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# Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 15 September 2021

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# **New EDMs**

#### 434 Support for the Plant Based Treaty

# Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House welcomes the Plant Based Treaty aiming to put food systems at the heart of combating the climate crisis by encouraging a shift to healthier and sustainable plant-based diets, while simultaneously working to reverse the damage to ecosystems and biodiversity; and calls on the Government to use COP26 in Glasgow as an opportunity to be a world leader in recognising the negative impact of industrial animal agriculture on climate change and commit to developing a global strategy to transition towards more sustainable plant-based food systems.

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#### 435 Back British Farming Day

#### **Tim Farron**

That this House welcomes the National Farmers Union's Back British Farming Day on the 15 September 2021; recognises the key role farmers play in producing the food we eat and as stewards of our countryside; believes that farmers are key allies in tackling the climate and ecological emergencies; supports the introduction of a public money for public goods system for farm payments; further believes existing basic payments should continue in full until the new Environmental Land Management Scheme is fully rolled out; considers the Government's failure to protect UK standards on environmental protection and animal welfare to be deeply damaging to farmers; calls on the Government to protect those standards; and further calls for Parliament to be given the final say on any trade agreement.

# Justice for the Yazidi and other religious minority victims of Daesh genocide

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Brendan O'Hara**

That this House recalls that on 20 April 2016 the House voted 278 to 0 in favour of declaring the crimes of Daesh as genocide; notes that the Government contributed to the successful establishment of the UN Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Daesh/ISIL (UNITAD) to collect and preserve the evidence of Daesh's atrocities in Iraq and to support Iraqi domestic efforts to hold the perpetrators to account; further notes that UNITAD identified 1,444 suspected perpetrators responsible for the attacks against the Yazidis, including 14 members deemed most responsible for the atrocities classified as war crimes, crimes against humanity and even genocide; is concerned that only a few perpetrators have been brought to justice, whether in Iraq or abroad, and for terror-related offences only; and calls on the Government to lead the initiative at the UN Security Council to either refer the situation in Iraq to the International Criminal Court or to establish an ad-hoc International Tribunal for Daesh's atrocities in Iraq to ensure justice for the survivors and families of victims of the crimes of Daesh.

# 437 Frank To and the Humanium Metal Humanitarian Project

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 1

# **Drew Hendry**

That this House recognises Scottish artist Franks To's dedication to global peace through art; commends him on his successful collaborations with IM Swedish Development Partner, who created a new type of alloy from illegal firearms seized in conflict areas; appreciates the emotional and important messaging behind the artwork of Frank To including in his latest project which involves the creation of Humanium alloy pastels which will be used for public art displays in areas affected by gun violence; recognises the impact that the procurement and destruction of illegal firearms have on the lives of millions around the world; and wishes Frank success in highlighting the cause of global peace.

# 438 Primark Inverness Staff Fundraising Efforts for Macmillan Cancer Support

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Primark Inverness staff on their recent Ben Nevis climb in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; notes that the team of five have already raised three times their target having raised nearly £900 for the charity; and recognises that their fundraising efforts will go towards supporting cancer patients and their families as they deal with the impacts of a cancer diagnosis.

#### 439 Cru Holdings recognition as a Hospitality Sector Living Wage Employer

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Highland Hospitality Group on becoming accredited as a real living wage employer; notes that Cru Holdings which operates six bars and restaurants in Inverness and Nairn are the first of its kind in the area to be accredited under the Real Living Wage Scheme;

further notes that the group have achieved this recognition during an extremely challenging economic time; and commends the company's commitment to a fair wage and to the wellbeing of their hundred strong workforce.

# 440 20 years of limits on press and freedom of expression in Eritrea

Tabled: 15/09/21 Signatories: 2

Patrick Grady Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes that 18 September 2021 will mark the 20th anniversary of the decision by the Government of Eritrea to ban all independent media outlets in the country, and the arrest and arbitrary detention of journalists and political activists; further notes that those prisoners of conscience include Aster Fissehatison and 10 others who had written an open letter to the President of Eritrea calling for democratic political dialogue, unity and the peaceful rule of law; notes reports by Amnesty International that the group has never been put on trial or charged with any offence and that no official word on its whereabouts or physical condition has ever been given to family members or friends; notes that the Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that least 11 journalists were arrested in the round-up, and several more were jailed the following month, estimating that 17 journalists remain in prison to this day, none of whom has been heard from since that time; welcomes the work of these campaign groups and members of the Eritrean community living outside Eritrea to raise awareness of these prisoners of conscience, including a new exhibition of photos and images which will be launched by Eritrea Focus to mark the anniversary; and calls on the Government to work with the international community to address ongoing abuses of human rights in Eritrea.

# **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.

#### 359 Safety and employment on cross Channel ferries

Tabled: 21/07/21 Signatories: 17

Grahame Morris Ian Mearns Paula Barker John McDonnell Jim Shannon Mick Whitley

Richard Burgon

That this House is concerned by safety and employment standards on cross Channel ferry services; notes that Irish Ferries' crew on the Dover-Calais route conduct five times more Channel crossings before a period of leave than colleagues at P&O Ferries; further notes that roster patterns on P&O and DFDS ferries from Dover are agreed with the recognised unions, partly to reflect the increased risk of seafarer fatigue on operationally intense cross Channel ferry routes; notes that Irish Ferries does not recognise trade unions and employ seafarers via a Cypriot crewing agent on voyage-only contracts which pay some crew below the National Minimum Wage to work for twelve hours a day for six weeks with no pension provision; is further concerned that the likelihood of a serious maritime safety incident in the Channel is increased by Irish Ferries' business model; believes that

local seafarers are effectively excluded from applying for work at Irish Ferries, which also damages the local economy; notes that Irish Ferries does not operate a seafarer apprenticeship scheme; notes that only 13 per cent of Ratings jobs in the UK shipping industry are held by UK seafarers; and calls on the Government to work with the RMT and other trade unions to improve safety and increase employment and training for UK seafarers on strategically vital cross Channel ferry services, as part of the sector's sustainable recovery from the covid-19 pandemic.

#### 370 Kashmir and the revocation of Articles 370 and 35A of India's Constitution

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 3

Tahir Ali Mohammad Yasin Richard Burgon

That this House recognises that it has been two years since the Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party Government in India revoked Articles 370 and 35a from its constitution, effectively stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its regional autonomy; notes that since 6 August 2019, Kashmir has been under militarised occupation by India; condemns that occupation which has resulted in the suspension of democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir, censorship of journalists in that region, the repression of activists opposed to that occupation, a communications blackout which has hampered Kashmir's response to the covid-19 pandemic and serious human rights abuses by Indian forces in that region, including extrajudicial killing, torture, rape and illegal detention which have been well-documented by international monitoring organisations; and calls on the UK Government to bring diplomatic pressure, including sanctions, to bear upon Prime Minister Modi and his Government as a means of ending the occupation of that region and all of the human and civil rights abuses that continue to take place in that region.

# 373 National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund

Tabled: 18/08/21 Signatories: 13

Mick Whitley [R] Andrew Gwynne Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Kim Johnson Kate Osborne

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that we breathe in, drink and eat plastic particles every day; recognises that little research has been conducted to fully establish what risk that poses to human health; further notes that when plastic gets into the body it can spread; understands that particles emitted from plastic prosthetic implants have been found in human organs like the liver, spleen and placenta; believes that new clinical research on plastic and health is urgently required but is chronically underfunded; notes that in 2021 Whitehall announced its commitment to making Britain a world leader in research and development across health, life sciences and manufacturing, with some £15 billion invested into research and development for 2021-22; asserts that part of that budget must be ringfenced to urgently understand how increasing exposure to plastic particles affects human health; and endorses social enterprise Common Seas' calls for the Government to rapidly introduce a new £15 million National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund.

# 381 Transparency in the Apprenticeship Levy funding

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 11

Emma Hardy Dame Angela Eagle Paula Barker Jim Shannon Dan Carden Kate Hollern

Ian Mearns Tahir Ali

That this House is concerned by the lack of transparency in funding that is used from the Apprenticeship Levy; believes that information about the spending of this money should be publicly available, and accessible to view broken down by sector and types of employer; acknowledges the complications for many organisations in understanding where and how the funding they have paid into the levy is used on expiry; recognises that the Department for Education needs to regularly publish spend from the Levy and track how any underspend is used or diverted to the Treasury; calls on the Government to ensure that full details of the apprenticeship levy spend and any surplus is published on a monthly basis by the Department.

# 382 Deregulated bus transport

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 16

Grahame Morris Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Dan Carden Jonathan Edwards

Ian Mearns Tahir Ali

That this House is concerned with the adequacy of deregulated bus services in England outside London; notes the near unanimous consensus that the current system is not delivering for passengers and the multitude of reports finding as such; further notes that in England alone, average fares have increased 403 percent since deregulation, ridership has fallen almost 40 percent, and some 3,000 routes have been cut; acknowledges the many complaints from passengers concerning poor reliability and fragmented service; further acknowledges the harms caused by the breakdown of bus services, including on access to work, healthcare, and community; recognises that buses provide an essential service and account for some 4 billion journeys per year; further recognises that attractive and convenient local bus services are important to meeting the Government's climate goals; believes that structural changes are necessary for improving local bus services; and calls on the Government to ease the process for local authorities to franchise bus services, repeal the ban on municipal bus services, support local authorities making use of these options, and adopt a minimum service frequencies standard that all people can rely on.

#### 383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 85

Dawn Butler Grahame Morris Ian Mearns Kate Osborne Clive Lewis Mick Whitley

Ed Davey Kirsty Blackman

That this House believes that trust in the ministerial code has been eroded by the actions of the Prime Minister; further believes that the Prime Minister should no longer be the guardian of the code as he has been shown to lack the moral aptitude needed; and therefore calls for steps to be taken to make the House of Commons responsible for deciding whether alleged breaches should be investigated and determining whether Ministers have breached the code.

#### Communication of changes to the state pension age for 1950s-born women

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 64

Andrew Gwynne Claudia Webbe Navendu Mishra Dame Angela Eagle Paula Barker Kim Johnson

Richard Burgon Ian Mearns

That this House notes the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; urges the Government to recognise the negative effects of successive DWP maladministration; calls for compensation for 1950s-born women; notes the profound mental, physical and economic pressure placed on 1950s-born women due to poor communication from the DWP; recognises that the issue of State Pension Inequality for Women is not party-political; calls on colleagues from across the political spectrum to work together to find a solution; commends the exceptional campaigning being done by 1950s-born women; calls on the Government to meet with campaigning groups and the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women to help develop a fair and fast resolution to this problem; expresses dismay at the fact that no DWP Ministers came to the House to address the PHSO findings prior to the summer recess; calls on the Secretary of State to update the House as soon as possible on what steps she will be taking to compensate 1950s-born women.

#### 394 **Drug strategy**

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 16

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Mick Whitley
Mohammad Yasin
Allan Dorans

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that ONS data released on 3 August 2021 revealed a record number of drug-related deaths in 2020, with 4,561 deaths in England and Wales and 1,339 deaths in Scotland, higher than any other European country; further notes that almost half of homicides and half of acquisitive crimes are drug-related; is appalled that all but 10 local authority drug and alcohol treatment services in England have experienced a real-terms budget reduction, with four seeing reductions of more than 40 per cent; welcomes the Government's commitment to working closely with the devolved Administrations to develop effective drug policies; further welcomes the appointment of Professor Dame Carol Black as ongoing independent advisor on drugs; and reaffirms the urgent need for Government to fulfil the recommendations of Carol Black's Review of Drugs.

# 397 Remembering the Featherstone Massacre 1893

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Dan Carden Mick Whitley

Richard Burgon

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7 September 1893; pays tribute to the six people injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25 per cent reduction in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to increase profits; highlights the struggles of workers in the UK today who are facing an assault on their pay, terms and conditions by employers attempting to fire and rehire their staff on more exploitative contracts; believes the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities.

# 406 Prescription charges

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 23

Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
John Spellar
Sir George Howarth
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Gwynne

Richard Burgon Ian Mearns Tahir Ali

That this House restates its commitment to the National Health Service as a universal service free at the point of delivery and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; recognises the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on access to health services; is deeply concerned that increased waiting times could leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication to manage their pain and health conditions; considers the implications of the Government's consultation on aligning prescription charges with the state pension age as being deeply dangerous and likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities and widen existing health inequalities; fears that such a move would leave many older patients struggling to fund their medication; believes that those proposals would further increase pressure on NHS services through expensive hospital admissions; expresses its concern that more patients will have to make health choices based on their ability to pay for prescriptions; and calls on the Government to follow the devolved administrations in ending prescription charges for people with long-term health conditions in England and to set out a medium to long-term strategy for the scrapping of prescription charges altogether.

# 410 Shortage of HGV drivers

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 16

Daisy Cooper Sarah Olney Claire Hanna Chris Stephens Jim Shannon Wera Hobhouse

Christine Jardine Tim Farron

That this House notes with concern that the shortage of HGV drivers in the UK is at crisis point; regrets that even before the covid-19 pandemic, when the UK road transport business employed approximately 600,000 drivers, that there was still a shortfall of as many as 70,000 vacancies; further notes with growing alarm that many of the 60,000 drivers from EU member states who were residing and working in the UK before Brexit have now left the British jobs market; calls on the Government to take seriously the combined stresses of added border checks since Brexit, an aging and fast retiring workforce, ever increasing numbers of EU drivers who are choosing not to work in the UK and the delays caused by covid-19 safe industry measures; requests that an industry-wide support scheme is urgently developed by the Secretary of State for Transport to increase the rate of driver training and recruitment; further calls on the Chancellor to compensate small and medium-sized haulage firms for the costs involved with border checks and delays with our EU neighbours and to reduce the impact of IR35 regulations on these same firms; and asks the Home Secretary to add HGV drivers to the UK Shortage Occupation list to attract overseas labour to the UK.

# 412 50 years of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 8

Martin Docherty-Hughes Patrick Grady Marion Fellows Chris Stephens Allan Dorans Carol Monaghan

Richard Burgon

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to the staff and volunteers of West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau who will be marking its 50th anniversary on the 16th September 2021; believes that those staff and volunteers have provided an invaluable service to the citizens of the West Dunbartonshire district over those 50 years ensuring that individuals do not suffer through a lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, the services available to them or an inability to express their needs; understands that in 2019-20 they advised over 4,925 clients on 28,826 issues and generated £1,725,339 in client financial gains; and wishes the West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau another 50 successful years of supporting the people of Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven.

# 414 Play therapy

Tabled: 8/09/21 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron Chris Stephens Douglas Chapman Allan Dorans Jim Shannon Marion Fellows

Richard Burgon Carla Lockhart

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

Signatories: 25

#### 416 Adult social care workforce and Local Government

Tabled: 9/09/21 Signatories: 22

Tabled: 9/09/21

Paula Barker Mick Whitley Wera Hobhouse Navendu Mishra Kim Johnson Dan Carden

Richard Burgon Mary Kelly Foy Ian Mearns

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

# 417 **AOC Europe 2021**

Ian Byrne [R] Kim Johnson Paula Barker Dan Carden Mick Whitley Margaret Greenwood

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House opposes the planned staging of the AOC Europe 2021 electronic warfare event, organised by Clarion Defence and Security, at Liverpool's Arena and Convention Centre (ACC) in October 2021; notes that that event will bring together many of the biggest global arms companies with government and military officials attending from across the world; further notes that that event will showcase and display a wide range of armaments and military equipment; notes that such military equipment being showcased has been used, and continues to be used, by regimes that have abused human rights and civil liberties; recognises that the use of such military equipment inevitably exacerbates the potential for conflict and undermines the search for peaceful solutions to international problems; further recognises that communities in Liverpool have proudly stood with those suffering injustice for many years and agrees that the staging of that event is an affront to the city's shared values; calls on ACC Liverpool Group to reconsider hosting that event, and any future events, which undermine the city's commitment to peace and human rights; and urges ACC Liverpool Group to work with Liverpool City Council to develop and adopt an ethical charter as company policy.

Signatories: 7

Signatories: 19

Tabled: **10/09/21** 

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# 419 Trodelvy

Mick Whitley Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Jim Shannon Tracey Crouch Ian Lavery

Richard Burgon

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

# 420 Introducing a Wealth Tax

Richard Burgon John McDonnell Jon Trickett Bell Ribeiro-Addy Apsana Begum Zarah Sultana

Ian Mearns

That this House notes that almost a quarter of all household wealth in the UK is held by the richest one per cent. of the population; further notes that the wealth of UK billionaires increased by £106 billion since the start of the pandemic; believes that it is unjust that taxes on work are much greater than taxes on wealth; rejects the remarks by the Chancellor who stated in July 2020 that I do not believe that now is the time, or ever would be the time, for a wealth tax; notes that there are growing calls for wealth taxes both in the UK and around the world with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling for governments to introduce wealth taxes to help reduce global inequality exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the UK Wealth Commission, made up of a team of over 50 experts on tax policy, concluded in their December 2020 report that a wealth tax would be preferential to raising taxes on incomes; and calls on the Government to introduce a wealth tax as a progressive alternative to raising taxes on working people.

#### 423 SATs in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 9

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Layla Moran

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the enormous effect that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; notes the study by UCL Institute of Education researchers which found that a fear of poor SATs results is driving headteachers to separate pupils by ability despite the impact on children's self-esteem and confidence; believes that the UK's teach-to-test approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further believes that high-stakes testing, exemplified by SATs, distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and affects most severely those who are most in need; further notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; further believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2021-22 academic year.

# 424 Auchengeich Mining Disaster 62nd anniversary

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 20

Steven Bonnar Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Brendan O'Hara

Richard Burgon Ian Mearns Gavin Newlands

**Margaret Ferrier** 

That this House acknowledges that Saturday 18 September 2021 is the 62nd anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to Councillor Willie Doolan and all at the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn Community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster.

# 426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 14

Mr Toby Perkins Gareth Bacon Chris Evans David Mundell Tonia Antoniazzi Sir Robert Neill

Gavin Newlands Carla Lockhart

That this House is delighted, amazed and inspired by the performances of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open without losing a set; notes that she is the first qualifier in the history of tennis to win a grand slam event; congratulates Emma and all those involved in her success; further notes that an estimated television audience of over 9.5 million watched Saturday's match; hopes that this success will inspire future generations of girls, boys and adults to take up tennis; and encourages the LTA, the Government and local tennis clubs to use this success to further drive up participation of this sport which can be enjoyed by people across the country regardless of age, sex or ability.

#### 427 National care service

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 25

Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Richard Burgon
Nadia Whittome

Beth Winter Mary Kelly Foy Ian

Mearns Ian Byrne

That this House notes £7.7 billion has been cut from social care budgets since 2010; further notes that this has resulted in 1.4 million older people not having the care they need for essential daily tasks and that 300,000 people are now on local authority waiting lists for adult social care services; notes the existing model of care provision through private providers, with 84 per cent of social care beds in the private sector, exacerbates the funding crisis through profit-making and dividend payments; regrets that the 170,000 unfilled vacancies in the social care sector are caused by chronic underpayment and poor working conditions, with up to three in four care workers not earning a real Living Wage; notes reports, including by the Centre for Health and the Public Interest, that around 10 per cent of the care home industry's £1.5 billion income is taken out in the form of rent, profit, directors' fees and debt repayments; further regrets that the Health and Social Care Levy will raise funds from those on low incomes whilst leaving wealth assets unaffected; notes that the £86,000 cap on social care costs will be of no benefit to the vast majority of ordinary people who do not have assets above this value, and is concerned it will not deliver sufficient funding to solve the social care crisis; and urges the Government to develop plans for a National Care Service funded fairly through progressive taxation, universally available to all, free at the point of use.

# 428 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 6

Tabled: **14/09/21** 

Signatories: 2

Kirsten Oswald Richard Burgon Ian Mearns Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards

That this House acknowledges that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; notes that blood cancers are the most common cancers affecting children and young people and that acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a type of leukaemia where cancerous cells build up in the bone marrow, is the most common cancer diagnosed in children, further notes that ALL is an acute leukaemia, which means it develops quickly and needs treatment straight away; recognises there are around 790 diagnoses of ALL in the UK each year, including over 500 in people aged under 25; welcomes signs that improvements in outcomes for children and young people with ALL have been driven by improvements in treatment related to clinical trials, including the use of CAR-T therapy, which has been effective in curing some patients with advanced cancers where other treatments have failed; expresses its appreciation for the work of groups such as the Teenage Cancer Trust and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group who are working to provide and improve the care and treatment of young people with ALL, supporting them and their families through the aftermath of a diagnosis and the extended period of treatment, which may last for two or more years; and calls on the Government to provide additional funding and support for research into promising treatments, such as CAR-T therapy, and effective means of recognising the signs and symptoms of ALL and other childhood cancers to ensure early diagnosis, which plays such an important role in ensuring survival from these distressing diseases.

# 429 Kharkiv Pride 2021

Stewart Malcolm McDonald Jonathan Edwards

This House congratulates people taking part in the Pride march in Kharkiv, Ukraine; notes that the third annual civil rights march attracted a record crowd of between 2000-3000 participants; however, condemns the violence that was instigated by right-wing protestors at the end of the parade; salutes the efforts of LGBT+ campaigners in Ukraine for stepping up efforts to gain recognition, support, and protection in the face of threats and intimidation; shows solidarity with

those LGBT+ Ukrainians and their allies; and offers its support to them in the future.

#### 430 Danny Quigley 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 Days

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 3

Colum Eastwood Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to Danny Quigley following his inspirational sporting achievement in completing 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 days to raise money for Pieta House and the Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum's 1-2-1 Counselling Service, in memory of his father Colm who died by suicide 10 years ago; notes that to date he has raised over £88,000; recognises that Danny stands out as an inspiration to people across Derry City and beyond for his commitment and athleticism; and affirms that his contribution will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of many across the city.

#### 431 Tyrone men's senior football team 2021 GAA All Ireland Final

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 2

Colum Eastwood Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Tyrone in their 2021 All Ireland Senior Football Championship victory scoring 2-14 to Mayo's 0-15; congratulates all the players, managerial and coaching team in securing Tyrone's 4th All- Ireland Senior Football Championship; and marks the efforts of all those involved in the GAA from coaches and players to staff behind the scenes and volunteers across Ireland and Britain, their dedication and commitment to the GAA which continues to ensure it is a pillar of Irish cultural and sporting life and a focal point for many communities at home and abroad.

# 432 Support from Strangford firms for Afghan refugees

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon Sammy Wilson Carla Lockhart Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson Margaret Ferrier

That this House notes the generous offer by two Strangford firms Mash Direct and Willowbrook Foods to house and employ a number of Afghan refugees; further notes the fact that they have had difficulty filling these place with local workers and wish to be supportive in these awful times for those who are at risk due to their support for democracy and freedom in Afghanistan; highlights that there may be other firms who would be willing to help should the Government make clear a straightforward and accessible process for hiring and housing these needy people; and recognises that society stands against tyranny and oppression, and supports Afghan nationals who are suffering.