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New EDMs

1664 Dunbar's online High Street trial

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this house welcomes the decision to trial a scheme that will promote online footfall on the high streets in Dunbar, notes that the project operated by Supporting our local economy (SOLE) and the Scottish Tech Army is intended to bring together the local community and support retail and traders on the high streets; notes that research has shown local residents are eager to support their local economy during the covid-19 pandemic; and looks forward to the results of that trial and its potential for work across Scotland.

1665 New defibrillators in Tranent

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this house welcomes the contribution of local charitable group, Tranent Belters, who have enabled the purchase of two new defibrillators installed in Tranent Town centre; notes that those defibrillators are the first two 24/7 accessible devices in Tranent; and further notes that another such device is to be installed at a later date.

1666 Lily-Mae Grogan

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this house wishes luck to Lily-Mae Grogan and her family in Tranent who are raising money for acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) after Lily-Mae was diagnosed with AML in 2020; notes that Lily-

Mae's parents are raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust by doing 5000 lunges over the course of April 2021; and wishes Lily-Mae all the best in her treatment and commends the work of the Trust in supporting teenagers with a cancer diagnosis.

1667 Steps towards disarmament

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 6

Kirsten Oswald
Wera Hobhouse
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jeremy Corbyn
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with concern the statement in the Government's Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development, and Foreign Policy that the ceiling on the number of nuclear warheads held by the UK is to increase by 40 percent, reversing the longstanding trend of gradual reductions; further notes with concern that the Review amends nuclear policy to reserve the right for the UK to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear threats; considers that increasing the UK's nuclear arsenal is contrary to obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 1968, as stated by UN Secretary General António Guterres, and risks starting a new nuclear arms race; regrets that the proposed changes in nuclear posture run contrary to international momentum towards global nuclear abolition through the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons that entered into force on 22 January 2021; and urges the Prime Minister to demonstrate true global leadership towards a world without nuclear weapons by abandoning his planned increase in the UK's nuclear arsenal and immoral change in nuclear weapons' policy and by committing his government to taking further steps towards disarmament.

1668 Protection of religious minorities in Bangladesh

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House condemns the recent attacks on religious minorities in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to take strong steps to tackle the increasing levels of violence against minority Hindu communities in that region and ensure their safety and security; and urges the UK Government to encourage the Government of Bangladesh to put perpetrators of violence against religious minorities in that region on trial as soon as possible.

1669 Belarus Freedom Day 2021

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House extends its greetings to the Belarusian people and Belarusians in the UK on the occasion of Freedom Day on the 25 March 2021; notes that Freedom Day commemorates the proclamation of the independence of the Belarusian People's Republic in 1918, the first independent and democratic Belarusian state; recognises the importance of that date for Belarusians in Belarus and around the world; expresses its admiration for the Belarusian people, who have protested continually demanding free and fair elections since August 2020; affirms its

support for a sovereign and democratic Belarus; and expresses its hopes that the Belarusian people can celebrate the next Freedom Day in a free and democratic Belarus.

1670 Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of The Indomitables' 1946 British Lions Rugby League tour of Australia and New Zealand

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Judith Cummins

That this House celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the The Indomitables' 1946 British Lions Rugby League tour of Australia and New Zealand, where that team won the Ashes against Australia scoring 2 to 0 in the first major sporting series played abroad by a British side in any sport after the Second World War; notes that that team still remains the most successful Great Britain tour team of all time, a side which was graced by Rugby League greats including, Salford Centre and Captain Gus Risman, Widnes scrum-half Tommy McCue as vice-captain and Trevor Foster MBE of Bradford Northern.

1671 Lilli McCullagh and competition for young writers

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this house congratulates Lilli McCullagh, from Humble Primary School, for winning the 2020 My Twist on a Tale competition for young writers; notes that Lilli's story, Gone with the Windy-Pops features a character based on the well-loved local community hero, Al Beck, who passed away in September; echoes author and judge Jemma Wallace's comments on the story; and wishes Lilli luck in her future writing endeavours.

1672 Aviation workers and green jobs

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 7

Caroline Lucas

Clive Lewis

Wera Hobhouse

Claire Hanna

Alan Brown

Liz Saville Roberts

Stephen Farry

That this House notes with concern the tens of thousands of redundancies in UK airports despite £7bn of public support and the introduction of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CRJS) a year ago; further notes that towns near airports such as Crawley, Luton and Slough experienced some of the highest rates of CRJS claims and unemployment; notes that passenger numbers are not expected to recover until 2024; welcomes the report, A Green New Deal for Gatwick, by PCS, Green House and Green New Deal UK, which found 16,000 green jobs could be created through investment in the Gatwick Diamond region; recognises that the transition to a prosperous zero carbon economy requires huge amounts of work, from insulating homes to green energy, restoring nature to health and care, expanding public transport to advancing a circular economy; recognises the wealth of skills of aviation workers and the overwhelming case for public investment to provide the opportunities and financial security needed for them to move into new roles if they desire; notes that the estimated public cost of creating 16,000 green jobs is comparable to Gatwick's share of the 12-month Air Passenger Duty suspension called for by Airlines UK and that it would create twice the

jobs in Gatwick as the latter would sustain for the whole of the UK; and urges the Government to invest urgently and at scale in secure green jobs and a just transition, supporting aviation workers in line with its ambition for a green recovery.

1673 Oban residents' donations to First Aid 4 Gambia

Tabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Brendan O'Hara

That this House thanks Oban residents for their generous donations to First Aid 4 Gambia; highlights the fantastic work done by that charity and the founding trustee and chairman of that charity, Bill Nelson; notes that local people from Oban donated first aid supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches and walking sticks, which will be donated to the Edward Francis Teaching Hospital in Banjul, Gambia; further thanks the organisers of the Oban Give and Get Free Facebook page for promoting First Aid 4 Gambia and for encouraging donations to that charity.

1674 Fundraising for the Royal British Legion Industries

Tabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commends Lochgilphead police officer, Stuart Charnock, and his daughter Abby for raising awareness for the thousands of veterans who are currently homeless in the UK; congratulates Stuart for raising money for the Royal British Legion Industries, a charity which provides employability services to the disabled and disadvantaged in the armed forces community; and wishes both Stuart and Abby well on their fundraising efforts for the Royal British Legion Industries.

1675 National Police Aviation Service

Tabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **1**

Jonathan Edwards

This House notes with concern that fixed wing aircrafts purchased by the National Police Aviation Service (NPAS) at a cost of £10 million to replace helicopters are to be decommissioned because they are unsuitable for policing requirements; further notes that before the creation of NPAS, police forces in Wales and England operated individual force services and that Dyfed Powys police force was the first to operate a dedicated helicopter support provision; notes reported concern among individual police forces in relation to the effectiveness of the pooled service and that flying hours per year have nearly halved since NPAS was created, from 29,840 hours in 2010 to 16,833 hours in 2018; recognises that Scotland and Northern Ireland have been able to maintain their dedicated helicopter services as policing is devolved in those nations; calls on the Home Secretary to urgently review the adequacy of the £42 million per annum NPAS budget and the effectiveness of the pooled service with a view to returning to individual force provisions; and further calls on the UK Government to devolve policing to Wales so that policing policy in Wales is based on the interests of Welsh citizens and communities.

1676 ImmigrationTabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **1****John McDonnell**

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 184), dated 23 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 February 2021, be annulled.

1677 30th anniversary of Sir John Major's safe haven in and no-fly zone over the Kurdistan RegionTabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **1****Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the importance for relations between the UK and the Kurdistan Region in Iraq of the 30th anniversary of Sir John Major pioneering a safe haven and no-fly zone over Iraqi Kurdistan; believes that that has saved many Kurds from the genocidal vengeance of Saddam Hussein, provided a golden opportunity to form the institutional foundations of the modern Kurdistan Region that would probably not exist otherwise and gifted the world a decent, religiously pluralistic, and tolerant Kurdistan that has proved a vital ally in resisting Daesh and extremism; further recognises that Sir John's advocacy of a safe haven in a few hectic weeks in March to April 1991 was a fitting response to the pleas of Iraqi Kurds marooned in the sanctuary of the freezing mountains and in neighbouring countries following their legitimate uprising against a dictator who committed genocide against them in the late 1980s; praises the outcry and organised generosity of the British public who sent tons of provisions to the Kurdistanis and who, together with astute lobbying by Kurdistanis in the UK, provided the moral pressure that enhanced Sir John's far-reaching actions, which were joined by countries including France and the USA; thanks all British and other military personnel who participated in the 12-year operation to protect Kurdistanis; and proudly marks this milestone as an example of moral and pragmatic statesmanship combined with public concern and Kurdistanis appeals for international action.

1678 100th Anniversary of Andrew Watson's deathTabled: **22/03/21** Signatories: **11****Gavin Newlands****Ian Blackford****Alison Thewliss****Stewart Malcolm McDonald****Anne McLaughlin****Brendan O'Hara****Dr Philippa Whitford****Drew Hendry****Alan Brown****Carol Monaghan****Kirsten Oswald**

That this House commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Andrew Watson, the world's first black footballer who began his football career at Maxwell FC, based at Queen's Park in Glasgow; notes his subsequent move to Parkgrove FC based at Trinidad Park, adjacent to today's Ibrox Stadium, alongside Robert Walker, another pioneering black footballer in the early years of the game; celebrates his 3 caps for Scotland in 1881 and 1882 making Andrew the first black international player; applauds his key role in inflicting a 6-1 defeat against England at The Oval, still recognised as England's biggest ever home loss; acknowledges his position as Match Secretary at Parkgrove, making him the first black football administrator; recognises his time subsequently spent playing for Queen's Park, the pre-eminent Scottish football team of their day and the pre-eminent club in the development of football; notes his move to London where he became the

first black player in the English FA Cup and a regular in the Corinthians team and his subsequent move to Bootle FC where he became the first black professional player; and commends the work of historians over recent decades who have diligently unearthed the story of Andrew Watson's unique place in the development of world football.

1679 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House commemorates the 50th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh; recalls the support from the UK for that country's independence; remembers the victims of atrocities by the Pakistan army in that country's war of independence; welcomes developments in Bangladesh demonstrating the restoration of the rule of law and the institutionalisation of democracy; and calls on the UK Government and other members of the international community to continue to support the Bangladeshi Government in areas of economic and social development.

1680 Israeli permit system: children and parents in Gaza

Tabled: 22/03/21 Signatories: 1

Kim Johnson

That this House condemns the inhumane practice of separation of children in Gaza who need medical treatment from outside the Strip from their parents, who are routinely denied accompanier passes by Israel; notes that since January 2018, Physicians for Human Rights Israel has assisted over 130 children including breastfed babies who needed to exit Gaza for medical treatment whose parents were not granted permits so could not be by their side during operations, chemotherapy and other treatments; further notes that as of October 2020, COGAT representatives noted in the Knesset that 40 per cent of children exited for medical treatment without their parents; it expresses profound concern at the serious psychological and physical implications for the children and the violation of their right to health; adds its voice to calls from the Physicians for Human Rights Israel, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the European Academy of Pediatrics, the International Society of Social Pediatrics and Child Health and others to ensure that every child exiting Gaza will be accompanied by at least one of their parents and be able to access treatment in a speedy manner; and calls on the Government to use its multilateral and bilateral relations with Israel and do everything in its power to ensure it upholds its commitment to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to end its horrific ongoing separation of sick children from their parents.

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.

1599 Job losses at National Art LibraryTabled: **8/03/21** Signatories: **19**

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

Sarah Olney

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.

1606 Reorganisation of the NHS and social careTabled: **9/03/21** Signatories: **19**

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

John Cryer

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.

1614 Pay Disparity Dispute at RAF Leeming

Tabled: 10/03/21 Signatories: 9

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

Mr Clive Betts

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.

1622 Clydebank Blitz 80th Anniversary

Tabled: 11/03/21 Signatories: 24

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

Joanna Cherry

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.

1635 Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 20

Marion Fellows
Kirsten Oswald
Steven Bonnar
Peter Grant
Neale Hanvey
Kirsty Blackman

Douglas Chapman
Ben Lake
Gavin Newlands

Liz Saville Roberts
Alan Brown
Patricia Gibson

Dr Philippa Whitford
Dave Doogan

That this House commends the work of the Public Social Partnership for the Disability Employment Gap led by the Scottish Union of Supported Employment as lead partner; recognises it aims to increase employers' confidence, awareness and capacity to recruit and retain disabled people in their workforce; notes the innovative ways of working the partnership is undertaking to achieve these aims; endorses the importance of employing disabled people in the workforce and reducing the unacceptable employment gap; and notes that they will contribute to the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland for Disabled People – Employment Action Plan's ambition to halve the Disability Employment Gap by 2038.

1636 Sarah Everard and women's safety

Tabled: 12/03/21 Signatories: 27

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Florence Eshalomi
Helen Hayes
Ms Harriet Harman
Christine Jardine

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House expresses deep concern for the disappearance of Sarah Everard, a young woman who went missing in Clapham as she was walking home on the 3rd March; extends thoughts and prayers to Sarah's family and friends at this difficult time; notes with great sadness that women's safety remains a serious issue; and believes that in 2021, women should not have to fear that harm may come to them if they are walking by themselves; is appalled by the results of a recent YouGov poll which found that 97 per cent of women aged 18-24 have been sexually harassed and 80 per cent of women of all ages have experienced sexual harassment in a public space; stands in solidarity with all women who have survived harassment, assault and violence; believes that more resources should be dedicated to violence against women and girls; is disgusted by the victim shaming heard since Sarah Everard's disappearance; and strongly refutes any suggestions that the onus should fall on women to change their behaviour to prevent becoming victims of an attack.

1638 Rail faresTabled: **12/03/21** Signatories: **14**

Jon Trickett
 John McDonnell
 Claudia Webbe
 Jonathan Edwards
 Rachel Hopkins
 Navendu Mishra

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House notes the recent rise in rail fares in England and Wales of 2.6 per cent; notes with concern that this rise means rail fares have risen above RPI inflation for the first time since 2013; condemns increasing the price of train travel at a time when millions of people are suffering financially; notes that since 2010 the price of a regional season ticket has risen by 38 per cent; believes that a better way to encourage passengers back to using the railway post lockdown would be by reducing prices rather than raising them; and calls on the Government to freeze the price of rail fares whilst offering discounts to entice customers back onto trains.

1639 KashmirTabled: **12/03/21** Signatories: **8**

Layla Moran
 John McDonnell
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jim Shannon
 Mohammad Yasin
 Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House affirms that UK foreign policy should promote the values of human rights and equality internationally; expresses concern regarding the long-standing conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir; states that the June 2018 Report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and its update in July 2019, the revocation in August 2019 of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, and continuing reports of human rights abuses, are a cause for alarm; and therefore urges both the Indian and Pakistani governments to enter into a process of peace and reconciliation; and calls upon the Government to support UN inspection and engagement to assist cooperation between India and Pakistan to secure a peaceful and sustainable solution to the conflict.

1640 Peace and accountability in LibyaTabled: **15/03/21** Signatories: **6**

Margaret Ferrier
 Jonathan Edwards
 Steven Bonnar
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell
 Hywel Williams

That this House welcomes the UN-sponsored intra-Libyan political talks to agree a unified governance framework and ensure a lasting peace; notes with deep concern the serious war crimes and human rights violations that have been committed by the warring parties in the protracted conflict in Libya since 2011; stresses the importance of justice for the many victims of these widespread violations, by ensuring there are effective investigations and prosecutions of the alleged

perpetrators, believed to include British nationals who were former Royal Marine commandos and involved in mercenary operations for the Libyan National Army led by Khalifa Haftar; further notes the reports of drone strikes and attacks on civilians in Libya and other violations committed by foreign countries which should also be investigated; supports the work of the Fact-finding Mission on Libya established by the UN Human Rights Council, and other initiatives to ensure meaningful accountability; further supports the call by the UN Mission in Libya for the immediate closure of migrant detention centres in that country, further to reports of arbitrary detention, torture, extrajudicial killings and sexual violence; and urges the Government to work with others in the international community to secure accountability for these violations and for countries and mercenaries, including British nationals, who have supported the warring parties.

1651 Four day working week

Tabled: 15/03/21 Signatories: 9

Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House notes that the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic and the automation revolution will transform working practices in the UK and across the world; believes that economic and social models need to adapt to meet the challenges of the future, as opposed to reasserting the old normal; further notes with interest the trialling of a four day, 32 hour, working week in Spain; considers that a four day working week could help increase productivity, improve the mental wellbeing of workers, and help meet climate emission targets; and calls on the Government to publish a Green Paper to set out how future working practices, including flexible working and a four day working week, could form part of the wider Government strategy to level up the economy and address the imbalances between capital and labour.

1652 Impact of allowing gene-editing and divergence from EU food standards

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 26

Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Colum Eastwood

That this House has grave concerns over the Government's proposal to authorise in England the use of gene-editing technologies in agriculture and food and drink manufacturing; notes that, since Brexit, any substantial regulatory divergence between the UK and EU poses a major threat to UK exports into European markets, and also for the export of goods from mainland UK ports into Northern Ireland; shares the concern of Unite the Union that such divergence from the approach of EU regulation over gene-editing would have yet more catastrophic impacts including the loss of thousands of jobs and undermining of the Northern Ireland protocol; observes that agriculture is a devolved issue within the UK context, but that, in the event of gene-editing being allowed in England, Scottish and Welsh products without gene-edited ingredients could still be denied access to EU markets; fears the impact that the aggressive commercial exploitation of gene-

editing technologies would have on poor farmers in the global south, and on distracting Western governments from addressing the structural causes of climate change; and therefore believes that the Government's approach to this issue must continue to be subject to the precautionary principle, must not be made in the absence of a robust scientific evidence-base on the long-term impacts of such technologies, must not allow multinational corporations to exert undue influence via proprietary rights, and must not pre-empt decision-making by the devolved nations or the UK's European partners.

1653 Celebrating fifty years of the Campaign for Real Ale

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 11

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans

Mohammad Yasin
Mick Whitley

Liz Saville Roberts

Ben Lake

That this House congratulates the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), headquartered in St Albans, on their 50th anniversary; commends the organisation and its members for their tireless campaigning in support of the unique heritage of real ale, cider and perry found in the British Isles; further congratulates them for their successes over the last half century in protecting our brewing traditions and striving for greater quality and variety of cask ales; recognises their role in lobbying producers and government on behalf of consumers; celebrates their longstanding campaign to protect and enhance pubs and clubs; commends their ongoing work to provide information, education and training to all those with an interest in pubs, beer, cider and perry; extends thanks for CAMRA's advocacy on behalf of the pub and brewing sectors, especially during the Covid-19 crisis that continues to endanger our unique pub and brewing heritage; and wishes them every success for the next fifty years.

1654 Neurodiversity celebration week

Tabled: 16/03/21 Signatories: 21

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

Mr Barry Sheerman
Liz Saville Roberts
Munira Wilson

Mark Tami
Ben Lake
Mick Whitley

Mohammad Yasin
Olivia Blake
Mr Virendra Sharma

That this House recognizes Neurodiversity Celebration week which commences on March 15th; understands 720,000 children celebrate Neurodiversity week worldwide; acknowledges that at least 15% of children in the U.K have a learning difference; notes that a lot of neurodiverse children have negative school experiences; further recognizes it's important to change the narrative surrounding developmental difficulties, including ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia; understands that neurodiversity is a strength and applauds the creativity and innovation of our neurodiverse children; celebrates the work of the founder and campaigner Siena Castellon of neurodiversity celebration

week who recently won the Commonwealth Youth Award; and further notes the importance of championing neurodiversity and challenging stigma associated with developmental difficulty.

1655 **Sandra Stewart, 40 years' commitment to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Tabled: 17/03/21 Signatories: 7

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier
Steven Bonnar

Joanna Cherry

That this House congratulates Sandra Stewart on her 40 year anniversary as a member of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; understands that the Admin Team Leader joined the Strathclyde Fire Brigade immediately upon leaving school, and now provides admin support to more than forty fire stations across Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway from the area HQ in Ardrossan, North Ayrshire; and thanks her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to the communities she has served throughout her years in her vital work, and hugely appreciates her ongoing service.

1656 **Undercover Policing Inquiry**

Tabled: 17/03/21 Signatories: 19

Richard Burgon
Ms Diane Abbott
Liz Saville Roberts
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas
Claudia Webbe

Ben Lake
Mr Virendra Sharma

Olivia Blake
Ian Lavery

Dan Carden
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes the ongoing independent public Undercover Policing Inquiry, set up to investigate undercover policing in England and Wales since 1968; recognises the concerns raised by Non State Non Police Core Participants (NSNPCPs) and interested campaign groups (including the Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance and Police Spies Out of Lives) that the inquiry is not currently properly accessible to Core Participants or to the public; supports the principle of open justice including that public inquiries should be open and accessible to the public; believes that all Core Participants should be able to fully access and participate in the Inquiry; is concerned that the decision not to have audio and visual live streaming of the inquiry prevents full engagement from participants and prevents public and press access to proceedings; and Supports the calls from the NSNPCPs for full audio and visual live streaming, for the Inquiry to sit with a diverse panel of experts alongside the Chair throughout, for the names of groups subjected to undercover police surveillance to be disclosed publicly alongside the 'cover' names of undercover officers to allow those who were subjected to undercover police surveillance to assist the inquiry, for NSNPCPs to receive disclosure of their registry files in full and as a matter of urgency, for the terms of reference to be extended to include Scotland and Northern Ireland, and for trade unions, alongside all participating NSNPCPs to be given funding for legal costs so they are able to fully participate in the inquiry.

1657 Frank McAlister and The Tower Bar Covid Action Group

Tabled: 18/03/21 Signatories: 2

Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the work of Frank McAlister; local resident and landlord of the Tower Bar in Craighall Livingston; notes his continued support to the community, setting up the Tower's Covid Action Group during the ongoing covid-19 crisis; commends Frank McAlister, Tower Bar staff, regulars and community volunteers for their commitment and passionate work to bring different community groups together, acknowledging the need for the continuing support of vulnerable people in the community; applauds his effort in organising the winter maintenance scheme with litter pick-up sessions and clearing paths across Craigshill; emphasises that local publicans can continue to have a positive impact in the community, despite being closed during the covid-19 outbreak; and further commends the residents of Craigshill for their selfless work, demonstrating how close-knit the Craigshill community is.

1659 Duty Free on arrivals stores

Tabled: 18/03/21 Signatories: 4

Christine Jardine
John McDonnell
Carla Lockhart
Jamie Stone

That this House welcomes the introduction of duty free on arrivals stores in airports, international rail and ferry terminals in Great Britain to support a safe and sustainable recovery of international travel; recognises that duty free on arrivals provides a sustainable and significant new contribution to revenues with an increase in passenger spend by up to 30 per cent, increases the international competitiveness of airports, will be cost neutral for Government, creates employment opportunities, aids carbon abatement and supports regional development; highlights the critical role retail plays in supporting regional connectivity in the UK with retail sales accounting for as much as 40 per cent of total revenue in some regional airports; notes that duty free on arrival stores does not contravene international principles of taxation; further notes that it has been successfully deployed in over sixty countries, including Australia and all EEA nations; and calls upon the Government to implement duty free on arrival stores as it will make a tangible difference to the UK's travel sector and consequently to the economy.

1660 Colombian peace process

Tabled: 18/03/21 Signatories: 10

Tony Lloyd
Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Sir Gary Streeter
Alan Brown

Claudia Webbe

Mick Whitley

That this House is concerned by the intensification of violence in rural areas in Colombia, with 76 massacres and a 65 per cent increase in armed conflict in 2020, and against human rights defenders there, with Colombian defenders representing 50 per cent of the global total killed in 2020, which threaten to undermine the peace process; notes that communities on the Pacific coast of Colombia are experiencing a humanitarian and environmental crisis; further notes that Indigenous Peoples

in Alto Baudó and other communities in Choco are increasingly caught in crossfire between illegal armed groups who are expanding their territorial control, forcibly recruiting children, perpetrating sexual violence, using antipersonnel mines and creating an atmosphere of terror; is also disturbed by reports of illegal gold mining in the Rio Quito region involving armed groups, which is exacerbating violence and resulting in biodiversity destruction; is alarmed by the death threat received in February by CAJAR lawyer, Sebastian Felipe Escobar, who spoke to UK Parliamentarians at an on-line event in June 2020, as well as by serious threats directed at other human rights defenders in Colombia; and calls on the Government, further to its responsibility as the penholder on Colombia, to request the UN Security Council to create a Group of Experts with technical expertise on organised crime to examine the impact of the illegal armed groups in Colombia and provide technical advice, in order to strengthen the work of the UN Mission of Verification in Colombia.

1662 Patrick George Zaki

Tabled: **18/03/21** Signatories: **4**

Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Allan Dorans

That this House is dismayed by the continued imprisonment of Egyptian student and human rights activist Patrick George Zaki; notes with concern that Mr Zaki was detained in early 2020 on a short return to his home country from his course at the University of Bologna and has now been held for over a year pending investigation; further notes that he has been accused of disseminating fake news and inciting to protest through his work and advocacy for the Cairo-based human rights group Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR); is concerned that other staff at the EIPR including Executive Director Gasser Abdel-Razek have also been targeted by the Egyptian Authorities; praises the work of organisations such as Amnesty and Scholars At Risk who have been raising international awareness of Mr Zaki's case; and calls on the Government to make further representations to the Egyptian Government on Mr Zaki's imprisonment and welfare as a matter of urgency, and to urge the Egyptian Government to immediately and unconditionally release him.

1663 Omer Faruk Gergerlioglu – HDP MP Turkey

Tabled: **18/03/21** Signatories: **7**

Chris Stephens
Alyn Smith
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jonathan Edwards
Carol Monaghan
Hywel Williams

Allan Dorans

This house is deeply concerned that Turkish HDP MP Omer Faruk Gergerlioglu has been stripped of his parliamentary immunity and sentenced to two years six months in prison on terror charges; notes that Gergerlioglu's indictment relates to a social media post in 2016 in which he called for a peaceful solution to the Kurdish question; notes that Human Rights Watch has released a written statement condemning his conviction; calls on the Foreign Secretary to raise the question of this conviction with his Turkish counterpart; and calls on the Turkish Government for an immediate review and reversal of this conviction.