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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 30 November 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 1203 **McCulloch Rail, Ballantrae, South Ayrshire**

Tabled: **30/11/20** Signatories: **1**

**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates McCulloch Rail a highly successful family business specialising in rail handling and rail logistics on being awarded the highly coveted Rail Plant Reliability Programme Gold Award; the company based in Ballantrae, South Ayrshire, having previously achieved the Bronze and Silver Awards, provide a highly specialist range of plant and equipment with several unique and innovative technologies making rail handling and rail logistics safer, together with more efficient working practices, earning the reputation of being the UK's number one company in its field; and notes that with their outstanding record of reliability, quality of service and innovation, they have seen demand for their expertise, plant and training increase significantly with continued development of the business planned across the world including Australia, New Zealand the United States and Canada.

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#### 1204 **Scottish Beer Awards 2020 Midlothian winners**

Tabled: **30/11/20** Signatories: **1**

**Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Midlothian-based breweries Stewart Brewing and Cross Borders Brewing Company for their success at the Scottish Beer Awards 2020; notes that this year marked the 5th annual Scottish Beer awards which was held as a digital awards experience on Thursday 26 November 2020 and sought to give recognition and reward to the best breweries, beers and teams in Scotland's brewing sector; commends Cross Borders Brewing Company for being awarded the silver award for Best IPA for India Pale Ale and Best Beer Bar for its Portobello Tap; further commends Stewart Brewing for being awarded the gold and bronze awards for Best Pale Ale for Kai Pai and Masterplan respectively; notes also that Stewart Brewing's Craig Scotland was awarded Brewer of the Year; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving our international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

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**1205 Craig Scotland named Brewer of the Year 2020**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Craig Scotland on being awarded Brewer of the Year at the Scottish Beer Awards 2020; notes that Craig is Head Brewer at Midlothian-based brewery Stewart Brewing; commends him for his skill and hard work, which has contributed to Midlothian's growing reputation in the brewing sector; notes that this year marked the 5th annual Scottish Beer awards which was held as a digital awards experience on Thursday 26 November 2020 and sought to give recognition and reward to the best breweries, beers and teams in Scotland's brewing sector; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving Scotland's international food and drink reputation and creating a space for SMEs to flourish.

**1206 No Recourse to Public Funds**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 17

**John Cryer**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**Kate Osamor**  
**Ed Davey**

**Tim Farron**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Mr Clive Betts**

**Andy Slaughter**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Hilary Benn**  
**Rushanara Ali**

**Stephen Timms**  
**Neil Coyle**  
**Peter Dowd**

That this House believes that the Government has a duty to ensure that everyone living in the UK is protected from both the health and financial impacts of Coronavirus; understands that long before the pandemic No Recourse to Public Funds restrictions have pushed migrants and their families into poverty and homelessness; recognises that migrants with NRPF have been forced to choose between continuing to work throughout the pandemic or providing for their families; is deeply concerned that migrants who may lose their jobs as unemployment levels rise are at high risk of hardship and destitution; believes that preventing people from entering destitution should be a priority and is more effective than waiting until local authorities have a duty to intervene; believes NRPF restrictions are nothing more than a cost-shunt on to local authorities who are already struggling under the weight of funding cuts; recognises that although the policy allows for applications on a case-by-case basis to have the condition removed, it is incredibly difficult in practice, does not prevent abject poverty, and may unfairly lengthen the route to settlement by five years; further recognises that the hostile environment in all its forms increases racial discrimination; and calls on the Government to urgently suspend NRPF conditions.

**1207 International Volunteers Day**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House recognises International Volunteers Day on 5 December 2020; welcomes this day as an opportunity to celebrate volunteers, promote volunteerism and recognise volunteer contributions; and further recognises and pays thanks to the many volunteers who have been at the forefront of medical, community and societal responses throughout the covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

**1208 Small Business Saturday**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House welcomes Small Business Saturday 2020 on the 5 December; notes that this successful, grassroots campaign, which highlights small business success and encourages consumers to shop local and support small businesses in their communities is now in its eighth year in the UK with a record 17.6 million people choosing to shop small on this day in 2019; recognises that this has been a year with unprecedented challenges for small businesses; and encourages everyone to support local businesses this festive season and beyond.

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**1209 Eighteenth anniversary of Strathaven being named the first Fairtrade town in Scotland**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House celebrates the eighteenth anniversary of Strathaven being named Scotland's first Fairtrade town by the Fairtrade Association, a milestone that takes place on 27 November 2020; remembers all the tremendous cooperation that took place between local churches, businesses, primary schools and the South Lanarkshire Council to ensure that Strathaven received this award back in 2002; draws special attention to the fact that the Strathaven Fairtrade group was the first Fairtrade group in Britain to include in its constitution support for local farming; notes the continued support of local community members who (in normal times) sell Fairtrade products on the Traidcraft stall at local celebrations such as Gala Days, Reindeer Day and the local Balloon Festival; and finally highlights the continued support of the local council and local businesses in stocking Fairtrade produce.

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**1210 Human Rights in Sri Lanka and the Relocation of the BBC Sinhala Service**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Barry Gardiner**

That this House notes the recent Foreign and Commonwealth and Development Office reports that the human rights environment in Sri Lanka worsened, with the continuation of surveillance and intimidation of activists and human rights defenders, the detention without charge of a high profile human rights lawyer, and a presidential pardon of the only member of the armed forces convicted of a wartime atrocity; further notes the withdrawal of the Government of Sri Lanka's support for UN Human Rights Council resolutions 30/1, 34/1, and 40/1 on post-conflict transitional justice, accountability and reconciliation, coupled with the Sri Lankan military forming task forces operating beyond parliamentary scrutiny and being given oversight of civilian functions, as a result of the delays to parliamentary elections without the reconvening of the Sri Lankan Parliament; believes now is not the time to be re-locating the BBC Sinhala service to India with the consequent loss of jobs in the UK as well as the experience, continuity and ability to report impartially on events and to hold the government and military of Sri Lanka to account for their actions; and therefore urges the BBC to reconsider its decision.

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**1211 Delivering Joy campaign**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House commends the staff of the Clydebank Dunelm Mill store for their altruistic and generous work with the company's non-profit Delivering Joy campaign; notes that some members of staff have worked tirelessly above and beyond their contracted working hours on a voluntary basis to encourage donations and work with the local community to deliver Christmas gifts to the most vulnerable children in the area; believes that the staff have highlighted with the campaign, the harrowing effects of domestic abuse on families and on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women donated 50 of their gifts to a local woman's aid; and hopes this philanthropic and generous act will promote goodwill and giving at a time when the community needs it most.

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**1212 Loch Lomond Brewery and the Scottish Beer Awards**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House congratulates Loch Lomond Brewery for winning brewery of the year at the prestigious Scottish Beer Awards, understands that it was also successful in winning the best branding award and believes that its success is thoroughly deserved; notes that those involved in Loch Lomond Brewery are passionate about serving their local community and preserving the cultural heritage of Loch Lomond through their impressive craft; and hopes that this achievement will inspire other local businesses to strive for the best at a time when the retail and hospitality sectors face such challenging times.

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**1213 Effect of night flights on residential areas**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Sir David Amess**

That this House recognises that night flights taking off and landing at airports in highly residential areas are having a negative impact on the lives of local residents; acknowledges that an eight hour period of uninterrupted sleep is necessary for physical and mental wellbeing; notes that the elderly, pregnant women and children are most at risk from the impact of sleep deprivation; and urges the Government to look at the legislation again which permits these night flights to take place at the expense of residents' well-being.

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**1214 Prevent strategy**

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 1

**Sarah Owen**

That this House commends the efforts of all agencies keeping Britain safe from terrorist attacks but believes that the Prevent strategy is not fit for purpose and notes the unacceptable delay from the Government of its overdue independent review of the strategy; further notes that the lower threshold for far right extremism in triggering intervention as well as the alienation and stigmatisation reported by members of faith communities, specifically the British Muslim community, has broken any trust in the strategy; believes that the Prevent strategy's credibility has been increasingly eroded with the inclusion of organisations such as Extinction Rebellion to its watchlist; further believes that extremism in young people is better tackled from a safeguarding approach; and calls on the Government to end the Prevent Strategy and instead work with schools,

colleges, universities, communities, charities and local authorities to engage on a trusted and more localised approach which better protects children and young people and ultimately the country from the devastating effects of extremism.

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## 1215 Human and trade union rights in Pakistan

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Apsana Begum**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Kate Osborne**

This House is alarmed at reports that Amar Fayaz, a Progressive Youth Alliance activist in Pakistan, was allegedly taken in to custody by security services on 8 November 2020 outside Liaquat Medical University in Jamshoro, and still has not reappeared; expresses solidarity with his family, wife and daughter who are still unaware of his whereabouts; notes that according to Amnesty International and other organisations enforced disappearances, extra-judicial killings, violence against women, media censorship and the harassment of ethnic and religious minorities continue to take place in Pakistan; further notes that Pakistan is also one of ten countries named in the 2019 report of the International Trade Union Confederation where trade unionists had been killed and that the ITUC now puts Pakistan in the worst category for trade union rights; believes that guaranteeing the political, democratic and trade union rights of all people, regardless of where they live, is of fundamental importance in upholding human dignity and the inalienable nature of human rights; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Pakistani Government for Amar Fayaz to be released or a charge be brought against him and for Pakistan obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be upheld.

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## 1216 Post offices and sub-postmasters

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Paul Girvan**

That this House believes that sub-postmasters and their staff provide financial services that ensure the physical and psychological wellbeing of 300,000 vulnerable people; that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has made this a very difficult time for post offices; thanks sub-postmasters for their hard work and commitment and strongly urges the Government to preserve its commitment to the Post Office by continuing to ensure Government services such as, but not exclusive to, passports, state benefits and DVLA remain available via the Post Office network.

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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.

### 1129 Closure of Suicide Forums

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 35

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

Sammy Wilson

Hilary Benn

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.

### 1151 Misuse of fireworks

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 12

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

Dave Doogan

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.

**1165 Local Government funding**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 9

Caroline Lucas  
Mohammad Yasin  
Jonathan Edwards  
Claudia Webbe  
Debbie Abrahams  
Apsana Begum

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Dan Carden

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.

**1166 British Overseas Territories Citizenship**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 25

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Rachel Hopkins  
Claudia Webbe  
Kim Johnson  
Stephen Farry  
Christine Jardine

Sammy Wilson

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.

**1167 In-person immigration bail reporting**

Tabled: 19/11/20 Signatories: 16

**Olivia Blake**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Paula Barker**

Jon Trickett

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.

**1172 Charity lotteries and the Gambling Review**

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Daisy Cooper**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Ronnie Cowan**

That this House welcomes the Government's intention to review the Gambling Act 2005, especially in light of the need to tackle problem gambling; notes the huge success of charity lotteries in raising funds for a wide range of good causes across the country, which is particularly important given the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on charity fundraising; notes that charity lotteries, although classed as a gambling product are widely considered low risk from a problem gambling perspective; and calls on the Government to recognise this distinction between charity lotteries and the rest of the gambling sector as it reviews the Gambling Act 2005 and ensure that policy on that matter is differentiated accordingly.

**1176 VAT Retail Export Scheme**

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 9

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Sir Desmond Swayne**  
**Jack Lopresti**

David Mundell

Mr Jonathan Djanogly

That this House expresses its concern at the Government's decision to abolish the VAT Retail Export Scheme, otherwise known as tax-free shopping, from 1 January 2021 with inaccurate determinations having been made of the impact of that decision; acknowledges that since that decision was announced, businesses have been facing the challenges posed by new covid-19 restrictions and that that decision will worsen that situation; believes that by implementing that decision thousands of job losses could be caused around the UK; recognises that since that announcement, France has lowered its threshold for international shoppers to claim back VAT and Ireland has extended its scheme to include the UK, making the UK the least competitive market in



Europe for international shoppers; notes that no businesses have spoken up publicly in favour of that move but many have warned of its consequences; calls on the Government to avoid causing significant damage to the retail and hospitality sector in the UK and to not bring forward the required legislation to implement that decision; and further calls on hon. Members to vote to annul any Statutory Instrument on that matter if it is laid before this House.

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**1179 Red Wednesday and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls**

Tabled: **24/11/20** Signatories: **10**

**Fiona Bruce**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alexander Stafford**  
**Martyn Day**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Bob Blackman**

Sammy Wilson

That this House marks 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and Red Wednesday, a day which highlights the plight of those who are persecuted for their religion and beliefs; notes that many already marginalised religious and belief communities have faced intensified discrimination since the outbreak of covid-19; expresses concern that some of these communities have been blamed for the virus and that this scapegoating has contributed to the reports of individuals being attacked, denied aid or otherwise prevented from accessing life-saving humanitarian interventions; further expresses concern that refugees, internally displaced people and prisoners of conscience are particularly vulnerable during the pandemic; condemns the use of the virus by China and other states as an excuse to further violate the rights of marginalised religious or belief communities; recognises that women from marginalised religious or belief communities face the above pressures but also encounter unique persecution and challenges due to their gender; expresses deep concern that these women have become much more vulnerable since the outbreak of covid-19 resulting in increased cases of domestic violence and kidnapping and forced marriage, as seen in the case of 14-year-old Maira Shahbaz and 13-year-old Arzoo Raja in Pakistan; and urges the UK Government and the international community to act to mitigate the impact that covid-19 has had on freedom of religion or belief globally and, in particular, on women and girls who are doubly discriminated against because of their gender and their beliefs.

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**1187 Covid-19 and fuel poverty**

Tabled: **25/11/20** Signatories: **11**

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes with concern that 2.4 million households are living in fuel poverty, with research by National Energy Action finding that an average of 9,700 deaths a year in the UK are caused by living in a cold house; further notes with concern that thousands of household are facing increased financial hardship this winter due to the impact of covid-19; believes that current financial support available to customers in vulnerable circumstances is insufficient; and calls on the Government to increase targeted financial support to those at risk of fuel poverty and the energy

sector to proactively offer additional support to vulnerable customers to ensure they are receiving the cheapest energy tariff.

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#### 1190 Endometriosis and access to statutory support

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 5

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Hywel Williams**

That this House congratulates the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis and Endometriosis UK for their important inquiry into the challenges faced by those with the condition and the publication of their report entitled Endometriosis in the UK: Time for Change; notes that endometriosis is a chronic and sometimes debilitating condition which can have a significant impact on a person's life; further notes that the inquiry found that for those whom the condition is so debilitating that they are prevented from working, it is often difficult to access support such as Personal Independent Payments and Universal Credit; acknowledges that the current definition of Statutory Sick Pay fails to properly recognise long-term conditions like endometriosis; calls on the Government to ensure that those with endometriosis have access to Statutory Sick Pay; and urges the Department of Work and Pensions to review their guidelines and training for assessors to ensure that they understand the impact of endometriosis so that those who are severely affected by the condition are able to access the benefits they need.

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#### 1196 Carers Rights Day 2020

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**John McNally**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people across the UK who are providing unpaid care; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2020, taking place on 26 November 2020, in raising awareness of the work of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide; and stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers, ahead of the 2020 Winter and beyond.

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**1197 Fife's universal basic income pilot readiness**

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 5

Neale Hanvey  
Ronnie Cowan  
Alison Thewliss  
Allan Dorans  
Douglas Chapman

That this House recognises Fife's readiness to participate in a Universal Basic Income (UBI) trial; asserts that such a pilot would be desirable, particularly for its potential impact on poverty and employment; notes that the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government has thanked Fife Council for its continuing interest in piloting such a scheme; and understands the constitutional barriers preventing progress on the issue in Scotland as the Scottish Government are currently denied the necessary range of social security or tax powers to legislate for the introduction of a UBI, as the current devolved powers are inadequate to implement any sustainable variation of it, including payments at local authority level.

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**1200 Jobs at the Rolls Royce Barnoldswick site**

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 22

Grahame Morris  
Mick Whitley  
Paula Barker  
Kate Osborne  
Dan Carden  
Navendu Mishra

Jonathan Edwards

Ian Mearns

That this House is angered by the decision by Rolls-Royce to cut 350 highly skilled jobs at its site in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, and offshore this work to Singapore; condemns the company's decision to lock workers out of the site until after Christmas without any meaningful consultation or negotiation over these plans; notes that the company has received substantial Government support as part of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; believes that Rolls-Royce therefore has a duty to do everything in its power to retain jobs here in Britain; calls on company management to keep the site open pending talks to resolve the current industrial dispute and secure the future of work at the site; urges Ministers to ensure that taxpayer support for businesses based in the UK should be conditional on binding undertakings not to transfer work from the UK offshore; calls on the Government to hold urgent discussions with Rolls-Royce management and Unite the Union in order to save the jobs at Barnoldswick; and expresses its full support for and solidarity with the Rolls-Royce Barnoldswick workers in their struggle to save these jobs, not just for themselves but for future generations.

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**1201 Closure of BBC Sinhala Radio Service**

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 11

**Grahame Morris**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Daisy Cooper**

Ms Diane Abbott

That this House notes with concern the decision of BBC World Service to close the Sinhala radio broadcast service, which serves the Sinhalese majority in Sri Lanka who constitute around three-quarters of the population; notes that Sri Lanka has experienced much unrest in the last several decades, and is currently the subject of warnings from human rights organisations regarding the deteriorating situation, resulting in its inclusion in the FCO's top 30 Human Rights Priority Countries; further notes the potential security implications posed by the country's developing relationship with the People's Republic of China; understands the long term strategy of investing in building digital audiences, but observes that currently 7% of the Sinhalese population listen to the radio service each week, compared to just 0.6% who use digital services; and therefore calls on BBC management to reverse the closure announcement and continue to invest in this valuable news service.

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**1202 The work of Kim McLachlan**

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 6

**Chris Stephens**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**David Linden**

That this House recognises the life and work of Kim McLachlan a UNISON activist throughout her 37 year career in housing, who died on 16 November 2020; recognises her work as a steward in Glasgow City Branch and her work at the heart of the trade union and community campaign to oppose the Glasgow Housing Stock Transfer in 2003, which sadly was narrowly lost, following which Kim became a leading and integral member of the new Glasgow Housing Branch of UNISON; and sends deepest condolences to her family and loved ones at this time; further recognises that under her leadership as Branch Secretary the branch underwent a name change to UNISON Housing and Care Scotland to reflect the expansion of the Wheatley Group, with than came trade union recognition in Dunedin Canmore Housing Association, who previously did not recognise trade unions; recognises Kim McLachlan's contribution to UNISON Scotland and nationally as well as her role as Chair of the Community Housing Association Committee of UNISON's Community Service Group Executive; further recognises the high regard in which she was held by her many comrades, friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to those who knew her at this time.