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New EDMs

559 Arrest of journalists at protests

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 11

Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Zarah Sultana
Ian Byrne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mary Kelly Foy

Nadia Whittome

This House notes with alarm the arrest and detention of the LBC journalist, Charlotte Lynch, on the suspicion of causing conspiracy to commit public nuisance during her coverage of a Just Stop Oil Protest, despite showing police officers a legitimate press accreditation; notes that she was detained for a total of five hours without being questioned and was searched twice in this time; reaffirms that journalists should have the right to cover protests without fear of arrest or detention from the police, and that this is a vital part of living in a free, transparent, accountable and democratic society; believes this arrest should be viewed in the context of increasing powers to restrict protest; believes this has created a culture in which protest is seen as illegitimate, and those who demonstrate or who are even loosely connected to a demonstration in whatever capacity, are regarded as suspicious; urges the Government to protect the freedom of journalists to report on events without fear of arrest or detention, and to investigate the circumstances of Lynch's arrest to ensure similar does not happen again.

560 Domestic Abuse and public life

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 15

Apsana Begum
 Kate Kniveton
 Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens
 Christine Jardine
 Kate Osborne

Ian Mearns
 Zarah Sultana
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Richard Burgon
 Beth Winter
 Jeremy Corbyn

Olivia Blake
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 John McDonnell

This House notes that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; understands that not all domestic abuse takes place in the home or during a current relationship and that often women are most vulnerable when they are leaving a relationship, or after it has ended; highlights that post-separation control and/or harassment is a form of abuse that can occur long after a relationship or marriage is over, with different tactics of abuse employed; recognises that domestic abuse is prevalent and can affect people from all walks of life and in all forms of employment, including those public life; also notes that female political representatives, including those from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, face disproportionate barriers and are at greater risk of harassment and abuse; and therefore calls on all political parties to ensure that political representatives who are survivors of domestic abuse are not exposed to further harassment in their roles and to raise awareness of the issues in order to create a society where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively.

561 UK Disability History Month

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises that 16 November to 16 December is Disability History Month which is now in its thirteenth year of being celebrated in the United Kingdom and that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; notes that this year's joint themes are Disability, Health and Well Being; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; also recognises that more than half the 14.5 million people currently identified as disabled in the UK have hidden impairments; further recognises that due to discrimination many who can pass as non-disabled have chosen not to identify, even though this has caused them many difficulties; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability for disabled people's health and well-being; also recognises the need to move away from a medical approach to disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for disabled people in the United Kingdom.

562 Domestic Abuse and workplaces

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 14

Apsana Begum
Kate Kniveton
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Kate Osborne
Ian Mearns

Richard Burgon
Beth Winter
Jeremy Corbyn

Olivia Blake
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell

Zarah Sultana
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

This House notes that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; recognises that domestic abuse can have profound long-term effects on survivors and is concerned that it is very difficult to speak out about domestic abuse and often those that do are subject to further silencing tactics; further recognises that domestic violence is a workplace issue and that it can affect employment performance and in some cases even mean the abuse is carried out in the workplace; believes that domestic abuse policies form an essential part of a strategy to achieve equal opportunities in the workplace; calls on all employers to ensure workplaces are places of safety for survivors of domestic abuse with measures in place for their protection and an environment fostered where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively; and calls on the Government to ensure a nationally funded network of domestic violence and abuse support services.

563 Retirement of Father David Brown from St Pauls Church

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House commends Father Brown on his years of service to St Pauls Church in Shettleston; thanks Father Brown for his leadership within the Church and his commitment to the local community of Shettleston; recognises the hard work and dedication of Father Brown; and wishes him a well-earned retirement.

564 60th anniversary of St. Barnabas RC Church

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House celebrates 60 years since the opening of St. Barnabas RC Church in Shettleston; commends the Church on six decades of service to the local community in the East End of Glasgow as well as inspiring generations of Glaswegians towards faith; and congratulates them on the 60th anniversary of their Parish opening.

565 British Indian Ocean Territory sovereignty negotiations

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 7

Jeremy Corbyn
 Patrick Grady
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jon Trickett
 John McDonnell
 Ms Diane Abbott

Kate Osborne

That this House congratulates His Majesty's Government on its decision to begin negotiations with Mauritius concerning sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago (British Indian Ocean Territory) to seek agreement to resolve all outstanding issues in accordance with international law including those relating to the former inhabitants; recognises that this is a significant reversal of a long standing policy; acknowledges the tireless campaigning by the Chagos Islands (BIOT) APPG and its Coordinator since 2008, the work of the Chagos Refugees Group and other Chagossian organisations, and the roles played by lawyers, the English and International courts; looks forward to the day when Chagossians who wish to return to the islands are permitted to do so.

566 Birthday of Kirkintilloch whisky producer Spirit of Alba

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Spirit of Alba, a family run Kirkintilloch producer of whisky and spirits, on their second birthday since opening; commends Jim Hopkins and his team for their hard work, their contribution to the local economy and to the history of Kirkintilloch whisky; further congratulates them on becoming specialist spirits retailer of the year at the Scottish enterprise awards; and acknowledges that small businesses face an incredibly challenging time, but can take inspiration from the success of Spirit of Alba.

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.

504 BBC Radio services to global audiences

Tabled: 26/10/22 Signatories: 22

Grahame Morris
 Jamie Stone
 Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Claire Hanna

Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne

That this House recognises the tremendous value of BBC radio broadcasts in providing a global audience with a reliable, accurate and trustworthy source of news and information; is concerned at the recent cuts announced to BBC World Service, with the loss of hundreds of experienced journalists' jobs, and also to several dedicated BBC foreign language services which will now move

to digital-only provision; notes that, as the experience in Ukraine has demonstrated, radio provides a vital life-line where digital-only services are lost owing to the blocking of internet access; is further concerned about the impact of the closure of BBC Persian radio and BBC Arabic radio in the light of recent events in Iran; and therefore calls on BBC management to review and reverse these cuts, and on the Government to return responsibility for the funding of BBC World Service to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

510 Industrial relations at Ørsted

Tabled: 27/10/22 Signatories: 16

Mick Whitley
Ian Mearns
Kate Hollern
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Rachael Maskell

Apsana Begum

That this House is concerned by industrial relations at offshore wind multinational Ørsted, which is majority-owned by the Danish Government; notes that a 3.5 per cent consolidated pay increase has been rejected by RMT members working out of Birkenhead, Brightlingsea, Grimsby and Barrow on Ørsted's operational offshore wind farms powering UK homes, schools, hospitals and businesses; further notes that the RPI inflation rate, used for pay negotiations, stands at 12.6 per cent, which is accelerating the cost of living crisis; regrets that Ørsted is refusing to discuss this pay dispute with trade union representatives from RMT; further notes that Ørsted recorded a profit of £644 million in the first quarter of 2022, a staggering 257 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier; applauds the hard work of Ørsted's workers in the UK in delivering this increased profitability in safe and sustainable working conditions; is alarmed by RMT reports that a union member is being victimised for raising genuine health and safety concerns with this employer; fully supports a worker-led safety culture in the offshore renewables sector; and calls on the Government to ensure that the safety and employment rights of offshore wind workers at Ørsted and at renewable energy companies across the UK Exclusive Economic Zone are fully respected.

511 Adopting ILO Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention

Tabled: 27/10/22 Signatories: 12

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

Apsana Begum

That this House notes with sadness the recent death in Brazil of an indigenous man who was the last of his tribe and known as The Man of the Hole; recognises that he was the only inhabitant left of the Tanaru Indigenous Territory in Rondonia state in the Western Brazilian Amazon and that his death represents a symbol of indigenous genocide; condemns the fact that the rest of his tribe had been massacred in a series of attacks since the 1970s; recognises that international organisation Survival say that with his death the genocide of his people is complete... the deliberate wiping out of an entire people by cattle ranchers hungry for land and wealth; condemns President Bolsonaro's discriminatory and hostile approach to indigenous peoples; notes with concern that the UK is not a signatory to ILO (International Labour Organisation) Convention 169 – Indigenous and Tribal

Peoples Convention 1989, a set of international laws designed to protect the rights of indigenous peoples despite British companies operating and trading with others within the Amazon region and other tribal areas; and calls upon the Government to immediately sign up to ILO Convention 169 and stand in solidarity with indigenous and tribal peoples whose rights and land must be protected.

512 Proposed re-opening of Haslar and Campsfield Immigration Removal Centres

Tabled: 28/10/22 Signatories: 20

Layla Moran
Chris Stephens
Wendy Chamberlain
Stuart C McDonald
John McDonnell
Anne McLaughlin

Daisy Cooper

That this House strongly opposes the Home Office's plan to re-open Haslar Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) in Gosport, Hampshire, which was closed down in 2015; notes the proposed re-opening of an IRC at the site of Campsfield House in Kidlington, Oxford, which combined with Haslar IRC will add a total of 1,000 new detention spaces, an increase of 33 per cent, and will cost the taxpayer £339 million; expresses concern that this reverses the Government's previous commitment to reducing the size and use of the immigration detention estate, made following Stephen Shaw's independent review of immigration detention in 2016 commissioned by the Home Office; believes that the £399 million of taxpayers' money could be spent in a more effective way to handle asylum cases humanely; further notes with concern that the re-opening of the IRCs has been specifically linked to the detainment of people before they are sent to Rwanda under the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Plan; further notes that seeking asylum is not a crime; raises concerns about the lack of effective safeguarding and inhumane conditions across the detention estate as a whole; remembers the 55 people known to have died whilst held under immigration powers since 2000, including 30 through suicide; calls on the Home Office to reverse its decision and to ensure that Haslar IRC remains closed; and calls for an end to the practice of indefinite detention in the UK.

513 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (No. 2)

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 21

Tony Lloyd
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens
Dan Carden

Apsana Begum

That this House is concerned by projections from the World Food Programme (WFP) that famine will take hold in parts of Somalia, with 7.1 million people facing acute food insecurity, while UNICEF estimates that a child has been sent to hospital over malnutrition every minute since August 2022; notes that a major cause of the crisis is the worst drought in the Horn of Africa for four decades; emphasises the role of climate change in this; highlights that the crisis has been worsened by conflict, with a correlation between areas projected to fall into famine and those impacted by non-state armed groups; notes that this also restricts humanitarian operations; stresses the impact of the war in Ukraine, with at least 90 per cent of Somalia's wheat coming from Russia and Ukraine

prior to the February 2022 invasion; highlights that this crisis has displaced over a million people, while disease is spreading rapidly in displacement camps; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030; emphasises that a senior Somali Government official recently said the UK has lost its leading role on this issue; notes that this is despite the UK's ongoing commitment to providing security assistance to the Somali Government; and calls on the Government to (a) combine its security role in Somalia with greater humanitarian assistance, (b) support international and non-governmental humanitarian organisations operating in Somalia and (c) restore the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

516 Independent Reviewing Officers

Tabled: 31/10/22 Signatories: 10

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Jim Shannon
John Spellar
Paul Girvan
Ms Diane Abbott
Peter Dowd

Paul Blomfield

Kate Osborne

That this House notes with concern the recommendation in the recent Independent Review of Children's Social Care (IRCSC) to abolish the role of Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) for children in local authority care; acknowledges the good work of the IRO service in ensuring the best possible outcomes for children in care; further notes that the IRCSC does include constructive ideas to strengthen services to children in care, however presents poor evidence and is misguided in its recommendation to abolish the role of IRO as this would likely reduce independent scrutiny of local authority plans; further recognises that the roles of IRO and advocate are fundamentally different, with advocates representing the child's view while IROs consider all aspects of the child's welfare and holds local authorities to account; further highlights that IROs were made a statutory requirement in 2004 following a number of cases where care plans had not been implemented, leading to the harm of children; and notes a review in 2018 recommending their abolition was rejected by the then Children's Minister Nadhim Zahawi; and urgently calls on the Government to reject the proposal in the IRCSC to abolish the IRO role and instead work to strengthen the IRO role for the benefit of children in care.

521 Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus

Tabled: 1/11/22 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Mr Barry Sheerman
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts

Mark Tami

Apsana Begum

Richard Burgon

That this House is concerned about the increasing risk of extinction of Asian elephants; praises the conservation efforts of Chester Zoo including their ground-breaking scientific research in collaboration with the University of Surrey into the development of a vaccine to combat Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus which has a fatality rate of over 80 per cent in young elephants; and calls on the Government to support conservation zoos in their mission to prevent extinction.

522 St Andrew's High School, Coatbridge and UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School Award

Tabled: 1/11/22 Signatories: 23

Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Douglas Chapman
Patricia Gibson

Ms Anum Qaisar

That this House congratulates the pupils and staff of St Andrew's High School in Coatbridge on receiving the prestigious Gold Rights Respecting School award from UNICEF; notes that the Gold award is the highest accolade that UNICEF can bestow on a school and that it recognises St Andrews' High Schools steadfast and continuous commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life; acknowledges that the school has embedded the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum; further recognises the excellent work of Headteacher Mr Peter Holmes, all of his staff, particularly Ms Megan Connor the school's rights respecting lead; and wishes everyone at St Andrew's High, Coatbridge every success for the future.

524 Domestic abuse and coercive behaviour education

Tabled: 1/11/22 Signatories: 12

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises the importance of the survivor-led "Make It Mandatory campaign" backed by the domestic violence charity Refuge; gives special thanks to survivors, particularly founder Faustine Petron and her team, for their tireless campaigning efforts to prevent domestic abuse amongst young people through education; notes with concern that half of 16 to 19-year-olds surveyed by Refuge said they had experienced controlling or coercive behaviour in a relationship; further notes that a third of those surveyed said they would not know where, or who, to turn to for support if they were experiencing abuse; expresses alarm that only half of the young people surveyed said they had received education on domestic abuse despite this being mandatory in secondary schools since 2020; and therefore urges the Government to embed education on domestic abuse and controlling or coercive behaviour in the school curriculum by enforcing it in all secondary schools and making it mandatory for all sixth forms as well as expanding training for staff in educational settings.

527 Disability and the cost of living crisis

Tabled: 2/11/22 Signatories: 25

Debbie Abrahams
Marsha De Cordova
Kate Hollern
Ben Lake
Yvonne Fovargue
Dan Carden

Apsana Begum

Richard Burgon

Beth Winter

That this House congratulates the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel on their recent Big Disability Survey, the largest survey of disabled people in the UK, and the report highlighting the barriers disabled people face; notes its key findings, that disabled people in Greater Manchester are living under a threefold assault on their rights and quality of life: firstly, through austerity, then covid-19 and now as a result of the cost-of-living crisis; further notes its finding that disabled people are experiencing shocking levels of poverty; further notes disabled people are commonly often unaware of their rights under legislation and when they are aware, have little access to legal advice provision and advocacy and are often also digitally excluded and have a right to accessible information; notes its recommendations, firstly to increase disabled people's income, secondly to provide decent, affordable and accessible housing and finally to ensure the protection of disabled people's human rights, as defined under the UN Conventions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and calls on the Government to recognise these findings and incorporate their recommendations into Government's spending plans.

529 Canon Father John Hall of St Peter's and St David's Churches in Fleetwood

Tabled: 2/11/22 Signatories: 4

Cat Smith
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon

That this House acknowledges and celebrates the good work done by Canon Father John Hall in Fleetwood; is grateful for his vision for and commitment to The Pantry and so much good work in the community; wish him all the best for the future as he leaves his role with us in Fleetwood and thanks him for his time, compassion and dedication to those in need in Fleetwood.

531 25th anniversary of Myeloma UK

Tabled: 3/11/22 Signatories: 22

Deidre Brock
Rachael Maskell
Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Angus Brendan MacNeil

Martyn Day

Douglas Chapman

Apsana Begum

That this House extends its congratulations to Myeloma UK staff, volunteers and supporters as the organisation celebrates its 25th anniversary this year; recognises that over the last 25 years the charity has helped to transform lives through investing nearly £19 million into myeloma research; acknowledges that they have answered more than 60,000 calls via their free Infoline and have sent nearly two million publications to patients, families and health care professionals; notes that, when

the charity started in 1997, average life expectancy for people diagnosed with myeloma was 12 to 24 months and that has now quadrupled to 4 to 8 years; further notes that, despite these incredible advances, myeloma has some of the longest times to diagnosis of any cancer, a median of 163 days from first symptom to diagnosis; calls on governments across the UK to ensure that future cancer strategies work for all cancer types including blood cancers such as myeloma; and wishes Myeloma UK the very best for the next 25 years and beyond.

534 Royal Mail industrial dispute and the universal service obligation

Tabled: 3/11/22 Signatories: 46

Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Marsha De Cordova
Tony Lloyd
Kate Osborne
Dan Carden

Yvonne Fovargue

Richard Burgon

Barry Gardiner

That this House condemns the actions of Royal Mail which, it believes is threatening up to 10,000 job cuts from the postal service; notes that Royal Mail made £758 million in profit in the year to March 2022, but paid out most of that, around £567 million, to shareholders in dividends and a share buyback; further notes that Royal Mail reported record profits and is concerned of mismanagement of finances as they are now reporting that they are losing one million pounds a day; notes that Royal Mail imposed a 2 per cent pay award during a time of spiralling inflation and a cost of living crisis; considers that postal workers provide an important service to millions of people in every corner of the country and is an essential part of the UK's national infrastructure; notes that Royal Mail's business plan threatens the Universal Service Obligation set out in the Postal Services Act 2011; further considers that a cut to jobs will not only harm these workers but the communities that they serve including small business owners; considers that Royal Mail is abandoning mutually agreed plans for modernisation, choosing instead to pursue what it sees as an asset stripping agenda; further believes that this threatens the future of the company and is an unacceptable attack on the terms and conditions of postal workers; and calls on Royal Mail to negotiate a fair offer with the Communications Workers Union that values their service and hard work.

535 Detention of Jagtar Singh Johal

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 39

Martin Docherty-Hughes
John Spellar
Allan Dorans
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell

Marion Fellows
Apsana Begum

Richard Thomson
Richard Burgon

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Daisy Cooper

That this House notes that Friday 4 November 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the arbitrary detention in India of Jagtar Singh Johal, a Sikh activist from Dumbarton held since being abducted from the street during his honeymoon by unidentified assailants who turned out to be undercover police agents; further notes that while held incommunicado for 10 days by local Police, he alleges that he was tortured both physically and through electric shocks to his nipples and genitals, something which led him to signing a confession, a confession that has subsequently been used

when filing charges against him; supports the ruling of the UN Working Group on arbitrary detention which in May gave its opinion that Jagtar's detention was an arbitrary one; urges the Government to also support this opinion, and do what it can to achieve Jagtar's immediate release; notes with dismay the revelations in the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office annual report in March 2020 that there may have been the involvement of UK intelligence services in sharing the information that led to Jagtar's arrest; urges the Government to be open and transparent about which Ministers knew about this and when; and calls on them to suspend all work toward towards a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of India as long as Jagtar remains arbitrarily detained.

537 **Liver cancer**

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 14

Sir George Howarth
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Allan Dorans
Wayne David
Amy Callaghan

Dan Carden
Paul Girvan

Apsana Begum
Christine Jardine

Richard Burgon

That this House notes that liver cancer is one of the less survivable cancers with mortality rates rising by 40 per cent over the last decade; recognises that only 13 per cent of liver cancer patients survive for five years after diagnosis; further notes that the number of people dying from liver cancer is increasing the fastest out of the 20 most common forms of cancer; encourages the Government to commit to improving earlier diagnosis and outcomes for liver cancer and the less survivable cancers in the upcoming 10-Year Cancer Plan; supports the recent launch of Liver Cancer UK by the British Liver Trust; and welcomes the efforts of the Less Survivable Cancer Taskforce to close the deadly cancer gap.

538 **Carers Rights Day**

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Richard Burgon

That this House recognises Carers Rights Day on 24 November; recognises the valuable contribution unpaid carers make every day; commends Connecting Carers in the Highlands for their ongoing work in creating a better life for unpaid carers; acknowledges their commitment to ensuring unpaid carers are acknowledged and supported in their work; and encourages all carers to know their rights and make use of the support that is available to them.

547 Police officers' pay

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 10

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Kate Osborne
Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon

Richard Burgon

Margaret Greenwood

Paul Girvan

That this House recognises the outstanding contributions made by police officers to the security and wellbeing of communities across the UK; and notes that the Police Federation of England and Wales is calling for the Government to urgently explain how more than a 25 per cent real-terms pay cut since 2010, which is set to increase further with rises in the cost of living and inflation, can be justified given the significant risks to life which police officers carry regularly when performing their vital day-to-day duties.

548 Young people's experiences of food insecurity

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 8

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Patrick Grady

Beth Winter

That this House notes recent research carried out by Centrepoin into food insecurity experienced by young people; further notes with deep concern the findings which show that over a fifth of young people say they have missed work or education due to lack of food; highlights with alarm that nearly half of the general youth population in the UK say they have gone to bed hungry in the last 12 months; recognises that under-25s receive a lower benefit rate which makes it difficult to meet essential living and housing costs, particularly for young people without family support; further recognises that this policy makes it difficult for young people to move on from homelessness and puts them at risk of harm, exploitation and abuse; and supports Centrepoin's recommendation that young people living independently without family support, including care leavers, should be able to claim the adult rate of the Universal Credit standard allowance to help them meet essential costs and avoid homelessness for good.

549 Second anniversary of conflict in Tigray

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 15

Dame Angela Eagle
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens
Kenny MacAskill

Brendan O'Hara
Tony Lloyd

Paul Blomfield

That this House, recognising the achievement of a peace deal last week at the African Union peace talks, and congratulating all sides on the ceasefire agreement, deplores the widespread use of rape and use of violence against women and girls by all the belligerent parties, noting that Tigrayan women have been recognised by the UN to have been subjected to particular violence leaving an estimated 26,000 in need of services; regrets the loss of life of 500,000 civilians in Tigray, killed from violence and famine, the displacement of more than 1.6 million by this conflict, and the mass detention of many thousands; calls on the Government to (i) increase humanitarian aid when the 17-month humanitarian blockade on Tigray is lifted, (ii) provide assistance for the reconstruction of infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, destroyed during the war, (iii) support the establishment of an internationally recognised ceasefire monitoring mechanism, and (iv) press for full access to all parties and areas for the UN Human Rights Council's Commission of International Experts on Ethiopia; notes the Government is hosting an important global conference on the use of sexual violence in conflict; and further calls on the Government to give an urgent priority to ending the use of such violence in Ethiopia.

550 BBC local radio programming

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 38

Karl Turner
Sarah Olney
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Graham Stringer
Debbie Abrahams
Wendy Chamberlain

Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Greenwood
Emma Hardy

Jim Shannon
Beth Winter
Daisy Cooper

Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens

That this House condemns the proposed cuts to BBC local radio programming which will see programming shared between regions after 2pm and on weekends; applauds the role of BBC local radio stations in democratic accountability, combating isolation and responding to crises such as covid-19 and local emergencies; questions for what reason the BBC's digital first strategy is at the expense of a vital part of local media infrastructure; notes with concern that staff whose jobs are at risk found out about the plans through the media; stands with members of the National Union of Journalists resisting the planned cuts; and urges the BBC to consult local radio listeners and licence fee payers before making permanent changes.

551 Employment at Birkbeck College

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 12

John McDonnell
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Jim Shannon
 Richard Burgon
 Apsana Begum
 Beth Winter

Nadia Whittome
 Stephen Farry

Chris Stephens
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Jon Trickett
 Jeremy Corbyn

That this House is deeply concerned at the news from Birkbeck College that up 140 members of staff could face compulsory redundancy as part of a restructuring plan; recognises that Birkbeck College is a unique institution which, for 200 years, has provided access to education for adults from diverse social and education backgrounds, and helped transformed higher learning in Britain whilst delivering cutting-edge research; appreciates that Higher Education is facing difficulties everywhere, but time and again Birkbeck has shown itself able to adapt and change; and therefore calls on the college to rule out compulsory redundancies and instead invest in Birkbeck as an institution dedicated to working people.

552 Industrial action at Jacob's Bakery

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 6

Dan Carden
 Jim Shannon
 Richard Burgon
 Beth Winter
 Chris Stephens
 Jon Trickett

That this House supports members of the GMB union employed by Pladis Global at Jacob's Bakery, Aintree, Liverpool who are taking strike action in a long-running dispute over pay and terms and conditions; believes that these workers should be treated fairly and given a pay deal that reflects the rising cost of living; notes that Pladis Global saw profits of £220m last year; further notes that the Aintree site is Jacob's first factory in England and has operated for over a century; and urges Pladis Global to negotiate a fair deal with the GMB and work with the union to secure the future of the factory and prioritise its most valuable asset, the workforce.

553 Freeing political prisoners ahead of elections in Bahrain

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 3

Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Richard Burgon
 Chris Stephens

That this House notes that parliamentary elections will take place in Bahrain on 12 November 2022 amidst ongoing repression; decries that leading opposition figures including Hassan Mushaima, Abduljalil Al Singace, Abdulhadi Al Khawaja, Abdulwahab Husain and Sheikh Mohammed Habib Al Muqdad remain behind bars serving life sentences for their roles in the 2011 pro-democracy uprising in Bahrain, along with the leader of Al Wefaq, Sheikh Ali Salman, despite international calls for them to be released; raises concerns that Bahrain's 2018 political isolation law prohibits members of dissolved political societies and sentenced individuals from running for office or voting, even if they were pardoned; further raises concerns that tens of thousands of people will not be

able to stand as candidates in the election as a result of this legislation; denounces threats made by Bahrain's Office of the Public Prosecution that anyone who calls for the elections to be boycotted will face imprisonment and a fine; contends that Bahrain's parliament lacks the legislative power to effectively scrutinise government Ministers or officials; fears that Bahrain's elections will lack legitimacy and make a mockery of democratic principles; calls upon Bahrain to release opposition leaders, all political prisoners and death row inmates highlighted in the recent report by the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch ahead of elections; and calls on the Government not to recognise the outcome of these elections and to urge Bahrain to release all opposition figures immediately and unconditionally and repeal its repressive political isolation law.

554 25th Anniversary of The Link Family and Community Centre

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House celebrates with pride the 25th Anniversary of The Link Family and Community Centre in Newtownards in the constituency of Strangford; notes the hard work and dedication by all members of staff and volunteers of all ages; further notes their time and commitment in being there to help others, especially over the last few years throughout the impacts of the pandemic; highlights their launch of their "Our Community, Our Future" programme, in partnership with Thrive Island, which encourages so many local people from all sorts of different organisations and statutory agencies to look after their local community; congratulates them on the successes of the last twenty-five years; and wishes them all the best for the next

555 Use of COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Alaa Abd el-Fattah's immediate release

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 17

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Ian Mearns
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Kate Osborne
Jeremy Corbyn
Chris Stephens
Mary Kelly Foy

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Jon Trickett

This house condemns Alaa Abd el-Fattah's ongoing imprisonment in Egypt; expresses serious concern at his treatment by Egyptian authorities and for his health and wellbeing; notes that he has been on hunger strike for over six months and has now begun a water strike; further notes that his imprisonment is part of a wider pattern of political arrests and disappearances and that he is one of as many as 60,000 political prisoners held in Egypt; also notes that Abd el-Fattah is a British citizen and therefore entitled to consular support from the British embassy; also notes with concern that the UK Government has yet to call publicly for his unconditional release; also notes that the total value of UK arms exports licensed to Egypt in the last three years was £24m and that this would provide significant leverage in talks to secure Abd el-Fattah's release; and urges the Government

to use COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Abd el-Fattah's immediate release and to provide him with independent medical assistance.

556 Late payments and SMEs

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 4

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Chris Stephens

That this House recognises how poor payment practices impact on small to medium sized businesses; notes that late payments of invoices beyond 30 days can make or break an SME in terms of the knock on effect on payment of staff, paying suppliers, operating costs and servicing debt, not to mention detriment to mental health and, in the worst cases, going out of business as a result; further recognises that SMEs are already struggling in a hugely difficult economic environment due to the cost of living and energy crisis, recovery from the pandemic and Brexit; further notes that research has shown that late payment of invoices has worsened since the pandemic; believes that the Government's Prompt Payment Code does not go far enough; and further believes that in order to provide stability and security for SMEs, the very backbone of our economy in the UK, these businesses need effective payment structures to nourish an ethical and more transparent business environment and consequently allow more small firms to survive and grow.

557 Pressure ulcers and International Stop the Pressure Day

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 7

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Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that 17 November 2022 marks International Stop the Pressure Day, an annual awareness day which aims to create a significant culture shift and eliminate avoidable pressure ulcers in all health and care settings; notes that pressure ulcers are one of the easiest to prevent, but hardest to treat, problems experienced by the spinal cord injured community; further notes the devastating consequences that pressure ulcers can have on quality of life for people who experience them and their loved ones; recognises that pressure ulcers require constant vigilance and can escalate quickly to the point where they become life-threatening; further recognises that the Spinal Injuries Association estimates that treating pressure ulcers are estimated to cost the combined National Health Services of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland more than five million pounds every single day; welcomes International Stop the Pressure Awareness Day and the role it plays in raising awareness about pressure ulcers; believes that NHS services should routinely record incidence of pressure ulcers; and calls on the Government to invest more in research and increase funding for treatment and prevention of pressure ulcers to improve patient care and reduce the long-term financial cost to the NHS.

558 Trophy hunting import and exports

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 4

Sir Mike Penning
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Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House notes the recent report of the APPG on Banning Trophy Hunting and Britain: The Case for a Ban, its contributions from IUCN scientists, CITES officials and African community leaders, and its findings that trophy hunting is exacerbating the conservation crisis and that African communities are overwhelmingly opposed to the practice; notes the concerning status of the most popular African animals shot by British trophy hunters, including elephants that are classed endangered by IUCN, the hippopotamus, zebra and leopard that are classed as vulnerable, that lion populations have fallen from 200,000 in the 1970s to 10,000, and that British trophy hunters have shot threatened cheetahs, black rhinos and polar bears; notes that British trophy hunters are winning prizes from killing large numbers of animals, including an award for shooting animals from 125 different species, and British-owned firms are selling holidays to shoot endangered animals; notes that 86 per cent of submissions received by DEFRA from experts and others during the public consultation expressed support for a ban, that opinion polls show nine out of 10 voters support a ban, and that a ban enjoys support from cross-party MPs and Lords, media organisations, and conservation and animal welfare charities; and calls on the Government to fully support the passage of this bill, including as a tribute to the late Sir David Amess MP who campaigned tirelessly on this issue, and to allocate whatever time may be necessary for the bill to pass.