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New EDMs

237 International Women in Engineering Day

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House highlights International Women in Engineering Day (IWED) being celebrated on 23 June 2021; further notes the aims of IWED to support women to achieve their potential as engineers, applied scientists and leaders and to reward excellence, to encourage and promote the education, study and application of engineering and to work with organizations and influencers to promote gender diversity and equality in the workplace and sustain the historic legacy and future effectiveness of the Women's Engineering Society; and encourages schools, technical colleges and universities to engage in the promotion of International Women in Engineering Day and highlight the job opportunities and potential that exist in the sector.

238 World Continence Week

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises World Continence Week, from 21 to 27 June 2021, which aims to raise awareness of incontinence related issues; observes the devastating impact that incontinence can have on quality of life; further notes that an estimated 6 million people in the UK, on average over 9,000 in each parliamentary constituency, are affected by continence problems with many relying on urology appliances every day allowing them independence and avoiding repeated medical consultation; regrets that urinary tract infections remain one of the most frequent causes of unplanned hospital admissions requiring the commitment of major NHS resources; further notes that NICE considers intermittent self-catheterisation with single use catheters as the gold standard in urine drainage and for reducing the risk of infection; acknowledges the extent to which suppliers of continence products ensured continued supply to patients throughout the pandemic; and encourages the Government to ensure that urinary device development and innovation continue to

be encouraged to improve patients' quality of life and longevity, whilst further boosting the success of the important medical technology sector and its contribution to the economy.

239 Local government workers pay rise

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 16

Navendu Mishra
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne
Claudia Webbe
Paula Barker
Ian Mearns

Ian Byrne
 Andrew Gwynne
 Mick Whitley
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Jeremy Corbyn
 John McDonnell
 Kim Johnson

Barry Gardiner
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Ian Lavery

That this House is appalled by the 1.5 per cent pay increase offered to local government workers, which amounts to as little as £1.03 per day for some workers and is in real terms a pay cut; applauds the incredible effort those workers have made during the covid-19 pandemic, continuing to deliver frontline services and to keep their communities running while many other workplaces have shut down; notes that those workers have already faced 10 years' worth of real-terms pay cuts and increased workloads as a result of the Government's policies of austerity; insists that the joint trade union claim for a 10 per cent pay rise for local government workers is justified and necessary; and calls on the Local Government Association and local government employers to negotiate in good faith with the joint trade unions to give local government workers the pay rise they deserve.

240 Legacy of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu)

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 3

Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams

That this House mourns the passing of David R. Edwards (Dave Datblygu), musician, poet and and frontman of legendary Welsh band Datblygu at 56 years old in his home in Carmarthen; celebrates the legacy of Mr Edwards, originally from Cardigan, whose radically original music and lyrics including on albums such as Wyau, Pyst and Libertino, paved the way for a whole generation of Welsh alternative musicians; notes that through their music and art, Datblygu, who formed in 1982 and released their most recent album in August 2020, have been especially influential in shaping the diverse and vibrant culture we enjoy in Wales today; and sends its condolences to his family and friends as they come to terms with the sad news of his passing.

241 General Practice Data for Planning Research

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 4

Dawn Butler
John McDonnell
Clive Lewis
Mr David Davis

That this House is concerned with the current plans for the General Practice Data for Planning Research, while although noting the importance of data for legitimate research believes that it puts patient data and medical histories at serious risk of abuse; believes that the plans will potentially discourage sick patients from seeking support from their GP as the trust between patient and GP confidentiality may be undermined; further believes that the Government's plan is putting undue pressure on already stretched GP practices; believes the current awareness of the plan by the general public is low and bureaucratic opt-out process is designed to dissuade patients; recognises the relationship between GPs and their patients and that general practices have an important role in trust within the healthcare system; and calls on the Government to stop the plan immediately, protect trust in General Practice, protect patient confidentiality for the long term, and embark on a data protection impact assessment.

242 John Frace, Dunoon and Scotland's award for covid-19 tracker website

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Dunoon resident John Frace on being awarded outstanding contribution from a university student in the Herald Higher Education Awards 2021 for his work in establishing the Scottish and UK covid-19 tracking website; commends the remarkable work of John, a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands in collating data and statistics on coronavirus cases, including the tracking of the vaccination programme; acknowledges the contribution of the website in distributing and sharing information about the pandemic, which has led to the website receiving acclaim from both scientific experts and the wider public; acknowledges that to date the website has attracted almost 15 million views, with more than 1,000 people logging on every day to see the updates; applauds John's dedication to the 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.

243 Learning Disability Week 2021

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House supports Learning Disability Awareness Week which took place from 14 to 20 June 2021; notes that the Week's theme was Art and Creativity; highlights that for many people with a learning disability and their families creativity has been a way to remain connected and positive throughout the challenges of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that for those with learning disabilities being creative through activities such as art and performing art can help with self-expression and self-confidence and improve mental health; and congratulates Mencap on their vital work delivering Learning Disability Awareness Week through arts and craft, symbolised recipes and video series and for their continued support for those with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

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.

171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 40

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

Dan Carden

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: 16

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

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Claire Hanna

Jonathan Edwards

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: 28

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

Rosie Cooper

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.

190 Rental reform

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 12

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

Dan Carden

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.

194 Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 20

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

Dan Carden

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: 11

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

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.

202 Zero-carbon domestic renewables

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 14

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Kenny MacAskill
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Claire Hanna

Ed Davey

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.

205 Cabinet Office clearing house and Freedom of Information

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 30

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

Dan Carden

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.

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

Tabled: 16/06/21 Signatories: 22

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

Andy Slaughter

Peter Dowd

Apsana Begum

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.

215 Windrush Day 2021

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 36

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

Dan Carden

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.

217 Bereavement support payment, widowed parent's allowance and cohabitees

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 9

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne

Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House calls for the extension of the Bereavement Support Payment and Widowed Parent's Allowance to people who were cohabiting but were not married or in a civil partnership; notes that judgments from the matter of an application by Siobhan McLaughlin for Judicial Review (Northern Ireland) [2018] UKSC 48 and R (Jackson & Others) v SSWP [2020] EWHC 183, found that denying co-habiting parents the payments constitutes a breach of human rights and is not a proportional means of promoting marriage; further notes it has been nearly a year since the Government outlined its intention to take forward a Remedial Order to remove the incompatibilities of an extension from the legislation governing Bereavement Support Payment Widowed Parent's Allowance; and calls on the Government to swiftly fulfil the judgments of the courts to fix this manifestly unjust situation which affects some 2,000 families with children annually.

218 Israel and Palestine

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 4

Debbie Abrahams
Mohammad Yasin
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its profound concern at recent events in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel; welcomes the ceasefire which began on 21 May 2021; calls for every effort to be made to end all attacks and forms of aggression, address the underlying causes and hold those responsible fully accountable; recognises that genuine calm and de-escalation can only be achieved with the full realisation of Palestinian rights and the end of Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory; and calls on the UK Government to work to end the 54 years of occupation and 14 years of the blockade of the Gaza Strip, lift the blockade of Gaza and allow the free flow of goods both way and ensure the tunnels under the Gaza-Egyptian border are closed off permanently with international monitoring, strengthen support for UNRWA and work with international partners to put it on a sustainable long-term financial footing to ensure the dignity of Palestinian refugees until such a time as a just and sustainable solution is achieved, work to ensure the holding of free and fair Presidential and Parliamentary Palestinian elections throughout the occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, end Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians including its own Palestinian citizens, ensuring all mob attacks are fully investigated and use every diplomatic method to bring about a peace process that can resolve this conflict on the basis of international law, justice and the end of all discrimination to ensure a secure and lasting peace.

219 Protection of sealsTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **6**

Tracey Crouch
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Jonathan Edwards
Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to amend the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 to make it an offence committed if a person (or a third party controlled by the person, including but not limited to; dogs, drones or vessels) intentionally or recklessly kills, injures, takes, disturbs or harasses a seal; recognises the importance of making legislation on disturbance of seals consistent with that for whales and dolphins; notes that seals, like nesting seabirds, are even more vulnerable to disturbance because of their need to rest, digest, moult, socialise and pup on land; further notes that disturbance includes all actions that change a seal's behaviour or its environment, affecting its wellbeing or survival prospects; understands that seals are highly mobile marine species that swim from site to site and need protection to follow them anywhere around the UK; recognises that such an amendment to existing legislation would have protected Freddie the seal in the River Thames, who regrettably died following a dog attack in 2021; further recognises that seals make a positive contribution to local economies, providing ecosystem and health and wellbeing benefits; and further calls on the Government to amend existing legislation and continue to work with local authorities and seal conservation and welfare organisations to help educate the public on the importance of protecting the UK's globally rare and native species.

222 Anti-Asian hate crimeTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **12**

Deidre Brock
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Navendu Mishra

Kenny MacAskill**Kirsten Oswald****Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates the British Born Young Talent Association (BBYTA) on holding its recent seminar on Conversations on Anti-Asian Hate; notes from the seminar that many of our Asian communities, in the wake of covid-19, have experienced an increase in hate crime; appreciates BBYTA raising awareness of such an important matter; condemns racism; and encourages people to report such incidents to the police.

223 Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 10

Andrew Rosindell
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Wera Hobhouse
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Craig Whittaker

That this House notes its concern over the recent arrests of a further five employees of Hong Kong newspaper Apple Daily on the suspicion of national security violations; recognises the importance of a free, open and robust media for holding the powerful to account and is concerned that these arrests mean that such a media no longer exists in Hong Kong; condemns the Hong Kong authorities for using the national security law to target Hongkongers who support democracy and human rights; welcomes those Hongkongers who have arrived in the UK to make a new life for themselves and to escape the brutality of the Chinese Communist Party; and commends the bravery and resilience of those Hongkongers who continue to fight for the freedom of their homeland.

224 Independent Bookshop Week 2021

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 8

Sarah Olney
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker

Tim Farron

That this House celebrates Independent Bookshop Week 2021, which takes place from 19 to 26 June; notes the role of independent bookshops in sustaining and cultivating reading habits and enhancing literary skills; further notes the financial contribution that independent bookshops make to the UK's creative economy, and acknowledges the flexible and well-paid jobs they deliver; recognises that bricks-and-mortar booksellers are responsible for the discovery of some 21 per cent of all consumer book purchases and promote a diverse and robust publishing industry by supporting new writers and less well-known books; highlights the role that independent bookshops play in providing a safe community-filled space; believes independent bookshops generate footfall on our high streets by bringing people together through book clubs, book signings and other events; laments the danger that large online retailers pose to independent bookshops; and calls on the Government to urgently recognise the social value and cultural importance of independent bookshops.

225 EU Settlement SchemeTabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **9**

Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin

Chris Stephens

That this House is concerned that many resident EU citizens may lose their rights to live and work in the UK following the 30 June 2021 deadline of the EU Settlement Scheme; notes that over 5 million applications have been made to the Scheme, over 90,000 coming from people in Wales; further notes that as the Government does not know the precise numbers of eligible people, it is not possible to know how many have not yet registered; acknowledges the barriers that some EU citizens and non-EU family members face in obtaining settled status, including a lack of awareness or understanding, misconceptions regarding the application process, difficulties evidencing residency or identity and confusion around deadlines; recognises that eligible applicants may lose their rights if their case is unresolved beyond 30 June 2021 and that this will likely impact upon vulnerable applicants with complicated cases; and calls on the Government to extend the application deadline beyond 30 June 2021, ensuring that nobody loses their current rights and fulfilling its commitment to fair treatment for all resident EU nationals in the UK as outlined in the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

230 Youth Mobility SchemeTabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **3**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Tim Farron

That this House recognises the benefits of the Youth Mobility Scheme which allows young people to live, work and study in the UK for up to 24 months; notes the importance of that scheme to the development of young people's understanding of different countries and cultures; further notes that scheme stimulates investment in tourist activities and language schools; recognises that scheme further supports the economy by providing a route for prospective au pairs, who provide an affordable and flexible childcare solution, to come to the UK from other countries and vice versa; acknowledges that scheme is limited in scope in terms of countries that can take part and number of places available; laments that EU countries are not included in the scheme; and urges the Government to expand the scope of the Youth Mobility Scheme in recognition of the benefits it delivers to young people.

231 Rise of anti-Indian racism

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 14

Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Barry Gardiner
Mr Virendra Sharma
Paula Barker
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Mick Whitley
Chris Stephens

Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery

Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

232 Leisure centre closures

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 8

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Wera Hobhouse
Caroline Lucas
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Byrne

Jim Shannon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House notes that recent research indicates a third of local authority owned leisure centres in England are facing closure and that, in Tower Hamlets, St George's Leisure Centre is facing possible permanent closure; believes that the disproportionate impact of the covid-19 outbreak on the most deprived communities highlights the importance of tackling health inequalities and that there are stark inequalities in exercise between people in deprived areas and the rest of the country; further believes that access to local swimming facilities can dramatically improve both physical health and mental wellbeing; and that privatisation of leisure facilities has led to the prioritisation of profit over the value they bring to communities; calls for the Government to make additional funding available to local authorities to keep leisure centres open; and for an end to privatisation in the provision of public leisure facilities.

233 Use of restraints on children and young people

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 4

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jim Shannon
Kenny MacAskill
Ian Lavery

That this House believes that no child or young person who has not committed nor been suspected of committing a crime be placed in handcuffs or subject to similar forms of restraint; notes with concern the prevalence of handcuffs being used against vulnerable children in the UK's care system by independent providers of secure transportation; understands that there is currently no legal obligation for these providers to report the use of handcuffs to the appropriate authorities and that this prevents an empirical understanding of how often and why handcuffs are being used; recognises the negative impact of such practices on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that further action to protect the health and wellbeing of these vulnerable children is needed through early intervention such as mentoring; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Hope instead of Handcuffs campaign to ban the handcuffing of innocent children and young people in the UK's care system unless there is a considerable risk of the child harming themselves or others and mandate that all organisations involved in the secure transportation of children be legally obliged to report any instances of the handcuffing of these children.

234 Anniversary of Kilcreggan Primary School

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 3

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Kilcreggan Primary school on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the current school by the former Argyll and Bute Provost, Billy Petrie in 1971; commends Head Teacher Frances Bretman and staff in providing a positive learning environment for the children to grow and develop into confident and happy young people and being located in the beautiful Rosneath Peninsula, offers a unique outdoor education and experience within the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence; notes that the pupils celebrated the anniversary by researching the school's 150 year history and by speaking to past pupils and staff, were able to gain a real insight into school life in the last fifty years; hopes that, when the restrictions due to Covid-19 are lifted, the school will be able to celebrate their anniversary with the community in which they play an important part; and thanks staff for their continued dedication and commitment and wishes all those involved in Kilcreggan Primary school every success in the future.

235 Armed Forces Day 2021

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 4

Carol Monaghan
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Chris Stephens

That this House notes that Armed Forces Day 2021 takes place on 26th June; welcomes this recognition and appreciation of both current and former service personnel; applauds and sincerely thanks Armed Forces personnel and veterans for their outstanding public service and personal sacrifice throughout their military careers; welcomes a national day to recognise and reflect upon the hard work, commitment, and diligence of military personnel; notes that this year's Armed

Forces Day celebrations will be scaled down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; encourages Parliamentarians and members of the public to reflect on the dedication of Armed Forces personnel and veterans whilst adhering to COVID-19 safety restrictions; calls on everyone to #SaluteOurForces on this day of reflection and appreciation; and calls on the UK Government to ensure fair and compassionate treatment and conditions for servicepeople and veterans of the Armed Forces.

236 GKN Automotive alternative plan

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 56

Jack Dromey
Grahame Morris
Rachel Hopkins
Kate Osborne
Preet Kaur Gill
Zarah Sultana

Jim Shannon
Margaret Beckett

Chris Stephens
Nick Smith

Christian Matheson
Geraint Davies

That this House is alarmed by GKN Automotive's decision to close its Birmingham factory next year, with the loss of over 500 highly skilled jobs and work transferred to continental Europe; notes that GKN's origins trace back to the industrial revolution, with over 260 years of history that include making cannonballs for the Battle of Waterloo and parts for Spitfires in the Battle of Britain; further notes that GKN was subject to a hostile takeover in 2018 by venture capitalists Melrose Industries with promises made to rebuild the company into a British manufacturing powerhouse; is disappointed that GKN has rejected Unite the union's alternative business plan to save the factory, which is a major supplier to car plants across the West Midlands; believes that, with the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles ending in 2030, there is an urgent need to develop domestic infrastructure for producing electric vehicles; further believes that the factory can play a key role in the transition to electric vehicles by producing vital components such as the e-Drive axel, an existing GKN technology; welcomes assurances from Ministers that they are committed to doing what they can to save these high-skilled jobs, which could involve investment in capital equipment or skills to stoke the plant's competitiveness (Official Report, 28 April 2021, Cols 127WH 128WH); and calls on GKN to work with the Government and Unite to secure a viable future for the factory, and on the Government to provide whatever support is needed to achieve this.