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# Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 8 November 2021

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## **New EDMs**

## 622 Impact of e-scooter use

#### **Ed Davey**

That this House recognises the Government's e-scooter trial period, due to expire in November 2021; understands the potential benefits of using e-scooters and integrating them into active travel and green transport; recognises that e-scooters are indisputably less polluting than conventional petrol and diesel vehicles; notes the 2018 Dockless Electric Scooter-Related Injuries Study, conducted in Texas, which suggests that excessive e-scooter speed contributed to more than one-third, namely 37%, of injured riders; recognises the impact of pavement clutter which impacts disabled people; and calls on the Government to publish regular reviews of the impacts of e-scooters on safety in cities.

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# 623 Save Our Books campaign

## **Neale Hanvey**

That this House notes the continuing efforts of the Save Our Books campaign bringing together the Publishers Association, the Society of Authors, the Association of Authors' Agents and the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society on behalf of authors, literary agents, publishers and other supportive partners to maintain the UK's existing copyright laws rather than adopt an international exhaustion regime which would risk levelling down copyright standards; notes the concerns expressed by the Save Our Books Campaign that such a move would threaten the creative export market with the potential loss of up to 25% of the UK publishing industry's revenue, valued at almost one billion pounds, thereby potentially hampering investment and putting jobs at risk; believes that maintaining existing copyright laws will ensure that authors, illustrators, translators and publishers continue to be paid appropriately for their work and will also prevent an influx of cheap books from overseas which would see fewer books, by fewer authors for fewer readers

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across the UK; and calls on the Government to respond in early course to the findings of the recent consultation on the UK's future exhaustion of intellectual property rights regime carried out by The Intellectual Property Office which closed on 31 August and thereby provide the certainty and stability which the publishing sector needs.

#### 624 Forth and District Initiative

#### **Angela Crawley**

That this House congratulates Forth and District Initiative on being awarded £3000 in National Lottery funding to install five composting bins at the Forth Eco-Site; notes the group aim to maintain the beauty of the area through green initiatives, ranging from collecting rainwater for the plants to using wind and solar power for light and heat on the eco-site; recognises the positive impact the eco-site has on the local community by encouraging residents to maintain their own raised beds, and their continued involvement in a food co-op which sees freshly grown produce provided to the local foodbank and pensioners; and further notes the increase of young families using the site over the past year and the educational benefits of learning about nutrition and the environment as communities attempt to tackle climate change.

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## 85th Anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade

#### **Kate Osborne**

That this House commemorates with pride the 85th anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade; commends the 200 proud marchers who set off for London on 5 October 1936 to deliver their petition to Parliament; understands that the marchers wanted Parliament to view them as orderly and respectful people who deserved the right to work to support their families; recognises that the Crusade represents a great source of pride and togetherness which is still present in the town today; acknowledges that the proud folk of Jarrow and their local hon. Member Ellen Wilkinson came together in a united effort to demand the authorities listen; regretfully acknowledges that Parliament and the Prime Minister at the time did not greet the Marchers with great respect or respond positively to their plea for employment; and celebrates the Crusade's lasting legacy which still is alive in the town of Jarrow.

## 626 Social tariffs for broadband

#### **Jamie Stone**

That this House recognises the benefits of discounted broadband tariffs for consumers on low incomes or with special social needs; acknowledges that there is currently no mandatory requirement for broadband or mobile providers to offer social tariffs; notes that the amendments to the Communications Act 2003 that came into force in December 2020 mean that Ofcom now has powers, with Government direction, to consider the need for industry-wide social tariffs for particular groups of customers; further notes that, if social tariffs were made mandatory, over 7 million households could potentially benefit from having the cost of bills reduced; and calls on the Government to direct Ofcom to instate mandatory and universal broadband and mobile social tariffs for vulnerable consumers.

## 627 Hon. Members and secondary employment

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 10

Richard Burgon John McDonnell Apsana Begum Zarah Sultana Nadia Whittome Ian Lavery

Ian Byrne Grahame Morris Dawn Butler

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House recognises that being an hon. Member is not only a privilege but is also a well-paid and full-time job; believes that it is wrong that hon. Members are to able to receive significant additional incomes from second jobs, including for political consultancy or advisory roles for corporate interests; and calls for legislation to ban hon. Members from having second jobs, with limited exceptions where there is a clear public interest including to maintain professional registrations such as in nursing.

#### 628 Imam Dr Ruhul Amin

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 2

## Kirsty Blackman Richard Thomson

That this House recognises the life of Imam Dr Ruhul Amin following his sad passing; recalls his work as Muslim Chaplain at the University of Aberdeen and Imam of the Mosque; recognises the enormous contribution he played in community development, education, inter faith dialogue and charity work; notes the role he played in the New Mosque and Community Centre Project and his dedication to serving the community in Aberdeen; and conveys its sympathies to his family, friends and all who knew him at this sad time.

# 629 Local government and the climate emergency

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Kirsten Oswald**

That this House welcomes the significant participation of local government representatives from across the globe in the COP26 conference in Glasgow; welcomes in particular the meeting of global group C40 Cities, attended by visiting civic leaders from cities as diverse as London, Paris, Barcelona, Stockholm, Bogotá, Phoenix, Dhaka, Freetown, Dubai and Los Angeles, which discussed expansion of the Global Green New Deal programme, to support work with trade unions, young people, and community organisations to ensure climate action benefits everyone; notes recent estimates that the costs to the Greater Glasgow area of extreme climate events could exceed £400 million a year by 2050 and that 140,000 of the area's poorest people will be the most affected by climate breakdown unless major investment is made to help them adapt; considers that local authority declarations that the world faces a climate emergency, such as that by East Renfrewshire Council in the week before COP26, highlighting the growing recognition of the need to act now to achieve net zero carbon emissions; and calls on the Government to work with the devolved Governments and on a global basis to ensure that local authorities have the necessary powers and resources to create the greener, healthier, more inclusive communities that is needed to drive the large-scale changes that are essential to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.

## 630 K107 FM's success at the National Community Radio Awards 2021

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Neale Hanvey**

That this House congratulates K107 FM on their success at the National Community Radio Awards 2021; notes that the Kirkcaldy-based community radio station was nominated in two categories with Craig Mitchell nominated in the top five for the Newcomer of the Year category and the station's Saturday Sports Show, hosted by Graeme Kilgour with regular contributors Stuart Kirk and Angus Shepherd, winning the Bronze award for Sports Show of the Year; further notes that this is the second year running that K107 has enjoyed success at the National Community Radio Awards; pays credit to the staff and volunteers at K107 who work hard to provide a valued community radio station and have built up a dedicated local audience; and wishes K107 FM continued success into the future.

#### 631 Mike Mitchell karate black belt achievement

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 1

## Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Mike Mitchell of JKA Bass Rock Karate Club who, after more than a twenty year break, has become a black belt in karate at the age of 74; understands that Mr Mitchell was a badminton coach for fifteen years and then swapped the court for the martial arts mats; praises Mr Mitchell on becoming potentially the first person over the age of 70 in Scotland to achieve a Japanese Karate Association black belt for the first time; acknowledges that Mr Mitchell had previously worked his way up to the purple belt some thirty years ago and then stopped his training, before taking up lessons with teacher Paola Burrows to work through the belts in the Shotokan discipline of the martial art; wishes Mr Mitchell well with his future attempts to move further up the ladder and train for a black belt second Dan for at least two years, and the best of luck for his future.

## 632 Nurse Laura Clelland nominated for NHS Celebrating Success Awards

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 1

## Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Laura Clelland, a clinical support worker at East Lothian Community Hospital, on being nominated as Staff Member of the Year in the NHS Celebrating Success Awards; understands that the Staff Member of the Year category honours individuals who go above and beyond in their day-to-day work but who perhaps do not have a high profile within their team, department or service; commends Ms Clelland for her work to create a hair salon for older patients in the Haddington hospital's Oak Tree ward after putting a spare room to good use, which is the reason she has been shortlisted for this award as well as going in on her days off for any special occasion and giving her patients presents; and wishes Ms Clelland the best of luck with her future.

## 633 Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday 2021

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 1

## **Carol Monaghan**

That this House marks Armistice Day on 11 November and Remembrance Sunday on 14 November 2021; recognises the significance of the Armistice, an agreement signed to halt First World War fighting as a prelude to peace negotiations, which came into force at 11.00am on 11 November 1918; appreciates the importance of this time of year in reminding us of the personal sacrifice

and service of all those who have defended our freedom, upheld democracy, and protected lives; applauds and sincerely thanks our serving personnel and veterans for their outstanding public service throughout their military careers; acknowledges all others who have contributed to our peace and security, including Armed Forces families and the emergency services; remembers those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism, including British and Commonwealth serving personnel, members of the emergency services and civilians; highlights the Constituency Garden of Remembrance created by the Speaker of the House in collaboration with the Royal British Legion and Poppy Scotland to enable Members of Parliament to contribute to a commemorative garden which honours individuals, regiments and communities from all parts of the UK; and calls on the UK Government to ensure fair conditions and tailored support for serving personnel and veterans of the Armed Forces.

# **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.

# 578 Over 100 days of Dr AlSingace's hunger strike in Bahrain

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 25

Paula Barker Jim Shannon Rebecca Long Bailey Charlotte Nichols Kim Johnson Mick Whitley

Apsana Begum

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing hunger strike of 59-year-old human rights defender and academic Dr Abduljalil AlSingace, in Bahrain; raises alarm that his hunger strike began on 8 July 2021 and has exceeded 100 days; expresses concern that Dr AlSingace has been hospitalised since 18 July 2021 and has lost at least 20kg; notes that AlSingace is protesting Jau Prison authorities' ill-treatment and confiscation of four years' worth of his apolitical research; decries Dr AlSingace's life sentence for his peaceful leading role in Bahrain's 2011 pro-democracy uprising; unreservedly condemns Dr AlSingace's torture in 2011 by Bahraini officials, as documented by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry; further condemns that Dr AlSingace has spent over a decade unjustly imprisoned, throughout which mistreatment and medical negligence against him has been reported by UN experts; further recalls the Government's 2012 expression of deep dismay at Dr AlSingace's conviction; echoes calls from UN experts, the EU Parliament, 101 academics and 77 cross-party UK parliamentarians, trade unions, lawyers and rights groups for Dr AlSingace's release; calls upon the Government to urgently secure the return of Dr AlSingace's research, impose Magnitsky Act Sanctions on those responsible for his unlawful imprisonment; and to call for his immediate and unconditional release; and further calls upon the Government to urge for the release of all political prisoners in Bahrain, including Hassan Mushaima, Sheikh Ali Salman, Abdulhadi Alkhawaja and Ali Alhajee.

# 583 Proscribing of Palestinian human rights organisations

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 46

Tommy Sheppard
Apsana Begum
Alan Brown
Paul Blomfield
Julie Elliott
Dr Philippa Whitford

Wera Hobhouse Patrick Grady

That this House condemns the declaration of 22 October 2021 made by Israeli Minister of Defence, Benny Gantz, which designated six Palestinian civil society groups as terrorist organisations; notes that the Israeli authorities have not provided any evidence to substantiate their claims about the organisations; further notes that the targeted groups Al-Haq, Addameer, Bisan Center, Defence for Children International Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees are organisations deeply committed to protecting the human rights of Palestinian communities, highlighting Israel's illegal policies and also those of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas; further notes the statement of 22 Israeli civil society groups based in Israel in support of the six NGOs; views this as a further direct assault on Palestinian civil society in an effort to isolate and suffocate Palestinian human rights defenders; recognises the significant impact this assault has on some of the most prominent Palestinian civil society organisations including on the local and international public's right to information about the reality of human rights violations in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories; calls on the Government to demand that the Israeli Government reveal any evidence against those organisations; and further calls on the Government to reaffirm its support for Palestinian and Israeli civil society and human rights organisations as a key foundation in building a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

# 592 Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Tabled: 27/10/21 Signatories: 16

Mr Barry Sheerman Chris Stephens Andrew Gwynne Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna Hywel Williams

Apsana Begum Sir Peter Bottomley

That this House believes that there should be an urgent national all-faith delegation to Tehran to petition for the immediate release of British citizen Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and other political detainees currently being held in Iran; condemns the continued unjust detention of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and other dual citizens and political prisoners within the Islamic Republic and stands in solidarity with them and their loved ones; and urges the Government to renew its vigour in negotiating the release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and to appraise all options available to ensure that she returns home as soon as possible.

# 597 Ministerial responses to hon. Members' correspondence on Afghanistan

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 40

Helen Hayes Wera Hobhouse Claire Hanna Richard Thomson Dan Carden Chris Stephens

Apsana Begum

That this House is extremely concerned by the extensive delays in hon. Members receiving responses on the resettlement of Afghan nationals to the UK; notes the Minister for Safeguarding and Afghan Resettlement's statement of 13 September 2021 on the Government's progress in providing specific updates on people within Afghanistan and is concerned that that contradicts advice given to hon. Members that they should contact the Home Office, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence on any cases their constituents raise which may be eligible for support; is concerned that the Minister's statement also contradicts the Prime Minister's response of 6 September 2021 pledging that every single email from colleagues is being responded to by close of play today; and calls on the Government to ensure that substantive responses are provided to all cases raised by hon. Members in correspondence.

# 602 Pizza Express tips policy

Tabled: 28/10/21 Signatories: 27

Grahame Morris Kate Osborne Navendu Mishra Marsha De Cordova Mary Kelly Foy Ian Lavery

Zarah Sultana Apsana Begum

This House is alarmed to hear that front-of-house staff at Pizza Express have seen a sizeable cut to their income since May 17 2021, the day restaurants reopened after lockdown; notes that the 30 per cent previously deducted from waiting staff tips for kitchen staff was increased to 50 per cent on this date; further notes that kitchen staff are on higher basic pay rates and get more guaranteed hours than waiting staff, while the back-of-house team is also significantly smaller than the front-of-house team at Pizza Express restaurants; believes this change has had a punitive effect on waiting staff – who are disproportionately female – as tips represent a significant proportion of their take-home pay; is concerned that this deduction is being used to boost the wages of kitchen staff by depriving minimum-wage waiting staff of their fair share of tips; is further concerned that staff were not properly consulted about this change; and calls on the Government to urge the company's management to negotiate in good faith with Unite the union to resolve the concerns of its members at Pizza Express.

## 606 Support for autism diagnosis

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 23

Mr Barry Sheerman Rosie Cooper Mick Whitley Dr Lisa Cameron Andrew Gwynne Jonathan Edwards

Apsana Begum

That this House has considered the Westminster Commission on Autism's third report entitled Support Surrounding Diagnosis; recognises that the period surrounding an autism diagnosis is often stressful and uncertain; notes that access to the right support is vital; further notes that many people seeking an autism diagnosis do not have their needs met; understands that focused clinical diagnostic services with a single accessible pathway to diagnosis is essential to providing those seeking an autism diagnosis with the correct support; and urges the Government to review the recommendations of the report and provide greater funding to the health services to reduce pressure on diagnostic services and waiting times.

## 609 First anniversary of the conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia

Tabled: 2/11/21 Signatories: 35

Helen Hayes Hilary Benn Paul Blomfield Dame Angela Eagle Wera Hobhouse Patrick Grady

Sarah Olney Ms Harriet Harman Apsana Begum

Navendu Mishra

That this House, noting the first anniversary of the conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia on 3 November 2021, deeply regrets the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians as result of airstrikes, massacres and crop destruction, and the displacement of more than 2,000,000 people; deplores the horrific sexual violence to which an estimated 10,000 women have been subjected; notes with grave concern that some 5.2 million people are now in humanitarian need; and calls on the Government to press the UN Security Council for a ceasefire with agreements on boundaries and access corridors; immediate and full humanitarian access to all areas affected by the conflict with safety guarantees for humanitarian workers; withdrawal of all Eritrean troops from Ethiopia; a fully independent investigation of human right abuses, including the use of sexual violence, with judicial action to follow; and an inclusive national dialogue to secure a sustainable peace.

## 612 Carol Thomas, England football captain

Tabled: 2/11/21 Signatories: 6

Emma Hardy
Paula Barker
Debbie Abrahams
Alex Cunningham
Rosie Cooper
Dame Angela Eagle

That this House celebrates the achievements of Carol Thomas as a pioneer of modern women's football in England; notes she was the first captain to lead out an England Women's side on a Football League First Division ground; further that she was the first captain to lead an England Women's team outside of Europe; recognises her role in leading the England team in winning the unofficial world cup Mundialito in 1985, two third places in 1981 and 1984 and a runners up position in the 1984 UEFA Women's Championship; notes that she remains the most successful captain of the England women's national team in terms of tournament successes; notes she is a proud daughter of Hull and Ambassador for Hull City Ladies FC; and calls for the recognition of her achievements by her inclusion in the English Football Hall of Fame.

# 615 Recognising the 1988 massacre in Iran

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 8

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon
Martyn Day
Gavin Robinson
Andrew Rosindell
Stephen Farry

Sir Peter Bottomley Steve McCabe

That this House supports justice for the victims of the 1988 massacre in Iran; recognises that in 1988, thousands of political prisoners, as many as 30,000, were massacred based on a fatwa by Iran's Supreme Leader Khomeini primarily targeting members of the opposition PMOI (MEK) who remained committed to their beliefs; is deeply concerned by the impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of the massacre who are today running the Iranian Government and judiciary; recalls that Amnesty International has identified President Ebrahim Raisi as a member of the 1988 Death Commissions which carried out the enforced disappearance and extrajudicial executions of thousands of political dissidents; reiterates that an enforced disappearance continues until the fate and whereabouts of the individuals concerned are established; welcomes the recent calls by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iran and UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for an international investigation into Iran's 1988 massacre of political prisoners; acknowledges Amnesty International's 19 June 2021 statement calling for Raisi to be criminally investigated for the crimes against humanity of murder, enforced disappearance and torture in accordance with international law and standards, including by states that exercise universal jurisdiction; shares the belief of human rights experts that the 1988 enforced disappearances and extrajudicial executions in Iran amount to ongoing crimes against humanity and genocide; calls on the Government to seek a UN Commission of Inquiry into the 1988 massacre; and recognises 19 July as the day to remember victims of the 1988 massacre.

## 616 Consistency of broadband services and other utilities

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 8

Angus Brendan MacNeil Allan Dorans Kenny MacAskill Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake

Paula Barker Navendu Mishra

That this House calls for broadband services to be brought into line with other core utilities such as water and electricity with regard to compensation and repairs; calls for set time periods for repairs and financial penalties for companies and organisations which do not adhere to these time periods; notes that with recent and fast technological changes, broadband should be held to the same standards as other core utilities; and recognises the reliance and importance of broadband for those working from home, education and companies.

#### 617 Alcohol Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 11

Dan Carden [R] Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake

Kenny MacAskill Paula Barker Apsana Begum

Navendu Mishra

That this House welcomes the promotion of Alcohol Awareness Week, which is taking place from 15 to 21 November 2021; notes that the theme of the week is alcohol and relationships; further notes that polling this week from Alcohol Change UK found that, since covid-19 restrictions eased in the spring, one in three people has worried about a friend or relative's drinking; highlights that alcohol can impact on a range of relationships, including between intimate partners and amongst family, friends and colleagues; and recognises the importance of raising awareness of alcohol harm and reducing the stigma that prevents people reaching out for help.

619 Toy safety

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 24

Neil Coyle Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Martyn Day Kenny MacAskill Patricia Gibson

Emma HardyMr Clive BettsRosie CooperDavid LindenMr Virendra SharmaPaula BarkerNavendu MishraAnne McLaughlinHelen Hayes

That this House expresses concern on consumer's safety in relation to unsafe products sold via online marketplaces in the UK; notes that this is an issue that has been raised by the British Toy and

Hobby Association in their latest report entitled, Still toying with children's safety, and by Electrical Safety First in their report entitled, Online Marketplaces - The Need for Change; further notes that there are unacceptable levels of unsafe products sold via third-party sellers, which can deceive UK consumers and can cause serious harm, particularly to children; and calls for urgent Government action to implement a legal framework that makes online marketplaces take accountability for the products sold through their platforms by third-party sellers, therefore, improving the safety of adults and children in the UK.