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# Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 17 November 2021

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#### **New EDMs**

Mental health of spinal cord injured people

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 6

Margaret Greenwood Paula Barker Kim Johnson Rebecca Long Bailey Grahame Morris Ian Byrne

That this house acknowledges recent research into the mental health requirements and difficulties for people with a spinal cord injury that shows 40 per cent had depression and 28 per cent had experienced suicidal thoughts; notes that it is important for newly injured spinal cord injured people to be able to access timely and appropriate mental health support; further notes that NHS health professionals who care for spinal cord injured people must understand the mental health aspects of a spinal cord injury, and calls on the Government to increase funding and capacity to meet the lifelong mental health needs of the spinal cord injured community in the UK.

Signatories: 1

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#### Treatment of journalists in Myanmar

Tabled: 17/11/21 Signatories: 8

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John McDonnell Grahame Morris Rebecca Long Bailey Chris Stephens Christine Jardine Liz Saville Roberts

Jeremy Corbyn

Caroline Lucas

That this House deplores the sentence of eleven years hard labour given to Frontier Myanmar's managing editor Danny Fenster by the military junta; notes that Fenster is the first western journalist to be convicted from over a hundred journalists arrested since February's military coup, and that of the seven journalists convicted, his sentence represents the harshest punishment yet; believes this sentencing sends a dangerous message of the military junta's absolute disregard for press freedom to suppress critical voices and reports on human rights violations; and calls for the Government to join the International Federation of Journalists and the National Union of Journalists in the UK and Ireland in calling for the authorities to drop the remaining charges and immediately release Fenster along with all other media workers detained since 1 February 2021.

#### 664 Carers Rights Day

#### **Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people who are providing unpaid care to family and friends across the UK; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2021, taking place on 25 November 2021, in raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic; stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers who are juggling their caring responsibilities alongside paid work; and calls on the Government to implement its plans to introduce Carer's Leave at the earliest opportunity, as well as providing all employees a day one right to request flexible working.

#### 665 Welsh Men's National Football Team Success

#### **Hywel Williams**

That this house celebrates the success of the Welsh Men's National Football team for securing a seeded play off spot for the 2022 World Cup qualification following their 1 to 1 draw with current FIFA World Ranking leaders Belgium; pays tribute to manager Rob Page and his backroom staff for their fantastic work in guiding the team to the verge of qualification by finishing in the top-two of a World Cup qualifying group for the first time since qualification for the 1966 World Cup; notes the side's current 16 game unbeaten run at home is in part testament to the tremendous support by Welsh fans: and wishes the team the best of luck for the remainder of the campaign to qualify for a World Cup for the first time since 1958.

### **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.

### 614 Aviation safety and licensing

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 12

Douglas Chapman Allan Dorans Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House calls on the Department for Transport to commit to and facilitate the setting up of a specialised committee by the end of 2021, so that an annex for pilot and engineering licences can be included within the Trade and Co-operation Agreement for UK participation in the European Union Aviation Safety Agency; and further calls on the Government to consider reallocating funds to make available resources to provide sufficient and timeous retraining to ensure the continued validity of pilot and engineering licences for personnel in and out of work so that the aviation industry can rebuild resilience following the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the covid-19 pandemic.

#### 615 Recognising the 1988 massacre in Iran

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 12

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

**Grahame Morris** 

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: 16

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

Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

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: 20

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

Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

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.

#### 618 Craigmount High School's five pledges for a greener future

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 3

Christine Jardine Jim Shannon Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Craigmount High School in Edinburgh in committing to five pledges for a greener future, covering respect and environment, transport, energy and resources, food and water and influence change; recognises the Government's responsibility in chairing COP26 to bring about international cooperation to influence countries around the world to legislate for net zero and achieve it as soon as possible; acknowledges that reducing damage to the environment benefits from commitments in all areas of our society; notes the work that schools in the UK are undertaking in raising climate awareness; and calls on the Government to mirror the ambition of

young people across the country in implementing stronger climate commitments and pushing for greater ambition throughout the world.

619 **Toy safety** 

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 36

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

Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

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.

620 Horizon Europe

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 15

Alyn Smith Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Hywel Williams Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake

Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the importance of collaboration in research and innovation that has been fostered by Horizon Europe, which has resulted in collaborations which boost competitiveness and growth; notes that the Government has announced an association with Horizon Europe in January that has yet to be finalised; and urges haste in this matter to foster further collaboration and help the UK's world class universities.

#### 621 UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Tabled: 3/11/21 Signatories: 28

Dr Lisa Cameron Sir Mike Penning Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Andrew Gwynne Kenny MacAskill

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck Martin Docherty-Hughes Claudia Webbe Anne McLaughlin Dan Carden Marion Fellows Deidre Brock Christine Jardine Chris Stephens

That this House recognises 3 December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day to celebrate people with disabilities and champion their abilities and contribution; supports the United Nation's work surrounding this campaign; notes this year's theme is leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-covid-19 world, which aims to raise awareness and understanding of disabilities and ensure people with disabilities have access to leadership opportunities, notes that over 15 per cent of the world's population live with a disability and that during these unprecedented times, they are likely to be disproportionately affected; acknowledges the work the all-party Parliamentary group on Disability has done to raise the profile of disability across the House; further thanks the 100 plus hon. Members who supported the disability confident workshop led by the APPG this year which will result in an increased level of political participation; also acknowledges the fantastic work that disability organisations have done to support disabled people globally, including Leonard Cheshire, Disability Rights UK, Sense and Sense International, and the support provided across the UK by disability organisations; encourages the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for people with disabilities leaving no one behind, in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

#### 624 Forth and District Initiative

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 7

Angela Crawley Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Marion Fellows Chris Law Christine Jardine

Chris Stephens

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.

#### 85th Anniversary of the Jarrow Crusade

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 24

Kate Osborne Mary Kelly Foy Jim Shannon Mick Whitley Ms Diane Abbott Ian Mearns

lan Lavery

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.

#### Hon. Members and secondary employment

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 40

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

Tony Lloyd Peter Dowd Chris Stephens

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: 10

Kirsty Blackman Richard Thomson Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Marion Fellows Stephen Flynn

**Chris Stephens** 

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: 14

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

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.

#### 633 Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday 2021

Tabled: 8/11/21 Signatories: 25

Carol Monaghan Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne Jim Shannon Allan Dorans Marion Fellows

Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

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.

#### 634 Working conditions for private hire drivers

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 22

Tabled: **9/11/21** 

Signatories: 7

**Apsana Begum Bell Ribeiro-Addy** John McDonnell Navendu Mishra **Mary Kelly Foy** Marsha De Cordova

Ian Lavery

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House recognises the efforts of those Uber workers who have recently taken industrial action as part of the ACDU and IWGB trade unions; further recognises that both of these strikes were due to Uber's lack of implementation of the Supreme Court's ruling that included paying their drivers for waiting time, which is estimated to account for around 40 per cent of their working time; notes that the IWGB union is now supporting an employment tribunal claim for indirect racial discrimination, over the use of facial recognition algorithms to dismiss workers without reason; further notes that these algorithms have been seen to disproportionately affect those from Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority backgrounds; pays tribute to those that, throughout the covid-19 outbreak, have been working on the frontline as private hire drivers; recognises that as of 30 September 2021 private hire drivers wishing to renew their licence will have to prove their English speaking credentials, which creates a divisive hierarchy between workers who speak English as a first language and migrants; notes that it has been estimated this new law has so far stopped 30,000 drivers from renewing their licences; and calls on the Government to request Uber to enforce the February 2021 Supreme Court ruling and requests that Transport for London reconsiders the law relating to licence renewal.

#### 635 Freedom of expression in Cuba

**Stewart Malcolm McDonald Allan Dorans Neil Coyle** Jim Shannon **Sir Peter Bottomley Jonathan Edwards** 

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the Cuban civil society movement, Archipiélago, has called for marches on the 15 November 2021 against violence, to demand that all Cubans' rights are respected, for the release of political prisoners and for the solution to their differences via democratic and peaceful channels; further notes that the Cuban government has thus far denied the right of citizens to protest peacefully and continues to detain and imprison those who peacefully protested on 11 July 2021; and calls on the Cuban government to allow peaceful protest, release political prisoners and to engage in meaningful dialogue with Cuban civil society.

#### The 2021 Young Women's Movement 30 under 30

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 10

Kirsten Oswald Allan Dorans Marion Fellows Jim Shannon John McDonnell Amy Callaghan

Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the 2021 Young Women's Movement 30 under 30; understands that those young women, who are from or currently live in Scotland, have demonstrated experiences and visions for society which inspire us all; appreciates that these inspiring change-makers represent the diversity of Scotland in all its forms and applauds their industry, creativity, and community spirit; notes that the 30 are Aeisha Ali, Anna Thomas, Bee Asha Singh, Bernadette Williamson, Chiara Bullen, Dionne Hossack, Eilidh Milliken, Elise Kelly, Elspeth Drysdale, Erin McAleer, Juliana Sweeney-Baird, Katie Pake, Katie Potton, Kelly Given, Kira Henry, Lauren Bowie, Lucy Grieve, Mahzabeen Sheikh, Marissa Roxburgh, Mikaela Loach, Prema Chablani, Rachel-Jane Morrison, Rebekah Cheung, Robyn Hendry, Rosie Moore, Sarah MacDonald, Sonali Misra, Susie Dalton, Tariro Viola Mapako and Zuzana Hudacova; further notes that three of the thirty, Kira Henry, Marissa Roxburgh and Elise Kelly, are from East Renfrewshire and work tirelessly on a range of community projects designed to improve the lives of others; congratulates YWCA Scotland for their work in leading this annual initiative; recognises that YWCA Scotland is a feminist organisation and part of a worldwide movement of women leading change whose vision is of a world where every woman can shape her own life journey and fulfill her potential, and where the voices of women are heard, respected and celebrated.

#### 639 Inquiry into the events at Orgreave

Tabled: 9/11/21 Signatories: 18

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Dan Carden

Ian Lavery Chris Stephens

That this House notes that it is now five years since the then Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP, refused the call for an inquiry into the events at Orgreave in 1984; recognises that there is clear evidence that striking miners were beaten by the police, charged by police horses and falsely accused of riot; notes that the Independent Police Complaints Commission reported that there was evidence of violence by police officers, a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men and an apparent coverup of that perjury by senior officers; further notes that in the years since the then Home Secretary's refusal significant new information has come to light which makes the case for an inquiry even more compelling including the release of 1984-85 Home Office papers in 2017, the confirmation that relevant police papers are embargoed from release until 2066 and the revelation that the then Home Secretary had privately revealed that her real reason for blocking an inquiry was that it would slur the memory of Thatcher; believes that the public, the miners, their families and the wider trade union movement deserve to know the truth of what happened at Orgreave; and calls on the Government to establish an inquiry into the events at Orgreave.

#### 640 Transgender Day of Remembrance

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 4

Kirsty Blackman Wera Hobhouse Paula Barker Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises Transgender Day of Remembrance on 20 November, a day, observed annually and internationally, to memorialise trans people lost to transphobia; further recognises that, while the murder of trans people for being trans in the UK is rare, suicide is not, and more than one in four (27 per cent) trans young people have attempted to commit suicide and nine in ten (89 per cent) have thought about it, with 72 per cent having self-harmed at least once; believes that the current media climate has not helped; further believes that the trans community needs reassurance and support; and urges all hon. Members to show their solidarity and support for trans people.

### Rights of British nationals in the UAE

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 6

Sir Peter Bottomley Jim Shannon Debbie Abrahams Jeremy Corbyn Wera Hobhouse Chris Stephens

That this House notes with profound concern that British women who live and work in the United Arab Emirates have been detained with obvious signs of mistreatment and breaches of human rights; welcomes the conclusions of a fact finding report into the treatment of British women in the UAE; recognises that consular staff perform a difficult task in the UAE; nevertheless expresses its profound alarm that consular assistance provided to British women in the UAE whose rights have been breached has fallen far short on occasion; notes failures to adequately protect the rights of British women living or working in the UAE; calls upon the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to take urgent steps to ensure that the rights of all British nationals living and working in the UAE, in particular the rights of British women living or working in the UAE, are adequately protected; and calls upon the Government to ensure that adequate consular assistance is provided to British nationals, in particular women, who find themselves arrested or otherwise detained in the UAE.

#### Show Racism the Red Card Scotland's Creative Competition Awards 2021

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 11

Carol Monaghan Douglas Chapman Jim Shannon Patrick Grady Chris Law Jeremy Corbyn

Marion Fellows Margaret Ferrier Christine Jardine
Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House recognises Show Racism The Red Card (SRtRC) Scotland's recent Creative Competition Awards for 2021; warmly welcomes this opportunity for children and young people

Signatories: 22

across Scotland to stand in solidarity against racism; applauds the artistic efforts of all entrants in creating anti-racism slogans, posters, artwork, poems, and graphics; congratulates the award winners, including Miss Ferguson's P1B class from St. Clare's Primary School and Maisie McCredie from Jordanhill School, both in the Glasgow North West constituency; recognises that racial prejudice and bigotry still permeate society; hopes for a future in which children and young people do not experience racism and intolerance; agrees that education is the most powerful tool in addressing racial animosity and biases; commends SRtRC for their continued anti-racism work, and congratulates them for coordinating such an important awards campaign; and celebrates Scotland's schools for being at the forefront of promoting inclusive and progressive learning for all children and young people.

Tabled: **15/11/21** 

643 Social Security

Wendy Chamberlain Ed Davey Daisy Cooper Mr Alistair Carmichael Tim Farron Sarah Green

Colum Eastwood Claire Hanna

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Universal Credit (Exceptions to the Requirement not to be receiving Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1224), dated 1 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 November 2021, be annulled.

644 Votes on standards motions

Tabled: **15/11/21** Signatories: **22** 

Wendy Chamberlain Ed Davey Daisy Cooper Christine Jardine Mr Alistair Carmichael Tim Farron

Paula Barker Colum Eastwood Claire Hanna

That this House notes the investigation and findings on the Owen Paterson case by the independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and Committee on Standards Report published on 26 October 2021, HC797; is concerned that the former Member was able to cast a vote on a motion relating to his own suspension; recognises that there is a conflict of interest inherent in Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct; and calls on the Government to bring forward a motion for consideration by the House proposing amendments to Standing Orders to prevent Members voting on motions relating to their own conduct.

#### 645 Protection and support for environmental human rights defenders

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 11

Tabled: **15/11/21** 

Signatories: 7

**Patrick Grady Caroline Lucas** Jim Shannon Dan Carden Jonathan Edwards **Chris Law** 

Marion Fellows Alison Thewliss **Chris Stephens** 

That this House recognises the important contribution enivronmental human rights defenders around the world make in tackling climate change and protecting natural environments for future generations; notes that many such defenders are from indigenous or minority communities and have been killed or imprisoned by oppressive governments; welcomes campaigns to draw attention to this issue and specific cases such as that of Bernardo Caal Xol, who was imprisoned after speaking out against the destruction of the river Cahabón in north central Guatemala; supports calls by Amnesty International and others for the Government to take steps to improve minimum standards of support for environmental human rights defenders across its network of embassies and diplomatic posts, strengthen protection arrangements for environmental human rights defenders through measures such as protection grants, amnesties and funding for rapid response emergency mechanisms, increase access to flexible and core funding for environmental human rights defenders, facilitate and support access to justice and resilience building, through UK pro bono partnerships and legal clinics, establish and facilitate access to effective judicial and non-judicial grievance mechanisms to address business-related human rights and environmental abuses committed by UK companies domestically and extraterritorially, integrate a human rights-based approach in policies, and condition its climate finance on such an approach, in consultation with human rights defenders and civil society, and to ensure UK business enterprises, including financial institutions, apply and publish human rights due diligence measures to identify, prevent, and mitigate against potential and actual human rights abuse, including the criminalisation of defenders.

#### 646 Willie Taylor, Ellon Pipe Band

**Richard Thomson Douglas Chapman** Jim Shannon **Patrick Grady Chris Law Marion Fellows** 

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the hugely significant voluntary contribution of Mr Willie Taylor of Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire to the success and ongoing development of the Ellon Pipe Band; further recognises Mr Taylor's pivotal role in developing the long-standing partnership between the Ellon Pipe Band and the Koninklijke Harmonie Concordia silver band from Maaseik, Belgium; and wishes him well as he retires from the Ellon Pipe Band after 38 years of service to the band and to community life in the Ellon area and beyond.

#### Pension treatment of women born in the 1950s

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 7

Neale Hanvey Jim Shannon Jonathan Edwards Jeremy Corbyn Kenny MacAskill Christine Jardine

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House notes with concern the continuing unfair pension treatment of 1950s-born WASPI women; further notes many WASPI women within the Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath constituency received no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be altered in such a significant manner; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of a situation which has pushed many hard working women into poverty, despite taking all reasonable steps to plan and prepare for their retirement; recognises the heroic efforts of WASPI women across Scotland to draw attention to this injustice; calls on the Government to put right this injustice and to provide comprehensive compensation for WASPI women; recognises the mental, physical and emotional toll of the unexpected additional years of work on their wellbeing; and urges hon. Members to support WASPI women at every available opportunity.

# 648 Political donations and peerages

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 14

Angus Brendan MacNeil Ben Lake Carol Monaghan Douglas Chapman Patricia Gibson Jonathan Edwards

Marion Fellows Kenny MacAskill Alison Thewliss

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals to ban those who donate more than £50,000 to political parties from being nominated for peerages within five years of their donation; and encourages party leaders, whose parties send representatives to the House of Lords, not to nominate for a peerage someone who has made a large donation to their party.

#### 649 Hillsborough disaster and the National Curriculum

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 35

Ian Byrne Maria Eagle Dan Carden Paula Barker Kim Johnson John McDonnell

Rebecca Long Bailey Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that, 32 years after the Hillsborough disaster, criminal trials collapsed in May 2021 and nobody has been held to account for the unlawful killings of 97 innocent people; acknowledges that it took 23 years of campaigning for the truth about the disaster to be finally

acknowledged at the Hillsborough Independent Panel and for lies and smears about victims and survivors to be corrected; further acknowledges that it took 27 years for the true inquest verdicts of unlawful killing to be recorded; recognises the important work of the hon. Member for Garston and Halewood in getting Parliament to learn lessons from the disaster and her work to introduce legislation that would ensure that bereaved families and survivors of future disasters never go through the injustices faced by the Hillsborough families and survivors; furthermore recognises the important role of education in learning the lessons from the disaster; and calls on the Government to include the Hillsborough disaster in the National Curriculum, a programme of education which should cover the events of the past 32 years, the continuing campaign for justice and how we ensure the events of that fateful day are not forgotten and that the ensuing miscarriage of justice is never repeated.

#### The 40th anniversary of the Penlee lifeboat disaster

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 10

Tracey Crouch
Sir Robert Syms
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Derek Thomas
Jonathan Edwards

Mr Alistair Carmichael Margaret Ferrier Chris Stephens

That this House commemorates the Penlee Lifeboat disaster 40 years ago on 19 December 1981; honours the bravery of the eight man crew of the Solomon Browne who in severe conditions went to sea to rescue eight people on board the stricken coaster The Union Star; remembers the tragedy of that night when, despite heroic rescue attempts, all 16 people lost their lives; pays tribute to the families of lost crew members who continue to honour their memory through fundraising efforts for a memorial stone to honour the 40th anniversary of the disaster; recognises the bravery of the Royal Navy helicopter crew from RNAS Culdrose and the efforts of lifeboat crews from The Lizard, Sennen Cove and St Marys that night; notes the hard work of those who subsequently changed the rules giving the authorities the power to order a ship to take a tow; and sends humble gratitude to every volunteer RNLI crew member around the whole country who, despite knowing the risks, selflessly goes to sea to save lives and to the volunteer shore crew who support them to do so.

#### 651 Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 44

Caroline Lucas
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Clive Lewis
Dr Rupa Huq
Anne McLaughlin

Andrew Gwynne Allan Dorans Munira Wilson Mick Whitley Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck Zarah Sultana Kate Osborne Deidre Brock Paula Barker Tommy Sheppard Crispin Blunt Stephen Timms Christine Jardine Alison Thewliss Chris Stephens

That this House notes the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACSR) was announced on 18 August 2021; further notes that hon. Members are still receiving desperate messages for help and that Ministerial replies to queries make repeated reference to the scheme; is concerned that three

months later the ACRS is still not open to applications and that vulnerable people seeking safety from the Taliban, and for whom the UK has a responsibility, are therefore not able to access it; is further concerned that the 5,000 cap on the number of people who can be helped by the scheme in the first year is insufficient and that there's every likelihood those places will already be filled by, for example, people evacuated to the UK via Operation Pitting or who have crossed the border into refugee camps in neighbouring countries, with knock on implications for the Afghan national family members of our constituents; and calls on the Government to open the ACRS without any further delays and to significantly increase the number of people eligible, starting with bringing forward the overall 20,000 cap to the first year.

#### Driving test requirements for cars with trailers

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 6

Mr Alistair Carmichael Jim Shannon Layla Moran Wera Hobhouse Christine Jardine Chris Stephens

That this House notes with concern news that the Government has delayed without explanation changes to licensing rules for cars with trailers, previously due to come into implementation on 15 November 2021; notes that all tests for those seeking to be licensed to drive cars with trailers were cancelled in anticipation of test requirements being removed, and tests have not been reopened; voices concern that a growing number of drivers, particularly young learners, will be left unable to drive legally with trailers and unable to obtain an upgraded licence via testing; and calls on the Government to clarify its intentions regarding trailer licensing and testing urgently.

# 653 Student loan repayment threshold

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 25

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Jim Shannon

Ian MearnsSteve McCabeZarah SultanaKate OsborneValerie VazPeter DowdPaula BarkerMohammad YasinIan ByrneMary Kelly FoyLloyd Russell-MoyleJohn McDonnell

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House expresses its concern about proposals to lower the threshold at which students repay their student loans; notes that the average student leaves university with £50,000 worth of debt and is currently required to start paying off their student loan when they earn £27,295 a year; further notes that under new proposals this would drop to as low as £22,000 a year; recognises that this would mean a significant increase in debt repayments for most graduates with those earning above the average salary paying up to £475 more a year; further recognises that young people are already being hit the hardest by the recent increase in National Insurance Contributions and this latest proposal will mean that university leavers pay double the amount of tax as pensioners earning double their salary; regrets that this pitches current and future students against those generations who benefited from a more affordable higher education; believes that higher education is a vital

public good that benefits the whole of society and that the burden of costs should fall on the wealthiest; calls on the Government to scrap their current proposals to lower the threshold at which students start repaying their student loans and to bring forward new proposals that reduce student debts; and further calls on the Government to review the funding system for higher education and to examine the possibility of abolishing tuition fees and funding higher education through wealth and income taxes.

# 654 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund investment in the fossil fuel industry

Tabled: 15/11/21 Signatories: 14

Zarah Sultana Caroline Lucas Daisy Cooper Patricia Gibson Dan Carden Clive Lewis

Ian Mearns Paula Barker Kenny MacAskill

**Chris Stephens** 

That this House notes that the UK hosted COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference; further notes that in May 2019 this House declared a climate emergency; notes that approximately £700 million is invested in the UK and global economy through the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund; notes that while the Pension Fund has increased its investments in renewable energy, it still invests funds in the fossil fuel industry; notes the International Energy Agency has stated there can be no more new investments in fossil fuel supply beyond that already committed as of 2021 to keep below 1.5°C; notes that all fossil fuel companies are investing in new fossil fuel supply beyond 2021 and that no fossil fuel company net zero pledge is in line with the 1.5°C commitment; believes that to avert climate catastrophe, temperatures must not exceed the 1.5°C target mandated by the 2015 Paris Agreement; believes that Parliament and MPs have a responsibility to show leadership on the climate emergency; and therefore calls on the trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund to stop funding the fossil fuel industry and to invest in climate solutions instead.

#### 655 **Debt cancellation and climate change**

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 14

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That this House recognises that countries in the global South are being forced to confront the climate emergency with both hands tied behind their back; notes that low-income countries are responsible for less than 1 per cent of the world's historic carbon emissions but now face some of the most devastating impacts of climate breakdown; further notes a recent analysis from the Jubilee Debt Campaign which found that 34 of the world's poorest countries are spending £21.4 billion on debt payments a year compared with £3.9 billion on measures to tackle the climate emergency;

notes a peer-reviewed study published by Springer which estimates that the cost of climate-related loss and damage in the global South alone will be between \$290 billion and \$580 billion annually by 2030; regrets that COP26 did not recognise, or take action to address, the link between global debt and the climate emergency; calls on this Government to push for an expansion of the G20 Common Framework to consider middle-income, climate-vulnerable countries for debt relief treatment and ensure private sector participation; and further calls on the Government to support calls for automatic debt payment suspension and relief for countries that experience natural disasters.

#### 656 Glenmorangie Company awarded with Solar Impulse Guides

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 4

Jamie Stone Margaret Ferrier Christine Jardine Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates The Glenmorangie Company on being presented with Solar Impulse Guides last week by the Solar Impulse Foundation; notes this is in recognition of Glenmorangie's pioneering work on sustainability in whisky production; recognises the company's various sustainability initiatives such as the anaerobic digestion plant which supplies bio-gas on site and the Dornoch Environmental Enhancement Project (DEEP) which seeks to enhance biodiversity by restoring long-lost oyster reefs to the Dornoch Firth; and commends The Glenmorangie Company for being chosen as the Guides' case study for COP26.

#### 657 Town and Country Planning

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 9

Keir Starmer Nick Thomas-Symonds Bambos Charalambous Holly Lynch Sarah Jones Sir Alan Campbell

Mr Alistair Carmichael Tim Farron Mohammad Yasin

That the Town and Country Planning (Napier Barracks) Special Development Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 962), dated 26 August 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27 August 2021, be revoked.

#### Work of the Open North Foundation

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 6

Mary Kelly Foy Kate Osborne Ian Mearns Ian Lavery Grahame Morris Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the invaluable contribution of Richard Swart and the not-for-profit organisation, Open North Foundation, in supporting small and medium sized businesses to recover from the Covid-19 outbreak; highlights the scale of the challenge facing businesses through this

period of economic certainty; and welcomes the role of Northern business leaders in supporting SMEs to grow and contribute to the economy through the provision of grants.

# 659 Purple Radio awards at Student Radio Awards 2021

Tabled: 16/11/21 Signatories: 4

Mary Kelly Foy lan Mearns Kate Osborne Chris Stephens

This House congratulates Durham University's Purple Radio on its success at the 2021 Student Radio Awards winning four Gold awards, three Silver awards, and three Bronze awards; noting that Gold awards were given to the station as a whole for Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, to Alex Orton, Simon Lake, Millie Morton, Ariel Hollamby, and James Tillotson for Best Station Branding, and to Ella Bicknell for her podcast 'Letters from a Stranger' which won the Kevin Greening Award for Creativity and Best Podcast award; further commends Silver award winners Ella Bicknell for Best Sports Programming and Best Journalistic Programming, and Josh Davies for Technical Achievement; further commends winners of Bronze Awards, Abigail Brierley, Emma Ghanem, Bill Pain, and Ella Bicknell for Best Journalistic Programming, Josh Davies for Best Newcomer, and Joanna Wright for Best Producer; recognises the importance of Student Radio in fostering new voices and giving voices to students; and commends the achievements of all Durham University students involved in Student Radio.