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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 19 November 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 1165 Local Government funding

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Caroline Lucas**

That this House thanks local authorities for their leadership during the covid-19 outbreak and for the contribution made by their essential workforces to support communities; notes that, prior to the outbreak, councils were already dealing with a £15 billion reduction to core Government funding since 2010 and a 49.1 per cent real-terms reduction between 2010-11 and 2017-18 according to the National Audit Office; believes that the Government should address in full the financial challenges arising from this decade of unprecedented budget cuts, while also tackling the enhanced financial pressures caused for local authorities by extra costs, loss of income and cash flow challenges associated with covid-19; backs the Local Government Association call for an additional £8.7 billion in core national Government funding in 2021-22 to stabilise the sector and sustain and improve service levels which include: cherished community and essential frontline services, such as adult social care, support for older people, looked-after children, care leavers, people with disabilities or special educational needs, survivors of domestic violence and low-income families in crisis; considers locally-led initiatives to urgently improve equality, sustainability and resilience, such as providing genuinely affordable, energy efficient homes, supporting socially necessary bus services, transforming how waste is collected and sorted and public-backed investment in renewable energy, should also be funded nationally; and therefore calls on the Government to immediately provide local councils with the money to protect and restore spending on community and frontline services to sustainable levels and reset local economies.

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**1166 British Overseas Territories Citizenship**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House notes under the British Nationality Act 1981 children born outside of marriage to British Overseas Territories fathers, before the 1st July 2006 are deemed illegitimate and are prevented from inheriting their father's citizenship by descent; further notes that this does not apply if the child's mother is from a British Overseas Territory or if the child was born after the 1st July 2006; recognises that Section 65 of the Immigration Act 2014 granted children of British mainland fathers the right to claim citizenship through their father's descent, but this right was not afforded to children of British Overseas Territory fathers; is concerned by the inconsistencies and discriminations that exist in this law as well as its outdated attitude towards children born outside of marriage; is pleased by the Home Secretary's recent admission that this law needs to be changed; and urgently calls on this government to introduce the necessary legislation to address the discrepancies in this law.

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**1167 In-person immigration bail reporting**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Olivia Blake**

That this House notes that immigration bail reporting was suspended for the duration of the first covid-19 lockdown in the interest of public health and that individuals were permitted to, and did successfully, report safely from home via phone or text for the duration of the lockdown; further notes that despite the global pandemic, in-person reporting has resumed for the second national lockdown; and calls on the Government to immediately suspend all physical immigration bail reporting until the end of the second national lockdown, and to continue this beyond the national lockdown for any regions with additional covid-19 public health restrictions.

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**1168 Dangers of pavement parking**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House recognises the problems caused by pavement parking in communities across the UK; is concerned about the impact of pavement parking on the most vulnerable members of our society, particularly the elderly, those living with sight loss and people with wheelchairs and buggies; notes that pavement parking is already banned across the 32 London boroughs; further notes that the Scottish Parliament passed legislation to ban pavement parking in 2019 which will come into effect in 2021; welcomes Living Streets' campaign to ban pavement parking in England; is aware that the current rules against obstruction are not fit for purpose and the Department for Transport is consulting on proposals to change them, including a ban on pavement parking; and calls on the Government to act swiftly to put an end to this dangerous practice.

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## Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

### 1105 Campaign for a real living wage

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 52

**Chris Stephens**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Kim Johnson

That this House welcomes Living Wage Week and the PCS Union campaign for a real living wage for their members working on outsourced Government facilities management contracts; applauds these front line key workers who have continued to work throughout the pandemic making workplaces safe and secure despite being some of the lowest paid workers across Government; is concerned that numerous Government Departments are yet to make the payment of the Living Wage a term of their facilities management framework agreements; is aware that the Cabinet Office Framework Schedule highlights social value and states that public authorities to have regard economic, social and environmental wellbeing in connection with public services contracts; notes that 75 per cent of businesses say the Living Wage has increased motivation and retention rates for employees; and 93 per cent of business have said that the Living Wage has benefited their business; and therefore calls on Government to meet their social value responsibilities and ensure that all Government workers on outsourced facilities management contracts are paid a real living wage.

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### 1110 Dismissals of app-based courier and private hire driver workers

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 62

**Ian Byrne**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Zarah Sultana**

Andy Slaughter

Olivia Blake

That this House condemns the opaque and unjust process by which app-based couriers and private hire drivers working for companies such as UBER and Deliveroo can be blocked permanently from their accounts and thus effectively dismissed from their jobs; recognises that couriers and private hire drivers are key workers who are working on the frontline of the covid-19 pandemic and are often putting their own health at risk in the process; recognises that that practice of dismissal is leaving many key workers on low-incomes facing potential destitution; notes that transparency is lacking both in terms of what is expected of workers in those industries and around the reasons for their dismissal; further notes that workers are facing dismissal and destitution for reasons beyond their control such as technical issues with the company's app; notes that such dismissals can be triggered by unfounded customer allegations or traffic delays, regardless of the worker's length or quality of service; calls for all app-based companies to end unfair dismissals by implementing fair dismissal processes, including a hearing prior to dismissal, and the right to appeal a dismissal with union representation.

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## 1125 Award of Chatham House Prize 2020 to Justices of Malawi's Constitutional Court

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 28

Patrick Grady  
Gavin Newlands  
John Spellar  
Owen Thompson  
Alison Thewliss  
Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the judges on the Constitutional Court of Malawi, Justice Healey Potani, Justice Ivy Kamanga, Justice Redson Kapindu, Justice Dingiswayo Madise and Justice Michael Tembo, who have been awarded the 2020 Chatham House Prize in recognition of the courage and independence in the defence of democracy demonstrated in their historic February 2020 ruling that annulled the May 2019 Malawian presidential election; notes that the Chatham House Prize is awarded annually to the person, persons or organisation deemed by the institute's members to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations in the previous year; further notes that Chatham House has concluded that at a time when standards of democratic governance are under threat not only in Africa, but in many democracies, Malawi's constitutional court judges set an example for their peers across the world by upholding the centrality of the rule of law and separation of powers; recognises that the February 2020 judgement led to fresh elections in Malawi; and believes, with the members of Chatham House, that the judges' decision has helped to rebuild the confidence of Malawi's citizens in their institutions, and serves as encouragement for those interested in upholding standards of democracy more widely across the African continent and around the world.

## 1127 75th anniversary of UNESCO

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 34

Patrick Grady  
Gavin Newlands  
Owen Thompson  
Alison Thewliss  
Stephen Farry  
Drew Hendry

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, which celebrates its 75th anniversary on Monday 16th November 2020; notes that the organisation was founded in London in 1945 to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture; further notes that since then the organisation has built up a global network of 193 Member States and has designated 1,121 World Heritage Sites, 246 Creative Cities, 161 Global Geoparks and 701 Biosphere Reserves around the world, including 165 designations across the UK; further congratulates the wide range of experts, stakeholders and communities who support the work of UNESCO in the pursuit of its mission to build the defences of peace in the minds of people; welcomes the various celebrations taking place to mark the anniversary, including an event on 16th November hosted by the UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts at the University of Glasgow, Prof Alison Phipps, reflecting on the cultural heritage of Eritrea; and wishes all those involved in supporting UNESCO every success as the organisation seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the promotion of peace around the world in the years to come.

**1129 Closure of Suicide Forums**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 22

**Richard Burgon**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

**Carla Lockhart**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**

**Stephen Timms**

That this house notes with sadness the death of Joe Nihill, a popular young man and former army cadet from Whinmoor in East Leeds who, following three bereavements, tragically took his life at 23 years old after accessing online forums that encourage suicide; is concerned that these forums, which contain content that both promotes suicide and recommends methods of suicide, can constitute a real danger to people, particularly people suffering with severe mental health problems; calls on the Government to significantly expand funding for mental health treatment and support, particularly for young people; congratulates his family for their inspiring campaign to prevent what happened to Joe happening to other people; and calls on the Government to assess the harm caused by forums that encourage suicide and look at what can be done to stop such promotion by such online promotion.

**1134 International Day of People with Disabilities**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 34

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Colum Eastwood**

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House recognises 3 December is the International Day of People with Disabilities, a day to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities; supports the United Nation's work surrounding this campaign, notes this year's theme is entitled not all disabilities are visible, which aims to spread awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent such as mental illness, learning difficulties, head injury and other non-visible conditions; acknowledges that over 15 per cent of the world's population live with a disability and that during these unprecedented times, they are likely to be disproportionately affected; acknowledges the work the all-party Parliamentary group on Disability has done to raise the profile of disability across the House; further acknowledges the fantastic work charities have done to support disabled people globally, including Leonard Cheshire, Sense and Sense International; encourages the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for people with disabilities leaving no one behind in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

**1138 Potential merits of statutory bereavement leave**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 8

Patricia Gibson  
Mike Hill  
Paula Barker  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Law

Grahame Morris

That this House supports the introduction of statutory bereavement leave for those who suffer the loss of an immediate family member; recognises that bereavement has a tremendous impact on physical and mental health; acknowledges that while many employers voluntarily offer compassionate leave for staff who have lost a close relative, this decision remains entirely at the discretion of employers; notes that concerns about the introduction of statutory bereavement leave on economic grounds are unfounded, with new research commissioned by Sue Ryder revealing that the cost of bereavement to the UK economy is an estimated £22.9bn a year, due to presenteeism, absenteeism and reduced employment; understands that if just a fraction of the costs associated with bereavement could be mitigated through better support by employers it would provide a considerable boost to the economy; agrees that although statutory bereavement leave will incur some short term costs, ultimately it would lead to significant savings for the UK economy through reduced staff absence, higher employee productivity and less reliance on health and welfare support post-bereavement; welcomes the UK Government's recent introduction of two weeks statutory bereavement leave for parents who have lost a child under the age of 18 years old which recognises the impact of grief and the need for statutory protections; and calls on the UK Government to build on this progress and introduce statutory paid bereavement leave of two weeks for those who have suffered the loss of an immediate family member.

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**1145 Contribution of John Hays to the North East**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 13

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Julie Elliott  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Mike Hill  
Kate Osborne  
Catherine McKinnell

Grahame Morris

That this House recognises the sad passing of John Hays, the founder of the UK's largest independent travel agent, Hays Travel; notes that he was not only a successful businessman but a hugely popular, highly respected and well-loved figure in the North East, being recognised not only for his business acumen but his philanthropy supporting many local charities and community organisations; further notes that when Mr Hays learnt of the Thomas Cook collapse last year, he bravely took on 2,000 of their staff to protect their livelihoods and that of their families leading many to name him a high street hero; and offers its deepest sympathies to his wife Irene and their family at this difficult time.

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**1146 World Children's Day: Support for children in conflict zones during covid-19**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 11

Layla Moran  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Jamie Stone  
Munira Wilson  
Sarah Olney  
Wera Hobhouse

Mohammad Yasin

That this House recognises that 20 November 2020 is World Children's Day; notes with deep concern the plight of the 149 million children caught up in high-intensity conflict zones who now face the additional threat of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that no-one is safe from covid-19 until everyone is, and that the collective response to the global pandemic will only be as strong as the protection for the most vulnerable; urges the Government to work together with international partners to ensure humanitarian assistance responding to the covid-19 crisis reaches the most vulnerable in conflict zones; calls upon the Government to lead in providing support to ensure refugee settlements are provided with the necessary sanitation and medical services they need to respond to covid-19; and further calls upon the Government to work together with international partners to ensure children in fragile states are able to continue their education.

**1147 Vitamin D and covid-19**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon  
Paul Girvan  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Paula Barker  
Navendu Mishra  
Douglas Chapman

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the growing body of evidence on the positive role vitamin D can play in mitigating against the incidence and severity of covid-19; encourages the Government to undertake further research into the relationship between vitamin D, immune health and covid-19; acknowledges the already high levels of vitamin D deficiency in the UK, and the potential for a winter lockdown to exacerbate this issue; notes growing support in the scientific community for increased daily intake of vitamin D supplements; and further urges the Government to ensure the increased intake of vitamin D among the UK population through increased public communications and direct provision to vulnerable cohorts.

**1148 World Kindness Day**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon  
Paul Girvan  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Allan Dorans  
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes World Kindness Day was celebrated on 13 November 2020; further notes that whilst the day has passed the sentiment must continue; encourages hon. Members to act

with kindness and gentleness in how we treat those we agree with and those we disagree with alike; and further urges hon. Members to exemplify love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in this place and in our day to day lives as we encourage the general public to carry on the sentiments of kindness day throughout the rest of 2020.

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#### 1150 **Let LIVE Thrive campaign**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 10

**Jamie Stone**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Grahame Morris

That this House recognises the existential crisis facing the live events industry in the UK as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the significant contribution that music, theatre, sport and other live events make to the economy; recognises the potentially dire consequences for industry organisations and professionals if the necessary insurance cover cannot be obtained soon; and calls on the Government to work with the insurance sector to underwrite contingency insurance for the live events industry, as proposed by the Let LIVE Thrive campaign.

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#### 1151 **Misuse of fireworks**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 7

**Sarah Owen**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Olivia Blake**

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the unplanned use of fireworks can cause considerable distress to animals and vulnerable people in communities and notes the petition supported by over 252,000 people calling for limits on the sale and use of fireworks to licensed displays; and calls for a Government review of current legislation on the sale and use of fireworks, to reduce the numbers of unplanned and random firework use each year, to reduce maximum noise levels and to license all public displays.

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**1152      The potential merits of a Care Leaver Department for Work and Pensions marker**

Tabled: 17/11/20      Signatories: 9

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Law**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Stuart C McDonald**

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House recognises that Care Experienced people experience unique challenges in childhood that often mean they require additional support as they transition into adulthood; understands that when Care Experienced people leave care, they can face homelessness and financial difficulty resulting in the need to access Universal Credit; acknowledges that the process of application for Universal Credit is overly bureaucratic and complex for most; consequently appreciates that for care leavers, support to navigate this system is required; notes that under the current system there is no way to formally identify whether or not a claimant is a care leaver; and therefore calls for the Government to honour its commitment to introduce a care leaver marker into the Universal Credit system, as was present in the previous benefits system.

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**1153      Care-Experienced bursary**

Tabled: 17/11/20      Signatories: 11

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Law**  
**Douglas Chapman**

John Nicolson

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House understands that Care Experienced people's education is often interrupted in childhood as a result of being removed from home; recognises that statistically, Care Experienced people are less likely than their peers to attend further and higher education; appreciates that many Care Experienced people re-engage with education later in life, often when they have families of their own to support; notes that Care Experienced people are entitled to a Care Experienced Bursary when in further or higher education; is concerned that the Bursary is considered as an income by the Universal Credit system, leaving many Care Experienced people financially worse off in education than they were on Universal Credit; and calls on the Government to ensure that the Care Experienced Bursary is discounted as income under the Universal Credit System, thereby allowing the bursary to fulfil its ethos as a payment intended as additional to other benefits.

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**1154 The right to breathe clean air campaign**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 10

Mr Barry Sheerman  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Kenny MacAskill  
 Andrew Gwynne

Grahame Morris

Olivia Blake

That this House acknowledges that long term exposure to air pollution causes between 28,000 and 36,000 deaths per year; expresses the belief that people across the United Kingdom and beyond should have an inalienable right to breathe clean air; notes that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges that people face in the 21st century; and recognises the need for a coordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in any future legislative proposals.

**1155 Virtual participation in debates**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 46

Dawn Butler  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Jamie Stone  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Wera Hobhouse

Tommy Sheppard  
 Andy Slaughter  
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 John Nicolson

Grahame Morris  
 Olivia Blake  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Colum Eastwood

Angus Brendan MacNeil  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Marion Fellows  
 Geraint Davies

That this House notes with deep concern that some Members have not been able to take part virtually in debates, which means that those Members have been disenfranchised; further notes that this, in effect, disenfranchises those constituents who are left without a voice in House of Commons debates; recognises that several Members are shielding from coronavirus or are clinically vulnerable; believes in the equal right of all Members to participate in Commons proceedings; and calls on the Government to ensure that the remote participation motion is open to debate for all Members and held as a free vote.

**1156 Dementia and the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 8

Sir George Howarth  
Jim Shannon  
Olivia Blake  
John McDonnell  
Paula Barker  
Sir Mike Penning

Sir Peter Bottomley

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes the profound and disproportionate impact of covid-19 pandemic on people with dementia and their carers; appreciates the heroic efforts made by family members and friends to care for their loved ones during the pandemic; acknowledges the challenges faced by those with dementia and their carers, including irregular opportunities to visit loved ones in care homes, a lack of personal protective equipment and insufficient testing for care home staff, and inadequate pay, terms and conditions for many frontline care staff; welcomes the Government's trial of visitor testing in care homes; calls on the Government to consider the recommendations in the Alzheimer's Society's report entitled Worst Hit: dementia during coronavirus, including ensuring that family carers are given key worker status and; urges the Government to use the upcoming Spending Review to ensure that dementia services, including research organisations, are adequately funded.

**1157 Deacon Jim Hamilton's 20 years of service at Maryhill Parish Church**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 2

Patrick Grady  
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Jim Hamilton, Deacon at Maryhill Parish Church of Scotland, on his 20 years of service to the community; notes that Jim took up his post on 20 November 2000, having previously served as a Deacon at Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church; thanks Jim for his incredible contribution not just to the parish but to the wider community of Maryhill, including his organisation of many events, fetes and galas in the area over the years; notes in particular his co-ordination of the Maryhill Activity Directory since 2001, which has now reached its eight edition of which 32,000 copies were published and distributed, providing a comprehensive guide to the many activities and services, often volunteer-led, in and around Maryhill; acknowledges the role played by Jim in developing the People Make Maryhill awards evening where members of the local community are recognised for the contribution they make to the local area; notes that a virtual celebration to mark Jim's anniversary will be held on 19 November 2020, and looks forward to a suitable opportunity when circumstances allow for friends, family and the wider community to gather in person to thank Jim for all his service and wish him all the best for the future.

**1158 Gardening group nominated for funding**

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kenny MacAskill  
Jim Shannon

That the House congratulates Cockenzie and Port Seton in Bloom for being chosen for funding by a leading supermarket chain; notes the Group's Seed to Plate initiative is in the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund; understands the project will be in the running for votes and depending on number of votes received will amount to money raised; the funding round started on October 25 and will run for 12 months; notes that the project was started through funding by Historic Environment Scotland and the local area partnership; further notes that the project has included

an outdoor garden created at Cockenzie Primary School growing fruit and vegetables as part of an education programme, then food grown along with recipe cards was shared with families across the local area; notes that East Lothian families in receipt of free meals and food support were given seeds and plants to grow at home; and wishes the project much success for the future.

#### 1159 East Lothian gin nominated for Scottish Gin Award

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Fidra Gin Founders Emma Bouglet and Jo Brydie for their Gin's nomination with the Scottish Gin Awards; understands Fidra Gin based in Athelstaneford was among one of the finalists announced last week; notes that Fidra Gin has been named as a finalist in three categories, London Dry Gin of the Year, Growth Business of the Year and Excellence in Branding; notes that this is a huge accomplishment as the company has only been running for two years; and wishes all the best to the founders and their company.

#### 1160 National Consumer Week 2020

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**

That this House commends National Consumer Week 2020 which runs from the 16 to 22 November; pays tribute to the excellent work undertaken by Advice Direct Scotland which runs Scotland's national consumer advice service, consumeradvice.scot, Trading Standards Scotland and Citizens' Advice Scotland to protect and support consumers; understands that this year's campaign will focus on Online Shopping and Deliveries; notes the increasing numbers of consumers shopping online due to the covid-19 outbreak and applauds efforts to encourage consumers to shop online safely, know their rights, be wary of unfair delivery charges and be on guard against counterfeit goods; and acknowledges the importance of helping consumers recognise and avoid online shopping scams while supporting legitimate businesses, as well as providing advice and support if something does go wrong.

#### 1161 Electrical Fire Safety Week

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 8

**Yvonne Fovargue**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Sir Peter Bottomley

Mohammad Yasin

That this House notes that the 23rd to the 29th of November is Electrical Fire Safety Week (EFSW) which is run by the charity Electrical Safety First in co-operation with the Home Office's Fire Kills campaign; commends the Charity's work to reduce fires caused by electricity of which there are more than 14,000 each year; and notes that this year's theme for EFSW is harms caused by the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces; recognises that online marketplaces are not

subject to the same regulations as the high street with online marketplaces viewing themselves as virtual landlords; further notes the important work of Electrical Safety First in raising awareness of this issue; further recognises that more consumers will be shopping online this Christmas due to restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus outbreak; notes that a Censuswide survey conducted for Electrical Safety First shows that 58 per cent of consumers will use online marketplaces for their Christmas shopping, with 59 per cent of these respondents viewing them as safer than the high street; and recognises that now, more than ever, it is important to ensure consumer safety when shopping online; and urges the Government to improve the legislation relating to online marketplaces to ensure that consumers are protected from the sale of unsafe electrical goods on these platforms; and urges the Government to broaden the scope of the expected Online Harms Bill to include the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces.

## 1162 Safeguarding the small brewers relief scheme

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 16

**Geraint Davies**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**John McDonnell**

Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Ben Lake  
 Alyn Smith  
 Mohammad Yasin

Mick Whitley  
 John Nicolson  
 Grahame Morris

Liz Saville Roberts  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House notes the positive impact that the small brewers relief scheme has had on the survival and growth of the UK's small independent breweries; notes that this could be undermined by the Treasury's proposed changes to the scheme to reduce the 50 per cent rate from 5,000hl to 2,100hl and to put it on a cash basis; further notes that this is threatening small breweries at a time when they are struggling through the covid-19 crisis and they have not received the same level of support as the wider hospitality sector including the business rates holiday; and calls on the Government not to change the small brewers relief scheme or to introduce the cash basis but to instead initiate support for small brewers in line with the wider hospitality sector.

## 1163 Anniversary of the Bhopal poisonous gas leak

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 14

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Barry Gardiner**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Jim Shannon  
 John McDonnell

Mr Virendra Sharma  
 Sir Peter Bottomley

Sarah Owen

That this House remembers the terrible disaster that took place on 2 December 1984 in Bhopal, India, when a major poisonous gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant resulted in more than 600,000 people being exposed to the highly toxic methyl isocyanate gas, thousands of people dying and many more suffering serious and life-changing injuries; notes that Amnesty International has stated that more than 100,000 people now live with contaminated water supplies and exposure to the chemicals, as well as a range of health problems and chronic illnesses caused by the disaster;

further notes that current owners, Dow Chemicals, need to rectify the environmental damage and properly compensate the victims and their families; and commends the work of the Trades Union Congress and Unison Union in campaigning on this issue and calls on those responsible to be brought to justice so that the victims who have been waiting 36 years for justice finally receive closure.

## 1164 Global Islamophobia

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 21

**Apsana Begum**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**

Jim Shannon  
 Olivia Blake  
 Sir Peter Bottomley  
 Mick Whitley  
 Nadia Whittome

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Rebecca Long Bailey  
 Ian Mearns  
 Mohammad Yasin

Claudia Webbe  
 Paula Barker  
 Ian Lavery  
 Grahame Morris

That this House draws attention to Islamophobia in the UK and worldwide; supports Islamophobia Awareness Month; draws attention to the fact that Rohingya Muslims have been driven out of Myanmar and now seek refuge in Bangladesh; that two mosques were simultaneously attacked in New Zealand in 2019; that Uyghur Muslims are being persecuted in Xinjiang, China; that German Muslims were killed in a far right attack in February 2020; that two women were stabbed in a racially-aggravated attack in Paris in October 2020, in a country that in 2010 banned the wearing of niqab in public spaces; recognises that Islamophobia is prevalent in the UK, with year on year figures for racially or religiously aggravated hate crimes rising by 34 per cent in June 2020; that the UK Government's Prevent programme is viewed by many to foster discrimination against Muslims; recognises that these incidents together illustrate the global nature of Islamophobia, and are only the most high profile examples of it; believes that the Government must stand up to Islamophobia in the UK and abroad; that it must support those countries and groups that are victims of racism; that it must seek to diversify curriculums in our schools to reflect the lived experience of all pupils, in order to combat racism at as early a stage as is possible; and calls on the Government to investigate the cause of rising hate crime, in order to instigate new policy to tackle it.