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New EDMs

1575 International Women's Day and freedom of religion or belief (No. 2)

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House celebrates International Women's Day on 8 March 2021; recognises that women from marginalised religious or belief communities 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, kidnapping and forced marriage, as seen in the case of 14 year old Maira Shahbaz and 13 year old Arzoo Raja in Pakistan; notes the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Freedom of Religion or Belief's new report entitled, Commentary on the Current State of Freedom of Religion or Belief (2020) which draws attention to the intersection between gender inequality and freedom of religion or belief violations with many specific examples; and urges the UK Government and the international community to act to mitigate the impact that the covid-19 pandemic 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.

1576 Use of explosive weapons in populated areas

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes that the use of explosive weapons in towns and cities is a leading cause of civilian casualties in modern conflict; further notes with regret the devastating long-term humanitarian consequences caused by the destruction of critical civilian infrastructure including homes, schools, hospitals, water and sanitation systems and power supplies as a result of conflict; is disturbed by the UN's finding that in 2019 the use of explosive weapons in populated areas was responsible for almost 40 per cent of verified incidents where children were killed or maimed in conflict; notes the call by the UN Secretary-General and the President of the International

Committee of the Red Cross for States to develop an international Political Declaration on avoiding the use of explosive weapons in populated areas; welcomes the process to develop such a Political Declaration led by the Republic of Ireland; believes that the UK Government has a moral responsibility to work with international partners to strengthen the protection of civilians against the use of explosive weapons in their towns and cities; notes that as a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the penholder for Protection of Civilians, and as a leading member of NATO, the UK Government has the influence to persuade other States to follow where it leads; and calls on the UK Government to endorse the Irish-led Political Declaration on explosive weapons, encourage other States to do the same, and lead efforts to develop guidelines for its effective implementation.

1577 Neilston Street Library

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House welcomes the growing number of voluntary groups dedicated to sharing their love of books with other members of their communities; further welcomes the initiative of Lindy Montgomery and Laura Curtis, both residents of Neilston in East Renfrewshire who launched a street library to help fellow villagers discover the joy of reading; notes that Lindy and Laura borrowed an idea from America called a Blind Book Club in which readers take a book they know nothing about, although the pair have put their own spin on that concept by wrapping the books and adding a brief description; further notes that this initiative has helped local residents while libraries have been closed due to the covid-19 pandemic and has helped elderly residents and those who have been shielding for whom Lindy and Laura have offered a delivery service.

1578 Lawn bowling clubs in East Renfrewshire

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House notes the difficulties facing many local sporting clubs as a result of their closure during the covid-19 pandemic; welcomes signs that club organisers and participants are beginning to look forward to resumption of their sports in the months ahead; acknowledges the continuing popularity of lawn bowls, which, with the support of Bowls Scotland, is played by over 56,000 bowlers across Scotland, and which sustains many long established clubs at the heart of communities, including in East Renfrewshire, where Crofthead Bowling Club in the village of Neilston is celebrating its centenary year having been formed originally in 1921 as part of the English Sewing Company workers' recreation club, but which is today an independent club whose members purchased the green in the 1990s and built a Members' lounge; recognises that the covid-19 pandemic prevented many sporting clubs from celebrating significant anniversaries including Giffnock Bowling Club, which was founded in 1895 as Giffnock Bowling and Tennis Club before the two sports split into separate clubs on adjacent sites, and Mearns Bowling Club, for whose opening season of 1920-21 a photographic record remains; and wishes all those involved with lawn bowling in East Renfrewshire and elsewhere a better season than last year and all the best for the future of their sport.

1579 Disability Action East Renfrewshire 10th AnniversaryTabled: **3/03/21** Signatories: **1****Kirsten Oswald**

That this House congratulates East Renfrewshire Disability Action, which relaunched at its recent AGM as Disability Action East Renfrewshire (DAER), on its 10th anniversary; notes that DAER members consist of people who are disabled, non-disabled, and carers, and that it exists to raise issues and concerns that matter to disabled people at local and national level; recognises that this role has increased in importance as disabled people have been disproportionately impacted by unfair and unjust welfare cuts, as well as cuts, increased charges, and changes to local and national services on which disabled people rely; further recognises that cuts and reduction in services maintain and reinforce social, physical, attitudinal, cultural, and economic barriers that prevent disabled people fulfilling their rightful role as full and equal citizens; acknowledges the range of activities undertaken by DAER, including campaigning for accessible travel with improved access to railway stations and provision of wheelchair accessible taxis, highlighting the impact of long-Covid on disabled people, providing training in the Turn2Us benefit calculator, challenging increased charges to the Blue Badge scheme and a proposed price increase to the Holiday Programme for Disabled Children, responding to consultations at local and national level to ensure the views of disabled people are heard, securing provision of accessible play equipment in Carlibar and Rouken Glen parks, and many other activities, all of which have been taken forward by a dedicated membership who contributed so much to DAER.

1580 East Renfrewshire LarderTabled: **3/03/21** Signatories: **1****Kirsten Oswald**

That this House acknowledges the tremendous work done by volunteers and community groups across East Renfrewshire and other areas throughout the pandemic; notes in particular the initiative by Rachel Fishlock and colleague Ceri Dodd, both employees of Scottish Fire and Rescue, and Jennifer Lawrie, who established East Renfrewshire Larder (ERL) to provide a confidential delivery service offering breakfast, lunch and dinner packages, as well as household goods and sanitary products, all of which are packed by volunteers at Whitecraigs Rugby Club; endorses sentiments expressed by Rachel, herself a mother of four, when she said that many parents who need help would simply struggle on and go without to feed their kids, and that many people on their own simply have nowhere to turn; welcomes the fact that the ethos of ERL is that if someone is brave enough to ask for help then they need it, and recognises the vital role played by the wider community and the volunteers, without whose generous donations and time commitment the vital work done by ERL and other groups would not be possible.

1581 Big Yellow Friday 2021Tabled: **3/03/21** Signatories: **1****Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

That this House notes that 5 March 2021 is Big Yellow Friday; congratulates the Children's Liver Disease Foundation on its work in raising awareness, promoting research and providing information and support for people affected by a life-threatening liver disease; further notes with concern that every week 20 children in the UK are diagnosed with a life-threatening childhood liver disease that can mean a lifetime of care; commends the work of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation for working tirelessly and investing to support families and fund research projects, which helps to understand and treat childhood liver diseases; further congratulates all those taking part in Big Yellow Friday 2021 and showing support for children affected by childhood liver disease and their families; and calls on the Government to work closely with all national liver-disease charities to help

ensure that childhood liver diseases are understood, prevented and treated effectively, ensuring that babies, children, young people and adults diagnosed in childhood achieve their full potential.

1582 Intensive factory farming

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House notes that intensive farming methods inflict terrible suffering on some one billion land animals in the UK each year; recognises that intensive factory farming methods include the extreme confinement of pregnant sows in farrowing crates, the overcrowding and selective breeding of broiler chickens, ducks and turkeys, the routine mutilation of egg-laying hens and piglets, and the zero grazing of dairy cows; further notes that factory farms often provide a fertile environment for the amplification and transmission of viruses and bacteria between different species and humans; further recognises that today three in four of the world's new or emerging infectious diseases reportedly come from animals; notes that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock farming is contributing to the rise and spread of antimicrobial resistance; notes that a poll in January this year revealed some 90 percent of UK residents want the Government to introduce an immediate ban on intensive farming methods; supports vegan charity Viva's request for Defra and Government to listen to the UK public on this issue.

1583 World Book Day 2021

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Seema Malhotra

That this House recognises 4th March 2021 as World Book Day in the UK and Ireland celebrating authors, illustrators, books and reading; further congratulates World Book Day for its 24th 'World Book Day' being held this year; notes that data shows that the UK ranks 17th for literacy among 34 OECD countries; that 1 in 11 disadvantaged children in the UK say that they don't have a book of their own; that children born into communities with the most serious literacy challenges have some of the lowest life expectancies in England; that 1 in 4 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11 and pass the expected level of reading in their SATs; recognises the contribution of World Book Day Ltd in distributing their £1 book tokens which encourages policymakers, schools, teachers and young people to work together to ensure provisions are in place for early intervention when encouraging children to read; pays tribute to the staff and teachers in schools across the nation for their efforts in delivering quality literacy education to young people, and equipping them with the skills to reach their full potential.

1584 Farmers' protests in India

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House expresses its profound concern at the growing number of arrests of Indian farmers protesting controversial privatisation legislation in India; further notes that militarised police violence has repeatedly been used against these peaceful protestors; echoes the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights' call on "the authorities and the protestors for maximum restraint" in the ongoing Indian farmers' protests; draws attention to the petition 'Urge the Indian Government to ensure safety of protestors & press freedom' led by Liberal Democrat Councillor Gurch Singh which has now received more than 115,000 signatures; urges Her Majesty's Government

to fulfil the petition's calls by making an official statement setting out the need to ensure the safety of protestors and press freedom in the Indian farmers' protests; calls upon Her Majesty's Government to work together with Indian authorities to ensure the safety of Indian farmers.

1585 Accessibility of covid-19 vaccination and testing for people with sight loss.

Tabled: **3/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the need for all information regarding healthcare appointments and procedures to be made available in line with the Accessible Information Standard; further notes that reasonable adjustments should be made at covid-19 testing and vaccination centres to ensure that they are fully accessible; commends all NHS staff and volunteers for their work on the covid-19 vaccination rollout and urges the Government to adopt the guidelines produced by Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, RNIB and Thomas Pocklington Trust which aims to ensure a fully accessible covid-19 vaccination process for people with visual impairment.

1586 Differential pricing policies for covid-19 vaccinations

Tabled: **3/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Tony Lloyd

That this House believes that the UK has both a moral and practical incentive to see the whole world vaccinated against covid-19; is concerned that differential pricing by pharmaceutical companies gravitates against that ambition by asking the poorest countries to pay more than the richest; notes that AstraZeneca is charging the European Union \$2 per vaccine compared to \$7 for Uganda; further notes that the Serum Institute which produces the AstraZeneca vaccine under licence, is charging \$5 per vaccine in South Africa; is concerned that pharmaceutical companies which have received UK public financial support are making profits at the expense of the poorest countries; calls on the UK Government to ensure pharmaceutical companies revisit their differential pricing policies, and commit to not making a profit from the pandemic.

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.

1519 Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund: Wee Box, Big Change Appeal 2021

Tabled: **22/02/21** Signatories: **9**

Patrick Grady

David Linden

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss

Marion Fellows

Brendan O'Hara

That this House welcomes the launch of Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's 2021 Wee Box, Big Change Lent Appeal; understands that the this year's appeal aims to support children with

disabilities in South Sudan who are locked out of education and trapped in a cycle of poverty; notes that the appeal encourages people to put the money they would have spent on the items they have given up for Lent into a SCIAF Wee Box to donate to the charity; recognises that the money raised is used to support people in developing countries out of poverty; acknowledges that the UK Government will match any donation received before 11 May 2021; and encourages Members of Parliament to promote the appeal to their constituents.

1521 Right of abode for former British-Hong Kong servicemen

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 17

Andrew Rosindell
Margaret Ferrier
Caroline Lucas
Sir Edward Leigh
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Bob Blackman

Gordon Henderson
 Patrick Grady
 Dr Julian Lewis
 Sammy Wilson

Jonathan Edwards
 Martyn Day
 Craig Whittaker

Chris Stephens
 Christine Jardine
 Carol Monaghan

That this House recognises the enormous contribution to Britain of the former Hong Kong armed forces who loyally served this country from 1857 until 1997; it acknowledges that these men and their ancestors greatly served UK commitments in South East Asia, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Britain throughout two world wars, serving in France, as well as Burma, Korea, Malaya, Singapore, Hong Kong, China and with the United Nations for King, Queen and country; further notes that they are recognised by the Ministry of Defence as Veterans and they have remained extremely loyal to the United Kingdom; believes that those remaining soldiers of the Hong Kong Military Service Corps and the Hong Kong Royal Naval Service who did not receive a UK passport following the handover of Hong Kong to China should now be offered that choice; notes only 159 former servicemen were given a UK passport in 1997 under the then passport selection scheme; further notes that the remainder of the Military Service Corps and some 100 Royal Naval servicemen were left behind; and calls on the Government to recognise that the decision not to have asked each serviceman to freely transfer their nationality from British-Hong Kong to Hong Kong-Chinese prior to the handover of Hong Kong was unjust and an error that should now be rectified.

1526 The Green Homes Grant

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 11

Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Alan Brown

Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House believes the Green Homes Grant to upgrade 600,000 homes and support 100,000 jobs is in need of fundamental reform; is concerned that as of 8 February 2021 just 22,165 vouchers had been issued to customers despite enormous demand, that any underspend of the £2 billion invested until March 2021 will not be rolled over to 2021-22, and that delays in issuing vouchers has led to financial difficulties and redundancies for companies, with one third of those surveyed reporting that delays in payment were threatening their business's viability; welcomes

the Environmental Audit Committee's Growing Back Better report and the Committee's survey demonstrating that many homeowners struggled to find registered contractors and that 86 per cent had a poor experience with the application process; notes the commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto to invest £9.2 billion in improving the energy efficiency of homes and public buildings; further notes that the Climate Change Committee's Balanced Net Zero Pathway requires £55 billion of investment in home energy efficiency by 2050; calls on the Government to work with stakeholders to improve the Green Homes Grant, ensure installers are urgently paid for delivered work, strip US consultancy ICF of their contract, and commit to a Green Jobs Guarantee including long-term funding for an ambitious multi-year investment in home retrofits; and urges the Government to reverse the current tax incentive which operates in favour of new build and against retrofit.

1531 **Death of Sydney Devine MBE**

Tabled: 22/02/21 Signatories: 14

Allan Dorans
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Owen Thompson
Alison Thewliss

Brendan O'Hara

That this House notes with great sadness, the passing of Sydney Devine MBE, a legendary Scottish singer and showman, who entertained generations of people with his unique crooner and country and western style live performances during a career which spanned almost seven decades, beginning at the age of 13 years with a television appearance, performing around the world with the White Heather Group for more than a decade, appearing in the popular TV series, The White Heather Club, before later developing into country music in the 1970s when he worked with country legends including Charlie Pride and Dolly Parton; further notes that he is best known for his live stage performances in theatres and music venues across the country for almost 50 years; acknowledges his close connection with the Pavilion Theatre, Glasgow where he performed every year for forty five consecutive years and his musical achievements which included 51 Albums selling over 15 million copies and his signature song, Tiny Bubbles, and other favourites including Maggie and Legend in my Time and many, many more; and thanks him for his long term commitment, support and association with Marie Curie, a leading UK's end of life charity.

1539 **Murder of 800 worshippers in Ethiopia at St Mary of Zion Church**

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Sir Mike Penning
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell

John Cryer

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with deep sadness the slaughter of 800 worshippers in Ethiopia at St Mary of Zion Church in November 2020; and affirms that this House will stand against such religious

persecution at every opportunity; and resolves to offer aid to those being persecuted in that area of Ethiopia.

1541 Libraries in the Wakefield district

Tabled: 23/02/21 Signatories: 4

Jon Trickett
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes one of the key effects of a decade of austerity has been the loss of libraries as a community asset up and down the UK; notes that the first half of the austerity decade resulted in a 44% reduction in the number of libraries open in the Wakefield district; further notes that these community assets act as hubs of local information for residents young and old; believes the loss of these resources has exacerbated educational inequalities, an issue that has been exposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic; and calls on the Government to invest in community libraries with a properly funded post Covid-19 recovery plan.

1544 London Capital & Finance Plc bondholder compensation

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 11

Neale Hanvey
Marion Fellows
Andrew Rosindell
Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the significant losses of the 11,625 London Capital & Finance Plc (LC&F) bondholders who invested about £237 million and may only get 20 per cent of their investment back following the scheme's failure; notes that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has paid £56.3 million in compensation to 2,878 LC&F bondholders to date; welcomes the publication of the independent investigation report by Dame Elizabeth Gloster in December 2020; notes that the report was strongly critical of the Financial Conduct Authority's approach, contending that the regulator had failed to fulfil its statutory objectives; further notes that the FCA and the Government have accepted all 13 recommendations from the report; welcomes the announcement from the Government that it will establish its own compensation scheme for LC&F bondholders; and urges the Government to set out the terms of the scheme at the earliest opportunity.

1545 Political and security situation in Myanmar

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 46

Rushanara Ali
Jeremy Hunt
Ms Harriet Harman
Dame Margaret Hodge
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas

Tony Lloyd

John Cryer

That this House condemns the military coup in Myanmar (Burma); demands the immediate release of all political prisoners; extends solidarity to fellow Members of Parliament who have been denied the right to exercise their democratically elected mandate; welcomes the establishment by Parliamentarians of representative committees from national, regional and state parliaments; further welcomes the condemnation of the coup by the British government; calls on the British Government not to impose generalised sanctions such as withdrawing trade privileges, which will disproportionately impact workers, and instead focus on sanctioning military companies; further calls on the British Government to build a global coalition of countries imposing arms embargoes; and calls on the British Government to join the genocide case at the International Court of Justice and to publicly support the referral of the situation in Burma to the International Criminal Court.

1546 Proposed changes to the London weighting to London universities teaching grant

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 8

Munira Wilson
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Ed Davey
Sarah Olney
Andrew Rosindell

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is deeply concerned by the Department for Education's guidance letter issued to the Office for Students on the teaching grant for 2021-22 that pledges to remove weightings for London providers; notes that the costs of removing London weighting to the T-grant will most likely be shouldered by students; further notes that the costs of the cuts will have a disproportionate impact on those from widening participation backgrounds; considers that half of the boroughs in London are in the most deprived third of English local authorities and therefore appreciates that the cuts would hit the economies of the poorest boroughs the hardest; further appreciates that such cuts could result in the rollback of student mental health and wellbeing services; urges the Government to take into account that London is already the UK's most expensive city in which to live and study; further asks the Government to consider the substantial output of London university research, as the proposals risk the loss of more than 1000 academics and calls on the Government to reconsider the proposals so that the financial burden is not carried by students who choose to study in London.

1547 Regulation of genetic technologies in food and farming

Tabled: 24/02/21 Signatories: 7

Caroline Lucas
 Claudia Webbe
 Claire Hanna
 Clive Lewis
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with concern the proposed removal of risk assessment and traceability safeguards from new gene editing techniques in England, as set out in the DEFRA Consultation on the Regulation of Genetic Technologies which closes on 17 March 2021; further notes concerns that the vigorous promotion of gene editing is out of step with the complexity of the science, the needs of farmers, the UK's potential as a world leader in agroecological innovation, the wishes of consumers, and the Government's own environmental and farm animal welfare ambitions; further notes concerns that, like the vast majority of GM crops grown around the world, the first gene edited crop to be commercially cultivated is engineered to withstand repeated application of particular weed killers in industrial farming systems that harm biodiversity, encourage the development of herbicide-tolerant super weeds and increase farmers' dependency on high cost inputs; further notes concerns that the current consultation falls short of a robust attempt to understand public and stakeholder views on the use of genetic engineering in food and farming, which would require a well-resourced and in-depth UK-wide initiative similar to the 2003 GM Nation public debate; and calls on the Government to establish effective regulation of all forms of genetic engineering that encompasses transparent assessments of the scientific, social, ethical and economic impacts of each proposed release, and upholds the right of farmers, consumers and devolved nations to choose, including through full traceability and clear labelling across the food chain.

1549 World Hearing Day

Tabled: 25/02/21 Signatories: 15

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Jonathan Edwards
 Claudia Webbe
 John McDonnell
 Navendu Mishra
 Paula Barker

Marion Fellows
 Andrew Rosindell

Andrew Gwynne

Carla Lockhart

That this House commemorates World Hearing Day on 3 March 2021 by supporting the National Association of Deafened People (NADP) and the Hearing Loss and Deafness Alliance to ensure people with hearing loss have prompt and equal access to life-long learning, employment and health services as echoed by the upcoming WHO World Report on Hearing with annual aims of improve screening, person-centred hearing care, rehabilitation and improved access to communication; commits to aiding accessibility for people with hearing loss in constituencies as well as broader society; recognises the escalated frustration and alienation many people with hearing loss face due to increased difficulty of lipreading caused by commonplace mask-wearing; and acknowledges improvements including transparent face mask use which can be implemented in a cost-effective way relieving some of the estimated £25 billion loss to the economy each year due to lost productivity as a result of hearing loss.

1550 Cuba and the US blockade

Tabled: 25/02/21 Signatories: 17

Grahame Morris
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Claudia Webbe
Richard Burgon
John McDonnell

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recognises that the US blockade of Cuba has cost the Cuban economy billions of dollars, causes shortages in essential services and has been exacerbated by the Trump administration's designation of Cuba as state sponsor of terrorism – a politically motivated move which intensifies sanctions against the Cuban people in the middle of a health pandemic; welcomes recent comments by Juan González, White House Director for the Western Hemisphere, that the Biden administration is seeking to lift remittance and travel restrictions; hopes measures will be taken to enable Cuba to access materials to produce and deliver millions of doses of its covid-19 vaccine both to its own population and elsewhere; congratulates the Government for voting against the blockade, and on its positive engagement with Cuba, including joint projects on covid-19, medical research and facilitating the posting of Cuban medical brigades to British overseas territories; and calls on the Government to promote international cooperation between Cuba and the UK and to encourage the Biden administration to normalise relations by reversing the designation of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism and ending the blockade.

1552 Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 24

Wera Hobhouse
Sir George Howarth
Dr Lisa Cameron
Tim Farron
Olivia Blake
Layla Moran

Allan Dorans
Jeremy Corbyn

John Cryer
Tonia Antoniazzi

John McDonnell

That this House notes the commencement of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2021, which runs from 1 to 7 March 2021 and focuses this year on binge eating disorder; recognises that eating disorders are serious illnesses experienced by at least 1.25 million people in the UK; notes with concern that, while binge eating disorder is the most common type of eating disorder and affects 1 in 50 people in their lifetimes, only 1 in 4 who have had that condition ever receives treatment; believes that everyone affected by an eating disorder should have access to the treatment they need; and calls on the Government to ensure that all eating disorder services are commissioned to provide NICE-recommended treatments for people with binge eating disorder, without exceptions based on geography, age or severity.

1560 Stockport Fairtrade Group

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 15

Navendu Mishra
Chris Law
Rebecca Long Bailey
Mr William Wragg
Andrew Gwynne
Rachel Hopkins

John McDonnell

Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House celebrates the current Fairtrade Fortnight and acknowledges Stockport's position as a Fairtrade borough since 2003; recognises the contribution of Stockport Fairtrade Group and its volunteers in raising awareness of the importance of purchasing Fairtrade products and supporting disadvantaged farmers and workers in countries to help prevent exploitation and poverty and to become more resilient to climate change and improve sustainability; further recognises the work of Stockport Fairtrade Group alongside Unison Stockport branch in delivering the annual Stockport Fairtrade Christmas Fair; notes that Group's educational efforts in Fairtrade Schools across Greater Manchester; further notes that Group's achievement of being made the Fairtrade Foundation's community group of the month in 2019; and pays tribute to all volunteers at Stockport Fairtrade Group who have worked so hard in the past 18 years to raise awareness of ethical products.

1561 Commemoration of 10th anniversary of Shahbaz Bhatti's assassination

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Brendan O'Hara
John McDonnell

That this House marks the 10th anniversary of Shahbaz Bhatti's assassination for his courageous advocacy for Pakistan's religious minorities; recognises that countless people across the world have died, or faced significant suffering, to protect rights which people mostly take for granted in the UK; laments the fact that, according to Pew Centre Research, four out of every five people live in countries in which there are significant restrictions on freedom of religion or belief; expresses deep concern at ongoing freedom of religion or belief violations in Pakistan such as the misuse of blasphemy laws and the forced conversion and marriage of over 1,000 girls annually; pledges to honour Mr Bhatti's legacy by continuing to advocate on behalf of religious and belief minorities in Pakistan and around the world; and calls on the British and Pakistani Governments to adopt the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief's 2019 Report entitled Religious Minorities of Pakistan.

1562 National Essential Tremor Awareness Month

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 3

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges that March 2021 is National Essential Tremor Awareness Month, an important opportunity to acknowledge the impact of Essential Tremor (ET) which affects approximately 4 per cent of those aged 40 years or over and results in involuntary shaking or trembling of part of the body; notes that ET it is one of the most common neurological

movement disorders, estimated to be eight to 10 times more prevalent than Parkinson's disease; further acknowledges the work of the National Tremor Foundation (NTF) to provide advice and support for people and their families who live with ET and the impact it has on opportunities for employment and mental health and well-being; further welcomes the implementation from the 1 April 2021 of a new commissioning policy by NHS England for transcranial Magnetic Resonance Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) for the treatment of medication refractory ET; further acknowledges that MRgFUS is a life-changing and innovative new treatment, which offers effective non-surgical treatment as a day-case procedure and avoids permanently implanted electrodes and a programmer; and looks forward to seeing many patients benefit from that procedure over the months and years ahead, as they begin to rebuild their lives and enhance the overall quality of their lives and participate in new opportunities.

1563 Extension of driving theory test certificates

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 7

Dave Doogan
Steven Bonnar
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
John McDonnell

John Spellar

That this House considers that reasonable extensions should be granted to driving theory tests for learner drivers, tests taken by trainee driving instructors, Certificates for BAseic Training for moped drivers and over seventies' licences; believes that were it not for the covid-19 pandemic learner drivers who had already passed their driving theory test would have, in many instances, by now have passed a practical driving test and supports the extension of their driving theory test certificate in order to avoid a logjam of new driving theory test applicants; considers that significant personal expenses have been borne by learner drivers and trainee driving instructors and that it would be unfair to ask them to pay additional costs due to events outwith their control; understands that the Government extended MoT certificates in 2020 and believes that a similar mechanism could be used to provide extensions for those who have undertaken driving theory tests, tests taken by trainee driving instructors, Certificates for BAseic Training for moped drivers and over seventies' licences.

1564 Worldwide right to education for girls

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 7

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell

John Spellar

That this House is concerned that, globally, 132 million girls are not in school; believes that all girls should have the right to education; acknowledges that conflict, gender-based violence and child marriage all present barriers to girls' education worldwide; notes that the Covid-19 pandemic has increased the disparities in education globally, especially in areas of conflict; further notes the economic and social benefits of increasing the proportion of girls in education; supports international efforts to reduce the gender disparity in education and improve educational outcomes for girls worldwide; and urges the Government to undertake a review of international aid spending

on girls' education, in light of the additional pressures caused by Covid-19 and the recent merger of the Department for International Development with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

1565 Government's commitment to global polio eradication

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
John McDonnell

John Spellar

That this House affirms the Government's commitment to the priority of global polio eradication; recognizes the vital and valuable contribution played by the global polio eradication infrastructure toward health systems strengthening, global health security, global public health infrastructure and pandemic preparedness; and encourages the Government to remain fully committed to collaborating with Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners and with the global community including through key multinational fora such as the G7, the G20, the Commonwealth and with national governments globally to ensure that there is sufficient political and financial support to achieve and sustain the goal of a polio free world.

1567 Political prisoners on hunger strike in Ethiopia

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 8

Patrick Grady
Anne McLaughlin
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Hannah Bardell

John McDonnell

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes with concerns reports about the deteriorating health of Jawar Mohammed, Bekele Gerba, Hamza Adane and Dejene Tafa, who are on hunger-strike in prison in Ethiopia; notes that these men and sixteen others were arrested after unrest that broke out in the Oromo region following the killing of musician Hachalu Hundessa in June 2020; notes that former US Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Powell has said that the treatment of these prisoners by the Ethiopian government is exacerbating a serious crisis, especially as their health deteriorates; further notes findings by Amnesty International in 2020 that Ethiopian security forces committed grave human rights violations between December 2018 and December 2019 in the region, including burning homes to the ground, extrajudicial executions, rape, arbitrary arrests and detentions; and calls on the UK Government to make representations to counterparts in the United Nations, African Union and Government of Ethiopia to secure appropriate medical treatment for the hunger strikers, the release of any prisoners detained arbitrarily on politically-motivated charges, an end to political violence, steps to negotiate peaceful settlements of the conflicts affecting the country, and respect for freedom of speech, human rights and the rule of law.

1568 Report on an alternative vision for the UK defence sector

Tabled: 1/03/21 Signatories: 6

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley

That this House notes the publication of a report by Professor Roger Seifert entitled Alternative Vision for the UK Defence Sector on behalf of the Public and Commercial Services union, and welcomes its findings; acknowledges the vital and necessary work carried out by civilian staff in the Ministry of Defence across the UK; further notes that the report highlights the Department's concerning reliance on outsourcing work to the private sector; is alarmed by the report's findings of bullying and harassment of civilian staff as well as low pay and poor industrial relations leading to a culture of denial and poor accountability by MoD management; supports the report's call for appropriate investment across the Department to ensure retention of jobs and skills in the civilian sector linked to improved pay and training opportunities; and urges Ministers and senior officials at the Ministry of Defence to meet with civilian staff representatives to discuss the concerns raised within this report, and to work towards a more united Department that respects and rewards its civil servants for their continued dedication.

1569 Anti-Irish discrimination

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 8

Colum Eastwood
Claudia Webbe
Brendan O'Hara
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
John McDonnell

Jeremy Corbyn

Navendu Mishra

That this House condemns anti-Irish racism in all its forms; notes that recent reports of anti-Irish and anti-Irish Traveller sentiments are disturbing; further notes the immeasurable contribution to public life of Irish people and recognises the important role Irish culture through language, dance, music and the arts plays in the lives of many people across the UK; recognises that Irish people have made an immensely positive contribution to society on the island of Britain; and urges the Government to do more to protect Irish people from discrimination and to consider bringing forward legislation to enshrine in law those protections.

1570 Access to cash and banking services in communities

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House recognises the UK's obligation to maintain access to cash for all people that need or want to use it; is aware of recent analysis from Which? showing that 10 million people are not ready or able to stop using cash, with over two million dependent on it for every transaction, and that it is disproportionately relied upon by vulnerable people, notably those who are elderly, disabled or

on low incomes; believes that banks should be mandated to work with post offices, which already provide an unofficial support network for over 300,000 vulnerable people, to provide banking services to all communities across the UK when they close a branch; and calls on the Government to legislate to ensure that local communities have access to the banking services they need to function.

1571 Access to cash

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 5

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
John McDonnell

That this House calls on the Government to set out a timeline for introducing legislation to protect access to cash for people who depend on it, as well as publishing its vision for the long-term future of cash in order to support a managed transition towards digital payments; recognises that the UK's already fragile cash system has been put under unprecedented strain as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, is convinced that the ability to access and spend cash is not only important for the many vulnerable people who rely on it, but will also play a critical role in the recovery of local economies, particularly as lockdown measures are relaxed and high-streets begin to re-open; is concerned that covid-19 and successive national lockdowns has resulted in a wave of ATM and bank branch closures across the country adding to the urgency of ensuring cash-dependent consumers are not cut off from accessing their only payment method; appreciates that the Government has an important role to play in ensuring that regulators and industry work together to develop a solution for the cash system that meets consumers' needs and responds to changes in consumer behaviour; recognises that the slow rate of progress and lack of clarity around the scope and timings of legislation on this matter is a cause of concern; and accepts that while industry and regulators will undoubtedly play a critical role in designing a framework to guarantee cash access, HM Treasury must urgently provide much-needed vision to support this.

1572 20th Anniversary of the Wales Air Ambulance Charity

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 6

Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House notes that 1 March 2021 marked 20 years since the launch of the Welsh Air Ambulance Charity; further notes that they rely on financial support from the public to help keep the helicopters flying; recognises that over the last 20 years, they have run approximately 38,000 missions; congratulates them on becoming one of the most medically advanced air ambulance operations in Europe, running 24 hours a day with the aim of being able to reach anyone in Wales within 20 minutes; and wishes them well with their My20 fundraising challenge.

1573 Union Vinyl Inverness Oxfam donation

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 2

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Union Vinyl in Inverness on their generous donation to Oxfam; notes that Union Vinyl donate any vinyl records which they are unable to resell and that the total raised by Oxfam through their donations has reached over £3,400; further notes that that money will provide 300 displaced families access to safe drinking water and sanitation; and finally pays thanks to the owner Nigel Graham for his ongoing support to Oxfam.

1574 District Nurse Moira Westland and Staff Nurse Cara Donnelly of NHS Highland

Tabled: 2/03/21 Signatories: 2

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the outstanding commitment of District Nurse Moira Westland and Staff Nurse Cara Donnelly of NHS Highland who have been administering covid-19 vaccinations to vulnerable residents living in the most remote parts of the Isle of Mull in Argyll and Bute; notes that during the recent bad winter weather, while delivering the coronavirus vaccines to those patients living in the most inaccessible part of the island, Moira and Cara were often required to make the journey on foot to reach the homes of their patients; and sends our sincere thanks to Moira and Cara and all of their NHS Highland colleagues for their remarkably efficient roll out of the covid-19 vaccine across our rural and island communities and for their determination to ensure that no one living in the highlands and islands of Scotland misses out on being vaccinated against covid-19.