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New EDMs

214 Retirement of East Lothian teacher Sheila Laing after 45 years' service

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House applauds the dedicated work of East Lothian's first virtual headteacher Sheila Laing, who is retiring after 45 years as a teacher; pays tribute to her outstanding supportive and innovative work with care experienced young people; acknowledges the recent challenging time for teachers and their incredible hard work in continuing to provide excellent education and experiences for all of East Lothian pupils throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes in particular Sheila's commitment to listen and discover what is important to care experienced children and help them find ways to achieve their ambitions; and wishes Sheila a long and happy retirement.

215 Windrush Day 2021

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 14

Helen Hayes
Florence Eshalomi
Caroline Lucas
Sir Peter Bottomley
Paula Barker
Dame Margaret Hodge

Valerie Vaz
Mr Virendra Sharma
Allan Dorans

Colum Eastwood
Carol Monaghan
Joanna Cherry

Jeremy Corbyn
Paul Blomfield

That this House notes that 22 June 2021 will be the 73rd anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Dock and the fourth annual Windrush Day; supports the commemorations across the country recognising the immense impact that the Windrush generation has had on the UK's society and culture since 1948; further notes that during the covid-19 outbreak the

important role of Windrush citizens and their descendants in the NHS; deeply regrets the Windrush scandal and condemns the suffering caused by the Home Office to Windrush citizens, which led to many being wrongfully deported, losing their homes and livelihoods and being denied access to healthcare and public services; notes the excessive delays in the Windrush Compensation Scheme and the tragic deaths of at least 21 people before their compensation was paid; notes that many Windrush citizens continue to face extreme hardship and trauma as a consequence of their treatment by the Home Office; and calls on the Government urgently to speed up the processing of claims and fully implement the recommendations of the Windrush Lessons Learned Review to provide justice for the Windrush generation and deliver the change in culture, practice and policy that is needed to prevent any future similar scandal.

216 **Serena Baker, Britain's best amateur sewer 2021**

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House congratulates former Mearns Castle High School student Serena Baker for gaining the title of Britain's best amateur sewer by winning the Great British Sewing Bee 2021; applauds Serena for her fantastic final garments, in particular her striking acid yellow tulle evening gown inspired by Villanelle from the BBC TV Series Killing Eve, which stole the show and garnered high praise from the judges; recognises that Serena has made history as the youngest ever champion of the Great British Sewing Bee with top fashion designer Esme Young calling Serena a "really, really, really talented sewer"; celebrates the sewing talent all over East Renfrewshire including local resident Jenn Hogg, a Great British Sewing Bee semi-finalist in 2019 with her memorable scuba fabric tracksuit; recalls the admirable work of volunteers at East Renfrewshire Nifty Home Stitchers who used their sewing skills to make scrubs and washable scrub bags for NHS Scotland keyworkers and for key workers and volunteers supporting the work of IncludeMe2club, Barrhead Rotary Club, Angelic Threads 2020, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, and Neilston Development Trust in producing low-cost face coverings; and wishes Serena every success as she finishes her studies in medicine and continues to follow her passion for sewing, knowing that her win will be celebrated at Mearns Castle High School and across East Renfrewshire.

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.

144 **Father Stan Swamy**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 18

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

Allan Dorans

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.

171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 39

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

Ian Byrne

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.

175 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 12

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

John Nicolson

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.

177 End the young parent penalty

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **30**

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

Caroline Lucas

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: **14**

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

189 Anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran
Wera Hobhouse
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas
Jamie Stone

That this House notes that 4 June marks the 32nd anniversary of the 1989 brutal suppression of peaceful human rights and pro-democracy activists in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in which thousands died or were wounded; recognises that to this day, the family members of the victims are seeking justice for their loved ones; expresses alarm that for the first time since 1990, there was no organised in-person vigil in Hong Kong to commemorate the massacre, as the public was warned that anyone attending the vigil could face up to five years in prison; condemns the Chinese Communist Party's continued violation of the human rights of the Chinese people; expresses concern that the human rights situation in China has rapidly deteriorated under president Xi Jinping; expresses further concern that in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, over one million Uyghurs, Kazakhs and members of other ethnic groups have been detained in re-education camps since 2017 without charge, and numerous reports have emerged from the camps of torture, ill-treatment, forced labour, systematic rape and forced sterilisation; further condemns the Chinese government's continued actions to undermine the human rights to freedom of religion or belief, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly as laid out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and urges the Government to press the Chinese government in public and in private to end human rights violations in the country.

190 Rental reform

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 10

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

Caroline Lucas

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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: 10

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

Jamie Stone

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: 13

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

193 The fur trade in the UK

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 10

Tracey Crouch
Sir Mike Penning
Wera Hobhouse
Sir Greg Knight
Mohammad Yasin
Jonathan Edwards

Caroline Lucas

That this House welcomes the Call for Evidence on the fur trade in the UK; urges the Government to introduce legislation to ban the import and sale of fur in the UK having first banned fur farms more than 20 years ago, something that is possible now that the UK has left the European Union; believes that, in view of the UK's recognition that fur is too cruel to be farmed here, logically it is also too cruel to be sold here; welcomes the suggestion of such a law in the Government's recent Action Plan for Animal Welfare; acknowledges recent polling showing 72% of the British public welcome a fur sales ban; recognises the widespread political support for a ban on real fur sales and imports; further notes the link between Covid-19 and fur farms reported by the WHO in February 2021 which has resulted in millions of mink being culled across the world over the last year; and believes that a fur import and sales ban represents a significant opportunity for the UK to be a world leader in animal welfare.

194 Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 14

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

198 Government review of NHS eating disorder services

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 7

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

200 Christian persecution in Nigeria

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Bob Blackman
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sir Mike Penning
Caroline Lucas

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: 6

John Cryer
Claudia Webbe
Mick Whitley
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Dame Angela Eagle

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: 5

Tim Farron
 Layla Moran
 Kenny MacAskill
 Jim Shannon
 Caroline Lucas

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: 19

Tim Farron
 Jim Shannon
 Wera Hobhouse
 Andrew Gwynne
 Kenny MacAskill
 Jonathan Edwards

Caroline Lucas
 Layla Moran
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Hywel Williams

Wendy Chamberlain
 Christine Jardine
 Ben Lake
 Liz Saville Roberts

Ed Davey
 Jamie Stone
 Claire Hanna

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: 15

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

Zarah Sultana

Jamie Stone

Wendy Chamberlain

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: 24

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

Ben Lake

Wendy Chamberlain

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: 13

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

Caroline Lucas

Rebecca Long Bailey

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.

207 Jailing of Darya Polyudova

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 2

John McDonnell
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Mr Virendra Sharma

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: 2

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon

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: 3

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

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: 2

Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon

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: 6

David Warburton
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Jamie Stone
Kevin Brennan [R]
Paula Barker

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: 2

Stephen Metcalfe
Jim Shannon

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.