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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 11 March 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1622 Clydebank Blitz 80th Anniversary

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 6

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Mhairi Black**

That this House remembers with respect and sadness the Clydebank Blitz, which commenced on the 13th March 1941, proportionally the worst blitzkrieg inflicted on the UK during world War II; recognises the official record of deaths caused by the two nights of bombing and the many more who died as a result of their injuries in the days, weeks and months that followed; salutes the courage of those in the fire, ambulance, military and other public services who acted so bravely including the miners of Scotland who travelled from far and wide to dig for survivors; and acknowledges the work of the citizens of Clydebank who through 80 yearly acts of remembrance have sought to remind the world of the horrors of war, the devastation of aerial bombardment and the need for peace and reconciliation between nations.

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#### 1623 Tanveer Ahmed Rafique

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 1

**Sarah Owen**

This House expresses deep regret at reports of the worsening health of Kashmiri prisoner Tanveer Ahmed Rafique who is currently in a Pakistan-operated jail, and is a constituent of the member for Luton North; calls on Government ministers to provide an update on progress with his case; further requests that the UK government takes action to secure Tanveer's safety; and will continue to highlight the importance of this case until Tanveer's safety is secure and Government ministers have provided Tanveer's family with the reassurances about his safety and the information that they seek.

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**1624 UK's annual blossom season**

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 3

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Catherine McKinnell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House celebrates Britain's annual blossom season as one of the most beautiful in the world; recognises blossom's significance as a national symbol of spring, renewal and hope that all communities can enjoy, made all the important in the midst of the nation's effort to tackle coronavirus; notes the importance of trees and nature for tackling climate change and supporting physical and mental wellbeing; further notes that Hanami, the Japanese blossom season boosted its economy by about \$2.7 billion in 2018 and provides annual opportunities for connection with nature and tourism; and therefore welcomes the National Trust's #BlossomWatch campaign to celebrate and raise awareness of the arrival of spring and blossom nationwide

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**1625 East Renfrewshire Larder initiative**

Tabled: 11/03/21 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; welcomes in particular the East Renfrewshire Larder (ERL) initiative, founded by Rachel Fishlock and Jennifer Lawrie, who were supported by Ceri Dodd, Rachel's colleague at Scottish Fire and Rescue; notes that ERL provides 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 operating from premises provided by Whitecraigs Rugby Club, which also provides financial support; 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.

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**1626 Auditory Verbal UK charity**

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House celebrates the charity, Auditory Verbal UK and the vital work they do to transform the lives of deaf babies and young children across the UK; draws particular attention their highly specialised programme of Auditory Verbal therapy which is proven to be highly effective in delivering spoken language outcomes for young deaf children, with 80 per cent of children who spend two or more years on this programme achieving the same spoken language as typically hearing children; highlights how this success comes through a family centred, early intervention approach which could boost academic achievement and employment outcomes for deaf young people across the UK; and calls on the Government to expand the number of speech and language therapists and teachers of the deaf working in health and education services trained in Auditory Verbal practice with a view to families of deaf children having the opportunity to access such a programme through public funded services, as is the case in other countries worldwide

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**1627 Presidential elections in Ecuador**

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 6

**Richard Burgon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Claudia Webbe**

That this House notes that Ecuador is set to hold its presidential election run-off on 11 April 2021; further notes that Andrés Arauz, the progressive candidate for the Union for Hope movement comfortably won the first round in February and is favourite to win the run-off against Guillermo Lasso, a bank owner and candidate pursuing a neoliberal agenda; expresses concerns that some people, both inside and outside the country, are intervening in the process in what appears to be an attempt to prevent the elections from going ahead to thwart an Andrés Arauz victory; notes the concerns raised by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges on interference in the election process; condemns recent calls for the military to intervene in the electoral process; and believes the right of the Ecuadorian people to determine their future through free and fair elections on 11 April without any external intervention must be respected.

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**1628 GP surgeries and the private sector**

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 7

**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

That this House expresses alarm that Operose, a subsidiary of US health company Centene, has taken over AT Medics which has a large number of APMS contracts, including 49 GP practices; is concerned that the prioritisation of profit in the provision of NHS services will lead to a loss of more GP surgeries, will hurt the quality of care patients receive, and will further undermine the pay and conditions of those who work in GP surgeries and in the NHS; and calls for all outsourcing to the profit-driven private health sector to end and for the NHS to be returned to a publicly funded, publicly provided, comprehensive health care service, available to all that is free at the point of delivery.

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**1629 Young Carers Action Day**

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 1

**Ed Davey**

That this House supports Young Carers Action Day, led by Carers Trust, which takes place on 16 March 2021; recognises the invaluable contribution more than 800,000 young carers make to their families and local communities across the UK; notes the Day's theme of Protect Young Carers' Futures, and the importance of employers and higher education recognising the incredible skills young people develop through being a carer; highlights the challenges young carers face and that the covid-19 outbreak has exacerbated many of these challenges; and calls on the Government to ensure that young carers get the support and services they need.

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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.

### 1549 World Hearing Day

Tabled: 25/02/21 Signatories: 23

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

Paul Girvan

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: 30

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

Claire Hanna  
Tommy Sheppard

Jon Trickett

Chris Law

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: 29

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

Paul Girvan

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.

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**1584 Farmers' protests in India**

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 18

Layla Moran  
Claudia Webbe  
Jamie Stone  
Munira Wilson  
Jim Shannon  
Ed Davey

Mohammad Yasin

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.

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**1586 Differential pricing policies for covid-19 vaccinations**

Tabled: 3/03/21 Signatories: 20

**Tony Lloyd**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Lavery**

Jon Trickett

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.

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**1587 Stanley Newens**

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 20

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Jon Trickett

That this House notes with sadness the death of Stanley Newens, a hard working socialist and former Member of Parliament and subsequently the European Parliament; respects his tremendous career as a lifelong campaigner for internationalism, social justice, and the people of his former constituencies of Epping, Harlow, and later Central London (MEP); notes his ongoing commitment to the peace movement from the 1940s through his objections to the Vietnam War and beyond; acknowledges his skills as a teacher and collector in so many subjects of historical importance; and extends sincere condolences to Sandra and family whilst at the same time acknowledging that his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of all those in the wider labour movement.

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**1588 Police Federation of England and Wales Time Limits Campaign**

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 13

Ian Mearns  
Sir Mike Penning  
Jonathan Edwards  
Ian Lavery  
Navendu Mishra  
Mick Whitley

Catherine McKinnell

That this House notes that justice delayed is justice denied; further notes the incredible work of police officers in ensuring the safety of this House and in communities in every constituency; notes the right of members of the public to make complaints against individual officers where perceived wrongdoing has occurred; recognises the damage a lengthy and un-ending investigation can have on the health and well-being of individual officers, their families and colleagues and the incredible cost to the tax payer of salaries of officers under investigation who very often are found innocent; recognises the need for investigations to be conducted in a comprehensive but most efficient way possible; and supports the Police Federation of England and Wales Time Limits Campaign for the need for a limit on the length of time an investigation can take, save for the most exceptional circumstances.

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**1589 Overseas NHS Workers Day**

Tabled: 4/03/21 Signatories: 25

Christine Jardine  
Claudia Webbe  
Sarah Olney  
Jamie Stone  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Daisy Cooper

Paul Girvan

That this House supports Overseas NHS Workers Day in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of all foreign nationals working tirelessly in the UK's fight against Covid-19; applauds the efforts of the Doctors' Association UK with support from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), British International Doctors Association (BIDA), Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association (HCSA), Royal College of Surgeons and Unison for creating this awareness day to celebrate foreign nationals in all their roles within the NHS; notes the almost 200 different nationalities represented within the NHS; further notes that although the NHS is the UK's biggest employer, there is still not enough staff to meet demand; believes that the most meaningful way to recognise the contributions of foreign nationals and secure staffing capacity is to grant indefinite leave to remain in the UK; and calls on the Government to grant indefinite leave to remain to all foreign nationals currently working in the health and social care sector, and to their families.

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**1593 Manufacturing skills and the national curriculum**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 17

Kate Osborne  
Jim Shannon  
Rachel Hopkins  
Navendu Mishra  
Paula Barker  
Claudia Webbe

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that innovation in manufacturing is of vital importance to the UK economy; further notes that UK manufacturing accounts for some £191 billion of output providing 2.7 million jobs; recognises that closing the skills gap in manufacturing will require 186,000 skilled individuals to be hired every year until 2024; notes that the current national curriculum does little to prepare young people for a career in the sector; recognises a nationwide lack of awareness of manufacturing as a potential career; further notes the calls of small and medium-sized manufacturers for an urgent review of provision in this area; and urges the Government to put manufacturing-centric skills at the heart of the National Curriculum.

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**1596 Monklands Women's Aid**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 16

Steven Bonnar  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Alison Thewliss  
Dave Doogan  
Kenny MacAskill

Drew Hendry

That this House celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women on International Women's Day; acknowledges the positive contributions made by Monklands Women's Aid in providing a necessary lifeline to women who have suffered abuse across the Lanarkshire area; recognises the importance of independent dedicated women's services; and calls upon the Government to protect these vital grassroots organisations.

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**1597 Glasgow Rangers FC winning the Scottish Premiership 2020-21**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 4

Scott Benton  
Jim Shannon  
Carla Lockhart  
Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House congratulates Glasgow Rangers FC on winning the Scottish Premiership title and, in doing so, registering the historic achievement of a 55th Scottish Premiership/First Division title; notes that everybody connected with the club, including the players, Steven Gerrard and the board of directors deserve enormous credit for this success; and recognises their considerable achievement.

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**1598 Glasgow Rangers and the Scottish Football League title**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 6

Mr Gregory Campbell  
Gavin Robinson  
Jim Shannon  
Carla Lockhart  
Scott Benton  
Paul Girvan

That this House notes that Glasgow Rangers FC have won the Scottish League for a world record 55th time; and congratulates manager Steven Gerrard, squad, backroom staff and all associated with the Club on an achievement that included being undefeated during the league season, conceding only nine goals in those 32 games and winning the title on 7 March 2021, the earliest date it has been won in 119 years.

**1599 Job losses at National Art Library**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 15

John McDonnell  
Jim Shannon  
Navendu Mishra  
Claudia Webbe  
Rachel Hopkins  
Paula Barker

Mohammad Yasin

Chris Stephens [R]

That this House notes proposals by the management of the Victoria and Albert Museum to cut two thirds of its staff at the National Art Library, with remaining roles being under review for the next 12 months; believes that cutting services would have a devastating impact on library services and will threaten the future of this internationally important collection; applauds staff at the National Art Library who are dedicated to their roles and bring unparalleled expertise and knowledge to this unique library which currently holds almost one million items and is freely accessible to the public; further notes additional plans to close the library for at least 12 months whilst a review of its future function takes place; and therefore calls on the management and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to urgently review those proposals and allow the library to reopen upon the lifting of covid-19 lockdown restrictions and allow members of the public to once more access this cultural landmark.

**1600 Uprating of state pensions**

Tabled: 8/03/21 Signatories: 18

Andrew Rosindell  
Jonathan Edwards  
Jim Shannon  
Margaret Ferrier  
Alison Thewliss  
Peter Dowd

Marion Fellows

Carol Monaghan

Mhairi Black

That this House regrets that over half a million UK pensioners continue to have their pensions frozen as a result of where they live and notes that 90 per cent of those people live in Commonwealth countries with which the UK has strong cultural and historical ties; is further concerned that this leaves UK citizens without the financial support needed to maintain livelihoods

and dignity in retirement and believes all pensioners should be paid the full state pension wherever they live; welcomes the Canadian Government's request for a reciprocal social security agreement with the UK to cover the uprating of pension payments; and urges the Government to respond positively to this request as a first step to end this injustice for UK pensioners everywhere.

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#### 1604 Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 12

Jim Shannon  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Paul Girvan  
Carla Lockhart  
Jonathan Edwards  
Steven Bonnar

Mohammad Yasin

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the annual Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal; highlights that the charity has stated the Great Daffodil Appeal means even more in 2021 than previous years due to Marie Curie Nurses having been on the front line of the pandemic providing vital care for people with a terminal illness and supporting their loved ones; further highlights that due to the pandemic and restrictions Marie Curie have been unable to carry out normal fundraising activities; and encourages those who are able to give what they can to support this wonderful charity and ensure Marie Curie are able to continue providing the highest standards of care for those with a terminal illness, alongside support for the families who would be lost without them.

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#### 1605 Public Health

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 8

Keir Starmer  
Nick Thomas-Symonds  
Holly Lynch  
Sarah Jones  
Conor McGinn  
Mr Nicholas Brown

Mohammad Yasin

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 150), dated 12 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12 February 2021, be annulled.

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**1606 Reorganisation of the NHS and social care**

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 12

Margaret Greenwood  
Paula Barker  
Peter Dowd  
Mike Hill  
Ian Byrne  
Kim Johnson

Apsana Begum  
Grahame Morris

Mohammad Yasin  
Dan Carden

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes the Government has published a White Paper setting out proposals for a major reorganisation of the delivery of health and social care in England; further notes that the Government plans to divide the NHS into local statutory Integrated Care Systems creating the potential for organisations which are not publicly accountable to take key roles in developing plans to address the health, social care and public health needs of local systems; is concerned that such organisations will then be in a position to influence decisions about the deployment of public resources and that this presents the possibility for conflicts of interest; recognises there is concern that local plans will differ and lead to a postcode lottery; notes that NHS England and NHS Improvement carried out a consultation, Integrating care - Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems over Christmas and New Year which proposed fundamental changes to the NHS; is further concerned that the consultation was held over such a short period during the covid-19 outbreak, particularly given that the NHS and social care workers who would be affected had been working incredibly hard under immense stress and many would have been unlikely to engage with that consultation; is concerned it was not possible for people to attend public meetings during this time; and calls on the Government to pause the whole process until all covid-19 restrictions are lifted and then carry out a public consultation setting out clearly what those proposals would mean for patients and staff.

**1607 European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism on 11 March 2021**

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 3

Mr Gregory Campbell  
Sir Mike Penning  
Paul Girvan

That this House notes that March 11th 2021 is European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism; expresses the hope that the Nations of Europe will recognise the many innocent victims of terror there have been over recent decades, re-dedicate themselves to defend democracy, and to stand with those Internationally who confront those responsible for acts of terror wherever it has occurred; and also expresses the hope that Towns and Cities across the United Kingdom can hold appropriate ceremonies and events to mark the day.

**1610 Roy Greenslade, the IRA and the Guardian**

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 2

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the explanation by Guardian columnist Roy Greenslade of the Provisional IRA's armed campaign, wishes he had recognised the realities of reform, increasing Anglo-Irish co-operation, and the persistent efforts of Irish and British campaigners to challenge terrorism; welcomes the Guardian's reflection on allowing a senior journalist to use the columnist position on

media ethics to advance such views while writing an anonymous column for the Sinn Féin paper, An Phoblacht/Republican News; notes that Katharine Viner has apologised to Mairia Cahill, victim of an IRA member, for an article by Greenslade; invites the Guardian to say sorry to others found to have suffered poor treatment by Greenslade; and to publish a comprehensive review of letting down readers in breach of the paper's guidelines that it is necessary for journalists to declare interests in writing about something with which they have a significant connection including all active outside interests which, should they remain undeclared and become known, would cause a fair-minded reader to question the value of their contribution; and suggests that the Guardian's reputation would be enhanced by such a root and branch review.

#### 1611 St Johnstone FC and the 2021 Scottish League Cup

Tabled: 9/03/21 Signatories: 13

Pete Wishart  
Jonathan Edwards  
Steven Bonnar  
Douglas Chapman  
Gavin Newlands  
Alyn Smith

Drew Hendry

That this House warmly congratulates St Johnstone Football Club on winning the 2021 Scottish League Cup in a stunning victory against Livingston Football Club at Hampden Park; notes that this is the first time the League Cup has been won by the Perth club; commends club manager Callum Davidson on leading the team to victory in his first season in charge of the club; commends Shaun Rooney for his goal in the 32nd Minute; congratulates the fact that St Johnstone are now the second most successful club in Scotland over the past 10 years; and wishes St Johnstone well for the future.

#### 1614 Pay Disparity Dispute at RAF Leeming

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 6

Grahame Morris  
Rachel Hopkins  
Ian Lavery  
Mick Whitley  
Navendu Mishra  
Emma Hardy

That this House is concerned that Babcock Aerospace workers providing operational and engineering services at the RAF Leeming base near Northallerton, North Yorkshire, are presently denied shift payments of around £5,000 per annum awarded to their colleagues undertaking the same safety-critical duties at RAF Valley in Wales; believes that this pay disparity unfairly impacts on the skilled and dedicated workforce; notes that Unite the Union has sought to avoid the need to take industrial action, but the intransigence of Babcock management in refusing to address the disparity in pay has rendered this unavoidable; and therefore calls on the employer to enter into meaningful negotiations with the union to avoid any future disruption to training flights and to ensure that the workers at the base are fairly remunerated.

**1615 Redundancies at Cammell Laird shipyards.**

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 18

**Mick Whitley [R]**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Dame Angela Eagle**

**Stephen Timms**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Navendu Mishra**

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Grahame Morris**

**Ian Mearns**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Tony Lloyd**

That this House recognises that the Cammell Laird shipyards have for many decades played a central role in the local economy of Birkenhead; notes that the shipyards currently employ approximately seven-hundred people from across the town and the wider region; further notes that approximately five-hundred young people have undertaken apprenticeships at the yards in the last decade, including fifty-one starting in the last year alone; regrets the recent announcement of one hundred and seventy-eight redundancies at the site and extends its support to the workers who have been affected the announcement; believes that Cammell Laird management must work closely with representatives of recognised trade unions with the intention of avoiding and minimising job losses; calls upon the management of Cammell Laird to definitively rule out compulsory redundancies; and urges the Government to act swiftly in ensuring that the contract for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary's new Fleet Solid Support Ships and other defence projects are awarded to British shipyards, including Cammell Laird, as a means of saving hundreds of jobs in British shipbuilding and thousands more in the wider supply chain.

**1616 Mental Health Awareness Week**

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House recognises 10-16 May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Week and congratulates the Mental Health Foundation for its 21st Mental Health Awareness Week, this year focused on nature and the environment; notes with concern the obstacles that have hindered people's access to nature especially during the pandemic; further notes with concern the 2017 Mental Health Foundation study that found that 65% have experienced a mental health problem recently recognising that this issue has been exacerbated by the pandemic with a study by the Office of National Statistics finding that the number of UK adults with symptoms of depression had doubled; recognises the importance of Mental Health Awareness Week in bringing mental health and wellbeing to the fore and applauds the efforts of all the volunteers and staff working in this sector.

**1617 World Glaucoma Week**Tabled: **10/03/21** Signatories: **3**

**Steven Bonnar**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes that March 7 to 13 March is World Glaucoma Week, a global initiative which raises awareness of glaucoma; commends the work of Optometry Scotland members in delivering essential community eyecare services in the detection of glaucoma and other eye diseases; and highlights the positive impact that optometry has had on patient care throughout the course of the covid-19 pandemic.

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**1621 World Kidney Day**Tabled: **10/03/21** Signatories: **8**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Marion Fellows

Paul Girvan

That this House notes that World Kidney Day takes place on Thursday 11 March 2021 on the theme of living well with kidney disease; recognises that people living with Chronic Kidney Disease are particularly vulnerable to covid-19 and have faced difficulty in accessing treatment, in attending life-maintaining dialysis sessions and have struggled with their mental health; commends the important work charities, such as Kidney Care UK, have done to support kidney patients throughout the pandemic and raise awareness of issues facing vulnerable patients; further recognises that only a small number of life-saving kidney transplants have been able to take place as health systems have not been able to support them safely during the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to ensure that the backlog of transplants will be reduced as the NHS begins to recover from the outbreak.