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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 19 May 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 72 Recognition of Dunbar Lifeboat Crew and their May Day Appeal

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House pays tribute to the bravery, courage and dedication of Dunbar's Lifeboat Crew; recognises the incredible work of the team of volunteers who throughout the covid pandemic launched the lifeboats 28 times spending 186 hours at sea including during the hours of darkness; commends the crew for their continued hard work and service to their community battling against severe weather conditions to save lives on the East Coast of Scotland; and further notes that normal fundraising had been curtailed during the covid-19 pandemic and that a Mayday appeal has been launched to help fund their lifesaving work.

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#### 73 East Lothian company wins Scottish Food and Drink Award

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Haddington business, Spice Pots, on winning the spice mixes category at the Scottish Retail Food and Drink Awards; notes, having lived for a time in India, business owner, Melanie Auld, brought the secrets of creating an authentic curry back home to East Lothian; and further notes that Mel and her team of talented mums goal is to simplify cooking curries without compromising on flavour, so that busy families can enjoy healthy and delicious curries cooked at home.

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**74 Hometown Heroes**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**John Spellar**

That this House congratulates the 14 Hometown Heroes who were nominated by the public and selected by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games as inspiring local champions of community sport; commends Haseebah Abdullah, Naseem Akhtar BEM, Salma Bi BEM, Jeevan Chagger, Ricardo D'Alva, Kirsty Davie, Kevin Dillon, Dave Heeley OBE, Joan Hunter, Steve Mroso, Yasmin Nessa, Kevin Redmond, Sarah Scanlon and Ranjit Singh; and thanks them for their dedication to grassroots sport in the West Midlands.

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**75 Rise in child poverty**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House notes the shameful rise in child poverty across Scotland in new research findings from Loughborough University; calls on the Government to abandon proposals to end the uplift to universal credit, calls on the Scottish Government to increase the proposed amount of the Scottish child payment; and further calls for local authorities in Scotland to prioritise tackling child poverty.

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**76 Fly tipping and community payback**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Sir Mike Penning**

That this House calls on the Secretary of State for Justice to introduce regulations to simplify the court process for the prosecution of fly-tippers; and to introduce community payback sentencing alongside other penalties for fly-tippers to help address the increase in illegal fly tipping.

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**77 Proposal for a proportional property tax to replace council tax**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Grahame Morris**

That this House supports the Government's proposals to rebalance the economy and promote the levelling up agenda; recognises the urgent need to reform the outdated system of council tax which is almost 30 years old and bears no resemblance to the current disparities of house prices; believes that council tax is an effective wealth tax for people living in modest homes placing the heaviest tax burden on young people, low-earners, and those living in less prosperous regions; supports the Fairer Share campaign to replace council tax and stamp duty with a progressive proportional property tax; notes that that campaign's proposed policy would be revenue neutral while lowering property taxes for 19 million households; welcomes that proposed policy's option of a deferral mechanism for a small minority of households who are asset rich but cash poor, allowing the tax to be paid upon a change of ownership; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the need for reform and to begin the preparations for a transition from council tax to a fair and progressive proportional property tax.

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**78      Epilepsy Action and improvements to Personal Independence Payments processes**

Tabled: 19/05/21      Signatories: 1

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House supports Epilepsy Action's Personal Independence Payments (PIP) Pledge calling for improvements in the PIP assessment process for those with epilepsy; highlights the need for the Government to review the assessment process that currently sees people with epilepsy experiencing some of the highest initial rates of refusal for PIP, with around 66 per cent of new claims being refused, and over 70 per cent of those refusals being overturned on appeal; calls for better epilepsy training for PIP assessors to give them a good working knowledge of epilepsy and to be able to understand and take account of some of the debilitating and fluctuating conditions associated with it, the possible side effects of epilepsy medication, and the impact seizures can have on the individual and family members; and urges the Government to rapidly implement that training and reforms to the assessment process to make it fit for purpose for those with epilepsy.

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**79      Turkish military action in Iraqi territory**

Tabled: 19/05/21      Signatories: 1

**Chris Stephens**

That this House notes the current Turkish military action in Iraqi territory against Kurdish forces, launched on 24 April 2021, the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; believes that the assault is part of the genocidal policies of the Turkish State against the Kurdish people; is deeply concerned that the military aggression is accelerating with airstrikes against civilian targets in border villages in recent days; notes the plan to build Turkish military bases in Zap, Metina and Avashin in Iraqi Kurdish majority areas; understands that the aim of the military campaign is to return to the borders set out in the National Pact at the end of the Ottoman Empire under which areas of Iraq and Syria would be annexed; calls on the United Nations, the European Union, NATO and other international institutions to take action immediately to stop an imminent massacre and genocide; and further calls on the Foreign Secretary to raise these concerns with his Turkish counterparts as a matter of urgency.

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**80      Sharing covid-19 vaccine resources equitably to create a people's vaccine**

Tabled: 19/05/21      Signatories: 2

**Ms Diane Abbott****Caroline Lucas**

That this House notes that the ability to vaccinate sections of their population against the covid-19 virus has generally only been open to some of the richest countries in the world and many other poorer countries have little or no access to vaccines; further notes that the latest data from UNICEF shows that just 45 million doses have been delivered globally and the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned of a catastrophic moral failure if vaccine inequality is maintained; and calls on the Government to use its best endeavours to end this situation; further calls on the Government to support the call of the Indian and South African governments for the waiver of vaccine patents so that far cheaper, generic vaccines can be made available internationally; urges the Government to commit to reversing its vote at the World Trade Organisation and support such a proposal; and further urges the Government to work with others to secure the greatest possible supply of vaccines and ensure that these are distributed evenly throughout all countries where the number of covid-19 cases is rising rapidly.

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## 81 The global spread of covid-19 and reductions in the international aid budget

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that the covid-19 virus and various mutations are now ravaging a number of poorer countries, attention has been focused on the appalling situation in India and there are concerns that other countries might follow suit; further notes the Government's decision to reduce the international aid budget, citing the impact of the virus in this country on public finances; but believes that people's lives must always come first, that we have an international obligation to help the poorest countries and that it is in our own self-interest to reduce the scale of the pandemic internationally because no-one is safe until we are all safe; and therefore calls on the government to restore the cuts it has previously made to the international aid budget, at least for the duration of the global pandemic, and specifically directs those funds towards providing the medical equipment, oxygen, and other materials as necessary in the worst-affected countries.

## 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.

## 1 Investment in good quality green jobs across the UK

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 38

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**

Beth Winter

Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the urgency with which the UK must act to address the climate and nature emergencies; notes the scale and ambition of US President Biden's \$2.3 trillion plan to upgrade America so that it is greener and fairer and regrets the lack of such a plan for the UK; calls on the Government to invest in a transformative Green New Deal to create over one million well-paid, good quality green jobs where everyone has a role to play from insulating homes to delivering first class public services; notes that this would replace jobs lost as a result of the covid-19 outbreak and level up the UK; considers green jobs to include low carbon jobs in care, education and health as well as in nature conservation, industry and infrastructure; welcomes data from Green New Deal UK revealing the potential for a job-rich green recovery in every constituency; further calls on the Government to significantly increase investment in training and skills as well as job-creation; urges the Government to guarantee a just transition for workers in high carbon sectors including oil, gas, steel and aviation; further urges the Government to ensure the remits of the UK Infrastructure Bank and Green Savings Bonds advance a green economy and do not support fossil fuel extraction; and calls on the Government to move towards a wellbeing economy where the number and quality of good green jobs and the wellbeing of people and nature are the primary measures of the health of the nations.

### 3 Violence perpetrated by Israeli authorities against Palestinian civilians in Sheikh Jarrah

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 39

Tahir Ali  
Richard Burgon  
Apsana Begum  
Nadia Whittome  
Ian Byrne  
Jeremy Corbyn

Tommy Sheppard  
Chris Stephens

Gavin Newlands

Marion Fellows

That this House unequivocally condemns the ongoing violence perpetrated by Israeli authorities against Palestinian civilians in the Sheikh Jarrah area of Jerusalem; condemns the attack on Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli police which left hundreds of civilians injured; joins the UN in calling upon the Israeli authorities to demonstrate maximum restraint and to allow the freedom of peaceful assembly for Palestinians; opposes and will work to prevent the ongoing evictions of Palestinian families from East Jerusalem, which is part of a wider attempt to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem altogether; calls on the international community to pursue suitable sanction against the Israeli Government until all violations of international law and human rights are ceased; and recognises that the violence perpetrated by the Israeli authorities in May 2021, along with the continued evictions of Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah, increases regional tensions and frustrates efforts to broker a lasting and just peace between Israel and Palestine.

#### 3A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 3

Robert Halfon  
Bob Blackman  
Jim Shannon

Leave out from 'the' in Line 1 and insert, 'firing of more than 1,600 rockets by the Hamas terror group into Israel since 10 May 2021; supports Her Majesty's Government assertion of Israel's right to self-defence to protect its citizens from indiscriminate rocket attacks and condemnation of Hamas; notes that Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system has saved the lives of countless Israeli civilians; calls for Gaza-based terror groups to immediately halt rocket fire against Israel; notes the tragic death of 6 Israelis and a number of Palestinian civilians in Gaza; condemns Hamas's cynical locating of terror infrastructure and launching of rockets in civilian areas; and calls for a peaceful resolution to the violence and the resumption of direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority to secure a negotiated, lasting two-state solution'.

### 4 Protests in Colombia

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 48

Tony Lloyd  
Kate Osborne  
Chris Stephens  
Clive Efford  
Ian Byrne  
Ian Lavery

Tim Farron  
Mick Whitley

Mr Clive Betts  
Neale Hanvey

Joanna Cherry  
Brendan O'Hara

Patricia Gibson  
Marion Fellows

Stewart Hosie  
Kim Johnson

Ian Blackford  
Sarah Olney

That this House expresses profound concern on reports of excessive use of force by the Colombian police, against overwhelmingly peaceful social protests as confirmed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights across Colombia from 28 April 2021, as part of a national strike; believes the right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly are essential tenets of democracy; condemns serious human rights violations allegedly carried out by the police, including the use of live ammunition resulting in the deaths of over 30 protesters, numerous cases of sexual violence and serious injuries, over 100 people reported disappeared, over 800 arbitrary arrests, and targeted attacks on civil society organisations and human rights defenders, some of whom were trying to monitor the police; also condemns the small minority who infiltrated the peaceful protests and perpetrated violence; notes with alarm the Colombian Government's order to militarise the cities and urges them instead to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the protest organisers to address their legitimate grievances; calls on the Government to review its training of the Colombian Police, suspend the sale of riot control materials and review all other arms exports to Colombia in light of the current situation; and further calls on the Government as pen holders for the Colombian peace process at the UN Security Council to promote substantive reform of the Colombian security services and full implementation of the Peace Accord.

## 7 Regularisation of undocumented migrants

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 37

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Tahir Ali  
Jim Shannon  
Stephen Farry  
Claudia Webbe  
Caroline Lucas

Deidre Brock

Neale Hanvey

Tim Farron

That this House recognises that there are many barriers that prevent people from accessing and maintaining stable immigration status even when they were either born in the UK or have lived in the UK for many years; further recognises that the majority of undocumented migrants have lost their status through no fault of their own, including through an inability to pay application fees, lack of access to legal advice, mistakes on the part of decision-makers and complexity of immigration rules; understands that the harm done to individuals through hostile immigration policies extends to family members and the communities that they are part of; notes that the UK has one of the most complex and expensive routes to regularisation in Europe; further notes that all current routes to regularisation and settlement are far too long, complicated and inflexible, leaving people with no options but to live undocumented; understands that migrants who do not have access to the public safety net or the right to work are vulnerable to exploitation and; and calls on the Government to support recommendations made by Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants in its report, We Are Here: routes to regularisation for the UK's undocumented population, published in April 2021 by introducing new routes to regularisation and removing barriers which cause migrants to become undocumented.

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**8 Joseph Robertson-Ball**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 6

Margaret Ferrier  
Jim Shannon  
Neale Hanvey  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Chris Stephens

That this house congratulates seven year old Joseph Robertson-Ball from Rutherglen, who has just donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust after growing it out for three years; acknowledges the important work of the Little Princess Trust in turning real hair into wigs for children who have lost their hair as part of cancer treatments; recognises that besides donating his hair, Joseph has also raised £1145 for Cash 4 Kids through sponsorship; and thanks Joseph for his fantastic contribution to both those causes.

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**9 Cambuslang BankHUB**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 7

Margaret Ferrier  
Jim Shannon  
Neale Hanvey  
Jonathan Edwards  
Marion Fellows  
Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House welcomes the opening of the BankHUB pilot in Cambuslang, which provides in-situ community banking services to the residents of Cambuslang and the surrounding area; welcomes the joint initiative of the Post Office, commercial banks, the Community Cash Pilot and Cambuslang Community Council in securing that scheme for the residents of the local community; encourages the residents of Cambuslang and the surrounding area to take advantage of that pilot scheme; and commits to working toward its extension beyond the present planned end of the scheme in October 2021.

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**10 Assessment of the risks of human trafficking for forced labour on the UK Seasonal Workers Pilot**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 7

Neale Hanvey  
Kenny MacAskill  
Jim Shannon  
Tony Lloyd  
John McDonnell  
Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the content of the report, Assessment of the risks of human trafficking for forced labour on the UK Seasonal Workers Pilot by Focus on Labour Exploitation and Fife Migrants Forum; notes that temporary and tied migration programmes such as the SWP have a range of risks associated with their short-term nature and the limited rights afforded to workers participating in them; recognises that the report has highlighted serious human rights concerns and makes

recommendations to address them; and asks that the UK Government considers the findings of the report and its recommendations to mitigate the risk of human trafficking for forced labour, in particular through unfree recruitment, work and life under duress and impossibility of leaving an employer.

#### 14 Deaf Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 35

Wera Hobhouse  
Tahir Ali  
Andrew Gwynne  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine  
Neale Hanvey

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates Deaf Awareness Week, which ran from 4-9 May 2021; recognises that there are around 151,000 users of British Sign Language in the UK, about 87,000 of whom are Deaf; notes with concern that too many deaf people in the UK still face social exclusion as a direct result of linguistic exclusion, affecting employment, education and access to healthcare; further notes that it has been 18 years since the Government formally recognised British Sign Language as an official language, however, it has not yet been granted legal status; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation giving legal status to British Sign Language.

#### 17 NHS privatisation

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 32

Jon Trickett  
Tahir Ali  
Andrew Gwynne  
Kenny MacAskill  
Navendu Mishra  
Claudia Webbe

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses dismay at the Government's White Paper, The Future of Health and Care, published on 11 February 2021 which rubber stamps the US care models for the UK; notes that the Bill is a Trojan horse for deregulated privatisation and that language on integrated care championed by private health corporations is really about incentivising a reduction away from comprehensive universal provision, the NHS' very founding principles; further notes the Bill's only purpose is to expand private healthcare and that £113 billion has already been handed to non-NHS providers since 2010, mostly to profiteers; believes that removing competition regulation will worsen the cronyism that has taken place during the covid-19 outbreak and further hastens NHS privatisation by removing the requirement to open tender, allowing integrated care organisations to make unregulated mergers, closures and acquisitions as in the US; is concerned that the Bill will lead to the erosion of the NHS, fuelling the growth of a private health insurance industry, thus creating a two-tiered system which will accelerate health inequality; recognises that anything less than complete healthcare renationalisation is unacceptable; and welcomes the work of grassroots campaigners to raise awareness of such threats to the NHS.



**18 Novus prison education strike**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 24

Zarah Sultana  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Liz Saville Roberts  
John McDonnell  
Apsana Begum  
Richard Burgon

Mr Clive Betts

That this House notes that the University and College Union (UCU) is involved in a protracted dispute with prison education provider Novus over inadequate covid-safety measures with members at 49 prisons and young offenders institutions taking strike action starting on Tuesday 11 May 2021; is alarmed by reports of intimidation of health and safety representatives by Novus, covert recordings of private union meetings and fake social media accounts set up to discredit UCU; believes that the root cause of the dispute is the confrontational attitude adopted by Novus towards UCU, which stands in stark contrast to the approach taken by other prison education providers throughout the covid-19 outbreak; and calls for Government pressure on Novus to drop its hostility to UCU and to enter into good-faith negotiations to resolve the dispute as a matter of urgency.

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**19 Ban on trade in trophy hunting memorabilia**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 17

John Spellar  
Sir Mike Penning  
Wera Hobhouse  
Margaret Ferrier  
Christine Jardine  
Navendu Mishra

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the negative effect of the continued importation, sale and distribution of animal carcasses and body parts such as the head, hide or horns obtained through trophy hunting on the conservation efforts of endangered wildlife; highlights that the importation of trophies contributes to the decline of animal populations especially various species of big cat; notes that the link between the trade of trophies and illegal activities such as forgery of fraudulent licenses, money laundering and corruption and calls on the Government to make it a criminal offence to trade in trophy hunting memorabilia.

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**20 Christian Blind Mission Light up Lives Appeal**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon  
 Sir Mike Penning  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Brendan O'Hara  
 John McDonnell  
 Carol Monaghan

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes the Christian Blind Mission (CBM) Light up Lives appeal ending on 20th May; highlights that 3 out of 4 blind people globally do not need to lose their sight if given treatment; congratulates CBM on the wonderful work that they do to enable people in the world's poorest places to see again through sight-restoring surgery, eye treatments and glasses, so they can go to school, get around safely and support themselves and their families; notes that for every pound given until 20th of May that the Government will match the donation; and encourages all those who are able to give what they can to bring light to lives throughout this world.

**21 Cassiltoun Housing Association winners of Social Housing Association Walking Champion award**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 8

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Marion Fellows  
 Jim Shannon  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Chris Law  
 Alison Thewliss

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Cassiltoun Housing Association for winning the Social Housing Association Walking Champion at the Scottish Walking Awards 2021; commends the work of Cassiltoun Housing Association for its Castlemilk Park Project that has been recognised in this award; and thanks Cassiltoun Housing Association, all Castlemilk Park Volunteers and Scottish Forestry for all their support.

**22 ME Awareness Week 2021**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 18

Carol Monaghan  
 Sir Mike Penning  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Marion Fellows  
 Christine Jardine

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Week, from 10 to 16 May 2021, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the recent publication of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence revised draft guidance on ME which has

acknowledged that graded exercise therapy is harmful for people with ME and should not be offered as a treatment for the condition; and calls on the UK Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

## 23 6th UN Road Safety Week

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 17

Mr Barry Sheerman  
Sir Mike Penning  
Claudia Webbe  
Debbie Abrahams  
Wera Hobhouse  
Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the 6th UN Global Road Safety Week from 17 to 23 May 2021; notes that more than 1.3 million people die on the world's roads every year and that road traffic collisions are the leading cause of death for young people across the world; also notes that 1,800 people are killed and 35,000 are seriously injured on the roads in the UK each year, at a cost to society officially estimated at £35 billion; further welcomes the ambitious target of the UN General Assembly resolution 74/299, passed in August 2020, to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent by 2030; further welcomes the endorsement by the Government of that target; acknowledges the campaign to make 20 miles per hour speed limits the norm for cities worldwide in places where people mix with traffic; recognises that 20 miles per hour speed limits contribute to making cities safe, clean and healthy, supporting progress towards a number of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; and urges the Government to set national targets to reduce road casualties in line with the global target, and to produce a national strategy to achieve those targets

## 24 Unrest and human rights violations in Colombia

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 18

Patricia Gibson  
Brendan O'Hara  
Jim Shannon  
Colum Eastwood  
Jonathan Edwards  
Neale Hanvey

Stewart Hosie  
Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House is deeply shocked and concerned about reports of significant human rights violations in Colombia and violent repression of nationwide demonstrations by Colombian authorities; understands that protests began on 28 April 2021 in response to a tax bill presented by President Ivan Duque; notes with concern reports that the country's riot police has responded to protestors with excessive force; is disturbed to learn of the deaths of dozens of people with hundreds more injured in recent unrest; has ongoing concerns about the worrying reports of the use by state authorities of arbitrary detention, acts of torture, sexual violence and forced disappearances; understands that human rights defenders have been harassed and threatened, while union leaders and indigenous activists have been targeted by authorities; calls on the Colombian Government to immediately stop the violent and militarised response to protests and to ensure that human rights, including the right to life, the right to free expression and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly are upheld; and calls on the UK Government to exert all diplomatic

pressure to help ensure that the situation in Colombia reaches a peaceful resolution and human rights are upheld.

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## 25 East Jerusalem and Gaza

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Clive Lewis**

That this House condemns unreservedly the Israeli brutality in East Jerusalem and Gaza; refutes entirely that there is any equivalence with actions by Palestinian demonstrators or militants; notes that there is no comparison between state orchestrated violence perpetrated by a military and civil power with legitimate protest by civilians or even retaliatory attacks by militant organisations; reaffirms its calls for peace in the area; and calls on the Government to unequivocally condemn Israeli actions and push for the upholding of international law.

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## 26 Radiologist workforce

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 10

**Grahame Morris**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Paula Barker**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the NHS radiologist workforce is now short-staffed by 33 per cent according to the Royal College of Radiologists recent census and needs at least another 1,939 consultants to meet safe staffing levels and pre-coronavirus levels of demand for imaging; recognises that radiologists are essential to diagnose cancer, as well as other major diseases and injury, by interpreting hospital scans, including X-rays, MRI and CT scans; further notes that without more consultants in training, investment in new models of care and better staff retention and recruitment, by 2025 the UK's radiologist shortfall will hit 44 per cent; commends the contribution of radiologists in the NHS who are working hard to bring down diagnostic backlogs, while having to scan at a slower rate because of infection control and covid-19 social distancing measures; and calls on the Government to invest to boost training places to meet forecast demand.

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**27 Kashmir**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 16

Debbie Abrahams  
John Spellar  
Brendan O'Hara  
Andrew Gwynne  
Jim Shannon  
Kate Hollern

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House affirms that UK foreign policy should promote human rights internationally; expresses concern regarding the long-standing conflict between India and Pakistan both nuclear powers, which makes Kashmir the number one security concern in the world; notes the recent conflict between India and China which exacerbates that concern; states that the 2018 and 2019 Report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the revocation in August 2019 of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the recent Amnesty International Annual Report and continuing reports of human rights abuses, restrictions to communications, peaceful dissent and key freedoms, are a cause for alarm particularly at a time when governments are responding to the covid-19 pandemic; and therefore urges both the Indian and Pakistani governments to enter into dialogue for the development of a sustainable peace and reconciliation with the Kashmiri people at the heart of this peace process; and further calls on the UK Government in collaboration with the UN, the Commonwealth and wider international community, to provide the necessary support to enable that peace process to happen.

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**31 Giving every child the best start in life**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 10

Wera Hobhouse  
Jim Shannon  
Dr Lisa Cameron  
Christine Jardine  
Andrew Gwynne  
Mohammad Yasin

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the work of WAVE Trust and its 70/30 campaign to reduce levels of child abuse, neglect and domestic abuse by 70 per cent by 2030; further notes that over two-thirds of this House have endorsed that campaign, including a majority from all parties; recognises the role that Adverse Childhood Experiences play in the entrenchment of intergenerational health and income inequalities and the loss of over £20 billion per year to the UK economy; welcomes the publication of the Early Years Review; and calls on the Government to adopt a comprehensive early years' strategy to prevent harm to children before it happens, ensuring that all parents are supported to give children the best possible start in life.

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**33 Plastic waste exports**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 8

Sir Mike Penning  
Christine Jardine  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mohammad Yasin  
John McDonnell

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that UK exports of unsorted plastic waste to non-OECD countries are allowed when given prior informed consent; further notes that from 1 January 2021, the EU no longer allows that practice; recognises that a ban on plastic exports outside of developed countries was a commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto; and is concerned that continuation of global trade in plastics could mean the UK exports plastic waste to lower income countries instead of taking responsibility for its own refuse.

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**34 PC Yvonne Fletcher inquiry**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 5

Sir Mike Penning  
Christine Jardine  
Jim Shannon  
Mohammad Yasin  
Chris Stephens

That this House notes the significant amount of work done to identify a suspect in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy on 17 April 1984; notes that the CPS were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; regrets that the suspect was permitted to leave the UK and endorses calls for an inquiry into PC Fletcher's murder.

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**35 Securing the future of football in England**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 35

Kate Osborne  
Clive Lewis  
Apsana Begum  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Zarah Sultana  
Jeremy Corbyn

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Government-initiated fan-led review of football governance, but insists that it is used as an opportunity to rebalance the current ownership structure in the favour of match-going supporters; notes that it is imperative that the review must be genuinely fan-led as the Government has promised, with accredited supporters' trusts at the forefront; believes that supporters must be empowered with an immediate 50 per cent plus one share law, that would require all Premier League and English Football League clubs to secure a 51 per cent majority of their registered season ticket holders on any decision that fundamentally affects the club's identity or future; acknowledges that a move towards supporter ownership of clubs cannot be achieved overnight, and that the Government and the game's authorities need to adopt that as the long-term direction by creating a legislative framework to support it; believes that accredited football supporters' trusts should have the power to be able to appoint and remove at least two

club directors and be given first refusal on purchasing shares when clubs change hands; further notes that the only way to secure the overall health of English football is for the Government to ensure that there is an independent financial regulator for all professional leagues and clubs; notes that the sad demise of several much-loved football league clubs over recent years highlights the inadequacy of the current arrangements; and calls on the Government and the game's authorities to ensure the suitability of those who seek to take ownership of football clubs.

### 37 Recognition of Armenian massacres as genocide

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 15

John Spellar  
Navendu Mishra  
Jim Shannon  
Colum Eastwood  
Jonathan Edwards  
Carol Monaghan

Mick Whitley  
Chris Stephens

Marion Fellows  
Andrew Rosindell

Christine Jardine

That this House welcomes US President Biden's formal recognition of the extermination of over one million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 as genocide; and calls on the Government to issue a similar recognition.

### 38 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 24

Angela Crawley  
Marion Fellows  
Neale Hanvey  
Jonathan Edwards  
Paula Barker  
John McDonnell

Colum Eastwood  
Christine Jardine  
Allan Dorans

Mick Whitley  
Chris Stephens

Kim Johnson  
Tim Farron

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that, in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; believes that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that New Zealand's parliament unanimously approved legislation to give people who experience a miscarriage paid leave, no matter what stage a loss of pregnancy occurs; and further believes that the Government should follow suit and provide paid leave for people that experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve for their profound loss.

**39 Mental Health Awareness Week: supporting the social care workforce**

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 18

Olivia Blake  
 Mohammad Yasin  
 Paula Barker  
 Clive Lewis  
 Tony Lloyd  
 John McDonnell

Apsana Begum  
 Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey

Christine Jardine

That this House notes the findings published by Hft as part of its annual Sector Pulse Check research that 62 per cent of social care providers have seen an increase in absence relating to mental health among their workforce over the past year; encourages the Government to recognise the efforts of social care staff through specific funding to provide mental health support for that group, not only in response to the pressures of working during the covid-19 outbreak, but as a long-term commitment to meet their needs; considers it vital that in order to achieve this, the social care sector urgently needs a fair and long-term funding settlement; urges the Government to set out clear actions that it will take in response to this; and commends the work of Hft and others in highlighting this issue.

**40 Lunch Club for People Living with Dementia**

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 9

Kirsten Oswald  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Chris Law  
 John Nicolson  
 Hannah Bardell  
 Jim Shannon

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House applauds the fantastic work of the Trustees of Mearns Kirk Helping Hands in the creation and support for the Lunch Club for People Living with Dementia which meets in Mearns Kirk Halls in Newton Mearns and offers a short respite for carers who are able to take valuable time out for themselves; recognises that the club aims to offer a friendly, safe and stimulating environment for people diagnosed with dementia, where they can share lunch and afternoon tea and participate in activities, such as crafting or games, designed to encourage participation and engagement with others, and to enjoy entertainments, usually musical, that allow members to take part in a way that suits them, and also to undertake trips to favourite seaside towns or local places of interest; notes that the club has adapted to the restrictions imposed during the covid-19 outbreak by moving its activities online so that members can still meet and engage with others, and records its best wishes to club leader, Isobel Dawson, and her fellow volunteers for when the club is able to return to normal operation and to assist more people living with dementia.



**41 Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919**

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 11

**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Kim Johnson**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the importance of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919 for its importance as a turning point in the history of the Raj and British Empire in India; notes that the centenary of this event in 2019 was significantly marked in India and still affects relations with the UK; further recognises that the former Prime Minister, David Cameron, referred to the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre as a deeply shameful act; further notes that this event does not represent modern British values; urges the Government to ensure that British children are taught about this shameful period and that modern British values welcome the right to peaceful protest; and further urges the Government formally to apologise in the House and inaugurate a memorial day to commemorate this event.

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**42 Congratulating Hebburn Town Football Club FA Vase winners**

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 8

**Kate Osborne**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

Chris Stephens

That this House warmly congratulates Hebburn Town Football Club from the Northern League on the outstanding achievement of winning the 2020 FA Vase for the first time in their 109 year history after Olly Martin's late winner settled a thrilling final against Consett at Wembley Stadium on Monday 3 May 2021; notes that this success is the culmination of many years of hard work and commitment both on and off the pitch and much praise should go to the owners, players, coaches, officials, management committee and supporters; acknowledges that while the Club's supporters were not able to witness the victory in person, the Club received tremendous support on their return from people living in the town of Hebburn and the wider South Tyneside area; and wishes the Club, its supporters and everyone connected to Hebburn Town FC a successful future on and off the pitch.

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

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 21

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Hilary Benn**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Munira Wilson

Christine Jardine

Chris Stephens

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

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**44 Forestry in England and the closure of Wykeham nursery**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 12

**John McDonnell**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Byrne**

Mick Whitley

That this House believes that increasing both biodiversity and the volume of new tree planting is an essential part of any strategy to reach the UK's net zero target in carbon emissions; is concerned to learn that on 17 March 2021 Forestry Commission trade unions and nursery staff were informed of the decision to restructure Plant and Seed Supply (PSS) and to close Wykeham Nursery near Scarborough in North Yorkshire from April 2022; notes that undermining public sector forestry in England will increase dependency on commercial imports of live trees which are associated with an increasing risk of introducing pathogens into our domestic ecosystem, with the potential to decimate our landscape and risk human health; further notes that that decision will cost jobs in that deprived coastal community not only among those directly employed at that site, but also from among agency workers and other suppliers and thus stands in direct contrast to the Government's Levelling Up agenda; and calls on the Government to intervene in order to avoid the loss of the expertise and resource that that nursery provides, at a time when there are plans for increased tree planting and to protect the environmental landscape of England.

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**45 PDA Day 2021**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 11

Angela Crawley  
Jim Shannon  
John Nicolson  
Hannah Bardell  
Stuart C McDonald  
Anne McLaughlin

Alison Thewliss  
Allan Dorans

Christine Jardine

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) Day 2021 on 15 May 2021; understands that PDA is a profile within autism; recognises that PDA Day is an opportunity to raise awareness, increase acceptance and take action about the PDA profile of autism; commends the work of the PDA Society who hold that event annually to increase understanding of PDA which is widely understood to be a profile on the autism spectrum, involving the extreme avoidance of everyday demands, an anxiety-driven need to be in control and the use of social strategies as part of that avoidance; accepts that PDA can be difficult to diagnose and under the umbrella diagnosis of autism, a clear signpost to the PDA profile is needed to improve outcomes for individuals and families.

**46 Proposal to implement a full ban on importing of animal part trophies**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 16

Dave Doogan  
Sir Mike Penning  
Jim Shannon  
John Nicolson  
Steven Bonnar  
Marion Fellows

Colum Eastwood  
Christine Jardine

Mick Whitley  
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey  
Allan Dorans

That this House notes the strong, cross-Party support for EDM 50 and 787 of the 2019-20 parliamentary session regarding the ban on trophy hunting imports; supports the need to implement a comprehensive ban on the trade and import of such items within and to the UK without qualification or exception; and calls on the Government to implement a ban on the importation of all animal parts that form trophies into the UK as soon as possible and ensure that there are no loopholes in future legislation that would allow any such trophies to be imported or traded.

**47 Leicester City FC 2021 FA Cup victory**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 8

Jim Shannon  
 Paul Girvan  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Valerie Vaz  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Jonathan Edwards

Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

That this House notes the tremendous Victory by Leicester City FC in the 2021 FA Cup; further notes this tremendous victory in the FA cup as the first in their 137-year history, despite reaching four final; highlights the euphoria felt by long term fans of this great team; and offers sincere congratulations to the team, coaching staff and management who have shown that hard work and passion pays off and that sometimes the long game is the sweetest game.

**48 Lift the Ban campaign**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 32

Navendu Mishra  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Chris Law  
 Tony Lloyd  
 Paula Barker  
 Kim Johnson

Colum Eastwood  
 Chris Stephens

Marion Fellows

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the injustice of preventing people seeking asylum from working; notes that the £5.66 asylum seekers receive a day is far below what is required to live on; further notes that asylum seekers can wait months for a decision on their asylum claim; supports the Lift the Ban campaign to allow asylum seekers to work whilst their claims are being processed; commends the work of Refugee Action and the non-profit organisations, think tanks, trades unions, businesses, local authorities and faith groups in their struggle to have the rule overturned that prevents people seeking asylum from working; applauds Freedom from Torture, Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit, as well as the Trades Union Congress, UNISON, NEU and NASUWT in their support for that campaign; believes that overturning that ban would improve the mental health of people in the asylum system and help to challenge forced labour, exploitation and modern slavery; acknowledges and further recognises that the journeys to safety in the UK can take months and prohibit those people rebuilding their lives; pays tribute to the work of the Lift the Ban Coalition including its research revealing that if people seeking asylum had the right to work six months after making their initial asylum claim it would lead to fewer support payments and increased income tax and National Insurance receipts of up to £100m for the public purse; and calls on the Government to lift that ban and bring forward legislative proposals to allow asylum seekers to work.

**49 Proposal to end the export of plastic waste**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 17

Dave Doogan  
Andrew Gwynne  
Kenny MacAskill  
Jim Shannon  
Hannah Bardell  
Alison Thewliss

Colum Eastwood  
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey  
Allan Dorans

Christine Jardine

That this House notes the publication of Greenpeace's report entitled Trashed - how the UK is still dumping plastic waste on the rest of the world; further notes with concern that the UK generates more plastic waste per person than any country besides the US and, in 2020, exported 40 per cent of its plastic waste - 210,000 tonnes - to Turkey where investigations have found some of that waste to have been illegally dumped and burned; understands that the UK and EU member states have rules designed to prevent the export of plastic waste unless it is to be recycled; notes its concern that those rules appear to have been broken; joins Greenpeace's calls for the Government to take control over that problem in light of what it describes as the Government's reckless decision to send plastic waste to Turkey given that country lacks the infrastructure to cope with that waste; and calls on the Government to take urgent steps to reduce the volume of single use and mixed plastics, end the export of plastic waste and enact the Environment Bill as soon as possible.

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**50 Scottish Retail Consortium charitable giving**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 14

Kirsty Blackman  
Kenny MacAskill  
Jim Shannon  
Hannah Bardell  
Alison Thewliss  
Marion Fellows

Deidre Brock

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the members of the Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC) on raising over £16 million for charity and good causes in 2020, including during the Covid pandemic, and £75 million overall since 2016, as highlighted in the SRC's trailblazing Report into Retail Charitable Giving 2021; notes that, through their shops and online operations throughout Scotland, retailers raise money and support for charity through donations, fundraising, awareness raising and community activity, including causes to do with the medical research, public health, care, food aid and the environment; and acknowledges the positive contribution that retailers make to Scottish society through their work in the community across each and every part of Scotland.

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**51 Safety of staff at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 18

Tonia Antoniazzi  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Grahame Morris  
 Kim Johnson  
 Jim Shannon  
 Kate Osborne

Mick Whitley  
 Chris Stephens [R]

Andrew Gwynne

Marion Fellows

That this House expresses its concern at the continued dispute of staff represented by the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's (DVLA) Swansea office; regrets that over 600 cases of covid-19 have been recorded and one member of staff has died; deplores the blatant disregard of senior management towards the justifiable, widespread health and safety concerns of staff and PCS; believes that key workers who are required on-site should be assured of a covid-secure, safe working environment and all others should work from home; and calls on the Government to use its influence, as a matter of urgency, to help resolve this dispute and ensure that the health and safety of staff is prioritised by the Department for Transport and senior leaders at the DVLA.

**52 Proposal for a pilot scheme to increase council tax on second homes**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 6

Tim Farron  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Ben Lake  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Christine Jardine

That this House observes the notable rise in second home purchases over the past year; acknowledges the significant damage excessive second home ownership does to communities and local public services by robbing towns and villages of a permanent population; notes the decision of Gwynedd council in Wales to double council tax on second homes in their district; and calls on the Government to make the Lake District National Park and the Yorkshire Dales National Park pilot areas to increase council tax on second homes, in order to increase funding for local services and to disincentivise second home purchases in those areas.

**53 Universal Basic Income pilot in Wales**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 33

Beth Winter  
 Ronnie Cowan  
 Ian Byrne  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
 Apsana Begum

Neale Hanvey  
 Chris Stephens

Claudia Webbe  
 Stephen Farry

Allan Dorans

That this House applauds the Welsh Government for committing to a Universal Basic Income (UBI) pilot in Wales; thanks all the Senedd candidates who signed the pledge for UBI ahead of

May's elections; acknowledges that the current system of social security provision in the UK is not sufficient to provide financial security, nor protect public health during the covid-19 outbreak; believes that the provision of UBI would establish a welfare system with no gaps and an income floor that nobody could fall below, with the effect of reducing poverty without lessening the incentive to work; and calls on the Government to provide co-operation through the Treasury, HMRC and the Department for Work and Pensions, in addition to financial support, to enable that pilot in Wales to take place.

## 55 Attacks on journalists in Gaza

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 42

Grahame Morris  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
John McDonnell  
Apsana Begum  
Navendu Mishra  
Jeremy Corbyn

Tommy Sheppard  
Dawn Butler  
Janet Daby

Colum Eastwood  
Clive Lewis  
Allan Dorans

Gavin Newlands  
Neale Hanvey  
Chris Stephens

That this House deplores the attack by the Israeli military on the building in Gaza housing media including Associated Press and Al Jazeera, which follows attacks or detentions of at least thirty journalists and two previous strikes on journalist's offices in Gaza; supports the demands of the International Federation of Journalists for an end to the deliberate and systematic targeting of media and journalists in a clear attempt to silence those reporting from on the ground in Gaza; further condemns recent attacks on Israeli journalists by settler groups in Gaza; notes that Israel is in breach of its international obligations, specifically UN Security Council Resolution 1738 which requires States to protect journalists and their support staff working in conflict environments; and calls on the UK Government to do everything in its power, including via the United Nations, to press the Israeli authorities to end the impunity for attacks on journalists in Gaza.

## 56 50 years of the Misuse of Drugs Act

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 19

Grahame Morris  
Caroline Lucas  
Ronnie Cowan  
Tommy Sheppard  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Dan Carden

Colum Eastwood

Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is not fit for purpose; notes that for 50 years, it has failed to reduce drug consumption and that drug deaths are now at a record high; further notes that instead it has increased harm, damaged public health and exacerbated social inequalities; believes that an evidence-based approach which provides pathways for people with drug difficulties into treatment, rather than the criminal justice system, should be prioritised; urges the earliest examination of international evidence from health-led personal drug consumption regime such as Portugal, where outcomes are startlingly better against every reasonable criteria; and calls upon the Government, as a matter of urgency, to repeal and replace

the Act with legislation to ensure that future drug policy protects human rights, promotes public health and ensures social justice.

## 57 Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Day 2021

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 14

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Colum Eastwood

Neale Hanvey

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Day (SCIAD) takes place on 21 May 2021; supports the ambition of that day to raise awareness of spinal cord injury nationally; recognises the vitally important work of spinal injuries charities alongside the specialist spinal cord injury centres during the covid-19 crisis to support the 50,000 spinal cord injured (SCI) people in the UK; further notes the importance of the central theme of SCIAD of raising awareness of the life-changing impact of spinal cord injury on the individual and their loved ones, including on the approximately seven people each day who sustain a spinal cord injury in the UK; and calls on the Government to recognise the enormous impact of the current shortfall in the provision of specialist care and support for SCI people and to make sure that that shortfall is addressed at the earliest opportunity.

## 58 A People's Green New Deal

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 21

**Zarah Sultana**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Jon Trickett

Stephen Farry

That this House believes that the government must urgently act to address unemployment, poverty, and the intensifying climate crisis; notes that the climate emergency poses a grave threat to public health and living standards in the UK and across the world; further notes that the Government is currently set to miss its Fourth and Fifth Carbon Budgets; believes that, as the host of COP26, the UK must provide leadership in tackling the climate emergency; further believes that there should be no return to the deeply unequal, pro-privatisation economic model that preceded the covid-19 pandemic; therefore urges the Government to bring forward a People's Green New Deal Bill to provide a state-led programme of economic transformation, with a green jobs revolution to create millions of well-paid, unionised jobs, including by bringing energy, water, transport and mail into public ownership, investing in green technologies, expanding and electrifying public transport and expanding international rail, retrofitting homes, creating a National Care Service, providing universal free broadband, repealing anti-trade union laws and increasing workers' rights, a just transition away from polluting industries with a comprehensive re-training programme and green jobs guarantee, and public procurement in line with global justice in supply chains; and further urges the Government to tackle inequality by raising taxes on the richest 5 per cent of earners and



large corporations, while introducing a windfall tax on corporations who have made excessive profits during the covid-19 pandemic and a crackdown on tax avoidance and evasion.

## 59 Job Centre safety

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 13

Chris Stephens  
Grahame Morris  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Paula Barker  
Mick Whitley

Jim Shannon  
Andrew Gwynne  
Allan Dorans

Alison Thewliss  
Dan Carden

Marion Fellows  
Kim Johnson

That this House notes the decision of the Department for Work and Pensions to considerably increase face-to-face services in job centres across the UK without formal consultation with trade unions; is concerned that the Department for Work and Pensions has failed to conduct adequate risk assessments in advance of the increased activity within job centres and the potential increased risk to local communities; is aware that increased face-to-face activity is being focused on certain groups including 18 to 24 year olds, many of whom are yet to receive their covid-19 vaccinations; notes that the Public and Commercial Service Union (PCS), which represents thousands of job centre staff across the UK, is currently conducting a consultative ballot regarding health and safety in the workplace; supports PCS' calls for a measured approach to the full reopening of job centres to ensure communities, staff and claimants are safe; applauds the tireless efforts of job centre staff who have done their upmost during the covid-19 outbreak to support claimants and have performed to a high standard using mainly digital means; and calls on the Government and for Work and Pensions to immediately reverse recent increases in face-to-face activity until such a time as communities can be adequately protected and the vaccination programme has been completed for all age groups.

## 60 Leicester City Football Club FA Cup final victory

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 12

Claudia Webbe  
Ian Mearns  
John McDonnell  
Kate Osborne  
Apsana Begum  
Jeremy Corbyn

Jonathan Edwards  
Ian Byrne

Jim Shannon  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Alison Thewliss  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Leicester City Football Club (LCFC) for their fantastic victory in the FA Cup final; notes that this is the first time the club has won the trophy in its 137 year history, and the first time LCFC has reached the final since 1969; recognises that this achievement indicates the excellent work done by the players, the coaching staff and everyone behind the scenes at the King Power Stadium; believes that this victory is all the more special due to the exceptionally difficult year faced by the people of Leicester who have endured localised coronavirus restrictions longer than any other area in the UK; sees the diversity, togetherness and collective spirit of Leicester city reflected on the football pitch, as encapsulated by the commendable solidarity with Palestine displayed by Wesley Fofana and Hamza Choudhury during the celebrations; understands

that this victory follows LCFC's 2016 Premier League title win, which is arguably the greatest ever achievement in team-sport; believes that LCFC's story summarises football and sport at its very best in which any team can dream of success, as it was only in 2015 that the foxes miraculously escaped relegation from the Premier League; holds that LCFC's sustained success provides the perfect antidote to the greed and unfairness that defined the European Super League proposals; and calls on the Government to use LCFC's example to redouble their efforts to reform the game in favour of fans and communities and to enable fan ownership of their clubs.

## 61 Penicuik Carbon Challenge Project

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Neale Hanvey  
Jim Shannon  
Marion Fellows

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the Penicuik Carbon Challenge Project on the opening of their new shop in Penicuik's John Street; notes that this has been made possible by the Penicuik Community Development Trust who achieved funding from Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) and Greener Scotland; further notes that this project will help young people, adults and families living in Penicuik and the EH26 region to work together to reduce its carbon footprint and to reach net zero emissions; recognises, that to become zero carbon, we must emit no more carbon than can be absorbed by woodland, oceans and our atmosphere, and recognises the need to reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> released by choosing how we travel, heat our homes, what to eat and to repair, upcycle, reuse or recycle rather than buy new stuff; commends the work of the project which will be responsible for supporting waste reduction of food, gadgets, tools, books, clothes and anything we can recycle, reuse, upcycle, share and repair, as well as supporting awareness of climate change and supporting individuals, households, community groups and young people towards low carbon lifestyles with a focus on food choices, and will work to engage young people in climate change through a series of workshops and youth engagement videos which will be used to speak to local school students and businesses; and wishes the project, its volunteers, organisers and all involved every success for the future.

## 62 Hannah Airlie and St John Ogilvie High School

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 6

Margaret Ferrier  
Jonathan Edwards  
Neale Hanvey  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens  
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the achievement of 16-year-old Hannah Airlie from Burnbank, South Lanarkshire, who has won second place in a UK-wide competition organised by Linklaters law firm; notes that the competition urged entrants to explore via presentation the question, What are the greatest opportunities and challenges businesses may face during a post-covid world?; acknowledges that Hannah is the only pupil from Scotland and one of only five pupils across the UK who qualified for the Grand Final of that competition, where she presented her thoughts before a panel of top lawyers from Linklaters; congratulates her on her second place position in the Grand

Final and the £1000 award she has won for her school, St John Ogilvie High School; and wishes her the best of luck in all her future academic and career endeavours.

### 63 World IBD Day 2021

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 6

Daisy Cooper  
Colum Eastwood  
Paula Barker  
Neale Hanvey  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine

That this House welcomes World IBD Day; appreciates the work by Crohn's & Colitis UK in producing their new report, Crohn's and Colitis Care in the UK: The Hidden Cost and a Vision for Change; notes with concern the findings of that report that more than a quarter of people wait longer than one year for a diagnosis of Crohn's disease or Colitis, with many people having had to visit A&E departments for emergency treatment; regrets that symptoms of IBD such as fatigue, emotional well-being and pain are often overlooked, with 91 per cent of patients not receiving a personalised care plan; notes the profound effect of the covid-19 pandemic on diagnosis, access to specialist advice, investigations and surgery for people with Crohn's disease and Colitis; further regrets that less than half of patients feel their care is appropriately coordinated with the required specialist services; calls on healthcare professional associations, training bodies and patient organisations to work together to upskill community healthcare professionals in recognising potential IBD; and urges the Government to make IBD a priority by communicating a clear strategy on improving care over the next five years.

### 64 12th anniversary of the end of the Sri Lankan civil war

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 14

Anne McLaughlin  
Navendu Mishra  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Claudia Webbe  
Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon  
Marion Fellows  
Allan Dorans

Alyn Smith  
Alan Brown  
Richard Thomson

Alison Thewliss  
Chris Stephens

That this house recognises that 12 years on from the end of the Sri Lankan civil war, most alleged human rights abuses primarily against Tamil people are yet to be investigated; acknowledges that those allegations include indiscriminate bombing in no-fire zones, summary executions of surrenderers, torture, sexual violence and abductions; appreciates the UK Government has played a vital role as leaders of the core group on Sri Lanka within the Human Rights Council; remains deeply concerned that despite various international resolutions and the establishment in 2015 of institutions in Sri Lanka to investigate the impact of the war, very little investigation has taken place and some of those facing investigation hold powerful positions in Sri Lanka today; is further concerned that in recent months the independence of the judiciary has been undermined by amendments to the Sri Lankan constitution and has little confidence any further investigations will take place; calls on the UK government to take action as laid out by various hon. Members in recent debates; and urges the Government to mark the 12th anniversary by following the equivalent actions of the US in adding General Shavendra Silva, Acting Chief of Defence Staff

and the Commander of the Sri Lankan Army to the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, thus demonstrating the UK's commitment to international human rights obligations and that international action is the only way that accountability, reconciliation and peace will come to the beautiful island of Sri Lanka and all of its people across the world.

## 65 Somaliland Declaration of Independence

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House joins the people of Somaliland in celebrating thirty years since its declaration of independence from the Somali Democratic Republic; recognises and supports that de facto state's commitment to human rights and free elections; notes that the Unrepresented Nations and People's Organisation regards Somaliland as a defined territory with a permanent population and capacity to enter into relations with other states; further notes that that state in waiting possesses its own currency, flag, parliament and national identity; and calls on the Government to respect Somaliland's demand for self-determination and recognise its independence.

## 66 Culross community share offer to buy local pub

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 8

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the efforts of all involved in attempting to take the Red Lion Inn in Culross into community ownership; further recognises that, if successful, this would be the first community owned and operated pub restaurant in Fife; acknowledges the importance of supporting communities fighting to preserve valuable local assets; and wishes all involved in this endeavour the best of luck.

## 67 Ian Ogilvie's final and landmark 300th edition of Scotch Corner radio show

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 6

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Ian Ogilvie, long serving volunteer of Kirkcaldy-based K107FM Community Radio, on presenting his final and landmark 300th edition of the Scotch Corner radio show; recognises Ian's passion for traditional Scottish music promoting emerging talent on the

traditional Scottish music scene; thanks Ian for participating in #RadioFromHome for 15 months during the covid-19 outbreak; and wishes him well in the future.

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## 68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabis

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 8

Sir Mike Penning  
Jonathan Edwards  
Colum Eastwood  
Margaret Ferrier  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine

Chris Stephens

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises the benefits of prescribed medical cannabis by a specialist consultant for people suffering with chronic pain, epilepsy and a variety of other conditions; welcomes the legalisation around the use of prescribed medical cannabis on 1 November 2018; but regrets the difficulties that patients and their families continue to face in accessing prescribed medical cannabis that their consultants have prescribed through the NHS; further regrets the restrictive NHS guidelines that prevent most patients from accessing it and deter specialist consultants from prescribing it; condemns the two-tier system that this has created where only people who can afford to pay for the prescription have easy and ready access to prescribed medical cannabis; and calls on the Government to use every means necessary to ensure that NHS patients have easy access to prescribed medical cannabis should their specialist consultant prescribe it for them

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## 69 A&E services at Watford Hospital

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 2

Sir Mike Penning  
Jim Shannon

That this House is aware of the unbearable and increasing pressure on A&E services at Watford Hospital; notes that the staff are doing a fantastic job but that these pressures are in part due to the downgrading of other local healthcare facilities, including the A&E at Hemel Hempstead Hospital; understands that the population of the local area served by the Watford Hospital is growing; further understands that the additional influx of patients has led to occupancy levels at the hospital consistently running higher than 94.5 per cent; considers that the A&E department waiting times are not acceptable; further considers that capital funding for a new hospital on a green field site would solve these problems; and therefore urges the Government to make capital funding available to bring healthcare in Watford, Hemel Hempstead, St Albans and other local communities into the 21st century.

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## 71 100th birthday of the Royal British Legion

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon  
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson  
Jonathan Edwards  
Allan Dorans

That this House notes the 100th birthday of the Royal British Legion established on 15 May 1921; recognises that the purpose in bringing together four national organisations of ex-servicemen

was to care for people who had suffered as a result of service in the armed forces during the war; highlights the incredible work that is carried out to this day in providing support to all who serve in Her Majesty's Armed Forces and by extension to their families; further highlights the monumental work carried out in the annual act of remembrance and the education of children and young people to ensure that each generation understands the cost of freedom; and reaffirms the promise so respectfully and lovingly outlined by the Royal British Legion each year: we will remember them.