

---

Published: Friday 3 May 2024

---

## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 2 May 2024

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions for which no days have been fixed.

The number of signatories includes all members who have added their names in support of the Early Day Motion (EDM), including the Member in charge of the Motion.

EDMs and added names are also published on the EDM database at [www.parliament.uk/edm](http://www.parliament.uk/edm)

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

---

### New EDMs

#### 718 46th anniversary of the murder of Altab Ali

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 2

Apsana Begum  
Caroline Lucas

That this House marks the 46th anniversary of the racially motivated murder of the 25-year-old textile factory worker, Altab Ali, on 4th May 1978; notes that in the 1970s far right activity and racism was prevalent in East London and that Asian and Black people were frequently attacked; recognises that Altab Ali's murder sparked protests and anti-racist campaigning leading to the historic Battle for Brick Lane and the birth of groups like the Anti-Nazi League and Rock against Racism; plays tribute in particular to the Bangladeshi community and allies in East London's resistance to far-right extremism and institutional racism; expresses concern at the current increase in far right activity and rising levels of racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism; and stands in solidarity with our diverse communities in opposition to the far right and those who try to divide society with fear, bigotry and intolerance.

---

#### 719 Allocation of levelling up funding

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 1

Helen Morgan [R]

That this House notes with concern the amount spent by local authorities of all parties on bids for levelling up funding that have been unsuccessful; further notes that levelling up funding has not been allocated to the areas with highest levels of deprivation; notes that levelling up funding has not been awarded for projects with a clear regenerative impact, but has been awarded for projects with a purely cosmetic benefit; notes that small awards of funding do not outweigh the impact of significant cuts to real-terms funding for local authorities since 2015; notes that only 10% of funds allocated have been spent to date; notes that local authorities delivering successful project bids have grappled with significant additional costs during the delivery phase, eroding the

value of disbursements; and calls on the Government to review the Fair Funding Formula such that resources are allocated to local authorities on the basis of need and the cost of delivering services to local people.

---

## 720 2024 Basque regional election results

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 1

**Hywel Williams**

This House notes the results of the 2024 Basque regional election held on 21 April; congratulates EH Bildu for receiving the best election results in its history having won over 340,000 votes and 27 seats, an increase of six since the last election; commends EH Bildu for the positive and peaceful vision it offered voters during the election with a focus on health, housing, employment and the concerns of young people; and calls on the United Kingdom to strengthen ties with the Basque Country in the spirit of promoting peace and democratic values.

---

## 721 World Press Freedom Day

Tabled: 2/05/24 Signatories: 3

**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**John McDonnell**

This House applauds World Press Freedom Day in declaring its respect and admiration for all journalists and media representatives around the world who face the horrors of possible harassment, incarceration, injury, and death; deplores the targeting of journalists who are simply carrying out their invaluable work; mourns those journalists who have died in conflicts both past and present; notes the significant death toll in Russia - 11 since February 2022 - and Gaza - 92 Palestinians, 2 Israelis since 7 November 2023; condemns the persecution of journalists speaking out against these wars, including the detention of Evan Gershkovich in Russia and the continued imprisonment of Julian Assange, who is being held in a maximum security prison for his role in exposing the truth about war crimes; and demands the release of all journalists who have been persecuted for doing their job.

---

## 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.

**657      Childcare for working parents**Tabled: **23/04/24**      Signatories: **13**

**Rachael Maskell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Chris Stephens**

Claire Hanna

That this House notes the importance of affordable childcare to enable parents, especially mothers, to work; further notes the important contribution of migrants to the economy; welcomes the intention behind the expansion of childcare support for working parents which is currently being rolled out; also notes however that this support is not available equally to all working parents even where they are working the same hours for the same wages; is concerned about the difficulty this creates for excluded families due to the high costs of childcare; and calls on the Government to amend its support scheme so that all parents working the requisite number of hours and earning the requisite salary can access 30 hours of funded childcare, regardless of their immigration status.

**666      Work Capability Assessment reforms**Tabled: **24/04/24**      Signatories: **10**

**Marion Fellows**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**

Beth Winter

Carol Monaghan

That this House expresses its deep concern that the Government's proposed Work Capability Assessment reforms will expose more people, including disabled people and those with long-term health conditions to work conditionality and the threat of benefit sanctions; recognises that there is considerable evidence, including the Department of Work and Pension's own report entitled The Impact of Benefit Sanctions on Employment Outcomes, published on 6 April 2023, that conditionality, and in particular the use of sanctions, is counterproductive in efforts to support people into sustainable work and causes unnecessary hardship; acknowledges that the use of sanctions are harmful to people's health and wellbeing, further punishing society's most vulnerable people; notes that removing the Work Capability Assessment risks conflating incapacity and disability payments, as not everyone who is sick and not able to work will qualify for disability payments; further notes that there is no safety net for people with short-term ill-health and sickness to manage their condition and live a dignified, independent life; and calls on the Government to stop the implementation of their Work Capability Assessment changes which will lead to disabled people and those with long-term health conditions losing out financially.

**670 Diversion schemes for drug-related offending**Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **10**

Grahame Morris  
 Rachael Maskell  
 Richard Burgon  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Ian Mearns

Chris Stephens

That this House endorses the recognition from Dame Carol Black and the Home Affairs Committee that improved use of diversion schemes, where police deal with low-level offending without the involvement of courts, can be an important tool in reducing drug-related crime; pays tribute to the pioneering work of Police-led Drug Diversion (PDD) schemes such as Durham's Checkpoint programme led by the late Ron Hogg, the West Midlands' Operation Turning Point and the Thames Valley Druglink scheme championed by former Chief Inspector Jason Kew; highlights the importance of community resolution to preclude the need for arrest and to facilitate access to education, treatment and support services; welcomes the work of Professor Alex Stevens of the University of Kent and Paul Quinton from the College of Policing in providing evaluation of PDD schemes and identification of best practice; believes this will establish effective national standards and a template to end the patchy postcode-lottery of provision; and calls on the Government to commit to consistent national roll-out of high-standard diversion schemes, as soon as practicable, to provide a cost-effective alternative to the current cycle of criminalisation and reoffending.

**672 UK's national minorities**Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **16**

Ben Lake  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Hywel Williams  
 Mary Kelly Foy  
 Dave Doogan  
 Allan Dorans

John McNally

Chris Stephens

That this House marks the 10th anniversary of the UK Government recognising the Cornish as a national minority through the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities; notes that this landmark decision set out numerous obligations including support for language and culture, education and the media, the greater visibility of national minorities in public life, the protection of historic territories, more opportunities on the international stage; further notes that the decision should afford the Cornish the same status as the UK's other national minorities; is however concerned that the UK Government has yet to fully meet its obligations under the Framework Convention by treating Cornwall equally with the other national parts of the UK; and calls on the UK Government to deliver meaningful devolution through the creation of a legislative Cornish Parliament or a National Assembly of Cornwall, full membership of the British-Irish Council and other trans-national bodies, fair funding for Cornwall and its public services, a Cornish Language Act, and public service broadcasting provision for Cornwall.

**682 World Malaria Day 2024**Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **16**

**Patrick Grady**  
**Stuart C McDonald**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes that Thursday 25 April 2024 has been designated as World Malaria Day by the World Health Organisation, marking the 17th time the day has been observed since its establishment by the World Health Assembly in 2007; further notes that this year's theme focuses on accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world, drawing attention to the decline in progress toward reducing malaria globally, particularly in the WHO African Region which in 2022 accounted for 94% of malaria cases and 95% of deaths and, that on current trajectories, critical 2025 milestones of the WHO global malaria strategy for reductions in malaria cases and deaths will be missed; also notes that the disease continues to directly endanger health and cost lives, and perpetuates a vicious cycle of inequity, with people living in the most vulnerable situations including pregnant women, infants, children under five years of age, refugees, migrants, internally displaced people, and Indigenous Peoples disproportionately impacted; and calls on the UK Government to increase its focus on working towards Sustainable Development Goal 3.3 to end the malaria epidemic, and to contribute required funding at the upcoming replenishments of Gavi, the vaccine alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

**683 Two-child benefits limit**Tabled: **24/04/24** Signatories: **27**

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**George Galloway**  
**Jon Trickett**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the new research from the End Child Poverty Coalition which highlights the extent to which the two-child limit impacts single parents and families with disabled children; notes that 20% of all households impacted by the two-child limit are families with at least one disabled child, which is just over 87,500 households; further notes that 25% of all families impacted by the two-child limit are single-parent households, with a child under 3; expresses incredulity that no assessment of the potential correlation between the proportion of children living in households affected by the two-child limit and levels of child poverty has been made by the Department for Work and Pensions; and calls for the two-child limit to be reconsidered.

**690 Border Force staff at Heathrow Airport**Tabled: **26/04/24** Signatories: **18**

John McDonnell  
 Ian Byrne  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Charlotte Nichols  
 Mary Kelly Foy  
 Jon Trickett

Chris Stephens

That this House expresses support and solidarity to members of the PCS union taking industrial action against their employer, Border Force, at Heathrow Airport; notes that on 29 April around 250 staff are being forced out of their current jobs on passport control as the Home Office have indicated they will no longer accommodate their contractual flexible working arrangements, reasonable adjustments or 'legacy' contractual terms on a new fixed teams based roster; believes that the proposed new roster will not effectively deal with the issues which the Home Office claims it is intended to address and that, on the contrary, the inflexibility of the roster will see many staff come off the roster or leave the service; and therefore calls on the Home Office to address staff concerns and agree to shift from its current entrenched position so that further industrial action might be averted.

**692 Armenian Genocide**Tabled: **29/04/24** Signatories: **9**

Martyn Day  
 Jim Shannon  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Hywel Williams  
 Ben Lake

Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes that on 24 April 2024 the Armenian community commemorated the Medz Yaghern (Great Crime) of the Armenian Genocide that saw the massacre and starvation of 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottomans; further notes the significance of recognising the Armenian genocide and engaging in commemorative actions in paying tribute to the victims and supporting the Armenian community; pays tribute to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide, including many who share their testimony day in, day out, to ensure the horrors of the past are never forgotten; thanks all of those who work to educate every person from every background in the UK about the Armenian Genocide, its contemporary relevance, and why we must acknowledge this crime as having happened; urges all Rt hon. and hon. Members to observe this day and to pledge to speak out against the denial of the Armenian Genocide; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Armenian Genocide.

**693 Building societies**Tabled: **29/04/24** Signatories: **14**

**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Kim Johnson**

**Wera Hobhouse****Colum Eastwood****Nadia Whittome**

That this House recognises the financial and emotional hardship experienced by vulnerable, elderly building society customers and their families through being introduced by building societies which they trusted to firms offering unregulated wills and trusts; acknowledges that the products sold were unsuitable and failed, with investments that did not match members' attitude to risk, with excessive fees, and ultimately causing the loss of large portions of customers estates, and thereby the loss of their children's inheritance; highlights the concern victims have that the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has failed to act against the building societies despite many FCA Principles for Business being breached, and that the societies failed to perform satisfactory due diligence on the firms they introduced customers to; and as such believes that the FCA should compel the building societies to fully compensate, including for the upset, stress and hardship caused; calls upon the Government to ensure that, if the building societies make an offer of compensation, that the Creditors' Committee can negotiate on behalf of the impacted individuals and if necessary give powers to the FCA to compel the building societies to compensate the victims in full; and further calls upon the Government to ensure that similar injustices do not happen in the future.

---

**698 900th anniversary of founding of City of Edinburgh**Tabled: **29/04/24** Signatories: **5**

**Christine Jardine**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House celebrates the 900th anniversary of the founding of the City of Edinburgh and St Giles' Cathedral; notes the founding of the Cathedral in 1124 by King David I; recognises the cultural, historical and political significance of the role of the City in the last 900 years; further celebrates its diverse and rich culture, which brings over four million tourists a year generating hundreds of millions of pounds to the local economy, highlighted by festivals such as the world famous Fringe Festival and Hogmanay celebrations; further recognises its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1995 with its distinguished architecture and natural beauty displayed by landmarks such as Arthur's Seat; and looks forward to the celebrations, reflecting over the last 900 years and exploring the future of the City.

---

**705 Contribution of university research**

Tabled: 30/04/24 Signatories: 7

Ben Lake  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Jim Shannon  
 Hywel Williams  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Chris Stephens

Carol Monaghan

That this House commends the outstanding contribution of university researchers throughout the United Kingdom; agrees with the view of Professor Mark Field of the University of Oxford that impact is the good the researchers have in the world; notes the work of researchers at the University of Aberystwyth into restoring peatlands to remove greenhouse gases and other work on supporting farmers to use agricultural waste to produce native duckweed to feed livestock; further notes the University of Wales Trinity Saint David initiative Wales and its Global Literary Culture in partnership with Cardiff and Bangor Universities; acknowledges the role of university professional staff and training specialists in supporting researchers to demonstrate impact and engagement as required by the UKRI Research Excellence Framework 2029; and calls on the Government to fully recognise the role that UK researchers can play in providing evidence for the development and evaluation of policy across all fields and to engage with them to ensure researches have the impact their work deserves throughout the world.

**706 Arthurlie FC and the Scottish Junior Cup 2024**

Tabled: 30/04/24 Signatories: 3

Kirsten Oswald  
 Jim Shannon  
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Arthurlie FC, based at Dunterlie Park, Barrhead, on advancing to the final of the Scottish Junior Cup after defeating Johnstone Burgh 4-3 on aggregate; understands the first and second legs of the semi-final took place on 14 and 20 April respectively; applauds the commitment of manager Colin Reilly and the whole squad; notes that the second leg of the semi-final took place at Keanie Park with a massive crowd of 2,393 people in attendance; highlights the historical significance of Arthurlie progressing to the Scottish Junior Cup Final, the first time they have done so since 1998 when they beat Pollok 4-0 to lift the trophy; further notes that the Scottish Junior Cup Final will be held on 2 June at Cumbernauld Broadwood Stadium with Arthurlie competing against Darvel; and wishes all the very best of luck to Arthurlie FC ahead of the Scottish Junior Cup Final.

**707 Wheelchair rugby**

Tabled: 30/04/24 Signatories: 4

Sarah Dyke  
 Jim Shannon  
 Wendy Chamberlain  
 Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Josh Payne-Gover's success in wheelchair rugby; wishes him the best of luck in achieving a place in the Team GB squad for the Los Angeles Paralympics in 2028; notes the high financial cost of equipment necessary to participate in wheelchair rugby; praises Josh's successful campaign to raise money for a new elite level titanium rugby chair; notes the financial



barriers disabled people face when competing in sport; expresses concern that 37% of disabled people cite the cost-of-living crisis as a hindrance to partaking in sport; encourages steps to ensure more disability sport is shown on free-to-air TV; and stresses the importance of providing councils with support to enhance community sporting facilities, including facilities for disabled people.

---

#### 708 Price cap on baby milk formula

Tabled: 30/04/24 Signatories: 19

Barry Gardiner  
Cat Smith  
Ian Byrne  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Rosie Duffield  
Dame Siobhain McDonagh

Mary Kelly Foy

Chris Stephens

This House recognises the impact that food price inflation has had on family budgets in recent years, with annual inflation of 19.1% to March 2023, which was the highest rate of food inflation in 45 years; notes with dismay that some retailers have taken to placing baby milk formula under security lock to avert the risk of shoplifting; considers that no parent should feel they have to resort to criminality in order to feed their baby; and therefore urges all supermarkets to urgently review the retail costs of baby formula and to cap it at no more than 1% of its production cost.

---

#### 709 Councillor Robert Aldridge

Tabled: 30/04/24 Signatories: 4

Christine Jardine  
Jim Shannon  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Councillor Robert Aldridge, the Right Honourable Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh, on the 40th anniversary of his election to City of Edinburgh Council; notes that 3 May 2024 marks forty years of his continuous service as a representative of his community, most recently representing the Drum Brae/Gyle ward; and thanks him for his dedicated service to his constituents and to the city.

---

#### 710 Leicester City and the Sky Bet Championship

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon  
Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the success of Leicester City securing a 3-0 victory at Preston North End on Monday 29 April 2024 to attain a record-breaking eighth Sky Bet Championship title; notes the joy and pride that dedicated fans, including the hon. Member for Strangford, feel as Leicester City have now been promoted to the Premier League; wishes the team every success for the future, following a tremendous season; and believes that they have the support of a fantastic fan base across the UK.

---

**712 Larne Football Club**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 3

**Sammy Wilson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House congratulates Larne Football Club on winning the Irish league title for the second year running; congratulates the players on their dedication; praises the manager, Teirnan Lynch, on his leadership of the team; thanks Kenny Bruce for the financial commitment he has made to the club; recognises the important role played by the dedicated followers who attend matches on a weekly basis; welcomes the commitment to building for the future through the football academy, which has been established to bring on new players and the 500 youngsters in the youth teams; and believes that sporting success has engendered civic pride and improved community relations in the town.

---

**713 Tall ship Tenacious**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 2

**Munira Wilson**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House celebrates the legacy of the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) in providing life-changing opportunities for over 55,000 people who have sailed with JST tall ships, which were purpose-built with initial funding from the Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II fund, and the aim of integrating able-bodied and disabled people through tall ship ocean sailing voyages, in which no-one is a passenger and everyone works the ship; notes that the SV Tenacious, the largest wooden tall ship built in the UK for 100 years, is the only remaining tall ship in service in the world which is equipped for disabled and non-disabled crew to sail together on equal terms; recognises the deep regret at the announcement that the JST has ceased operations and the ship's owning company put into administration, as a result of financial difficulties worsened by inactivity during the pandemic; acknowledges that without this ship, which is equipped with measures such as wheelchair access, a speaking compass, visual and tactile alarms and signage in Braille, many people with differing abilities will not be able to experience the freedom of ocean sailing, regardless of physical limitations, which has, over the decades, created immeasurable cascading benefits to the lives of voyage crew, through the challenging and transformative adventure of tall ship sailing; and further commends the Save Tall Ship Tenacious campaign, wishing them success in their ongoing efforts to save this unique vessel, a shining example of inclusion and equality for people with disabilities and long-term health conditions.

---

**714 Gabriel Fares and the Welsh Three Peaks challenge**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 5

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Carol Monaghan**

That this House commends six year old Gabriel Fares of Llwyngwrl for undertaking the Welsh Three Peaks challenge to raise awareness of his family's plight in Gaza; notes with concern that members of Gabriel's extended family remain displaced in Rafah with their homes in Khan Yunis completely destroyed; further notes that the situation on the ground in Gaza is dire, with food, water and medicine incredibly scarce, with bombs continuing to fall all around them; recognises the challenge facing Gabriel as he prepares to climb Wales's three highest peaks, Yr Wyddfa, Cader Idris, and Pen

y Fan with his grandad; further recognises Gabriel's efforts to date in advancing calls for a ceasefire in Gaza by attending local peace rallies and meetings; and calls on the UK Government to take immediate action and create safe, viable routes for the family of British Palestinians to evacuate and seek safety in the UK.

---

**716 Commemorating the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star and Its aftermath**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 2

**George Galloway  
Chris Stephens**

That this House solemnly commemorates the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, the military action that took place in June 1984 at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India, resulting in significant loss of life and severe damage to the holiest site in Sikhism; expresses its deep regret over the devastating impact of this military action on the Sikh community; recognises the events that followed Operation Blue Star are viewed by the Sikh community worldwide as a period of intense persecution, described by many as a genocide; acknowledges the profound and lasting pain these events have caused to the Sikh community across the globe; calls for a moment of reflection on the serious consequences of the military action, including the loss of thousands of lives in the ensuing violence; and urges the Government to support international efforts aimed at reconciliation, peace, and justice for the Sikh community, ensuring such tragedies are never repeated.

---

**717 Trial and release of Jagtar Singh Johal**

Tabled: 1/05/24 Signatories: 2

**George Galloway  
Jonathan Edwards**

That this House expresses its deep concern over the ongoing detention of British citizen Jagtar Singh Johal who was arrested in Punjab, India on 4 November 2017; notes the allegations of torture and denial of fair trial rights as documented by international human rights bodies; recognises the significant distress this has caused to his family and the wider Sikh community in the UK; calls on the Government to intensify diplomatic efforts to ensure Mr Johal receives a fair trial per international legal standards and is afforded protection against any form of torture and mistreatment; urges the Indian authorities to provide transparent evidence and legal justification for Mr. Johal's continued detention; and further calls for Mr. Johal's immediate release if no credible evidence is presented.