recovery; and expresses sincere gratitude also to all local authority staff and volunteers who've worked on the front line in difficult conditions to make Gwynedd beaches as safe as possible during an exceptionally busy summer season.

809 Co-operative Insurance and MarkerStudy

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes the negotiations taking place between Co-operative Insurance and MarkerStudy, with a view to MarkerStudy taking over operations; further notes that the Co-operative Insurance workforce have served the company loyally, some over many years; is concerned that this takeover will result in 200 jobs disappearing; is equally concerned that MarkerStudy have made it clear that they will not recognise or engage with Trade Union representatives for the remaining 800 staff; reminds Co-operative Insurance of the moral and ethical base of the co-operative movement, which is just as important today as at any time in its history; calls on the Co-operative Insurance management to examine its moral compass and to review its decision to so disadvantage key stakeholders in the Co-operative Insurance business.

Signatories: 1

810 Points of Light Award for South Lanarkshire's Mr T

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 2

Tabled: 1/09/20

Tabled: 1/09/20

Margaret Ferrier Angela Crawley

That this House recognises that Tuoyo Ayiku, known affectionately as South Lanarkshire's Mr T, has been nominated by the Prime Minister for a Points of Light Award; notes that Mr T currently runs the Heart in the Community Café, based in Cambuslang, and Heart of Africa UK charity, based in Larkhall; understands that, during lockdown, Mr T and his team of volunteers have delivered over 5,000 delicious meals to vulnerable people, including African stews, curries, rainbow fried rice, jerk chicken and mince and tatties; further understands that the Heart in the Community Café takes an inclusive approach to food provision, by operating a pay-what-you-can box and offering meals for foodbank vouchers; believes that Mr T's determination to support those in most need in communities across South Lanarkshire and his commitment to supporting the most disadvantaged members of society make him a worthy recipient of the Points of Light Award; and congratulates Mr T on becoming the 1439th Point of Light and wishes him and his team of volunteers every success for the future.

811 Remembering veteran Jack Connor

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that August 2020 marks 75 years since the end of World War II and VJ Day; understands that many people from Rutherglen and Hamilton West served during the final phase of the war against Japan, including Ruglonian Jack Connor who served as a gunner in the 17th Indian Division; further understands that Jack was awarded the Burma Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the Defence Medal for his heroic efforts in fighting Japanese forces in Burma and for protecting India; and pays tribute to Jack and his comrades in the so-called Forgotten Army for their service and for their bravery in fighting and defeating fascism.

812 Trinity High Scool in Rutherglen

Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes that Trinity High School in Rutherglen has received the Marjorie Boxall Quality Mark Award for the second time running; understands that Trinity High School has received this award for its work establishing a Nurture base, which provides support for pupils' emotional development and wellbeing, helping them to face the challenges life brings with a positive mental attitude; further understands that Trinity High School is the first school in the UK to receive this award for the second time in a row; believes that this award demonstrates the importance that South Lanarkshire schools place on ensuring their pupils are well-rounded individuals, especially during the challenging circumstances created by covid-19; and congratulates head teacher Peter Bollen, the pupils and staff of Trinity High School on receiving this prestigious award and wishes them every success for the future.

813 Abolition of the House of Lords

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House is alarmed by the latest 36 appointees to the House of Lords, which once again highlights the archaic nature of the British political system; notes that recent appointees is comprised of the usual mix of nepotism, cronyism, government party donors and failed politicians being awarded a place for life in this undemocratic and unaccountable legislative chamber; is concerned that the House of Lords is the largest parliamentary chamber in any democracy, surpassed in size only by China's National People's Congress with its 2987 members; is disturbed that the House of Lords is the only institution in the world - save for Iran, which styles its form of government as an Islamic republic - with reserved places for members of the clergy, with the Church of England represented in the House of Lords by 26 Bishops which, in order of seniority, together form the Lords Spiritual; further notes academic analysis indicating that, statistically the relationship between donations and nominations for peerages has been found to be significant; further notes that 92 hereditary peers occupy seats solely due to being born into the right family; is concerned that in 2016/17, 115 peers claimed £1.3 million in expenses between them without uttering a single word in the Lords; and realises that this bizarre mix of failed politicians, cronies, donors, bishops and aristocrats, is utterly unrepresentative of the people over whose lives they preside, making decisions and casting votes on important issues, and are unaccountable and devoid of any democratic legitimacy.

814 Itihaas and Radhuni restaurants

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates restaurants Itihaas in Dalkeith and Radhuni in Loanhead on each being awarded a Travellers' Choice Award from TripAdvisor; notes that this award puts them in the top 10 per cent of hospitality businesses worldwide; understands that winners of the Travellers' Choice Award are celebrated for their exceptional service and quality and serve as a source of inspiration for travellers and diners; notes that Itihaas is a previous winner of the titles of Scotland's top curry restaurant, Curry Chef of the Year and best South Asian restaurant, and Radhuni was named best restaurant in Scotland at last November's British Curry Awards in London; and commends the restaurants, owned by the same family, and all their staff for contributing so much to the cultural and gastronomic life of Midlothian.

815 Common Good Fund awards to Musselburgh Rugby Football Club and Musselburgh Athletic Football Club

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes the Musselburgh Common Good Fund awards to Musselburgh Rugby Football Club and Musselburgh Athletic Football Club; notes that the the funding will ensure that new facilities are made available for the good of the community in Musselburgh, as well as ensuring the safety and security of facility users and the general public; and looks forward to seeing the benefits to the clubs and the community from this funding in future.

816 VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 2

Patricia Gibson Stephen Farry

That this House calls 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 like skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently 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 UK 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.

817 Gary McVicar - student mentor

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House notes the achievements of Gary McVicar as a student mentor; praises Mr McVicar for offering significant support to a new first-year student suffering from anxiety and helping them to secure their qualification; notes that Mr McVicar has Asperger's Syndrome which meant he had to deal with anxiety himself but his focus and determination to succeed and help his mentee achieve their qualification led to positive results; commends Mr McVicar for being a role model and his excellent self-motivation, commitment and leadership qualities; congratulates Mr McVicar on completing his own studies, holding down a part-time job, engaging in two voluntary work placements, assisting the Student's Association President and Vice President with a range of tasks, assisting in fundraising events and still managing to help his mentee to gain their qualification; hopes Mr McVicar can continue his level of commitment and determination to achieve his goals; and wishes Gary McVicar the very best for the future.

Supporting grieving families through a bereavement standard

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 10

Grahame Morris Rebecca Long Bailey Andrew Gwynne Apsana Begum Jon Cruddas Kate Hollern

Mr Virendra Sharma John Spellar Kevin Brennan

Mohammad Yasin

That this House calls on the Government to introduce a Bereavement Standard to simplify and streamline the process for grieving families to close accounts with service providers following the death of a loved one; believes the lack of such a standard has created a complex array of arrangements with each service provider requiring different levels of information to close accounts; notes that it can often take weeks, months, and in the worst cases years to close down accounts prolonging the pain and suffering for a family in mourning; further notes that the four simple campaign aims would support families as well as streamlining the process and providing a level playing field for business by introducing standardised paperwork to close an account, accepting digital death certificates, wills and proof of beneficiary status where possible, dedicated

bereavement customer care channels (email, chat, webforms) to avoid long call waiting times, an agreed timeframe for companies to respond and settle accounts, and agreed bereavement customer service behaviours supported by adequate training; and urges the Government to work immediately with industry to introduce a Bereavement Standard to support grieving families, many of whom have been impacted recently by COVID-19, through one of the most difficult times in their lives.

819 Chris Brannigan: the Barefoot Soldier

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Chris Brannigan (also known as the Barefoot Soldier) on his upcoming completion of a barefoot walk from Land's End to Edinburgh to raise funds for the research and development of a ground breaking gene therapy treatment for the rare genetic condition, Cornelia de Lange syndrome (CdLS); notes that Chris' daughter, Hasti, suffers from CdLS and has inspired his quest to fundraise for treatment; notes that in March 2020 Chris set up a charity, CdLS Hope for Hasti, with the aim of funding the research and development of a ground-breaking gene therapy treatment for CdLS; further notes that, to this end, since Monday 6th July Chris has been walking the 700 miles from Land's End to Edinburgh while wearing heavy equipment, carrying 25kg of kit on his back, and - most importantly - completely barefoot; understands that on 12th August 2020 Chris walked through Midlothian on his way to his end point at Edinburgh Castle; congratulates Chris on beating his target fundraising amount of £300,000; points out that one in three of all children with a rare disease never live to celebrate their fifth birthday and 95 per cent of all rare diseases have no treatment; and applauds all those who work to treat rare diseases and undertake research and development in this field.

820 60th anniversary of UK's first conservation village

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Tabled: 1/09/20

Kirsten Oswald

That this House is pleased to join the village of Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire, in its year-long celebration of the 60th anniversary of its designation, on August 12, 1960, as the first conservation village in the UK; notes that Eaglesham has its roots in 1769 when local laird, Alexander Montgomerie, began to develop an elegant planned village with housing built round the orry, an area of common land at the heart of the community; further notes that Eaglesham's first main industry was farming, followed by cotton spinning and weaving, and that it suffered a decline after a mill fire in 1876, falling into such disrepair that, by the 1930s, the historic village was threatened with wholesale demolition; records its appreciation of the legacy of Nina Davidson and Kathleen Whyte, whose letter-writing campaign in the 1940s set the wheels of conservation in motion, acting as a blueprint for conservation across Britain, with more than 600 conservation areas now designated in Scotland alone; and welcomes the fact that Eaglesham still boasts many fine 18th century buildings, including beautiful houses and churches, Polnoon Lodge, a former hunting lodge, as well as the former 19th century coaching house, the Eglinton Arms Hotel, with fifty-one buildings of architectural and historical interest included in the preservation order, many of them grade B and C listed, and the village as a whole A-listed and of outstanding beauty.

821 Human rights in Iran

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Tabled: 1/09/20

Bob Blackman

That this House condemns the Iranian regime's failure to uphold its international obligations and demands recognition for the basic principles of human rights including freedom of religion and belief and comply with the basic rules of international law; expresses serious concern about the recent threats of security agents against the life of Dr Azmayesh which have been published online by agents of the Iranian regime; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Iranian Government that given the records of assassinations and terrorist activities of the Iranian regime outside of Iran, it is crucial to stop these activities, as the failure to do so will only lead to more deaths and further victimization of citizens.

822 Breast Buddies scheme in Angus

Dave Doogan Alison Thewliss Dr Philippa Whitford Owen Thompson

That this House celebrates World Breastfeeding Week 2020 and in so doing applauds the work done by the volunteer run service, Breast Buddies, managed by Voluntary Action Angus, and the support they provide in Angus and the surrounding area; values the evidence based information they compile for hundreds of local women and families together with the direct support they give to women who are breastfeeding; notes that without this support many would not be able to continue their breastfeeding journeys; highlights the community Breast Buddies have created which provides a platform for women to support each other together with other branches of Breast Buddies in Tayside and their delivery of antenatal classes online to women; and commends their work to fill the gap created by the suspension of NHS classes during lock down, the support they have given throughout the covid crisis and the virtual meet-up sessions they have organised for local women to connect.

823 Glasgow Aghan United covid-19 response

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the significant contribution to the Covid-19 pandemic response made by Glasgow Afghan United (GAU); understands that over 500 people have benefitted from GAU's parcels containing cultural food, toiletries and basic necessities; congratulates GAU on transitioning their highly successful educational initiative to an online platform during lockdown to help tackle social isolation as well as benefitting participants' emotional wellbeing; believes that the online classes include English classes, female empowerment classes, and health, wellbeing and emotional support classes; welcomes the strong uptake of these classes from those in the black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities who would otherwise have been unable to attend in person; pays tribute to Abdul Bostani, who is the President of GAU, for coordinating the response, and for his many years of contributing to communities across Glasgow; notes that GAU has been supported by ng homes, the Big Lottery Fund, the Scottish Refugee Council, Foundation Scotland and the Scottish Government Wellbeing Fund; and appreciates that GAU has been supporting Afghan and BAME people since its inception in 2004, and acknowledges the efforts of new Scots more generally in supporting BAME people and everyone in the wider society during these unprecedented times.

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.

422 Children and Young Persons

Tabled: 4/05/20 Signatories: 48

Keir Starmer Rebecca Long Bailey Tulip Siddiq Margaret Greenwood Emma Hardy Mr Nicholas Brown

Siobhain McDonagh

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 445), dated 21 April 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23 April 2020, be annulled.

718 Audio-visual performers' rights

Tabled: 13/07/20 Signatories: 27

Caroline Lucas
Daisy Cooper
Sir George Howarth
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Clive Lewis Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the World Intellectual Property Organisation's Beijing Treaty on Audio-Visual Performances which came into force on 28 April 2020; notes that the aim of that Treaty is to extend the economic and moral rights of actors and performers in audio-visual performances including films, videos and television programs; is concerned that not all signatories who have ratified that Treaty have done so in ways that are consistent with that aim; recognises the importance of the audio-visual industry to the UK economy and the integral role played by audio-visual performers who enrich our daily lives with their craft; considers that ratifying the Treaty in such a way as to allow for the economic and moral rights of actors and performers to be immediately transferred to the producer undermines a performer's remuneration right; understands the importance of the concept of national treatment to secure revenues from usage of work in other countries; calls on the Government to enable an early ratification of the Beijing Treaty in line with that Treaty's clearly stated aims; and further calls on the Government to undertake early talks with secondary users to ensure a fair and affordable system for upholding performers' rights.

726 Restoration of online democracy and equal rights for MPs

Tabled: 14/07/20 Signatories: 65

Geraint Davies
Dr Philippa Whitford
Layla Moran
Liz Saville Roberts
Dame Margaret Hodge
Dawn Butler

Martyn Day Angus Brendan MacNeil Tommy Sheppard John McNally

That this House believes that the decision to discontinue the ability of elected MPs to participate remotely in parliamentary debates, bill committees and by electronic voting is unlawful and discriminatory because it means that up to 250 elected MPs, who are clinically shielded to protect themselves or their families from coronavirus, are no longer able to participate in these activities; further believes that the House of Commons is not empowered to remove the source of its own legitimacy and that the vote to do so was illegal as it excluded the elected MPs affected; calls for the restoration of the democratic rights of all elected MPs who are shielding, and of the constituencies and 15.5 million voters that they represent, to fully participate and for the resumption of virtual arrangements previously in place that continue in the House of Lords, the Senedd and Holyrood; and calls on the Leader of the House of Commons to reinstate the motion allowing online inclusion for shielded elected MPs in all debates and votes, including those on the legal and democratic rights of those elected MPs most affected by the removal of hybrid arrangements; further calls for the resumption of elected MPs' equal right to work in all aspects of their job, without unreasonable risk to their personal safety, by using the technology available and for the full restoration, without delay, of the democratic legitimacy of our Parliament.

742 Early pay rise for NHS staff

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 44

Paula Barker Jim Shannon Jon Trickett Bell Ribeiro-Addy Ms Diane Abbott Kate Osborne

Yvonne Fovargue

That this House recognises the extraordinary commitment and sacrifice of NHS staff throughout the covid-19 outbreak; believes that the depth of public gratitude for this work must now be reflected in what the Government does next for NHS staff; notes that as it stands, NHS staff must wait until 2021 for their next pay rise despite having gone above and beyond during the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the importance of improving pay to tackle the vacancies that exist across all parts of the NHS workforce; and calls on the Government to show its support for the NHS by turning warm words and applause into a firm commitment to bring forward NHS pay talks and to fund an early and meaningful pay rise.

743 Funding for universities

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 18

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mick Whitley
Richard Burgon

Apsana Begum

That this House calls on the Government to provide vital funding for universities that are under mass financial strain; notes this is not an unexpected side effect from the covid-19 outbreak, but that the outbreak has worsened pre-existing problems resulting from a lack of financial Government support of higher education and the marketisation of education; further notes that thirteen universities, as found by the ISF, will face bankruptcy without a Government bail-out; recognises that SOAS University, the only higher education institution in the UK specialising in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, is currently facing a mass restructuring as a result of long term financial strain that has worsened with the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to take action to provide essential support for those institutions.

755 Free travel for children and young people in London

Tabled: 20/07/20 Signatories: 22

Sarah Olney Munira Wilson Sir Edward Davey Andy Slaughter Jim Shannon Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Ms Diane Abbott

This House notes that as part of the emergency funding deal for Transport for London the Government has insisted on the suspension of free travel for under 18 year olds in London, despite children and young people being able to travel around the capital for free, or at a discounted rate since 2005; expresses concern about the effect of this policy on low income households in a city where 37 per cent of all children are living in poverty; recognises that the decision will reverse the significant benefits of the policy which academic research has shown to include greater social inclusion, reduced car use, and reduced road casualties; recognises the acute need for investment in young people to compensate for the pause in education during the covid-19 outbreak; further recognises the significant opposition to the policy by London's young people including a petition by Joshua Brown-Smith with has already gathered over 185,000 signatures, along with the opposition by Child Poverty Action Group in their #DontZapTheZip campaign; and calls on the Government to drop its harmful plans for suspending free and discounted travel for children and young people in London.

770 Protections for workers in UK garment factories

Tabled: 21/07/20 Signatories: 13

Dr Lisa Cameron Jim Shannon Clive Lewis John McDonnell Jonathan Edwards Caroline Lucas

Kenny MacAskill

That this House recognises that workers in some UK garment factories are suffering under exploitative labour practices, underpayment of legal minimum wages and unsafe working conditions; acknowledges the need to take urgent action to protect such workers from exploitation and ensure that factory owners are meeting all legal obligations; notes that taking action would prevent rogue factories from undercutting compliant businesses and would encourage retailers to source more clothing from the UK, supporting the development of an ethical, world-leading UK fashion industry; and therefore calls on the Government to implement the British Retail Consortium's proposal for a Fit to Trade licensing scheme for all garment factories in the UK.

771 Universal credit assessment period regulations

Tabled: 21/07/20 Signatories: 27

Wendy Chamberlain Sir Edward Davey Jim Shannon Clive Lewis Christine Jardine Jonathan Edwards

Hannah Bardell Tony Lloyd

That this House condemns the Government's cruel universal credit assessment period regulations which result in people who are paid every four weeks rather than every calendar month being penalised; notes that as a result of those regulations the Department for Work and Pensions sometimes disqualifies an individual from receiving universal credit which can also lead to the local authority ceasing to provide some means of support; expresses its concern that those who wish to appeal the decision have to go through a lengthy mandatory reconsideration process; further notes with regret that 85,000 people are currently estimated to be affected by that mandatory reconsideration process; welcomes the recent Court of Appeal ruling that those regulations are unlawful; and calls on the Government to urgently bring forward measures to fix the broken welfare system.

Signatories: 8

773 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: 21/07/20 Signatories: 41

Tabled: **21/07/20**

Tabled: **22/07/20**

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Ms Lyn Brown

Tony Lloyd

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that The Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 632), dated 23 June 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 June 2020, be annulled.

777 Classrooms for Malawi

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
Alison Thewliss
Richard Thomson

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that Rutherglen-based charity Classrooms for Malawi has raised over £8,000 in one week to provide hand washing facilities for 29 schools in Malawi; understands that this fundraising campaign aims to provide 30,000 children with clean water, soap and other basic hand washing facilities in order to combat the spread of coronavirus in Malawi; further understands that some of the worst effects of coronavirus are observed in developing countries like Malawi, where 1 in 3 people do not have access to clean water; congratulates the staff and volunteers at Classrooms for Malawi for their speedy fundraising efforts in response to the coronavirus emergency; and commends the charity's ongoing efforts to create safe and healthy learning environments for some of the world's poorest children.

778 Dr June Almeida

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Mhairi Black Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the remarkable achievements of internationally renowned virologist the late June Almeida from the Dennistoun area of Glasgow who discovered the first human coronavirus in 1964 and whose virus imaging technology has been used to identify covid-19; notes that Dr Almeida overcame many barriers to gain an education after having to leave school at 16 years old without qualifications to obtain a job at Glasgow Royal Infirmary's histopathology

department; acknowledges that Dr Almeida went on to become a pioneer of viral imaging; commends the significant role that Dr Almeida carried out throughout her distinguished career in Scotland, England and Canada including co-authoring the World Health Organisation Manual for Rapid Laboratory Viral Diagnosis, pioneering and improving methods for viral diagnosis, co-authoring numerous scientific papers and teaching many scientists who went on to have distinguished careers; recognises and appreciates the example that the one time June Dalziel Hart formerly of Whitehill Secondary School in Dennistoun, Glasgow has set to girls and young women to train and work in the field of science.

780 Delivery charges

Jamie Stone Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Patricia Gibson Ben Lake

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the delivery charges to people in remote locations are disproportionately high despite people paying the same taxes as the rest of the UK; further notes the effect of those high charges on SMEs and the economy in remote areas; acknowledges that the solution to the problem is not simply clearer advertising of the charges but a cap on delivery charges to remote areas; recognises the great work of the Citizens Advice Bureau Caithness in drawing attention to the issue; and calls on the Government to give the Competition and Markets Authority the power to authorise the cap on delivery charges to all areas of the UK.

781 African Challenge Scotland and response to covid-19

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 9

Tabled: **22/07/20**

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the work of Glasgow North East based organisation African Challenge Scotland during the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges that the organisation provided traditional African food to people in need in the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, including families, asylum seekers, refugees, people shielding and people who were unable to access food because of lockdown restrictions; notes that they have delivered food across all of Glasgow but particularly within the Glasgow North East Constituency; thanks the many volunteers and youth ambassadors, including Gervais Hameni, Olivia De-Williams, Sally Diara, Yvan Mbadjou, Justin Kelassa, Adelaide Williams, Madelle Mbata, Yves Sobze, Paul Toukam, Ernest Yeyap, Stephen Ugwuanyi, Annie Keptche, Ignace Pelamie and Michelle Fantin for their selfless efforts; recognises that the work was made possible thanks to funds from the National Emergencies Trust through Foundation Scotland, National Lottery Community Fund, Refugee Survival Trust and the Scottish Government; notes the partnership work between African Challenge Scotland and NG Homes; acknowledges the leadership, drive and enthusiasm of its founder, Mr Ronier Deumeni who led the voluntary work while continuing to work full-time as an electrical engineer throughout the

Signatories: 16

Signatories: 12

outbreak; appreciates the valuable contribution that African Challenge Scotland has made over a number of years supporting BAME communities in building more successful and integrated communities by relieving poverty, advancing education and promoting cultural and sporting links between Africans and the wider Scottish population; and wishes everyone involved success in the future.

Tabled: **22/07/20**

Tabled: **22/07/20**

Tabled: **22/07/20**

783 Town and Country Planning

Keir Starmer Mike Amesbury Steve Reed Thangam Debbonaire Kate Hollern Mr Nicholas Brown

Ms Lyn Brown

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 755), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

784 Town and Country Planning

Keir Starmer
Mike Amesbury
Steve Reed
Thangam Debbonaire
Kate Hollern
Mr Nicholas Brown

Ms Lyn Brown

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 756), dated 20 July 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 July 2020, be annulled.

785 Sarah Chapman's grave

Apsana Begum Rushanara Ali John Cryer Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss Ian Lavery

Chris Stephens

That this House is alarmed at the imminent plans to mound the grave of Sarah Dearman (nee Chapman), a key organiser of the matchgirl's strike in 1888 in Manor Park Cemetery, East London; notes that Sarah Chapman played a leading role in the historic strike and that the matchgirls as pioneers of gender equality and fairness at work who through their strike action and formation of

the Union of Women Match Makers left a lasting legacy on the trade union movement; believes that Sarah Chapman's grave is of special historic interest and illustrates important aspects of social, economic and political history; calls on the Government to intervene to stop the imminent loss of an important piece of London's rich and diverse history; and further calls on the Government to inspect the mounding process to ensure that there is no disturbance of early burials when new graves are dug.

786 Political developments in The Gambia

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 8

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned about political developments in The Gambia and calls on President Adama Barrow to revert to the original reason he was elected, which was to unite The Gambia and rid it of the human rights abuses of his predecessor, President Yahya Jammeh, leader of the Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction (APRC); recognises that there was initially some welcome progress under President Barrow's stewardship with transitional justice initiatives like The Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission; acknowledges progress slowed when President Barrow reneged on the agreement to stand down after three years; is deeply concerned about reports of arrests of people who have disagreed with the current administration including Mr Madi Jobarteh a journalist, human rights activist and the country representative of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy; is alarmed that the President is now in coalition talks with the APRC whose preconditions include restoring so-called rights to the former President who presided over 22 years of brutal oppression of the Gambian people; and calls on the Government to make representations to the President of The Gambia to withdraw from those talks, revert to the original plans of the Gambia Coalition 2016 and in doing so, leave a ground breaking, world leading legacy of peace, harmony, human rights and stability to his fellow countrymen and women.

787 Trophy hunting imports

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 18

Dr Lisa Cameron Jim Shannon Andy Slaughter Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards

Clive Lewis Chris Stephens Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the strong cross-party support for EDM 50, 2019-20 welcoming the public consultation on the controls on the import and export of hunting trophies; further notes that the consultation on banning trophy hunting imports ended in February 2020; supports the view of the coalition of animal charities and organisations; including Animal Defenders International, Born Free Foundation, Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting, Four Paws, Humane Society International, International Wildlife Bond, OneKind, Protecting African Lions, RSPCA, Voice4Lions, World Animal Protection, Zimbabwe Elephant Foundation, Lion Aid on the need to implement a comprehensive ban; notes that every measure of public opinion taken shows that British citizens overwhelmingly

want a complete ban on all trophy hunting imports; and calls on the Government to make an announcement without further delay and uphold the previously stated desire to see an end to the importation of all animal parts derived from trophy hunting into the UK.

788 St Paul's Youth Forum and its response to covid-19

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the tireless work of St Paul's Youth Forum based in Blackhill and Provanmill during the covid-19 outbreak and the time that the volunteers and youth leaders have dedicated to their community; appreciates the volume of support provided to local people including the delivery of hot meals and food parcels to people shielding, people in receipt of universal credit, people made redundant and not yet paid or unable to access the supermarkets for other reasons; commends the community spirit maintained in Blackhill and Provanmill throughout the lockdown period when the gathering for community meals was not possible; celebrates the delight that personal interaction brought to many socially isolated citizens at a time of increased loneliness; congratulates the dedication and innovation that has enabled the forum to run its socially distanced summer programme for local children; and thanks all of the volunteers, staff, youth leaders and members of the community who gave up their time to make the lives of their neighbours a little brighter during the covid-19 outbreak.

789 Ruchazie Community Council public transport campaign

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 6

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Chris Law Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the hard work and dedication of Ruchazie Community Council in its campaign for adequate public transport for the neighbourhood; understands that the cuts to services have a detrimental effect on the quality of the lives of the residents making travel to supermarkets and health services unaffordable; is concerned that the withdrawal of the number 32 bus and change in the route of the number 38 bus has effectively cut Ruchazie off from many local amenities; congratulates the Council on the quick organisation of a public survey to detail the effect of those changes on the local population and the constructive manner in which they have engaged with the local operator to offer solutions; and wishes them success in their campaign and assures them of the continued support of local representatives.

790 Ruchazie Parish Church and its response to covid-19

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the selfless work of Ruchazie Parish Church during the covid-19 outbreak and the time that volunteers and parishioners have dedicated to their community; appreciates the volume of support provided to local people including the delivery of hot meals and food parcels to people shielding, people in receipt of universal credit, people made redundant and people unable to access the supermarkets for other reasons; commends the community spirit built throughout the lockdown period and the high levels of community engagement in civic life; welcomes the cheer and happiness that personal interaction brought to many socially isolated citizens at a time of increased loneliness; and thanks all of the volunteers, parishioners and members of the community who gave up their time to make the lives of their neighbours a little brighter during the covid-19 outbreak.

791 Emma Day held on 16 July 2020 in honour of Emma Dey of Sighthill in Glasgow

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 7

Anne McLaughlin Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Patrick Grady Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the very high esteem in which the community of Sighthill holds their neighbour and friend Emma Dey; understands Emma was diagnosed with lung cancer in December 2019 and that it has since spread to her breast and liver; commends her positive attitude and determination to fight that cancer; understands that the community of Sighthill recently held a family day named Emma Day in honour of Emma and her three children Morgan, Joe-Alan and Holly; thanks Kirsteen Marshall of New Rhythms for Glasgow for organising the physically distanced event and for enlisting the services of artist Consuelo Servan who created chalk art with messages from friends on the streets of Sighthill including a masterpiece of Emma's favourite singer and cancer survivor Kylie Minogue; and wishes Emma Dey a healthy and happy future at the heart of the community that loves her.

792 Ruchazie Pantry in Glasgow

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 9

Anne McLaughlin [R] Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the upcoming opening of Ruchazie Pantry, the first pantry in Glasgow; recognises that this has been the culmination of two years of work by a number of organisations and individuals including Ruchazie Parish Church, Fare Share, Ruchazie Housing Association, Glasgow Housing Association, Ruchazie Community Council, Councillor Mandy Morgan, Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council, City Building and City Property; understands that food insecurity is a major issue in many communities and that the use of food banks has increased dramatically since the introduction of universal credit; commends an approach that offers the dignity of choice at an affordable level in an environment free from stigma and used by all the community; appreciates that this not only addresses food insecurity but also the huge volumes of food waste created in society; and congratulates all involved in the creation of a locally run, sustainable and equitable solution to the environmental and social issues of food waste and insecurity.

793 Fundraising in East Lothian

Kenny MacAskill Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Steven Bonnar Chris Law Chris Stephens

That this House applauds the fundraising efforts of Alex Brown from Musselburgh; recognises that through his business's sale he has donated money to two Tranent Charities, Tranent Belters and the East Lothian Foodbank; understands that Alex has been involved in charitable fundraising for much of his life; and encourages Alex in his intention to raise money for charities in East Lothian on a continuing basis.

794 Remembering Dr Luna Mackay

Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Allan Dorans Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

That this House notes and celebrates the life and legacy of Dr Runa Mackay who was born on 30 July 1921 and who died on 31 May 2020 at the age of 98; acknowledges her lifetime of service to the Palestinian people by first working as a paediatrician at the EMMS hospital in Nazareth for six

months in 1954, returning in 1957 for 20 years where she treated patients who would otherwise

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 10

Tabled: **22/07/20**

have gone without medical care; recognises that she then helped establish and worked with the Galilee Society of Health, Research and Service to serve local communities and also worked for the Israeli Ministry of Health as she felt she would have more power to improve conditions for Palestinians in the villages surrounding Nazareth; further notes that following her retirement in 1987 she began working for Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) to treat those in refugee camps in Lebanon, then at a children's hospital in Hebron and later became a MAP trustee regularly visiting Lebanon and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and started MAP in Scotland; believes Dr Mackay, who worked into her mid-90s, was an extraordinary woman; and further recognises the 60 years of dedication and service that she gave to treating people, particularly the Palestinian people.

795 Welcoming home Stephen Cameron

Tabled: 22/07/20 Signatories: 13

Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Anne McLaughlin Angela Crawley Alison Thewliss Alan Brown

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the recovery and safe return home of Motherwell pilot, Stephen Cameron, from Vietnam following his battle with covid-19 where he spent 68 days on a ventilator and 47 days in a coma in intensive care; notes the extremely challenging circumstances medical staff are facing during the covid-19 pandemic; gives its full thanks to the country of Vietnam and the medical staff at Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City for their selflessness and dedication in treating Mr Cameron; and wishes Mr Cameron well in his continued recovery treatment.