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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 14 November 2023

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### New EDMs

#### 54 Food banks

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 2

**Jon Trickett**  
**Kim Johnson**

That this House notes with extreme concern the new figures from The Trussell Trust which showed that 1.5 million food parcels were provided to people between April and September 2023 by food banks in the charity's UK-wide network, which is a 16% increase on the same period in 2022; highlights that 320,000 people have needed to use a food bank for the first time in the past six months; notes that a record 540,000 food parcels were provided for more than 265,000 children living in families who could not afford the essentials, which is an 11% increase compared to the same period last year; highlights the grave concerns expressed by the UN Poverty envoy Olivier De Schutter on poverty levels in the UK; and urges the Government to act now to tackle poverty by ensuring decent pay, investment and high quality public services.

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#### 55 Protections for the green belt

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 1

**Jon Trickett**

That this House expresses its concern about building developments on green belt land; notes that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has said that humanity is becoming a weapon of mass extinction; further notes that the extinction of wildlife species has a knock-on impact on the wider ecosystem and causes escalating levels of environmental destruction, which plays a significant role in climate breakdown; regrets that many local plans contain proposals to build on green belt land, including in an area of the Wakefield District that is home to ancient woodland and a number of rare and endangered bird and animal species; also regrets that the Government failed to support amendments to the Levelling Up Bill, which would have prevented building on areas with vulnerable and endangered species; believes that Parliament must do more to ensure that our

country's natural environment is protected; further believes that access to green spaces not only enhances quality of life, but also helps with mental health, tackling obesity and improving general health; recognises that there is a considerable need for new housing in the UK, but thinks that this should be built whilst limiting the damage to the natural environment and should be affordable for local people; calls on the Government to protect green belt land by adopting a brownfield first policy and tougher protections for endangered species; and further calls on the Government to ensure that local authorities have the final say over developments in their areas.

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## 56 Elective care waiting list and insourcing

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 1

**Jim Shannon**

That this House expresses concern that latest NHS figures show that there are a record 7.75 million people in England waiting for elective care, with more waiting in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; fears that waiting lists have the potential to continue to rise; notes the negative consequences of long elective waiting lists on patients' physical discomfort and outcomes, their families' emotional wellbeing and NHS resources; recognises the value of the independent health sector when working in partnership with the NHS, to treat more patients quickly and to a high quality; specifically recognises the unique value of the insourcing sector, which brings in additional clinical teams to maximise the use of NHS estates and equipment at times when they would otherwise go unused, such as at weekends and in evenings, to reduce waiting lists and get patients seen more quickly, in familiar environments, and reduces the lost opportunity cost of spare NHS capacity and equipment going underused; notes that polling from March 2023 demonstrates strong public support for the use of insourcing; and calls on the national and devolved Governments and local NHS systems to encourage the use of insourcing arrangements to reduce elective backlogs and improve patient outcomes across the country.

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## 57 Secretaries of State and membership of the House of Commons

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 1

**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House believes that Secretaries of State should be Members of the House of Commons.

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## 58 Taxation of savings and inheritance

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes recent reports that in the 2023-24 financial year, tax paid on savings income is due to reach more than £6.5 billion, a rise of approximately 100% since 2022, and the expected take through inheritance tax of approximately £8 billion, which has increased over 30% in the same period; notes that the Treasury expect to receive almost £15 billion in tax next year from these two sources alone; further notes that this is income that has already been taxed largely from earned and saved income; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to introduce tax reductions aimed at hard-working taxpayers, particularly the millions who are in the middle-income bracket.

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**59 Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Laudate Deum**

Tabled: 14/11/23 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House welcomes Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Laudate Deum, which builds on his encyclical letter Laudato Si', that calls on world leaders to put global common good ahead of self interest; urges international governments to commit to a transition from fossil fuels that is binding and measurable; acknowledges the injustice that it is the world's poorest communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change, despite contributing the least to global emissions; commends the work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund who work alongside climate vulnerable communities to respond to climate change and with Global South organisations to campaign for global leadership to tackle climate change; and notes the significance of Pope Francis' message to world leaders ahead of COP28 to be ambitious in their pledges to tackle climate change and provide their fair share of financing to meet existing climate finance pledges.

**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.

**2 Addressing the climate emergency**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 23

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Mick Whitley**

Kate Osborne  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Geraint Davies

Tony Lloyd  
 Apsana Begum

Nadia Whittome  
 Zarah Sultana

That this House expresses its profound concern about the Government's failure to address the urgency of the climate and ecological emergency; is alarmed by escalating climate impacts and the diminishing remaining carbon budget for limiting global temperatures to 1.5 degrees; is dismayed by the recent approval of the Rosebank oil field, the contents of which would, if burned, produce more CO<sub>2</sub> than the combined annual emissions of all 28 low-income countries in the world; condemns the Prime Minister's rollback on delivering Net Zero which falsely pits measures to achieve our climate targets against tackling the cost of living crisis, creates uncertainty for businesses, will lead to increased costs for households, and further erodes the UK's standing on the world stage; notes that according to the Climate Change Committee, the UK is unlikely to deliver its 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution and is off track to meet the Sixth Carbon Budget; calls on the Government to press for an agreement on the urgent and just phase out of all fossil fuels, as well as the operationalisation of a properly resourced Loss and Damage Finance Fund at COP28 in Dubai; and urges the Government to deliver the transformative action needed to meet the UK's climate targets, reduce energy bills for the long-term, and regain the UK's climate leadership, including a retrofit revolution to upgrade the UK's leaky homes, unleashing cheap and abundant renewables, and putting an end to new oil and gas licences, alongside facilitating a Just Transition for workers and communities.

**6 Immigration**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 24

Sir Stephen Timms  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Dawn Butler  
 Tim Farron  
 Kim Johnson  
 Clive Lewis

Pete Wishart  
 Mohammad Yasin

Deidre Brock  
 Kenny MacAskill

Kate Osborne

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (S.I., 2023, No. 1004), dated 14 September 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 September 2023, be annulled.

**7 Sixth year of detention of Jagtar Singh Johal**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 37

Martin Docherty-Hughes  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Jim Shannon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Stuart C McDonald

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that Friday 4 November 2023 marked the sixth anniversary of the arbitrary detention in India of Jagtar Singh Johal, a Sikh activist and son of the Rock of 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 he alleges that while held incommunicado for 10 days by local police, 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 2022 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; further regrets the continuation of the Government's negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of India as long as a UK citizen remains arbitrarily detained in an Indian prison; and states unequivocally that these negotiations should be paused until such time as the Indian Government addresses Jagtar's arbitrary detention.

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**12 Calum MacLeod and Who Dares Cares**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 10

Owen Thompson  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Patrick Grady  
Kirsty Blackman  
Chris Stephens

Christine Jardine

That this House applauds the superb work of Calum Macleod and his charity Who Dares Cares which seeks to help armed forces veterans and former emergency services personnel with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); recognises Calum's lived experience of trauma and his exemplary service in the military; appreciates his tireless work to offer support and activities to people with PTSD; further applauds his recent work with his About Turn scheme which aims to rehabilitate and support veterans who have ended up in the criminal justice system; and wishes him and his organisation every success for the future.

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**15 Awareness of Postural Tachycardia Syndrome**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 13

Cat Smith  
Angela Crawley  
Jim Shannon  
Jonathan Edwards  
Patrick Grady  
Chris Stephens

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that awareness of Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) is low despite an increase in diagnoses connected with long covid; highlights that PoTS is a nervous system abnormality mainly affecting women, where exercise, standing or sitting cause symptoms ranging from palpitations and shortness of breath to chest pain and fainting; further highlights that studies from the US have suggested that the condition impacts around 170 in every 100,000 people in the population; notes with concern that many doctors are still unaware of PoTS syndrome and the average diagnosis of PoTS from first presentation to diagnosis is seven years; draws attention to the fact that for 90% of patients a diagnosis followed by medically-guided lifestyle changes or medication can improve and manage symptoms; and therefore calls on the Government to increase support for people suffering from PoTS and to raise awareness around PoTS within the NHS.

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**18 80th anniversary of Canning House**

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron  
Jim Shannon  
Patrick Grady  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Canning House on reaching its 80th anniversary; recognises its unique contribution to the strengthening of understanding and fostering of closer British relations with Latin America, Spain and Portugal; applauds the 1st Viscount Davidson for his foresight in founding Canning House in November 1943; recognises the great benefits of Britain increasing its

connectivity in multiple fields, including education, culture, trade and diplomacy, with countries across Latin America, including the major G20 economies of Brazil, Mexico and Argentina; and expresses delight that a rejuvenated Canning House, based in new offices in Westminster, with an enterprising and stimulating programme of events, promises to perform its valuable role for many more decades to come.

## 19 Disability History Month 2023

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 15

Dr Lisa Cameron  
Jim Shannon  
Clive Lewis  
Patrick Grady  
Jeremy Corbyn  
John McDonnell

Christine Jardine

Kate Osborne

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that 16 November to 16 December 2023 is Disability History Month, which is now in its fourteenth year of being celebrated in the UK; notes that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; further notes that this year's theme is Disability, Childhood and Youth; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; recognises that many disabled children and young people do not yet have fully inclusive lives and face barriers in developing their full potential; further recognises that, due to discrimination and stigma, many have chosen not to identify their disability within their community; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; highlights that those with mental health issues, neurodiversity and learning difficulties face particular societal barriers; highlights the importance of creating welcoming communities and promoting social inclusion; recognises the need to progress from a medical approach; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, rights based and sustainable society for disabled people across the UK.

## 20 Clare Gray

Tabled: 7/11/23 Signatories: 9

Dr Lisa Cameron  
Jim Shannon  
Patrick Grady  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Ben Lake  
Liz Saville Roberts

Chris Stephens

That this House marks with sadness the passing of Clare Gray, a distinguished disability advocate who departed on 3 October after a brief illness; recognises Clare's immeasurable legacy as one of the most influential disabled advocates campaigning in the UK for the last decade; notes that her advocacy not only raised awareness of the challenges faced by disabled individuals, but also inspired positive change and empowered countless lives along the way; highlights her instrumental role in the Shaw Trust Disability Power 100 project, which recognises and celebrates the 100 most influential disabled people living and working in the UK; and expresses heartfelt condolences to Clare's family and colleagues for their immeasurable loss.

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**22 Night Riviera Sleeper Service**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 10

**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Mearns [R]**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Patrick Grady**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that the Night Riviera Sleeper service, operated by Great Western Railway (GWR) between London Paddington and Penzance, plays a vital role in providing sustainable and low-carbon travel between the capital and west of England; believes the staff employed on the Night Riviera provide a high-quality service to passengers; notes that research has found that travel by train is seven times more environmentally friendly than flying; further believes that reliable and high-quality rail links to areas popular with tourists support local economies and jobs; further notes that around 100 Sleeper services have been cancelled between September and November this year due to engineering works; further believes that wherever possible cancellations should be avoided and alternatives such as changes to the route or timing of the service should be considered; further understands that the rolling stock used to operate the Night Riviera is reaching the end of its natural lifespan; understands that GWR's business plan for 2022 requires it to provide proposals to the Government about the future provision of the Night Riviera Sleeper; further understands that, that in light of this, concerns have been raised by the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers about the future of the Night Riviera Sleeper; therefore calls on GWR and the Government to commit to maintaining the service, ensure all jobs on the Night Riviera Sleeper will be protected, and set out a plan for investing in this vital service.

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**23 400th anniversary of the establishment of the British Jesuits**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 4

**Conor McGinn**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates everyone associated with the Jesuits in Britain on the 400th anniversary of the foundation of a Province in this country; notes that the vision and mission of their founder St Ignatius of Loyola is still flourishing today through the Jesuits' pastoral, intellectual, educational, spiritual and social activities through parishes, schools, universities, retreat centres, outreach and the Jesuit Refugee Service-UK and Jesuit Missions; and commends the Jesuits as they continue to inspire people to work for the good of others.

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**24 150th anniversary of St Helens RFC**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 6

Conor McGinn  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Jim Shannon  
 Christine Jardine  
 Chris Stephens

This House congratulates St Helens RFC on its 150th anniversary; notes that Saints has a long and glorious history in rugby that dates back to its formation in 1873; salutes its success on the field including recent Super League, Challenge Cup and World Club Challenge triumphs; recognises the enormous and continuing contribution the club has made to the town; and shares the pride of everyone in St Helens at the club reaching this significant milestone.

**25 Scientific hearing on animal experiments**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 15

Martyn Day  
 Allan Dorans  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Claudia Webbe

Kate Osborne

Sir Greg Knight

Chris Stephens

That this House applauds the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth, with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Betsy; is shocked to see the continuing harrowing exposés that show thousands of laboratory dogs being intensively bred in the UK, underlining the consequences of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside of the animal-based research sector, acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include pharmaceutical industry scientists, an Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute, which states cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration, which states that nine-out-of-ten new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; further notes Doctors Greek and Shanks' Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, which explains why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to cease the funding of the now-proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art human-based research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients, and stop the suffering of innocent laboratory dogs and other animals.



**26 Islamophobia Awareness Month**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 21

Christine Jardine  
Jamie Stone  
Tahir Ali  
Caroline Lucas  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Richard Foord

Kate Osborne

Chris Stephens

That this House supports Islamophobia Awareness Month, which is taking place this November; recognises the incredible contributions that British Muslims make to our country; acknowledges that anti-Muslim sentiment is far too prevalent in our society; notes with concern that the horrifying Israel-Gaza conflict has led to a rise in Islamophobia in the UK, with Tell MAMA reporting a sevenfold increase of anti-Muslim incidents between 7 and 29 October compared to the same period last year; emphasises the importance of standing up to religious hatred in all its forms; and calls on the Government to ensure that public bodies have the resources and training they need to identify and prevent hate crimes.

**28 Section 21 evictions**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 9

Jon Trickett  
Caroline Lucas  
John McDonnell  
Jonathan Edwards  
Claudia Webbe  
Cat Smith

Kate Osborne

Kim Johnson

That this House urgently calls on the Government to proceed with their 2019 manifesto promise to abolish section 21 of the Housing Act 1988, otherwise known as no fault evictions; condemns the number of delays in bringing forward a proper legislative ban in the last parliamentary session; urges the government to strengthen the Renters (Reform) Bill in regard to no fault evictions; notes that section 21 evictions are increasingly used by landlords, with the ONS finding that threats of eviction using section 21 notices rose by 69 per cent, while instances of actual evictions more than doubled, rising by 143 per cent; further notes media reports which show that 40 families a day have been threatened with no-fault evictions since the Government undertook to ban them in 2019; highlights the huge pressure on social housing with over one million waiting for a home; condemns the Government's failure to fulfil its promise to ban no fault evictions, especially with the added urgency of a global pandemic and then a cost of living crisis; further condemns the fact that vulnerable people are potentially being made homeless; welcomes the statement by Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State on 15 February 2023 that the Government will legislate in this Parliament to abolish Section 21 no fault evictions; and urges the Government to stop delaying and to act now.

**29 Community Land Trust Organisations**

Tabled: 8/11/23 Signatories: 4

Layla Moran  
Caroline Lucas  
Jim Shannon  
Kim Johnson

That this House recognises the outstanding work done by the Community Land Trust Organisations and their invaluable role in creating affordable housing in perpetuity; notes their role in addressing the housing crisis, particularly in high cost housing areas such as Oxfordshire; congratulates Oxfordshire Community Land Trust on Crofts Court, its first development of eight affordable homes completed in June 2023 after more than 10 years of dedicated work and determination by volunteers; acknowledges that this housing will provide much needed affordable, secure housing in one of the most expensive counties in the country for those on the local council's housing register; applauds the efforts of Oxfordshire Community Land Trust in raising over £500,000 in Community Shares; celebrates that this housing will make the cost of housing affordable for those with local links to Cumnor for their lifetime and beyond; calls upon the Government to include a requirement for local authorities to support community led housing in the National Planning Policy Framework, to urgently re-instate the Community Housing Fund to fund the work of Community Land Trusts, and to include the re-instating of funding for the local Collaborative Housing Hubs that provide support and expertise to Community Land Trusts; and asks for the creation of a Revolving Loan Fund.

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**30 Jobs at news publisher Reach**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 6

Owen Thompson  
Allan Dorans  
David Linden  
Jim Shannon  
John McNally  
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the hard work and dedication of Reach journalists in Scotland at local and national news brands such as the Daily Record and Edinburgh Live; notes with dismay that Reach, the UK's largest commercial news publisher, will cut 450 jobs - about a tenth of its workforce - across its national and regional newspapers; urges the publisher to work with unions such as the NUJ to minimise the upset and disruption to an already hard pressed workforce; further notes the central importance of journalism in a democratic society; regrets that these cuts will risk the loss of more talented staff providing our communities with accessible, relevant news through public interest journalism; and urges Reach management to immediately make a realistic substantive commitment to the future of journalism in Scotland.

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**31 Myalgic encephalomyelitis research and treatment**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 11

Clive Lewis  
 John McDonnell  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Jon Trickett

Chris Stephens

This House commends current research being conducted by the Quadram Institute on the Norwich Research Park that builds on recent evidence that conditions like myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), and Long Covid, have a basis in the immune system; notes that ME (sometimes known as ME/CFS) is a severely debilitating condition thought to affect up to 250,000 people in the UK and that symptoms include widespread pain, extreme tiredness and an inability to concentrate and that the causes of ME are not known and there are no effective treatments; commends the funding provided by the charity Invest in ME Research to the Quadram Institute to run the only current clinical trial in the UK for ME; believes it is necessary to establish a Centre for ME Research, building on excellent biomedical research, to act as a hub for research and treatment of ME; and calls on the Government to support and promote such a specialist Centre to help develop effective treatments.

**32 15th anniversary of Future Choices, Aberdeen**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 5

Stephen Flynn  
 Allan Dorans  
 David Linden  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Aberdeen-based charity, Future Choices, on reaching its 15th anniversary; notes that the charity, founded in 2008, provides much-needed social inclusion and recreational activities for the disabled community in Aberdeen and beyond; recognises and commends the tireless efforts of its volunteers and Chairperson, David Forbes, on the work they do to support disabled people within communities across the city; and wishes the charity every success in its future endeavours.

**33 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht and antisemitism**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 12

Patricia Gibson  
 Patrick Grady  
 Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Allan Dorans

Christine Jardine  
 Chris Stephens

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Kirsten Oswald

That this House commemorates the victims of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), a destructive campaign of violence against Jewish people, on its 85th anniversary; understands that, throughout the night of 9-10 November 1938, the Nazi Party targeted synagogues and Jewish prayer rooms across Germany, with over 1,400 burned or badly damaged, 7,500 Jewish businesses across Germany

and Austria vandalised, and at least 91 people murdered, with a further 30,000 Jewish men being arrested and taken to concentration camps, where many more died; further understands that this was followed by hundreds of suicides in the Jewish community and mass emigration; recognises the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany's relaunched campaign, *ItStartedWithWords*, highlighting that the Holocaust did not start with camps, ghettos and deportations, but with words of hate; understands this campaign's importance in view of the growing prevalence of Holocaust denial and hate speech towards Jews; notes concerning reports that more than 1,000 anti-Semitic incidents have taken place across the UK since Hama's terrorist attacks on 7 October 2023, the highest 28-day total recorded since the Community Security Trust began tracking attacks in 1984, and a 537% increase over the same period in 2022; recognises the resilience of Holocaust survivors who continue to highlight the barbaric actions that took place during the Second World War, particularly following the unacceptable rise in antisemitism recently; and continues to remember the 6 million Jewish people and others targeted due to ethnicity, religion, political beliefs and sexual orientation who were victims of Nazi persecution.

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**34 15th anniversary of the opening of the Food Stop, Glasgow**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Food Stop takeaway in Merchant City, Glasgow, on 2 November 2023; acknowledges the efforts of Andy and his team in providing local residents, commuters and visitors with high-quality sweet and savoury lunch and breakfast food for all these years; congratulates them on this significant milestone; and wishes them all the best for the future.

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**35 Pakistani Street Food and the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 5

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the success of Pakistani Street Food of Govanhill, Glasgow, at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023; notes their success in the Outstanding Takeaway of the Year category; acknowledges the hard work of the staff and owners of Pakistani Street Food in providing a unique experience to the residents and visitors of Govanhill and the surrounding area; congratulates them on this significant achievement; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

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**36 The Roll Shop and the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the success of the Roll Shop of Polmadie Road, Glasgow, at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023; notes their success in the Deli of the Year Central category; acknowledges the hard work of Sandra and her team in providing delicious food to the residents and visitors of Polmadie, Govanhill and the surrounding area; congratulates them on this achievement; and wishes them all the best for the future.

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**37 MacTassos and the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss  
Patrick Grady  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the success of MacTassos of Kelvin Way, Glasgow, at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023; notes their success in the Street Food Trailer of the Year category; acknowledges the hard work of the owners and staff of MacTassos in providing Glaswegians and visitors to the city with authentic Greek food since 2017; congratulates them on this significant achievement; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

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**38 Bite Me Sandwich Bar and the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 4

Alison Thewliss  
Allan Dorans  
Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the success of Bite Me Sandwich Bar of Paisley Road West, Glasgow, at the Scottish Takeaway Awards 2023; notes their success in the Sandwich Shop of the Year and Breakfast Takeaway of the Year categories; acknowledges the hard work of the owners and staff of Bite Me Sandwich Bar in providing delicious sweet and savoury food to the residents and visitors of Cessnock and Ibrox since their opening in 2004; congratulates them on this significant achievement; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

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**39 Living Wage employers in Glasgow Central constituency**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**David Linden**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises that with 372 Living Wage accredited employers, Glasgow Central constituency has the highest numbers of Living Wage employers in the UK; acknowledges the importance of the work of the Living Wage Foundation in promoting and securing a real living wage for hundreds of thousands of low-paid workers across the four nations of the UK; affirms its support for the principle that every working person deserves to earn enough to live and prosper; expresses its concern that the Government continues to misuse the term living wage, applying it to the UK minimum wage rate for all staff over 25 years of age; notes that the UK minimum wage rate for staff over 25 years of age does not reflect the actual cost of living in the UK, unlike the real Living Wage calculated by the Living Wage Foundation; urges the Government to raise minimum wage in line with the real needs of employees and their families during this cost of living crisis; and applauds Living Wage-accredited employers in Glasgow Central constituency and across the nations of the UK for their commitment to fair work.

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**40 PEEK project ball 2023**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House recognises the success of the Possibilities for Each and Every Kid (PEEK) project's Haunted Hollywood fundraising ball on 27 October 2023; notes that with the support of PEEK Project's main sponsor, Speirs Gumley, and over 20 local companies and organisations, PEEK raised £38,158 to support their work; acknowledges the importance of PEEK's work to provide opportunities for children aged 0 to 18 and their families through play projects, creative arts projects, youth work, leadership, volunteering, peer training, education and internship projects across Glasgow; notes that over 1,500 children and 180 young people take part in PEEK activities in a typical week, that attendance has seen a 38% increase in the last 12 months, and that PEEK has provided 1820 hours of family wellbeing support to 509 individual families over the coronavirus pandemic and cost of living crisis; congratulates them on a successful fundraising event; and wishes them the best of luck in all future endeavours.

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**41 Indepen-dance Bridgeton studio opening**

Tabled: 9/11/23 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Glasgow-based inclusive dance company Indepen-dance on the September 2023 opening of their new studio and office space in Bridgeton; recognises the work of Indepen-dance in widening access to both the professional and non-professional dance sectors for disabled people, their carers, children, young people, and their families; understands that the Bridgeton venue includes a studio, office space, and the Coffee Hut, a volunteer-led cafe; appreciates the generous support for the cafe from Tin Donkey Coffee Roasters; thanks the Artistic Director, Karen Anderson, the Chair of the Board, Mairi Breckenridge, and everyone involved in the operation of Indepen-dance for all their hard work; and wishes them all the best in all future endeavours.

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**44 Breast cancer screening and entitlement to paid leave**

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 4

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House notes that the UK, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Governments all offer breast cancer screening to women aged 50 to 70 every three years; supports such policies as an important preventative health care strategy; calls for employment law to be amended to remove barriers to and ensure that women do not lose pay and entitlements for attending appointments; and commends the work of the JG HR Pledge campaign for raising awareness of and encouraging employers to pledge to support their employees to attend regular screening appointments.

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**45 Wealth taxation and EU Tax Observatory report on global tax evasion**

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 2

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House welcomes the EU Tax Observatory inaugural report on global tax evasion; notes that the report indicates that the richest people in the world are operating on the edge of legality to evade paying tax; expresses concern at the findings of the report that the very richest use shell companies and other measures to reduce their tax burden to between 0% and 0.6%; further notes that real estate in expensive cities such as London provides a vehicle for the very wealthy to avoid paying tax; notes that the report calls on the 3,000 richest people in the world, with combined assets of \$13 trillion, to be taxed at a rate of 2% of their total wealth; estimates that such a measure would raise £205 billion annually; and joins calls for the G20 Summit in Brazil in November 2024 to begin efforts to introduce a global wealth tax on the very richest people.

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**47 Seasonal Worker visa scheme**

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 6

**John McDonnell**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kim Johnson**

That this House notes the recent report by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and the Independent which identified issues of racism, wage theft and threats of being sent back home in 19 farm inspection reports produced by the Home Office between 2021 and 2022; recognises that migrant seasonal workers are integral to the UK's horticultural sector and that working conditions under the seasonal worker visa must urgently be improved; further recognises that the current iteration of the seasonal worker visa is due to expire at the end of 2024 and that improvements to working conditions must be implemented before any decision to extend the scheme is made; calls on the Government to urgently complete and publish a review of the seasonal worker visa scheme in line with the recommendations that it accepted by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration in the report entitled An inspection of the immigration system as it relates to the agricultural sector, published in December 2022; further calls on the Government to implement the recommendations on the seasonal worker visa scheme of the report by the House of Lords Select Committee on Horticulture entitled Sowing the seeds: A blooming English horticultural sector (November 2023); and calls on the Government to engage with independent civil society organisations advocating for the rights of migrant seasonal workers in the recently formed Seasonal Worker Interest Group to address the design-related issues from the seasonal workers visa scheme.

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**49 Changes to the Highway Code for vulnerable road users**

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 4

**Helen Morgan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House appreciates the recent changes made to the Highway Code relating to protecting vulnerable road users; understands that new rules 212-215 help ensure that other road users treat these users with care; observes that these rules have been added specifically because the Highway Code previously lacked rules to protect vulnerable road users such as horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles; recognises that the frequency of incidents which include these users shows that the new rules have not been publicised enough; and calls on the Government to raise awareness of the new rules and establish better communication and education of the Highway Code to protect all road users.

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**50 Persecution in Pakistan**

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing attacks, discrimination and persecution faced by Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan; recognises that these communities are integral members of the Pakistani society and have made significant contributions to its culture, history, and economy; notes with concern the rising incidents of forced conversions, kidnappings, property confiscations and violence against Hindus, Sikhs, Ahmadis and Christians, which infringe on their fundamental



rights to freedom of religion, belief and security; condemns any form of religious intolerance and violence; urges the Government of Pakistan to uphold its international obligations to protect the rights of all religious minorities within its borders; calls on the Government of Pakistan to intensify efforts to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of its religious minority communities; calls on the UK Government to engage with the counterparts in Pakistan on these issues to strengthen human rights monitoring in the region.

## 51 Veterans Day bank holiday

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 7

Grahame Morris  
Jonathan Edwards  
Kate Osborne  
Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
Chris Stephens

Kim Johnson

That this House wishes to honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces with a new bank holiday on the day after Remembrance Sunday; notes that many countries have a dedicated Veterans Day public holiday; recognises that, by international standards, the UK is amongst the countries with the fewest public holidays; highlights the need for more bank holidays in the second half of the year because the majority of the current statutory bank holidays are during the spring and summer months; and believes that any such proposal from the Government would command significant cross-party support.

## 52 Immediate bilateral ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict

Tabled: 13/11/23 Signatories: 12

Layla Moran [R]  
Jamie Stone  
Richard Foord  
Christine Jardine  
Munira Wilson  
Daisy Cooper

Helen Morgan  
Wendy Chamberlain

Sarah Olney  
Tim Farron

Wera Hobhouse  
Sarah Dyke

That this House believes that only a two-state solution can deliver the security which both Palestinians and Israelis deserve; further believes that Hamas cannot be allowed to continue in charge of Gaza; condemns the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas in Israel on 7 October 2023; deplores the violence in the weeks since; notes with horror the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, affecting millions of innocent Palestinian civilians, the ongoing hostage situation and the risk of regional escalation; notes that it is increasingly clear there will be no military solution that will eliminate Hamas and that movement towards a political solution is needed; accordingly urges the Government to call for an immediate bilateral ceasefire to provide space to achieve that political solution; further notes that such a ceasefire would be contingent on both parties sticking to it and that if one party breaks the ceasefire, a military option remains on the table; believes that this is not an end goal but a step towards peace; disagrees with those who advocate freezing the conflict, which leaves Hamas in charge of Gaza and does not look to the future; and notes that an immediate bilateral ceasefire would provide time to facilitate the delivery of aid into Gaza,

facilitate the release of the hostages and provide space to intensify diplomacy towards delivering a political solution with Hamas out of Gaza, two states and a lasting peace.

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**53      Refugee campaign groups from the North East**

Tabled: **13/11/23**      Signatories: **5**

**Ian Lavery**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kim Johnson**

That this House welcomes the lobby of Parliament by refugee groups from the North East of England to be held in Room S of Portcullis House from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday 28 November; proudly acknowledges that the UK has, for centuries, provided a haven for those fleeing oppression; understands that many people seeking asylum display qualities of great courage and resilience and have abilities which can serve this country well; and urges all hon. Members to attend the lobby in order to hear the case for a fair system of asylum that enables safe routes to get to the UK, treats human beings with dignity and care in a timely and efficient manner, and allows them to make an immediate contribution to the UK through paid work.