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New EDMs

207 Jailing of Darya Polyudova

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

John McDonnell

That this House notes with great concern the jailing of Darya Polyudova leader of the Left Resistance movement in Russia; further notes that on 31 May 2021 the Western District Military Court in Moscow sentenced the 32-year-old activist to six years in a prison colony for postings on social media, with a four-year ban on working in the media, organising mass events or posting information on the internet; notes that human rights organisations including the Memorial Human Rights Centre and Amnesty International consider Polyudova as a prisoner of conscience; notes that Polyudova has consistently opposed Russia's war against Ukraine and defended of Crimean Tatar and other Ukrainian political prisoners held in occupied Crimea and Russia; considers that she has been peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression; and urges the Russian Federation to release Polyudova without delay.

208 Kashmiri Hindus and World Refugee Day

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House pays tribute to the resilience of the persecuted minorities, victims of Jihad, living as refugees, fighting for their rights, the world over; empathises with the plight of those people; highlights the special case of Kashmiri Hindus (Pandits) who continue to live as refugees in their own country as their genocide is yet to be acknowledged; urges the Government of India to ensure that the legal recognition of genocide of Kashmiri Hindus is followed by due action to deliver justice to that hard working, resilient community of nation builders; and hopes that the Kashmiri

Hindus are able to return to their homeland, Panun Kashmir, and see an end to being refugees in their own country.

209 Historical literary documents

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House recognises the cultural significance of maintaining historical literary documents within the UK for the enjoyment and education of future generations; notes that the Honresfield collection is set to be auctioned later in 2021; further notes that allowing that collection to move into private ownership hampers scholarly access and removes those documents from the heritage landscape in West Yorkshire; asserts that the Honresfield collection would make an ideal centrepiece collection for the proposed British Library North, a potential cultural hub in the North of England; urges the Government to work in collaboration with The Brontë Society to ensure that that collection remains in its place of origin; and further urges the Government to introduce legislative proposals to establish minimum standards of heritage conservation and curation for items of historical literary significance.

210 Scotland coronavirus tracker

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commends the work of Dunoon resident John Frace, a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands, who set up the Scottish and UK covid-19 tracking website; recognises John's hard work during the covid-19 pandemic, collating data and statistics on that pandemic, including more recently his tracking of the vaccination programme; congratulates John on his website which has received acclaim from both scientific experts and the wider public, attracting 14.5 million views, with more than 1,000 people logging on every day to see the updates; applauds John's dedication to his Coronavirus tracking website, which he has continued to run alongside his university studies; thanks John for his commitment to providing up to date data and analysis on the pandemic and the recovery; and wishes John every success in his future studies.

211 University of Edinburgh's Community Grants Scheme award for The Ridge, Dunbar

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates The Ridge, based in Dunbar, on its award from the University of Edinburgh's Community Grants Scheme; notes that the award was made for the Sunny's Kitchen project, which provides a three course meal to the local community, using food diverted from landfill and produce from the community garden; welcomes the funding of £5000 from the University, and applauds the excellent work of The Ridge in fostering a holistic and whole-community approach to linking people, places, heritage, food and opportunities.

212 Support for the music sector and the covid-19 roadmap

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

David Warburton

That this House notes that stage four of the covid-19 roadmap has been moved from 21 June to 19 July 2021; further notes that many music businesses and freelance workers have been without work since March 2020 and that, in 2020, 70 per cent of musicians lost over three quarters of their work due to covid-19 restrictions; believes that the covid19 outbreak presents a profound challenge to music businesses and music workers in the UK's world leading music sector; further believes that those workers and businesses are a national asset who will be critical to the recovery; and therefore calls on the Government to match the extension of restrictions with the extension of additional support to the music sector including a Government backed insurance scheme, 100 per cent business rate relief for 2021-22 for businesses in England to match the rate in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, a VAT freeze at five per cent for cultural tickets for 2021-22, additional support for freelancers and an extension to the commercial evictions moratorium.

213 Royal Society of Biology's Parliamentary Links Day

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 1

Stephen Metcalfe

That this House congratulates The Royal Society of Biology on organizing this year's Parliamentary Links Day on Tuesday 22 June 2021 on behalf of the science and engineering community; applauds the timely theme of Science and Climate Change; welcomes the Society's continuing commitment to serve the public interest by improving the access of all Members to scientific information and a better understanding of science; notes the involvement of the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Council for the Mathematical Sciences, British Pharmacological Society, Biochemical Society, Physiological Society, Geological Society, British Ecological Society, Nutrition Society, Royal Society of Chemistry, British Society for Immunology, Anatomical Society, Society for Applied Microbiology, Society for Experimental Biology and many others; notes that the event will be launched by the Deputy Speaker Rt Hon Member for Epping Forest, and will include contributions from the Rt Hon Member for Reading West, the Rt Hon Member for Tunbridge Wells and the Hon Member for Newcastle Central; notes further the contributions from eminent scientists including Sir Adrian Smith, President of the Royal Society, Monica Dean and Dr Mahvash Siddiqui from the US State Department, and Sunan Jiang from the People's Republic of China, as well as Sir Patrick Vallance, Government Chief Scientific Adviser; notes that Parliamentary Links Day is an established and respected event on the annual Parliamentary calendar; and welcomes the continuing contribution that Parliamentary Links Day makes to strengthening the dialogue between Parliament and the science and engineering community.

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.

140 Reform of the Mental Health Act

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 20

Dr Lisa Cameron
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Christine Jardine
Andrew Rosindell

Neale Hanvey

That this House welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech on the 11 May 2021 to introduce a Bill to reform the Mental Health Act in recognition of the vast improvements in understanding and treatment of mental health disorders since the Act's original formulation in 1983; in particular commends the Government for signaling its intention to better the treatment and referral of those with a disability or autistic spectrum disorder in the criminal justice system and while detained; calls on the Government to heed the recommendations of the Green Paper titled Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision in that Bill and to work with local government, voluntary and childcare organizations to ensure that data and expertise is shared between relevant authorities and parties and that mental health conditions are treated at the earliest possibility in whichever setting they first present to ensure the best possible health outcomes for children and young people.

144 Father Stan Swamy

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 17

Neale Hanvey
Brendan O'Hara
Wera Hobhouse
Kenny MacAskill
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

Patrick Grady
 Tony Lloyd

Tommy Sheppard
 Joanna Cherry

Rosie Cooper
 Judith Cummins

That this House condemns the arrest in October 2020 of Jesuit Priest Father Stan Swamy by the National Investigation Agency of India; condemns the harsh interrogation, refusal of bail, and ongoing detention of this frail 83 year-old priest; notes Father Swamy's tireless work over five decades assisting the poor and vulnerable in India; further notes the gross ambiguity of the counter-terrorism charges levied against Father Swamy; and calls on the UK Government to demonstrate its promised commitment to human rights and protecting freedom of religious belief by asking the Indian Government to both immediately safeguard Father Swamy's health and wellbeing by releasing him to his community, and to commit to protecting the rights of the activists and human rights campaigners across its country.

147 St Ninian's High wins SSFA Senior Shield

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 10

Kirsten Oswald
Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates St Ninian's High School senior boys football team on winning the Scottish Schools' Football Association Senior Shield for the first time in the school's history, and the first for an East Renfrewshire school; celebrates the team's brilliant performance throughout the competition including the final, which saw the team win by the only goal of the game, scored by Marc Capaldi; congratulates in particular winning Captain, Aiden McLaughlin, whose father captained the winning team in the same competition in season 1986-87, and players Rico De Marco and James Dolan who were both awarded man of the match by the opposition; notes the rich history of the Senior Shield, which started in 1904, continued through both World Wars and only once before, in 1957, was not awarded; acknowledges the fantastic work of all players and coaches during this competition, which started in September 2019, was suspended in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and resumed in May 2021; applauds all teams throughout Scotland for taking part in this competition and looks forward to the next competition, which is sure to be filled with the same passion, spirit and teamwork.

150 World Milk Day

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan
Margaret Ferrier
Carla Lockhart
Chris Stephens

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes the 21st birthday of World Milk Day; highlights the tremendous benefits of consuming milk for all age groups including for the production and maintenance of healthy bones and teeth; further notes the wonderful diversification taking place by the provision of automated vending machines to encourage people to purchase fresh milk such as those machines located at Streamvale Farm on the border of the Strangford constituency; and further highlights the important contribution of a milk rich diet to our health and local economy.

155 Ratification of the Istanbul ConventionTabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **23**

Gavin Newlands
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Kenny MacAskill

Drew Hendry

That this House notes that 8 June 2021 will mark nine years since the UK signed the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; acknowledges the work by the former hon. Member for Banff and Buchan, Eilidh Whiteford, in securing the passage of legislation enshrining the requirement for the UK to ratify the Convention; notes that since this Act received Royal Assent four years have passed with no indication that ratification is imminent; recognises the need for both national and international action to tackle violence against women and girls; and supports the call by IC Change and other organisations for the Government to ratify the Convention by 8 June 2022.

156 Post-WWII forced deportation of Chinese seafarersTabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **19**

Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
Claudia Webbe
Dan Carden
Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that this is the 75th anniversary of the forced deportations of thousands of Chinese seafarers after the Second World War, which left many families abandoned without support and with no idea of what had happened; notes that the restricted papers, made public after 50 years, show that decisions taken by the Home Office led to the forced deportation of over 2000 Chinese seafarers from Liverpool, many of whom put their lives on the line for the Allied war effort and who were repaid with this act; notes that this was one of the most nakedly racist incidents ever instigated by the Government, and that countless families suffered a lifetime of trauma as a result, many of whom died without ever knowing the truth about what happened to their loved ones with descendants still searching for answers and lost family members; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this atrocity and issue a full and formal apology for these grave injustices.

163 Eden Project DundeeTabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **11**

Stewart Hosie
Chris Law
Brendan O'Hara
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon

Drew Hendry

That this House welcomes announcements from the Eden Project detailing their proposals to open a new facility on the site of the former Dundee Gasworks which will celebrate humanities connection to nature as well as delve into the cities historical nine trade guilds; recognises the significance of further investment into Dundee, helping to transform the city, and solidify its position as a major tourist destination; and commends all those who have worked to bring this vision closer to reality, with a scheduled opening for 2024.

164 Channel 4's role as a Public Service BroadcasterTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **35**

Grahame Morris
Rebecca Long Bailey
John McDonnell
Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Dawn Butler

Marion Fellows

That this House shares the concern of the National Union of Journalists that the Government is still actively considering the privatisation of Channel Four Television Corporation, a publicly owned but commercially funded company which makes a notable contribution to British broadcasting; notes that Channel 4 is not presently run for profit, but generates revenues to put back into commissioning independent producers to make distinctive content; further notes that the company is required to fulfil a public-service remit, which stipulates it must be innovative and distinctive, stimulate public debate on contemporary issues, reflect cultural diversity of the UK, champion alternative points of view, inspire change in people's lives and nurture new and existing talent; observes that proposals to privatise the company were considered and rejected just five years ago, with the then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport describing the channel as a precious public asset; recalls that the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled *A Privatised Future for Channel Four?*, published in July 2016, HL Paper 17, warned that the distinctive quality and contribution of Channel 4 News in particular could be adversely affected by privatisation; considers that any steps towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel 4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; and therefore calls on the Government to commit to retaining Channel 4 in public hands.

165 MBRRACE enquiryTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **17**

David Linden
Marion Fellows
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Drew Hendry

That this House is concerned that the MBRRACE: Perinatal Confidential Enquiry report on Stillbirths and neonatal deaths in twin pregnancies found twins are twice as likely to be stillborn and are three and a half times more likely to die as newborns; is further concerned that in one in two baby deaths reviewed the care was poor and that if it had been better may have prevented the baby from dying; notes inequalities in outcomes for twins is higher than all other communities; is troubled that progress in reducing twin baby deaths has stalled since 2016; acknowledges that preventing these twin baby deaths will contribute between 5 and 7 per cent towards the national ambition to halve all stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025; and backs Twins Trust's call for the report's recommendations to be explicitly highlighted in national policies, and for local maternity units across the UK to make improvements as a matter of urgency.

166 Achievement of Ayrshire CollegeTabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **10**

Allan Dorans
Margaret Ferrier
Alan Brown
Neale Hanvey
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises and congratulates the Ayrshire College HND Coaching and Developing Sport staff and students on their outstanding achievement of winning the prestigious Times Educational Supplement Further Education best Teaching and Learning Initiative Award for their mental health campaign entitled Mental Health United which is now embedded in college culture across several departments; and further congratulates the college on its work in engaging with the local community including the Kris Boyd Foundation on mental health, promoting the benefits that physical activity can have on a person's mental health and wellbeing and encouraging those who are emotionally vulnerable to seek help and support.

167 Kellands primary school and the Digital Schools Awards Scotland Programme

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 15

Richard Thomson
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Patrick Grady

Neale Harvey
Amy Callaghan

Drew Hendry
John Nicolson

Stephen Flynn

That this House congratulates Kellands primary school of Inverurie, Aberdeenshire upon its recent award from the Scotland's Digital Schools programme; recognises the efforts of the school in completing a rigorous self-evaluation process to demonstrate the school's excellence in integrating digital technology into learning and teaching; further recognises the importance of digital competency in today's schooling; commends the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of staff at Kellands primary school on its tremendous achievement; and wishes all staff and pupils at the school well as they continue on their digital journey.

168 Mental health provision for university students

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 20

Ed Davey
Andrew Gwynne
Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Dr Lisa Cameron
Caroline Lucas

Sarah Olney

Wendy Chamberlain

Tim Farron

That this House calls on the Government to publish clear guidance to universities on what mental health provision should be in place for university students; recognises the immense strain placed on university students during the covid-19 outbreak and the continuing assessments and exams that students have been required to undertake; stresses that students are lacking critical pastoral support during challenging periods of time; notes the concerning Global Student Survey that suggests that 70 per cent of British university students believe their mental health has suffered since the start of the pandemic; recognises the ONS Student December 2020 survey which found students to be significantly more anxious than the UK general population; urges the Government to ensure that universities have sufficient funding for mental health provision; and calls on the Government to ensure that all university students are guaranteed access to high quality mental health services.

169 Higher education funding

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 16

Ed Davey
Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Daisy Cooper
Mick Whitley

Sarah Olney

Wendy Chamberlain

Tim Farron

That this House calls on the Government to provide financial compensation to university students for lost teaching and rent during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that university students have not had adequate teaching or the university experience that they expected; notes that universities have worked hard to adapt to online teaching but that the higher education sector is facing financial uncertainty, meaning they cannot alone be expected to compensate students; calls on the Government to initiate an independent review into the level of compensation students should be awarded due to the effect of the pandemic on their education and to ensure proper support is available for those facing financial hardship; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the APPG for Students by doubling funds for students facing hardship to £700 million to bring support for English students in line with students in Wales.

170 DS Business Solutions

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the fundraising efforts of DS Business Solutions in East Kilbride who have raised over £100,000 for charitable causes; pays tribute to each of their staff who have given countless hours over the last seven and a half years to raise funds for a range of local, national and international charities and causes; in particular notes their efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in the local East Kilbride area and their support for local families through their annual School Uniform Campaign; highlights DS Business Solutions and the efforts of their Managing Director Gerry Strain as an example of corporate and social responsibility for businesses across the UK and wishes them the very best in their future fundraising endeavours.

171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 38

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Clive Lewis
Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Marion Fellows
Andy Slaughter

Drew Hendry

That this House notes that during the month of June 2021 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; understands that the theme in 2021 is Make Some Space where it is hoped that people from different backgrounds and professions will make some space in their day to day lives, from teaching school pupils on the histories, cultures or present realities of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people to governmental bodies, both local and across these islands ensuring that there is space for Gypsy, Travellers in local areas and that any services provided are inclusive to the communities; believes that the rich culture and history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be celebrated and protected and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

173 DVLA physical post-only forms and the consequences for disabled people

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 14

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Wera Hobhouse
John McDonnell

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises how difficult it can be for people with disabilities to access some services, such as the post office; understands how helpful and convenient being able to complete official forms online rather than posting them physically can be for older people or those with disabilities; is therefore disappointed that the DVLA still requires some forms to be posted, which is especially difficult for people who rely heavily on the use of their vehicles.

174 Radio Earn soft launch in Crieff

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 7

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises the difficulty of setting up new businesses during the covid-19 outbreak; understands how useful community radio can be not only for entertaining and informing the community, but also for developing careers and giving opportunities to young people; commends

Radio Earn for its successful soft launch on 6 June 2021; and wishes Radio Earn good luck going forward.

175 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 11

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Wera Hobhouse
John McDonnell

Neale Hanvey

That this House applauds the new Animal Sentience Bill, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Scarlett; is shocked to see the harrowing exposé showing thousands of laboratory dogs intensively bred in the UK and underlines the consequences of the Animal Sentience Bill regarding this; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside the animal-based research sector, openly acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include scientists in the pharmaceutical industry, the Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute which says cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration which states that 9 out of 10 new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; notes Doctors Greek and Shanks' Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, explaining why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and urgently calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to stop the funding of the now proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art human-based research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients and stop the suffering of laboratory dogs and other animals.

176 Racism in football

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 26

Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ian Byrne

Layla Moran

That this House applauds England football manager Gareth Southgate and his players for their principled opposition to racism; stands in solidarity with all football players and supporters who have been subjected to racism, while participating in the sport they love or in other areas of their life; recognises that those players and their manager are role models for the entire country and that their actions have a large impact on wider society; believes taking the knee to be an honourable and important act, worthy of such role models; thanks players, supporters and those in the wider football community and industry who have stood and will continue to stand against all forms of racism; condemns the booing by some fans of those that take the knee for the blatant racism it is and applauds the majority of fans who do not boo; calls on those in football management, media,

sponsorship, breweries and pub landlords to stand up as anti-racists and take a robust approach to that behaviour; wishes Gareth Southgate and the England team every success in the upcoming UEFA Euro 2020 tournament; and calls on the Prime Minister to make a statement in support of anti-racism in football.

177 End the young parent penalty

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 29

Wendy Chamberlain
Claire Hanna
Kim Johnson
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Christine Jardine
Wera Hobhouse

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes that there are 1.8 million single parents across the UK, with nearly half of all children in single parent families living in poverty; further notes the particular impact of Covid-19 on single parents who are both the carer and income generator for their family; believes that all single parent families should receive appropriate support from the UK Government; regrets that young single parent families under the age of 25 have to claim Universal Credit at a lower rate than those aged 25 or over; further notes that until the introduction of Universal Credit in 2013 young single parent families were entitled to the higher rate of standard allowance in recognition of the cost of caring for a child alone and that this exemption still exists for claimants of legacy benefits; and urges the UK Government to end this Young Parent Penalty and reinstate the exemption for all young single parent families.

179 Protect access to cash

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 13

Neale Hanvey
Claire Hanna
Wera Hobhouse
John McDonnell
Mohammad Yasin
Kenny MacAskill

Navendu Mishra

That this House believes that the UK Government should implement legislation to protect access to cash a priority in this Parliamentary session as part of a proactive campaign to ensure that vulnerable people are not disproportionately affected by the move towards a cashless society.

180 Pet theft reform

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 19

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Allan Dorans
 Wera Hobhouse
 John McDonnell
 Chris Law
 Mohammad Yasin

Neale Hanvey

Bob Blackman

Navendu Mishra

That this House notes with concern the recent increase in dog thefts and associated violence; acknowledges the unprecedented levels of demand for canine companionship during the covid-19 pandemic, resulting in inflated dog prices; recognises that people have an exceptionally powerful bond with their pets, regarding them as priceless, irreplaceable family members; is aware that dogs are stolen by organised gangs and opportunistic thieves, and regardless of the perpetrator, the likelihood of being caught, charged and prosecuted is very low; notes that the intrinsic value and welfare of stolen pets is not taken into account with sentencing, and pet theft is not regarded as a specific offence in current legislation; further acknowledges the campaigning work on this issue by Dr Daniel Allen, Debbie Matthews, the Stolen and Missing Pets Alliance and the Pet Theft Reform Coalition; welcomes the formation of the Pet Theft Taskforce which works with police, law enforcement, and experts to understand and tackle pet theft, considering the issue from end to end (including causes, prevention, reporting, enforcement and prosecution); urges the UK Government to make pet theft a specific offence with a sentence which is proportionate to the harm caused to pet owners and the impact on pet welfare.

181 Best campsite in Scotland awarded to Silverburn Park Campsite

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 2

Wendy Chamberlain
 Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Silverburn Park Campsite of Leven, Fife upon its recent award of Best Campsite in Scotland in the Corporate Livewire Prestige Awards; recognises the efforts of the park in demonstrating its excellence through ongoing work at the park, positive feedback from visitors, and the renovation of the flax mill; and commends its work to promote sustainable tourism in Fife.

182 Mindfulness and mental health

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 11

Tracey Crouch
 Caroline Lucas
 Wera Hobhouse
 John McDonnell
 Mohammad Yasin
 Hywel Williams

Bob Blackman

That this House acknowledges the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of the UK population; notes the substantial body of research showing how mindfulness can support people managing their mental health; and calls for mindfulness-based interventions to be available to people in all parts of the UK.

183 Billington's of Lenzie

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 10

Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier

Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Billington's of Lenzie, East Dunbartonshire, on their Silver award at the Scottish Food and Drink Awards in the gin category; recognises how difficult a time it has been for local food service and hospitality businesses during the covid-19 pandemic; further recognises the important work done by staff at Billington's to assist the wider community during the covid crisis; commends the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved at the Deli; notes that this award is a tremendous achievement given the circumstances; and further calls on the House to wish all local hospitality businesses well as restrictions lift across the UK.

184 Whitehill Welfare FC free season tickets

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House commends Whitehill Welfare Football Club for providing 250 free season tickets to local school children; notes that the Rosewell-based club offered all pupils at Rosewell Primary School and St Matthews Primary School their very own Under 16's Season Ticket to enjoy games at Ferguson Park; understands that the club wanted to encourage the children back into outdoor activities by opening up opportunities to visit Ferguson Park to those who might have otherwise been unable to afford it; and highlights the significant mental and physical health benefits of sport during the covid-19 pandemic.

185 Skyrora and the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates Skyrora CEO Volodymyr Levykin on being nominated as a finalist for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 award; notes that this award recognises innovation and resilience among entrepreneurs from across the UK who are creating long-term value and reinventing the future; recognises Midlothian-based space launch company Skyrora as leaders in

developing the next generation of launch vehicles for the burgeoning small satellite market; and wishes Volodymyr all the very best for when finalists are announced in September 2021.

186 Midlothian Volunteers Awards 2021

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Marion Fellows
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens

Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the winners of the Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2021; thanks the awards' organisers for creating an annual opportunity to recognise and reward some of the volunteers and inspirational people who bring about positive change in their communities; notes that the awards ceremony was held virtually this year on the 3rd June and was attended by over 150 people; commends the people of Midlothian on their strong community spirit, selflessness and volunteering ethos; and sends its individual congratulations to Heather Mortimore from Food Facts Friends, Outstanding New Volunteer; The Connect Project Volunteers from Volunteer Midlothian, Befriender/Mentor of the Year; Chris Boyle and Ricky Lloyd of Dalkeith Rugby Football Club, Active Volunteering; The Midlothian Breastfeeding Alliance, Health and Wellbeing Award; Colette Pye from Mayfield and District Breastfeeding Support Group, Dedicated Service; The Amazing Brains Committee at Art Club, Covid-19 Community Award; Naomi Knights from the Connect Project at Volunteer Midlothian, Volunteer Manager of the Year; Kyle Anderson, Eva Hesketh-Laird, Louise Gillespie, Melissa Reidie, Samantha Gough, Saltire Summit Award; Joseph Burke of Health in Mind, Volunteer of the Year; and Penicuik Ambassadors, Volunteering Team of the Year.

187 UK City of Culture changes

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 7

Mr Gregory Campbell
Gavin Robinson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

Paul Girvan

That this House notes recent changes being introduced for future City of Culture bids; acknowledges the significant benefits that can accrue for successful Cities; recognises that previous winners such as Londonderry the first ever UK City of Culture, Hull and Coventry were all recognised as locations that raised the profile of local people, the wider area and increased a sense of pride in showcasing their districts to a much wider audience; and expresses the hope that future regions bidding for the title will be able to maximise the benefits for all their citizens.

188 Sustainability in national curriculum

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 10

Mr Barry Sheerman
Dr Lisa Cameron
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse
Ed Davey
Mohammad Yasin

Mick Whitley

That this House considers best practice from across the United Kingdom and globally in terms of integrating sustainability into the national curriculum; recognises that the environmental challenges that we face require young people across the United Kingdom to be made more aware of the threats from climate change, environmental degradation, resource scarcity and air quality and educated in how communities can play a role facing the challenges of the future; further recognises that the education of our young people in the subject area of sustainability will assist considerably in the transition to the 'green economy' of the future; urges the Government to undertake an urgent and far-reaching review into the benefits of embedding the subject area of sustainability into the national curriculum; and further urges the Government to take the steps essential to ensure that young people are made aware of the environmental challenges our planet faces and are fully prepared for the transition of our country to a radically different sustainable model.

190 Rental reform

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 8

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Apsana Begum
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens
Claudia Webbe

Mick Whitley

Navendu Mishra

That this House welcomes the announcement in the 2021 Queen's Speech for greater protection of tenants; notes that the 2019 and 2018 Queen's Speeches contained a commitment to abolish Section 21 of the Housing Act which allows for a no-fault eviction; further notes that an estimated 694,000 private tenants have been served with Section 21 notices since the pandemic started; and calls on the Government to bring forward a bill to abolish Section 21 and provide a legal framework for more secure tenancies while also providing for more adequate avenues for dispute resolution and access to justice.

191 Loneliness Awareness Week and the digital divide faced by people with a learning disability

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 9

Sir Mark Hendrick
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards
Andrew Gwynne

Mick Whitley

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises Loneliness Awareness Week, running from 14 to 18 June; commends the charity Hft's recent Sector Pulse Check 2020 research that highlights the digital barriers which made it difficult for people who have a learning disability to remain in touch with others during the covid-19 outbreak; encourages the Government to take steps to close the digital divide to ensure people who have a learning disability have the opportunity to make and maintain friendships through digital means; and urges the Government to set out explicit actions it will take in response to those digital barriers as part of its Loneliness Strategy.

192 Refugee Week 2021

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 11

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jamie Stone
Layla Moran
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse
Ed Davey

Neale Hanvey

Sarah Olney

That this House supports Refugee Week 2021, which takes place from 14 to 20 June with the theme entitled We Cannot Walk Alone; notes that there are an estimated 26 million refugees and 4 million asylum seekers around the world today; further notes that the UK has a proud history of providing sanctuary to those in need, and believes that this tradition must be upheld; further believes that providing refugees with safe and legal routes to the UK is the best way to combat people smuggling and human trafficking and to prevent desperate people from making dangerous attempts to cross the Channel or the Mediterranean; notes with concern that only 353 refugees were resettled in the UK in 2020-21, 93 percent fewer than the previous year; regrets that the Government has not made a new commitment to relocate unaccompanied refugee children from elsewhere in Europe following the closure of the scheme under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 in July 2020; and calls on the Government to urgently make a new long-term commitment to resettle 10,000 vulnerable refugees in the UK each year, as well as a further 10,000 refugee children from elsewhere in Europe over the next 10 years.

194 Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 13

Chris Law
Kenny MacAskill
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Owen Thompson

Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House regrets the £896 million funding cut to organisations that assist the Governments work on conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts; notes that these cuts effect the most unstable and impoverished conflict zones in the world including Syria, South Sudan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Yemen; is concerned that the cuts will have a ripple effect on organisations and communities ability to address the causes and consequences of insecurity; recognises that this will ruin the chance of hundreds of thousands to live safer lives; acknowledges that these cuts go against the objective set out in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign policy which aims to support open societies and defend human rights and tackle conflict and instability; and calls on the Government to meet its key security objectives, abide by its manifesto promise and legal commitment to spend 0.7 percent of GNI on ODA, and reverse the funding cuts to conflict zones.

195 Royal Yacht Britannia

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 10

Chris Law
Allan Dorans
Wera Hobhouse
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Patrick Grady

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises the suffering that reductions in the UK aid budget will cause; acknowledges that the Government plans to go ahead with proposals for a new Royal Yacht despite continued controversy; further recognises that the Government confirmed they would return aid spending to the regular 0.7 per cent of GNI commitment when it was fiscally prudent to do so; is shocked to see priority being given to a vanity project whilst reducing aid spending; further acknowledges that any Official Development Assistance spent on the Royal Yacht would be depriving deserving projects of much needed funds; and urgently calls on the Government to confirm that no funding for the new Royal Yacht will come out of the international aid budget.

197 Pub with rooms of the year awarded to Ship Inn at Elie, East Neuk

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 2

Wendy Chamberlain
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates the Ship Inn at Elie of East Neuk, Fife upon its recent award of Pub with Rooms of the year; recognises the work of the Ship Inn in promoting the local area and produce; and commends its dedication to excellence which led to this award.

198 Government review of NHS eating disorder services

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 6

Sir George Howarth
Wera Hobhouse
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens
Mick Whitley

That this House expresses strong concern at the lack of a coherent and effective approach to eating disorders in the UK; notes the impact of calorie labelling and other anti-obesity measures on those with eating disorders; further notes with dismay the increasing number of incidences of people experiencing eating disorders during the course of the Covid-19 pandemic; and calls on the Government to review NHS eating disorder services to ensure that resources are prioritised to help all those with eating disorders.

199 Appointment of Naftali Bennet as Israeli Prime Minister

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Bob Blackman
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the appointment of Naftali Bennett to serve as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel; extends the best wishes of this House for a prosperous term as Prime Minister; acknowledges the difficult political situation that Israel has historically found herself in; and takes this opportunity to reaffirm our support for Israel as we reach out the hand of friendship to this new administration in the hope of a peaceful and prosperous future for Israel and the Middle East..

200 Christian persecution in Nigeria

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Bob Blackman
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes the recent report by Intersociety Rule of Law which stated that 1,470 Christians were murdered and over 2,200 were abducted by jihadists in the first four months of 2021 in Nigeria; further notes the increase in Blasphemy cases in Northern Nigeria resulting in long prison sentences; and calls upon the Secretary of State for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to engage with the Nigerian Government to apply diplomatic pressure to acknowledge the scale of the persecution and address this persecution with definitive action.

201 Low carbon homes, community buildings and churches

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 4

John Cryer
Claudia Webbe
Mick Whitley
Jim Shannon

That this House notes the delay to the Heat and Buildings Strategy; further notes the delay to the Future Homes Standard, the withdrawal of funding for the Green Homes Grant voucher scheme, and the discontinuation of the Renewable Heat Incentive; and encourages the Government to come forward urgently with comprehensive plans for low carbon homes, community buildings and churches, which would support job creation and greater working in the green energy sector.

202 Zero-carbon domestic renewables

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 4

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the UK's legal commitment to reduce carbon emissions, including those from domestic dwellings, to Net Zero by 2050; further notes that 30% of UK carbon dioxide emissions are from domestic dwellings; recognises that micro-generation of home grown energy and heating is vital to reach the Net Zero target; further recognises that VAT currently imposed on domestic renewables including Solar PV, Solar Thermal, Air and Ground/Water Source Heat Pumps, and further energy efficiency measures has previously been a legal requirement stipulated by EU Regulations; considers that leaving the EU provides an opportunity to review VAT on zero-carbon domestic renewables, installations, and energy efficiency measures; and calls on the Government to rate all VAT on zero-carbon domestic renewable products, installations, associated heating systems, and retrofitting energy efficiency measures, at 0% VAT for a period of 10 years, making Zero Carbon equal Zero VAT.

203 Australian trade deal

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 8

Tim Farron
Wera Hobhouse
Andrew Gwynne
Kenny MacAskill
Jonathan Edwards
Sarah Olney

Jim Shannon

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House notes the prospective agreement of a trade deal with Australia; expresses strong concern at the potential implications of any deal on British farmers; asks that farmers across the country are properly consulted; further asks that MPs are given the time to adequately read, scrutinise and debate the agreement; and calls on the Government to bring forward a motion to Parliament on any negotiated trade deal.

204 Business support after delaying Stage 4 of the covid-19 roadmap

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 12

Caroline Lucas
 John McDonnell
 Wera Hobhouse
 Mick Whitley
 Kenny MacAskill
 Jonathan Edwards

Christine Jardine
 Apsana Begum

Jim Shannon
 Sir George Howarth

Tony Lloyd
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

This House believes the decision to delay Stage 4 of the coronavirus roadmap until 19 July 2021 was, regrettably, the right one; recognises that this will be difficult for our constituents and for businesses that continue to be affected by restrictions on their ability to operate; welcomes the support the Treasury has provided to businesses and the self employed to date; calls on the Treasury to recognise that there is a strong case for further support to protect specific sectors of our economy; therefore calls on the Government to retain full furlough, self-employed income support, and full business rates relief, for at least six-months, removing the rateable value limit on business rates relief; further calls for new sector-specific 'recovery grants' with expanded eligibility, the extension of the 5 percent hospitality and tourism VAT rate, a Government-backed Covid-19 events cancellation insurance scheme, an extension of the ban on commercial evictions alongside a moratorium on landlords' right to collect commercial rent to allow a fair arbitration process to be secured, and consideration to be given to writing of Covid loans for businesses worst affected and for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme to be fixed so those groups excluded to date can access support equivalent to that provided through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

205 Cabinet Office clearing house and Freedom of Information

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 22

Navendu Mishra
 Grahame Morris
 Daisy Cooper
 Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts

Kate Osborne
 Kenny MacAskill
 Richard Thomson
 Ian Lavery
 Ian Mearns

Claudia Webbe
 Rebecca Long Bailey
 Allan Dorans
 Jon Trickett
 Ian Byrne

Andrew Gwynne
 Tommy Sheppard
 Kim Johnson
 Mary Kelly Foy

That this House believes that the Freedom of Information Act (2000) is a landmark piece of legislation which, when properly applied, helps to achieve democratic, public accountability and transparency across government; regrets that, too often, legitimate applications from the public are frustrated, delayed or illegitimately denied; notes that a key principle of the legislation is that requests should be treated in a "applicant-blind" process; further notes with concern indications that the Cabinet Office has been operating a secretive Clearing House, logging and scrutinising the identities of applicants, and withholding information to individuals based on their work as journalists; notes that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office went on public record to call such reports "ridiculous and tendentious"; recognises that in a recent Informational Tribunal ruling, the judge found that arguments presented in court by the Cabinet Office about the controversial Clearing House unit were 'misleading' and that there is a "profound lack of transparency about the operation", which might "extend to ministers"; welcomes the vital investigations being held by the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee

into these matters, and joins Open Democracy and the National Union of Journalists in calling on the Committee to investigate whether any breach of the Ministerial Code has been committed; and urges that all necessary steps are taken to ensure that Freedom of Information legislation is properly applied and enforced.

206 Imperial War Museum redundancies

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 11

Chris Stephens [R]
John McDonnell
Grahame Morris
Margaret Ferrier
Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne

Drew Hendry
Paula Barker

Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra

Kim Johnson

That this House notes the recent announcement of 49 redundancies across Visitor Services at the Imperial War Museum and its sister bodies; understands that jobs will be lost at numerous sites including the Churchill War Rooms, Imperial War Museums North and South and HMS Belfast; is aware that the contract for these roles has been outsourced since 2013 with a new contract awarded in January 2021 to ZE Global; is aware that ZE Global took over the Visitor Services contract in April 2021 and announced redundancies four weeks later on May 6th; is concerned that the loss of 49 posts across the estate will not only lead to a significant reduction in expertise and knowledge but will also pose a threat to the safety of those attending each institution; is aware that ZE Global and museum management have conducted a review and drawn up redundancy plans without consulting staff trade unions; and calls on Government to intervene to ensure jobs are retained across the estate and the safety of staff, visitors and exhibits is prioritised.