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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 21 July 2025

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### New EDMs

1708      **Global Plastics Treaty**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **4**

**Ann Davies**

**Ben Lake**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Llinos Medi**

That this House is gravely concerned about the devastating effects of plastic pollution on the world's oceans, biodiversity and ecosystems, including the deaths of marine animals through ingestion or entanglement; notes with concern the UN estimate that since 1950 more than eight billion tonnes of plastic have been produced globally, with less than 10% recycled, and millions of tonnes entering marine environments; further notes that the reconvened fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on a global plastics treaty will take place from 5 to 14 August 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland; recognises that a robust global plastics treaty presents a vital opportunity to reduce plastic pollution, particularly its disproportionate impact on people living in poverty, by reducing plastic production and consumption and advancing inclusive, circular economy solutions; also notes that plastic production, heavily reliant on fossil fuels, is responsible for an estimated 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions, meaning action on plastics will also support climate goals; welcomes the continued efforts of UK negotiators to support an ambitious treaty, including the UK's endorsement of the Nice Wake-Up Call statement issued at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2025; notes the growing support from the private sector for strong global regulation on plastic pollution, including support from major businesses such as Nestlé, Unilever, Mars, Tesco, Waitrose and Coca-Cola Europacific Partners;

and urges all countries to work constructively and with urgency to reach consensus on a treaty that is science-based and equitable in its commitments and implementation.

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1709 **Courtney McBain Chartered Institute of Management Accountants success**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Courtney McBain, Accounts Assistant at Springfield Properties, on achieving joint fourth position in the world for her Management Case Study module as part of her Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) qualification; notes that Courtney, from Elgin, has been with Springfield since 2015 and has dedicated eight years to studying alongside her professional role; further notes that her remarkable performance demonstrates both individual perseverance and professional excellence; recognises Springfield Properties as a key employer in Moray and the Highlands, and commends its commitment to employee development, with 6% of its workforce currently engaged in further education while working; and celebrates the positive impact of upskilling within local communities and the role of supportive employers in fostering talent across Scotland and the wider UK.

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1710 **Cairngorm Brewery Food and Drink Excellence Awards**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore on reaching the finals of the prestigious Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2025; notes that the brewery's Black Gold stout, already a multi-award-winning beer recognised by CAMRA, has been shortlisted for the Beer and Cider Product of the Year; recognises the importance of local breweries like Cairngorm Brewery in promoting Scottish produce, sustaining rural economies, and supporting tourism in the Highlands; acknowledges the craftsmanship, innovation and dedication of small brewers in Scotland's thriving food and drink sector; and wishes Cairngorm Brewery every success at the awards and in its continued contribution to Scotland's brewing heritage.

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1711 **Angus John Tulloch MBE**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Angus John Tulloch MBE on being honoured for his outstanding services to music through his founding and continued leadership of the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust (SSPDT); notes his long-standing commitment to widening access to Scotland's national instruments by establishing piping and drumming tuition in state schools, beginning with the East Lothian Pipes and Drums Trust in 2007 and expanding nationwide through SSPDT from 2014; commends Mr Tulloch's dedication, particularly in supporting areas where local

authorities do not provide such opportunities; recognises the transformative social and cultural impact of SSPDT's work, particularly within Moray, where the Trust is working closely with Moray Council, schools, parents and carers to deliver a growing tuition programme involving many pupils across the region; and pays tribute to all those involved in the Trust's mission, including trustees, instructors, school staff, and young musicians whose collective effort is strengthening Scotland's musical heritage and community life.

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1712      **Kat Heathcote OBE**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Kat Heathcote OBE, Commercial Director at Witherby Publishing Group in Aviemore, on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her services to the people of Scotland; recognises her passionate commitment to supporting individuals across the country, particularly young people, in the fields of arts, sport and education; commends her leadership in business and her deep engagement with community and cultural development in Strathspey and beyond; notes her humility in accepting the honour as a reflection of the collective efforts of the inspiring individuals and organisations she has supported; and further applauds the legacy she continues to build in championing opportunity, empowerment and creativity across Scotland.

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1713      **Katie Wallace Scottish Engineering Modern Apprentice of the Year**

Tabled: **21/07/25**      Signatories: **1**

**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates Katie Wallace, a computer numerical control operator at Hydrasun in Aviemore and apprentice with UHI Moray, on being named Scottish Engineering Modern Apprentice of the Year 2025; recognises this outstanding achievement as a testament to Katie's hard work, skill and dedication during her first year of apprenticeship, during which she successfully completed her SVQ Level 2 while studying part-time at the UHI Moray Linkwood Technology Centre; notes that Katie will now progress to the SCQF Level 7 diploma as she enters her second year, to complete her Modern Apprenticeship by 2027; commends her selection as a speaker at the 2025 International Women in Engineering conference; and highlights the vital importance of promoting engineering pathways to young women and girls across Scotland and the UK, to ensure a diverse, skilled and inclusive future workforce in the sector.

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**1714 Greyhound racing**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Liz Jarvis**

That this House calls for a ban on greyhound racing in the UK; notes with serious concern figures from the animal welfare charity Blue Cross indicating that between 2017 and 2024, over 4,000 greyhounds died or were put to sleep and more than 35,000 injuries were recorded by the racing industry; further notes the RSPCA's assessment that thousands of greyhounds face injury and death each year in the name of sport and gambling, suffering broken limbs, head trauma and other serious or fatal injuries on UK racetracks; recognises that the welfare of racing greyhounds is compromised at every stage of their lives, from breeding and training to racing and retirement; believes that the current regulatory framework does not ensure minimum welfare standards or provide greyhounds with a life worth living; and urges the Government to follow the lead of countries including Wales and New Zealand, and begin the winding down of the greyhound racing industry across the UK.

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**1715 Funding and support for SEND**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Edward Morello**

That this House recognises the urgent need to properly fund and maintain special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) schools, including increasing the number of specialist spaces and building new SEND schools, especially in rural areas such as West Dorset, to relieve pressure on mainstream schools and provide children with SEND the care and learning environments they need; notes with concern the delays families in West Dorset and elsewhere face in accessing paediatric assessments and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), often due to referral barriers and long waiting times, which leave children unsupported and behind in their education and wellbeing; calls on the Government to release approved funding for SEND school facility upgrades, including at Dorset Studio School in West Dorset, and to ensure that schools with high SEND populations receive proper financial and staffing support; urges that statutory SEND deadlines are upheld, and ensuring that any support is underpinned by clear, measurable, and enforceable targets, so parents have confidence in their children's education outcomes; further calls for urgent reform of the SEND system that places children and families at its heart, invests in specialist capacity and mainstream support, improves early identification and reduces waiting lists, and supports local authorities facing financial strain; and emphasises that children with SEND in West Dorset and rural communities must not be left behind due to underfunding or lack of provision, and deserve a fully resourced, inclusive, and effective education system.

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**1716 Provision of trained Family Liaison Officers**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Freddie van Mierlo**

That this House recognises the devastating impact of suicide on the families and loved ones left behind; notes with concern the lack of structured and consistent support for those affected; further notes that families often face a confusing, traumatic aftermath involving police procedures, post-mortem processes, and coroners' inquests without adequate guidance or emotional support; acknowledges the vital role that Family Liaison Officers play in other circumstances of traumatic bereavement, such as murder or fatal accidents; and calls on the Government to change the law to mandate the provision of trained Family Liaison Officers to support families who have lost a loved one to suicide, ensuring timely, compassionate, and informed assistance during the immediate aftermath and through the inquest process.

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**1717 Emotional support animals**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Pete Wishart**

That this House recognises the valuable role emotional support animals can play in the lives of individuals experiencing emotional distress or mental health challenges; notes that emotional support animals currently have no formal legal status; acknowledges that this may create barriers for individuals who rely on them for emotional wellbeing, particularly in accessing public spaces or services; encourages further exploration of whether and how emotional support animals could be given appropriate recognition in law; and urges the Government to promote greater understanding and inclusion for people who benefit from the companionship and stability provided by emotional support animals.

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**1718 Road Traffic**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Road Vehicles (Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 661), dated 9 June 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12 June, be annulled.

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**1719 Tribute to David Lawrie**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House pays tribute to the life and legacy of David Lawrie, who has passed away at the age of 96 and was a stalwart of St Andrews United Football Club for over 70 years;

recognises David's remarkable service as a player, manager, committee member, secretary, and ultimately honorary president, with a lifetime of voluntary contribution that helped shape the club's identity and community presence; celebrates his sporting achievements including a Scottish Junior Cup win in 1960; notes the deep respect and affection in which he was held by players, supporters and residents of St Andrews and beyond; extends condolences to David's family and friends; and commends his lifelong dedication to Scottish grassroots football and community sport.

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**1720 Election of University of St Andrews academics to the British Academy**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates Professor Caroline Humfress and Professor Richard Whatmore of the University of St Andrews on their election to the Fellowship of the British Academy, the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences; recognises Professor Humfress's outstanding contribution to the field of medieval history and Professor Whatmore's distinguished scholarship in modern history; notes that this prestigious recognition highlights the world-class research and academic excellence of the University of St Andrews; and celebrates the important role of the arts, humanities and social sciences in shaping our understanding of the past and present.

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**1721 Food waste**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Cameron Thomas**

That this House notes with concern the vast quantity of safe food that is discarded daily in the UK, approximately 26,082 tonnes; further notes the significant greenhouse gas emissions caused by food waste across the country; recognises that, under current legislation, many companies are unable to donate surplus food to staff, food banks, or soup kitchens due to potential health risks; and calls on the Government to offer businesses incentives to ensure they can donate food to those who need it easily, to offer protection and support for businesses to donate food which is safe for consumption, and to prioritise reducing food waste as a key route to cutting food miles, supporting local businesses and reaching net zero 2050 goals.

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**1722 Samaritans Awareness Day 2025**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the annual Samaritans Awareness day to be held on 24 July 2025; highlights the charity's wonderful work with those who need someone to talk to in recognition of the fact that mental health problems affect around one in four people in any given year;

further highlights that the term mental health covers a range from common problems, such as depression and anxiety, to rarer problems such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and often someone to talk to can make a real difference; thanks every person who works and volunteers in the organisation for providing that listening ear night and day, every day of the year; further thanks all those who donate to this very worthy cause; and wishes Samaritans every success as they continue to help those who need them the most throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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**1723 Green House Climate Club campaign**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Daisy Cooper**

That this House congratulates the Green House Climate Club in St Albans, including students from Margaret Wix Primary School, Abbey Primary School, Prae Wood Primary School and Cunningham Hill Schools for their advocacy and campaigning to prevent plastic pollution by publishers and retailers of childrens' magazines and comics; commends their work to promote the national Kids Against Plastic tat campaign; recognises that the cheap plastic toy giveaways and plastic film wrapping used by some publishers of magazines are rarely recycled, often end up in landfill, being incinerated, or otherwise being littered in our environment; agrees that positive change by publishers and retailers to end unnecessary plastic tat can play a part in our fight against plastic pollution and the climate crisis; calls on Tesco Chief Executive Ken Murphy to meet with the Green House Climate Club members to receive their petition; and further calls on Tesco, other major supermarkets and newsagents to follow the example of Waitrose who responded to national petitions by stopping selling magazines with plastic toys.

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**1724 Lothians Speak Their Name project**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Christine Jardine**

That this House congratulates all those involved in the Lothians Speak Their Name project on their current exhibition, Lothians Speak Their Name Quilt; recognises the important role that this project, and others like it, play in raising awareness of the impact of suicide and the need for accessible, compassionate mental health support through creative expression; acknowledges the importance of community support and solidarity for those bereaved by suicide; wishes the project continued success in promoting their message and supporting local communities in bereavement support and suicide prevention; and warmly welcomes the exhibition at Corstorphine Community Centre this month.

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**1725 Proposal for a wealth tax**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **20**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Imran Hussain**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Ian Byrne**

Jon Trickett	Steve Witherden	Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Lavery	John McDonnell	Cat Eccles
Apsana Begum	Grahame Morris	Clive Lewis
Rachael Maskell	Dawn Butler	Brian Leishman
Neil Duncan-Jordan	Rebecca Long Bailey	

That this House welcomes the proposal from leading tax experts for the introduction of an annual wealth tax of 2% on individual assets over £10 million, which could raise an estimated £24 billion each year; believes that such a measure would represent a fairer alternative to cuts and could provide urgently needed resources to tackle the poverty and inequality that blights our society; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals for such a tax on extreme wealth ahead of the next Budget.

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**1726 Joe's Day campaign**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Cameron Thomas**

That this House pays tribute to the life of Joseph Goodwin, who tragically passed away following a six-year battle with Hodgkin lymphoma; recognises the vital role he played in the community, his love for football, and the lasting legacy he leaves at the heart of the Northway community; commends all those involved in organising Joe's Day, an annual event that brings the community together and raises funds for local cancer charities; notes that since its inception in 2016, Joe's Day has raised over £24,000; and fondly remembers Joe for his remarkable life and legacy.

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**1727 Jaguar Land Rover**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Ayoub Khan**

That this House expresses deep concern over the announcement that Jaguar Land Rover is cutting up to 500 jobs in the UK; notes the crucial role that the automotive industry plays in the British economy and in providing job security for hundreds of thousands of workers; regrets the detrimental impact of increased employment costs and the trade tariffs imposed by the US against the British automotive industry; acknowledges the particular importance of Jaguar



Land Rover in supporting the residents and local economy of the West Midlands, including the city of Birmingham; and calls on the Government to take action that protects the British automotive industry, insulates it from shocks in the global economy and facilitates its transition to net-zero operations.

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**1728 Self-driving vehicles and taxi and private hire drivers**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Ayoub Khan**

That this House expresses deep concern over the Government-endorsed efforts to increase the prevalence of self-driving vehicles without sufficient consultation from trade unions, legal experts or the 330,000 taxi and private hire vehicle drivers based in the UK; notes with further concern the Department for Transport's expedited approval of self-driving car pilots on public roads, set to commence in Spring 2026; acknowledges the exploitation experienced specifically by private hire vehicle drivers, including inadequate pay, algorithmic discrimination, poor working conditions and unfair dismissal; and regrets the continued refusal of Uber to carry out court orders to formally recognise private hire drivers working through its app as limb (b) workers, which would ensure private hire vehicle drivers receive guaranteed minimum earnings and holiday pay.

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**1729 Government's role in Birmingham bin strikes**

Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1**

**Ayoub Khan**

That this House regrets the formal breakdown of negotiations to end the ongoing bin strikes in Birmingham; further regrets the continued hardship placed on residents of Birmingham by missed collections, widespread fly-tipping and threats to the environment and public health; expresses profound concern over recent findings that the Government-appointed commissioners have executive powers to reject settlement offers verbally agreed upon by Unite and Birmingham City Council officials, contradicting previous Government statements on its role in the dispute; calls on the Government to clarify the extent of its involvement in Birmingham City Council's decision-making processes throughout the failed negotiations; urges the Government to leverage the role that it is actively undertaking to secure a fair settlement for essential frontline workers, discourage unfair fire-and-rehire practices and ensure that Birmingham City Council's waste management service is restored to its full capacity; and calls on the Government to amend the remit of the commissioners to restore Birmingham City Council's ability to settle the dispute, or to recall them with immediate effect.

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**1730 Road Traffic (No. 2)**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the Road Vehicles (Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 because they build on the division of the UK into two separate Vehicle Type Approval Regimes with the effects that new cars cannot move freely for sale across the country and new cars sold under the Northern Ireland (NI) Vehicle Type Approval Regime will be subject to higher tax from 1 January 2026 than the same cars sold under the GB Vehicle Type Approval Regime; believes that the two different Vehicle Type Approval Regimes thus destroy the UK Internal Market for goods, as it relates to new cars, replacing it with a GB Internal Market for Goods and an EU/NI Internal Market for Goods, and thereby violate Section 46 of the Internal Market Act 2020, undermining the economic foundation of the UK; and notes that the NI Vehicle Type Approval Regime subjects new cars to additional regulatory burdens, making some £4,000 more expensive than the same cars in GB because the division of the UK into two separate Vehicle Type Approval Regimes not only disrespects the territorial integrity of the UK, but, contrary to Brexit, hands the definition of the NI regime to the EU, and then uses this to provide grounds for the Government, through its EU reset policy and these regulations, to begin to bring GB Vehicle Type Approval into line with that of NI, thereby undermining Brexit in GB as well as NI with significant cost implications for all UK consumers.

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**1731 Statutory consultees for sustainable development**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Edward Morello**

That this House notes the Government's ambition to build 1.5 million new homes but believes these must be the right homes in the right places; further notes that in West Dorset constituency 70% of land lies within a designated National Landscape and that the rural economy depends on a healthy environment, with £320 million annually generated by tourism; regrets that National Landscapes are not statutory consultees in the planning system, nor are water companies, despite their crucial role in managing wastewater and environmental risk; is alarmed that in West Dorset constituency alone there were over 4,200 sewage spills in rivers and 48,000 hours of discharge in the sea last year; recognises that local communities often produce neighbourhood plans that identify the need for affordable social housing, key worker homes and smaller properties for older residents, yet these are frequently overlooked; urges the Government to introduce statutory consultee status for water companies and National Landscapes to help ensure rainwater and sewage management, water security, minimal environmental impact, biodiversity protection and local voice are embedded in the planning process; and believes that a more sustainable planning system is essential to building strong rural communities and safeguarding the environment for future generations.

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**1732 Carers and social care reform**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Edward Morello**

That this House believes that everyone deserves high-quality care when they need it and that unpaid carers are the unsung heroes of our social care system; regrets that hundreds of thousands of people are waiting for care and many remain in hospital beds simply because there is no care available, putting additional pressure on the NHS; supports the introduction of free personal care, so provision is based on need not ability to pay; calls for a workforce plan, a Royal College of Care Workers, a national care agency and a higher Carer's Minimum Wage to raise professional standards; urges the Government to honour the Carer's Leave Act 2023 by introducing paid carer's leave and statutory respite breaks; supports increasing Carer's Allowance and expanding its eligibility, making caring a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, and introducing a Young Carers Pupil Premium; backs a digital care strategy to enable greater independence; welcomes the cross-party commission on social care funding but urges Ministers to act within a year, not three; recognises that investing in social care helps people avoid entering care in crisis, reduces spiralling personal and public costs, eases pressure on NHS services, and ensures everyone receives high-quality care when they need it; and calls on the Government to end its broken promises and fix a system where families face crippling costs in paying for care and where reform has been delayed for over a decade.

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**1733 EU Import Control System 2**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Jim Allister**

That this House opposes the imposition of the EU's Import Control System 2 (ICS2) on the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, treating all such movements as crossing an international customs border as if moving from one country to another from 1 September 2025; notes that these will cancel out asserted reductions in border frictions on the Green Lane; further notes that this will have a far more obstructive impact on the flow of goods between GB and Northern Ireland (NI) than on import flows into the EU elsewhere because in all other cases one is dealing with much less diverse international trade flows, rather than diverse intra-national, regional trade flows from one part of a country, the UK, to another; also notes, with grave concern, that ICS2 is involved in creating a GB internal market for goods and an EU/NI internal market for goods and that ICS2 is thereby implicated in the deconstruction of the erstwhile United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Internal Market for goods in violation of Section 46 of the Internal Market Act 2020 and thereby in the partial deconstruction of the UK in violation of the UN Declaration on Principles of International Law, Friendly Relations and Co-operation among states in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which prohibits any actions by other states that disturb the internal unity of a sovereign state; and consequently calls on the Government to reject the imposition of ICS2 within the UK.

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**1734 Jagtar Singh Johal (No. 2)**Tabled: **21/07/25** Signatories: **1****Ayoub Khan**

That this House notes with serious concern that Jagtar Singh Johal, a British citizen from Dumbarton, has been arbitrarily detained in India since November 2017; further notes reports that Mr Johal has been subject to torture and mistreatment, and that he continues to be held without trial after more than seven years; welcomes the cross-party support from hon. Members who have repeatedly called on the UK Government to take decisive action to secure his release; recognises the findings of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention that Mr Johal's detention lacks legal basis under international law; regrets the lack of effective diplomatic protection provided to date by successive UK Governments; urges the Government to take all necessary steps, including high-level diplomatic engagement, to secure Mr Johal's immediate release and safe return to the UK; and expresses solidarity with Mr Johal's family in their ongoing campaign for justice.

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## 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.

**1620 Ayman Odeh**Tabled: **8/07/25** Signatories: **25****John McDonnell****Brian Leishman****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Ms Diane Abbott****Nadia Whittome****Kim Johnson**

Ian Byrne

That this House expresses its extreme concern at the moves to impeach Ayman Odeh, a Palestinian member of the Knesset respected for his consistent advocacy of the need for Arabs and Jews to work together and who is currently facing impeachment and expulsion from the Knesset on the grounds that after the two month ceasefire in Gaza came into effect he tweeted support for the ceasefire and to encourage the release of hostages and prisoners; notes that the Knesset's legal adviser has said that there is no legal basis for his impeachment, but this process is continuing with the result that he will be removed from the Knesset; urges the Government to press for the Israeli government and Knesset to withdraw from this course of action which at this critical time, when we are all hoping that the current peace negotiations are productive; and reminds the Government the expulsion of Ayman Odeh would not only

diminish the representation of the Palestinian people in the Knesset but also undermine confidence amongst many that there will ever be a political solution to the current conflict.

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1621      **Funding for training of professional journalists**

Tabled: **8/07/25**      Signatories: **24**

**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Grahame Morris**

Ian Byrne

That this House is worried by guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Education to the Office for Students which suggests that the Department has decided to withdraw Strategic Priorities Grant funding from journalism courses for the 2025-26 financial year; shares the concerns of the National Union of Journalists and National Council for the Training of Journalists that pathways into journalism are needed now more than ever, to counter harmful misinformation and disinformation shared online; notes 84% of working journalists who studied for a higher education qualification in journalism cite this as helping them to secure their first job in the industry; and therefore calls on the Department of Education to conduct a thorough review of their planned reductions in funding for journalism and related courses and commit to providing the necessary funding for these courses going forwards as part of the Post-16 Education and Skills Strategy white paper.

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1626      **Apprenticeships strategy**

Tabled: **9/07/25**      Signatories: **15**

**Grahame Morris**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Margaret Mullane

Charlotte Nichols

That this House believes that the scandal of low pay for apprentices must end and that apprentices need pay above the national living wage, covered by Collective Bargaining; is concerned that many apprenticeships are offered on fixed-term contracts, meaning there is no guaranteed offer of employment to follow; recognises that apprenticeships can be used as a cheap unit of labour without the full employment rights expected in other contractual work; is further concerned that outsourced training and education facilities are often inadequate and substandard; further recognises that not nearly enough new apprentices are being taken on

in the rail industry and by the National Skills Academy for Rail, when over 5,000 each year are required to replace those nearing retirement; applauds the RMT union's recent publication of an Apprenticeships Charter; realises the need for growth targets for the industry with specific regard to skills gaps and the establishment of a new, centralised and fully-funded in-house Apprentice and Young Workers Railway Training Scheme; and calls on the Government to set an ambitious and fully-funded apprenticeship strategy to deliver these measures, involving Great British Railways to promote a pathway for uniformed, overalled and back-office apprenticeships that offer job guarantees, permanent contracts and workers' rights from day one.

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1637 **Government policy on the Hillsborough Law**

Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **73**

**Ian Byrne**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Tom Morrison**  
**Sorcha Eastwood**

Ben Maguire  
Cameron Thomas  
Mary Glendon

Victoria Collins  
Tessa Munt  
Sarah Green

Mr Lee Dillon  
Steve Darling  
Marie Goldman

That this House notes the Prime Minister's promise to introduce the Hillsborough Law to Parliament before the 36th anniversary of the disaster on 15 April 2025; deeply regrets that this commitment was not met and that the Government has yet to table the legislation; expresses grave concern at reports that the Government intends to bring forward a weakened alternative bill, lacking the core principles and protections of the Hillsborough Law; recognises that the Hillsborough Law is a rigorously drafted piece of legislation, written by legal experts in collaboration with families affected by state cover-ups, including Hillsborough, and first introduced to Parliament by Andy Burnham in 2017; highlights that the Hillsborough Law includes a statutory duty of candour on public authorities and officials, backed by criminal sanctions, and ensures bereaved families are granted parity of legal representation; pays tribute to the unwavering courage and determination of the Hillsborough families and survivors, who for decades have fought for truth and justice; believes the Hillsborough Law would be a landmark piece of legislation, tackling the culture of cover-ups evident in scandals such as Hillsborough, the infected blood scandal, the Horizon Post Office scandal and the nuclear test veteran scandal; welcomes the reintroduction of the Hillsborough Law to Parliament, formally titled the Public Authority (Accountability) Bill, which had its First Reading on 2 July 2025; and calls on the Government to honour its word and the memory of the 97 lives lost at Hillsborough by enacting the Hillsborough Law in full, without delay.

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**1642 Outsourced cleaners on Tyne and Wear Metro**Tabled: **9/07/25** Signatories: **26****Grahame Morris****Ian Lavery****Mary Kelly Foy****Emma Lewell****Kate Osborne****Richard Burgon**

Margaret Mullane

Charlotte Nichols

Mary Glindon

That this House welcomes the Labour Government's promise to 'oversee the biggest wave of insourcing for a generation'; notes that the North East Combined Authority transport provider Nexus, while publicly owned, outsources cleaning of the Tyne and Wear Metro to a private company, Churchill, and that this contract is now coming to an end; further notes with concern that, like other outsourced workers, Churchill's cleaners do not get sick pay and they have no decent pension in retirement; also notes with deep concern that, responding to a recent survey, 71% of its cleaners on the Metro said they sometimes or regularly struggle to get by, 83% said they come into work while sick because they cannot afford to take time off and 86% worry about having enough money in retirement; is shocked to learn that Churchill paid a £43.8 million dividend to its shareholders last year, but has refused to negotiate a pay rise for Nexus's cleaners this year; welcomes the decision by Welsh Labour and Transport for Wales to insource its cleaning and catering, as well as the Mayor of London's review of Transport for London's outsourced cleaning contract; agrees with the RMT union that with Churchill's contract nearing its end, this is the time to make good on Labour's promise; and calls on the Mayor of North East England, Kim McGuinness, to direct Nexus to insource this contract.

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**1659 Reform of the special educational needs and disabilities system**Tabled: **11/07/25** Signatories: **48****Munira Wilson****Ed Davey****Wendy Chamberlain****Dr Al Pinkerton****Brian Mathew****Steve Darling**

Liz Jarvis

That this House notes with deep concern the persistent crisis in the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system, following years of neglect; welcomes the Government's acknowledgement of the urgent need for reform; further notes the widespread anxiety among parents, carers and professionals that forthcoming changes may undermine the rights of children and young people with SEND; calls on the Government to ensure that any reform is centred on the needs of children, and does not lead to the rollback of existing rights or entitlements in a vacuum; further calls on the Government to ensure that the voices of

children and families are placed at the heart of the reform process; believes that reform must include meaningful investment to boost specialist provision alongside improvements to inclusive provision in mainstream schools; further believes that local authorities must be better supported to deliver SEND services, including through extending the profit cap to private SEND providers and ensuring national funding for children with particularly high-cost needs; also calls for improved early identification and intervention, with reduced waiting times for diagnosis, therapies and support; and further calls for a fair funding system that properly incentivises schools to support SEND pupils and to equip staff with the training and tools needed to deliver high-quality inclusive education and pastoral care; and urges the Government to engage constructively on a cross-party basis to deliver a SEND system that meets the needs of every child, young person and family across the country.

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**1660 Accessible facilities and responsible use of RADAR keys**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **14**

**Charlotte Cane**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Ayoub Khan**  
**Jim Shannon**

Mr Lee Dillon

That this House notes with concern the increasing availability of RADAR keys, also known as a National Key Scheme key, for purchase through online platforms such as Amazon, which were originally intended to give people with disabilities independent access to locked accessible toilet facilities; notes with alarm that this unregulated access has led to a rise in vandalism, misuse and closures of such facilities across the UK, disproportionately affecting people with disabilities and their dignity, safety, independence and access to public spaces; recognises the importance of ensuring that accessible facilities remain available to those who genuinely need them; further acknowledges the sensitivities surrounding access to accessible facilities, as well as the importance of accessible facilities as safe spaces not only for people with disabilities but also for trans and non-binary individuals, who may face barriers or hostility in gendered facilities; urges the Government to review the sale and distribution of RADAR keys under the National Key Scheme, introduce appropriate safeguards to prevent misuse and work with local authorities, disability organisations and equality advocates to protect, safeguard and improve accessible toilet provision across the UK; and reaffirms the importance of designing public infrastructure that reflects fairness, inclusion, respect for individual dignity and upholding the rights of all marginalised groups.

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**1663 Access to care and support for people living with arthritis**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **20**

**Sarah Gibson**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Sarah Dyke**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Mr Lee Dillon

Liz Jarvis

That this House recognises the significant impact that arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions have on the lives of over 10 million people across the UK; acknowledges that arthritis can affect mobility, independence and quality of life, and is a leading cause of pain and disability; notes concerns raised by patients and healthcare professionals about long waiting times for diagnosis, treatment and joint replacement surgery, as well as variation in access to services such as rheumatology, physiotherapy and pain management; further notes that in rural areas such as Wiltshire, patients may face additional barriers in accessing care, including longer travel times to clinics, limited availability of local services and workforce shortages; believes that access to high-quality, timely and local care is essential to improving outcomes for people living with arthritis; supports the expansion of early intervention and community services, including improved access to GPs, pharmacists and diagnostic services; recognises the importance of investment in medical research to improve treatment options and quality of life for people with long-term conditions; and calls on the Government to work with NHS leaders, patient groups and researchers to improve services for people with arthritis, address the particular needs of rural communities, and support efforts to reduce variation and delays in care.

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**1664 End of Alcohol Awareness Week**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **5**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Mary Glendon**

That this House notes the end of Alcohol Awareness Week, which took place from 8 to 13 July 2025; highlights the theme of alcohol and work where around 10 million people regularly drink alcohol in ways that can harm health and wellbeing; underlines the affects of alcohol use, from headaches to hangovers, sleepless nights and lower productivity that can have both short and long term impacts on our general health; further notes that emerging research indicates that working from home is associated with higher levels of alcohol consumption, causing concern for thousands of people across the UK; and thanks Alcohol Change UK for their support in this

campaign and supporting people to make healthier choices and that support can be given to those who need it to help them change.

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**1665 Twelfth July Celebrations 2025**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Robin Swann [R]**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes the Twelfth of July 2025 celebrated across Northern Ireland and beyond; highlights the fantastic community spirit demonstrated and those Orangemen and women, and members of the public, who gather alongside wonderful music to remember the importance of the Battle of the Boyne; underlines the celebration of culture, heritage and history and also hope for the future as thousands gather on this occasion; thanks all those who organised such wonderful events; further highlights the wonderful atmosphere that was as glorious as the sunshine; and looks ahead to the future to encourage more young people to get involved and take part in future 12th days to come.

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**1666 Irish Republic and Israel**

Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **5**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Allister**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House notes widespread concern at reports that the government of the Irish Republic has recently passed into law its intention to ban the purchase of goods from some parts of Israel; understands that this means the Irish state would appear to be the first European nation since Nazi Germany to institute such legislation; deeply regrets the increase in cases of antisemitism that have occurred not just in the Republic but here in the UK and across the globe; and expresses the hope of a satisfactory resolution in the Middle East that offers the people of Israel and their Arab neighbours a peaceful and secure future, free from fear of attacks and threats of elimination.

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**1673 Parthenon Sculptures**Tabled: **14/07/25** Signatories: **22****Andrew George****Lisa Smart****Sarah Dyke****Wera Hobhouse****Liz Saville Roberts****Ben Lake**

Mary Glendon

That this House notes that the British Museum still holds about half of the Parthenon Sculptures, controversially removed from Athens by Lord Elgin between 1801 and 1812, during the Ottoman occupation of Greece, and that they remain on display in the British Museum to which they were transferred by an Act of Parliament in 1816; considers it unacceptable for these sculptures to be held and displayed in the UK, not least because the sculptures have been damaged whilst in the museum's possession; further notes that those Parthenon Sculptures remaining in Athens have been well displayed since 2009 in the purpose-built Acropolis Museum in the shadow of the Parthenon; is encouraged by reports of a stronger and developing partnership between the British and Acropolis Museums, and reports that British Museum Chair of Trustees, George Osborne, has indicated his support for this to include the return of the sculptures; also notes that opinion polls have shown a majority also support the return; and therefore calls on the Government to do all that is necessary to cooperate with the trustees of the British Museum, to agree a gracious act to reunite the Parthenon Sculptures with those in Athens and to finally put right this enduring wrong.

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**1674 Impact of net zero targets on UK agriculture and rural communities**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **6****Carla Lockhart****Jim Allister****Jim Shannon****Gavin Robinson****Mr Gregory Campbell****Andrew Rosindell**

That this House expresses grave concern over the disproportionate impact of UK-wide net zero emissions targets on the agricultural sector, which plays a vital role in ensuring food security, sustaining rural economies, and upholding high environmental and animal welfare standards across the United Kingdom; notes with alarm that agriculture is being unfairly singled out for drastic reductions, while major international polluters and large corporations remain largely unchallenged; further notes that these UK targets will have little to no meaningful impact on the global climate without coordinated international action from the world's largest emitters; acknowledges that while the burden is being felt across the UK, it is particularly acute in Northern Ireland, where farming is central to economic stability, rural life, and community identity; and calls on the Government to urgently reassess its approach to net zero, ensuring

it is fair, proportionate, and does not sacrifice the future of UK agriculture for negligible global environmental benefit.

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**1675 North-East Scotland College Herald Education Award**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**Seamus Logan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Dave Doogan**  
**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates North-East Scotland College on their Herald Education Award for their work with partners at the National Energy Skills Accelerator in responding to energy transition opportunities in upskilling, training and retraining the existing workforce as well as supporting new entrants to the energy industry to address the changing needs of this sector; applauds them for their important contribution to the just transition, which this award highlights, and, in particular, for training more than 700 individuals in fully-funded places across 37 courses in the last year and for their work on new initiatives to respond to the rapid pace of change and innovation in the energy industry; notes their important collaboration with Robert Gordon University, the University of Aberdeen and support from Skills Development Scotland and the Energy Skills Transition Zone; and applauds North-east Scotland College for reaching the final in the Widening Access category at the Herald Education Awards, in recognition of innovation in curriculum design in the creative industries.

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**1677 12 July celebrations and commending the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **5**

**Carla Lockhart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House congratulates the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland on the successful organisation of the 2025 Twelfth of July celebrations, marking the annual commemoration of the Battle of the Boyne; notes that celebrations were held at 18 venues across Northern Ireland and attracted the largest crowds witnessed in a generation, with thousands of Lodge members and several hundred bands taking part in vibrant and dignified parades, watched by tens of thousands of spectators including many visitors from across the UK and beyond; recognises the enduring appeal and significance of the Twelfth as one of the largest and most historic cultural events across the UK; acknowledges the Grand Orange Lodge's role in promoting shared community identity, heritage and tradition within a framework of faith, charity and family; expresses gratitude to all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth

and safe delivery of the events, including host districts, volunteers, emergency services and the Police Service of Northern Ireland; and affirms the importance of safeguarding and celebrating this unique cultural tradition for future generations.

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1679 **Birthday of James Furlong**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **3**

**Paula Barker**

**Jim Shannon**

**Kim Johnson**

That this House notes the birthday of proud Scouser James Furlong taking place this week, who lost his life in the Forbury Gardens terrorist attack in 2020; sends its best wishes to James' parents Gary and Jan Furlong; commends the parents on their fight to see lasting changes to the state agencies that fell short in their duty to protect the public in the run up to incident; celebrates James' life and his immense contribution as a dedicated teacher who touched the lives of so many young people; pays tribute to the staff and pupils at the Holt School in Wokingham who go above and beyond in remembering James and his contribution to school life; and further notes the words depicted on the school memorial dedicated to James that sum up his character - passion, courage, humour, integrity, kindness and dedication.

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1683 **UK-based medical charities in Palestine**

Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **64**

**Layla Moran**

**Jeremy Corbyn**

**Wera Hobhouse**

**Tom Morrison**

**Helen Maguire**

**Neil Duncan-Jordan**

Mr Lee Dillon

Maureen Burke

Martin Rhodes

Sir Mark Hendrick

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House expresses its appreciation for those working for UK-based medical charities in Palestine, including Medical Aid for Palestinians, Glia, Doctors Without Borders and the British Red Cross; commends volunteers for these charities, whose Palestine-based staff take huge personal risks to provide medical aid so crucial to a Gazan healthcare system devastated by Israel's bombardment and the blockade, including emergency response teams working in Gaza who have been able to get essential medicines to hospitals when they have run out, save hundreds of lives, and train Palestinian medical staff and volunteers; and further commends them for giving so that others may heal, sacrificing safety and comfort to bring life-saving care where it's needed most.

**1686 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules**Tabled: **15/07/25** Signatories: **22**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Carla Denyer**  
**Siân Berry**  
**Adrian Ramsay**  
**Ellie Chowns**

Neil Duncan-Jordan                      Kim Johnson

That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, HC 997, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 July, be disapproved.

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**1687 West Highland Way shortlisted for Britain's Favourite Path 2025**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **6**

**Mr Angus MacDonald**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Ben Maguire**  
**Chris Law**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates the West Highland Way on being named a finalist in the Ramblers' Britain's Favourite Path 2025 competition; notes that it is the only Scottish route to be shortlisted and one of eight finalists across the UK; further notes that the 96-mile trail from Milngavie to Fort William has, for over 40 years, offered walkers of all abilities an inspiring journey through some of Scotland's most iconic landscapes; recognises the value of the West Highland Way to local communities, tourism and wellbeing; and highlights the affection in which it is held by walkers across the UK, including Robert Marshall who will walk it for the 100th time this year, who nominated the path.

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**1689 Dame Norma Redfearn CBE**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **4**

**Mary Glindon**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sam Rushworth**  
**Luke Akehurst**

That this House warmly salutes Dame Norma Redfearn who has recently retired after a long and successful life in education and as the Mayor of North Tyneside Council; recognises her pioneering work over thirty years in primary and secondary schools during which one of her schools won a prestigious award from the Royal Institute of British architects for its playground

design and she established a breakfast club, supported by Greggs, to increase attendance and attainment as well as a community wing where parents could secure qualifications; notes that she became the first headteacher to receive the prize for Public Management Leadership from the Office for Public Management in 1997; further salutes her work as a councillor and three terms with increased majorities as Mayor during which she transformed Whitley Bay's seafront and the Spanish City dome that vastly improved the image of the town while she also led the pursuit of devolution for the North East; and believes that these achievements and dedication to public service explain why she is widely known in the North East by her first name and respected as a proud and determined daughter of Wallsend, the trade union movement and the Labour Party.

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1690      **Steve Willis Training Centre**

Tabled: **16/07/25**      Signatories: **7**

**Alison Bennett**

**Jamie Stone**

**Ben Maguire**

**Helen Maguire**

**Jim Shannon**

**Clive Jones**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates Steve Willis and all the team at the Steve Willis Training Centre on 25 years of service to apprenticeships and further education in Sussex and across the South East; applauds their contribution to the sector in improving perceptions and recognition of apprenticeships; commends their work in training generations of skilled plumbing, gas and electrical apprentices; recognises their achievement in reaching apprenticeship pass rates well above the national average, winning awards for their courses, and fostering positive working relationships with companies across Sussex; and calls for increased Government investment in education and training, including increasing the availability of apprenticeships and career advice for young people, so that organisations like the Steve Willis Training Centre can continue to transform peoples' lives and set them up for a fulfilling future.

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**1691 Highland producers and finals of Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **6****Mr Angus MacDonald****Jamie Stone****Chris Law****Jim Shannon****Clive Jones****Graham Leadbitter**

That this House congratulates the Inverness Botanic Gardens on being named a finalist for the Sustainability Award at the 2025 Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards; notes that they are among 85 finalists from across the country shortlisted for almost two dozen categories recognising the highest quality of produce and innovation in Scotland's food and drink sector, and that the award has been running for twenty-four years; further congratulates the Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore, nominated for Beer and Cider Product of the Year for its Black Gold stout, and the Highland Liquor Co in Ullapool, whose Seven Crofts Gin is a finalist for Distilling Product of the Year - White Spirits; recognises the further success of Highlands and Islands producers such as Bakka Frost Scotland, whose Applecross Hatchery is one of the sites behind its nomination for Farm to Fork Producer of the Year; and applauds all the Highland finalists for showcasing the creativity, sustainability, and excellence that make Highland food and drink among the finest in the country.

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**1692 Fauja Singh**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **6****Helen Maguire****Chris Law****Jim Shannon****Apsana Begum****Clive Jones****Mr Angus MacDonald**

That this House remembers with great sadness the passing of Fauja Singh the world's oldest marathon runner; celebrates his extraordinary life and achievements, having begun running competitively at the remarkable age of 89 and going on to complete nine full marathons between 2000 and 2013, including setting records across multiple age categories, notably when he was over 100 years old; recognises that he inspired millions across the world not only through his sporting feats but also through his message of perseverance, health and hope; and extends sincere condolences to Fauja's family and friends.

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**1693 Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **2****Jim Allister**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

That this House deplores the political attack by the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) on Sir Declan Morgan, Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery and its Commissioner for Investigations, Peter Sheridan; repudiates the insinuation that members of the judiciary and former police officers cannot bring objectivity and fairness to legacy investigations; and calls on the NIHRC to operate within its statutory guardrails and desist from peddling its political narrative.

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**1694 Antisemitism and Holocaust inversion**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **13****Christine Jardine**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Luke Akehurst**  
**Mr Will Forster**Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Angus MacDonald

Saqib Bhatti

Joani Reid

That this House believes antisemitism is a pernicious and dangerous form of racism that threatens not only Jewish people but democracy as a whole; further believes that Holocaust inversion is a form of antisemitism which undermines the extent and nature of the barbaric events of the Holocaust and weaponises the collective memory and trauma of Jewish experience; and calls on all hon. Members to be mindful of their use of social media and language in the chamber to avoid these tropes.

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**1696 Protection of survivors of domestic abuse under the Hague Convention**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **11**

**Mr Lee Dillon**  
**Andrew George**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Adam Dance**  
**Helen Maguire**  
**Jim Shannon**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House is concerned by the distressing circumstances faced by parents who cross international borders with their children to escape domestic abuse, only to be subject to legal proceedings for the child's return under the Hague Convention; recognises the importance of courts fully and properly considering the grave risk exception in cases involving domestic violence; calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to ensure that UK implementation of the Hague Convention aligns with safeguarding duties and the Domestic Abuse Act 2021; and urges Ministers to work with stakeholders, survivors and international partners to prevent misuse of the Hague Convention in domestic abuse cases.

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**1697 Contribution of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **9**

**Carla Denyer**  
**Ellie Chowns**  
**Andrew George**  
**Chris Law**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Claire Hanna**

Graham Leadbitter

Ayoub Khan

That this House recognises the meaningful and enduring contributions made by migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers; affirms that regardless of these contributions, all have an inherent right to live in peace, dignity, and hope and that this right is fundamental, and must not be eroded by political narratives that fuel criminalisation, social division and scapegoating; commits to condemning irresponsible rhetoric that seeks to divide our communities and risks fuelling a repeat of racist violence seen on our streets in the summer of 2024; stands in solidarity with all minoritised people including all racialised people and all migrants, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, homeless people, people living in poverty, those with care and support needs and more, our friends, family members, colleagues and neighbours, as they face growing fear and insecurity driven by hostile political rhetoric; and declares that we are and will remain an island of solidarity, not strangers.

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**1698 Dose of Nature**Tabled: **16/07/25** Signatories: **7****Zöe Franklin****Wera Hobhouse****Helen Maguire****Jim Shannon****Mr Will Forster****Clive Jones**

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House recognises the work of Dose of Nature, a charity based in Guildford and Richmond, which improves mental health through supported access to natural environments; congratulates them on the recent opening of their new community garden in Guildford, opened in conjunction with Natural Trust and RHS Wisley; notes the growing body of literature showing the link between regular time spent in nature and reduced symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression; acknowledges the impact of Dose of Nature's work on relieving financial pressure on primary care services; and commends them on the lasting impact which their work has on the mental wellbeing of local residents.

**1699 Hepatitis C elimination**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **9****Grahame Morris****Ben Lake****Liz Saville Roberts****Llinos Medi****Ann Davies****Siân Berry**

Adrian Ramsay

Ayoub Khan

Mary Glindon

That this House recognises that the blood-borne virus hepatitis C, which disproportionately affects disadvantaged and marginalised communities, is preventable, treatable and curable; notes that the United Kingdom's commitment to achieve the World Health Organization's goal to eliminate hepatitis C as a public health concern by 2030 would have a huge impact on health inequalities; and calls upon the Government to celebrate World Hepatitis Day on 28 July by reaffirming its commitment to meet the WHO 2030 target, guided by a comprehensive Hepatitis Elimination Action Plan.

**1701 Changing Places Toilets Awareness Day**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **18**

**Daniel Francis**  
**Jen Craft**  
**Chris Kane**  
**Kirsteen Sullivan**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Adrian Ramsay  
Emily Darlington  
Dr Allison Gardner  
Ayoub Khan

Siân Berry  
Patricia Ferguson  
Cat Eccles

Jess Asato  
Steve Race  
Amanda Hack

That this House notes Changing Places Toilet Awareness Day 2025 which takes place on 19 July; recognises the importance of Changing Places toilets for disabled people and their families across the United Kingdom; supports their call for a Changing Places toilet in all public venues so that everyone, regardless of their access needs or disability or reliance on the assistance of carers or specialist equipment, can use a toilet facility safely and with dignity; acknowledges that Changing Places Toilets enable anyone to go to the shops, attend hospital appointments, enjoy community life, socialise and travel; further recognises that the Changing Places Toilet campaign was initiated by the late Loretto Lambe, PAMIS, to highlight the accessibility struggles for public toilets; and thanks the staff and volunteers at Changing Places toilets for the work they do to ensure everyone has access to safe, comfortable and accessible toilet facilities.

**1702 2025 Island Games**Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **10**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Torcuil Crichton**  
**Mr Richard Quigley**  
**Clive Jones**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Ayoub Khan

Mr Angus MacDonald

That this House congratulates the organisers of the 2025 Island Games, a sporting competition involving 24 island communities from across the world and hosted in Orkney; notes that the 20th edition of the Games marks 40 years since the first event held in 1985; pays tribute to over 2,000 visitors and participants in this year's games, competing in a wide variety of sports; acknowledges the medal success of athletes from islands across the British Isles; gives thanks to the many Orcadian and international volunteers who have contributed their time to make the

Games a success; and looks forward to further success for athletes from the British Isles in the 2027 Island Games in the Faroe Islands.

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**1707 Tall Ships returning to Aberdeen**

Tabled: **17/07/25** Signatories: **7**

**Kirsty Blackman**

**Stephen Flynn**

**Ben Lake**

**Liz Saville Roberts**

**Llinos Medi**

**Ann Davies**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House celebrates the return of the globally recognised Tall Ships Races, for the first time since 1997, to the city of Aberdeen from 19 to 22 July 2025; acknowledges that with early estimates of over half a million visits the economic boost is substantial, with millions of pounds going into the local economy, helping to boost businesses across the board from tourism and hospitality to retail and the wider service industry; further acknowledges that it will highlight Aberdeen's long maritime heritage, one that spans back over 8000 years, and that the rich and unique culture of Aberdeen and the wider North East area will showcase itself on an international stage; looks forward to welcoming people from these isles and beyond to see the centre of our beautiful city and the tall ships; and notes that the efforts of the local organisers, sponsors, Aberdeen City Council and those working at Port of Aberdeen are recognised for bringing an internationally-renowned event to the city and the time and effort that has gone into making it an occasion that will live long in the memory of the Granite City.