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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 13 October 2020

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New EDMs

1007 Shelling of Shushi cathedral

Tabled: 13/10/20 Signatories: 1

Fiona Bruce

That this House expresses concern on reports of the shelling of Shushi cathedral in Nagorno-Karabakh by the Azerbaijan military; condemns this attack on a civilian site; further condemns the military targeting of a cultural heritage site, an act which constitutes a war crime under international law; expresses great relief that the children in the cathedral were not physically harmed, although they suffered great stress; sends thoughts and prayers to the journalists who were hospitalised by later shelling and all those who have suffered due to the conflict; and urges the Government to condemn those attacks and to make representations on them to the Government of Azerbaijan.

1008 Kinghorn RNLI lifeboat crew

Tabled: 13/10/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House pays tribute to the heroic efforts of Kinghorn RNLI lifeboat's volunteer crew Mike Chalmers, Matthew Mulligan, Blair Henderson, Fraser Soutar, Kim Chapman, Rob Douglas and Joanne Wibberley in the recent rescue of two men who got into difficulty in a small sailing dinghy and a kayak 2.5 miles out to sea; welcomes the recovery and safe return of the two men who were then assisted by Kinghorn coastguard at Pettycur; notes the importance of RNLI volunteers in continuing to save lives at sea; and commends the Kinghorn crew, in particular, for their continued hard work, courage and selfless efforts over 55 years to keep people safe whilst in Fife's waters.

1009 Covid-19 impact on mental healthTabled: **13/10/20** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon**
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on mental health; further notes the concerns of mental health charities on the level of isolation of many; thanks the churches and voluntary organisations who have put phone call and garden visits into operation, where permissible, for people who are isolated and lonely; calls on the general public to take note of those in their family and neighbourhood that are struggling and to make frequent contact, also remembering that there are helplines that can be called for advice such as Samaritans and Nightline; further calls upon the Government to make additional funding available for those vital charities who step in at times of crisis to provide a listening ear; and thanks all those who volunteer and help others in their community in this difficult time.

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.

943 Funding for school counselling servicesTabled: **30/09/20** Signatories: **15****Jon Trickett**
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
Ian Lavery
Caroline Lucas
Claudia Webbe

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Andy Slaughter

That this House notes with concern research from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy which found that 80 per cent of young people say that their mental health has worsened during the covid-19 outbreak; further notes with concern that there could be significant future human and financial costs associated with the covid-19 outbreak unless there is Government intervention to stem that growing mental health crisis among young people; believes that provision of funding for counselling in all schools and colleges in England is the best way to address that problem; acknowledges that the average wait time for counselling in schools being 21 days, compared to CAMHS having an average wait time of 188 days, supports that viewpoint; and therefore calls on the Government to allocate resources in the Comprehensive Spending Review that are aimed at tackling the growing crisis of mental health among young people through a national commitment to counselling provision for all children in England's secondary schools.

948 Support for Further Education colleges

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 11

Robert Halfon
Sir Mike Penning
Caroline Lucas
Bob Blackman
Sir Peter Bottomley
Stephen Farry

Andy Slaughter

That this House recognises the unique role that colleges play in supporting people, employers and communities to thrive and central role in rebuilding the economy; endorses the vision of the Independent Commission on the College of the Future for a strategic and expanded role for colleges in empowering people with opportunities for lifelong learning, boosting business productivity and innovation, and strengthening every community; welcomes the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee to allow adults to retrain and reskill through fully-funded technical college courses and the £1.5 billion capital fund to repair and upgrade college estates; but notes with concern that the recent National Audit Office report into the financial sustainability of colleges in England cites a 7 per cent real-terms decrease in funding per learner aged 16 to 19 between 2013-14 and 2018-19; further notes with concern that adult funding was cut by 40 per cent in the first half of the last decade and has been fixed in cash terms since then; recognises that colleges can only play their full role through long-term sustainable funding and a long term strategy which enjoys cross-party support; and calls on the Government to celebrate and support colleges by ensuring that colleges are empowered to deliver their full potential for people, productivity and place through adequate and sustainable funding and a new trust-based relationship with colleges seen as key strategic partners.

957 Black History Month and the British Hotel and the Scots Jamaican Nurse Mary Seacole

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 18

Anne McLaughlin
Patrick Grady
Sir Peter Bottomley
Owen Thompson
Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Law

That this House notes October is Black History Month; welcomes the opportunity to highlight some of those people largely forgotten in history but who have made a significant contribution nonetheless; celebrates the tale of Scots Jamaican nurse Mary Seacole who set up her own convalescent home named The British Hotel, to tend wounded soldiers with traditional herbal remedies in the Crimean war of the 1850s; considers it all the more impressive that she did so after being rejected by the War Office and by fundraising for the costs herself; understands she was so well loved for the voluntary work she carried out that when she returned to London in 1857, destitute, and a fundraising gala in her honour on the banks of the River Thames attracted 80,000 guests; understands that Mary Seacole then disappeared from history books for over a century; finds it inexplicable that when her contribution began to be acknowledged in more recent times, there were campaigns against doing so; and considers it fitting that she is now considered one of the greatest black role models and has been remembered with a community hospital named after her in Surrey and a statue erected in her honour outside St Thomas' Hospital.

958 Scotland Malawi Partnership virtual AGM 2020

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 8

Patrick Grady [R]
Owen Thompson
Drew Hendry
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the Scotland-Malawi Partnership on its 2020 Annual General Meeting event, held virtually for the first time; notes that over 280 participants joined the event from Scotland, Malawi and elsewhere, the largest gathering for an AGM in the organisation's history; thanks the President of Malawi, Dr Lazarus Chakwera, and the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, for presenting keynote addresses to the meeting, as well as the many participants who led discussions on the impact of coronavirus in Malawi and how the two countries can build back better from the pandemic; notes that the event closed with a performance from Malawian comedian Daliso Chabonda; thanks all the staff and volunteers of the partnership who contributed to a successful event; and looks forward to ongoing use of virtual and remote technology to enable as many people from both countries as possible to contribute to the work of the Partnership in the future.

960 Support for Learning Service

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 9

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Mick Whitley
Kate Osborne
Zarah Sultana
John McDonnell

Ms Diane Abbott

David Linden

That this House notes that Support for Learning Services provide early intervention, assessment and support for children with SEND from birth to 25, working with families, nurseries and schools to enable all children to be fully included in their local settings and communities and to achieve positive outcomes; further notes that evidence shows that the covid-19 outbreak has hit disabled children and their families disproportionately and deepened inequalities; is therefore concerned at the proposal to reduce Tower Hamlets Support for Learning Service by about 50 percent which will force schools to take on more responsibilities and work; is alarmed that at a time when there is a spike in need, the capacity of schools, central services and local authorities are being undermined by underfunding and cuts; and calls on the Government to immediately increase funding levels for SEND to ensure provision is maintained and expanded where necessary.

961 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for Stephen Fuller

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Ian Blackford
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Stephen Fuller for recently receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service as part of his ongoing work for Green Hive, a not-for-profit charity based in Nairn which delivers projects that benefit the environment and the people of Nairn; notes that the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteers in the UK to recognise outstanding work done in the community; and finally wishes Stephen and Green Hive continued success for the future.

962 TSB branch closures and financial inclusion

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 10

Patricia Gibson
Patrick Grady
Owen Thompson
Drew Hendry
Chris Stephens
Steven Bonnar

Chris Law

That this House condemns the decision of TSB Bank to close its branches in Kilbirnie, Largs and Saltcoats in North Ayrshire; recognises that this follows the closure of Royal Bank of Scotland and Clydesdale Bank branches across North Ayrshire and Arran; understands that local communities, particularly elderly and disabled residents, will suffer because of this decision; notes that the commitment to ensure 94 per cent of customers remain within 20 minutes travel time of a branch does not consider those without access to private vehicles; is concerned that forcing customers into lengthy journeys by public transport in order to bank places people at greater risk during a global health pandemic; believes these branch closures will adversely affect local businesses and town centres at a time when many are already struggling; further understands the impact for bank staff who may face redundancy at a time when the economy is damaged by the uncertainty of Brexit and the global health pandemic; and is extremely disappointed by the lack of action from the Government in working with high street banks to deliver banking hubs for communities and thereby ensure financial inclusion and urges TSB Bank to reconsider these closures, so that North Ayrshire and Arran communities are not deprived of the opportunity to bank locally.

963 Down's Syndrome Awareness Month

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Patrick Grady
Sir Peter Bottomley
Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards
Drew Hendry

Chris Law

That this House celebrates World Down's Syndrome Awareness Month, which commences on October 1st 2020; recognises the remarkable contribution people with Down's syndrome bring to our families, workplaces, communities and society at large; and welcomes the support of organisations, such as Down's Syndrome Scotland, for raising awareness and providing help, encouragement and advice to families, schools and wider institutions to make sure that every citizen has the right to reach their full potential and campaigns tirelessly to end discrimination against individuals with Down's syndrome.

965 Supporting open-access rail operators during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 22

Ian Mearns
Caroline Lucas
Apsana Begum
Kate Osborne
John McDonnell
Mick Whitley

Julie Elliott

That this House notes that, unlike the franchised train operating companies, the UK's open-access rail operators, including Hull Trains and Grand Central, have received no financial support package from the Government; further notes that passenger footfall and revenue across the railways remains below pre-covid 19 outbreak levels; is concerned that as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, Grand Central has announced the closure of its North West Project and commenced a restructure which puts a number of posts at risk of redundancy; and calls on the Government to agree a support package as a matter of urgency for open-access rail operators to enable those operators to continue to operate and to protect the jobs and conditions of all their staff.

967 10th anniversary of Woodlands Community Garden Project

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 5

Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Glasgow-based Woodlands Community Development Trust in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its Woodlands Community Garden Project; recognises that their original project to clear a derelict site in Glasgow's Woodlands area has grown into a thriving community space; notes that in addition to their flourishing garden, they have also developed a community café serving free healthy and nutritious meals, and a community workspace building that is currently being utilised to aid the Woodlands Community's response to the covid-19

outbreak; commends the enormous contribution Woodlands Community Garden has made to the community through initiatives focused on conservation, education, and creativity; respects the cafe's focus on a positive model of participation by actively involving beneficiaries in the preparation, cooking and serving of food; is grateful to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to provide a sanctuary in the garden and who bring the community together, especially during the current pandemic; and wishes Woodland Community Development Trust every success for the future.

968 **Graham's The Family Dairy**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 5

Neale Hanvey
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Graham's The Family Dairy on becoming Scotland's number one chosen brand, overtaking the iconic Irn Bru which has held the top spot for decades, as well as surpassing Nestle, Cadbury's and Pepsi in Scotland's global food brand preferences; notes that 70 per cent of Scottish households now buy Graham's products; celebrates the family-run firm's 80-year history, growing from delivering by horse-drawn cart the milk produced by just 12 cows, to a respected Scottish business with 700 employees across seven Scottish sites, including Cowdenbeath, and 100 farming partners; and recognises the steps taken by the business in response to climate change, including working with Scottish Government through their flagship Low Carbon Innovation Transition Programme to utilise process waste at their Fife dairy for heat production - a first for Scotland's dairy industry.

971 **TSB Closures in Midlothian**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 12

Owen Thompson
Martyn Day
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Drew Hendry
Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Chris Law

That this House condemns TSB Bank's decision to close its Dalkeith and Penicuik branches; recognises that this follows a long succession of bank closures in Midlothian; notes that there are no alternative TSB branches nearby to serve the busy communities of Dalkeith and Penicuik, and that the Post Office cannot be expected to pick up the pieces; further notes that, although Midlothian is Scotland's fastest growing region, many customers will now have to travel to Musselburgh or Cameron Toll in Edinburgh for their banking; recognises that there remains a strong need for choice between face to face and other forms of banking, and for cash and counter transactions; and calls on banks to work to do everything they can to make it easier for their local customers to access their services and not close the doors permanently during a time of crisis during which many businesses are already struggling.

972 Tackling child food insecurity

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 10

Robert Halfon
John McDonnell
Mohammad Yasin
Tracey Crouch
Andrew Selous
Holly Mumby-Croft

Apsana Begum

That this House believes no child should go hungry; welcomes Government action to provide Free School Meals over the school summer holidays; recognises that families are still struggling to afford food, that 11 per cent of parents and 6 per cent of children have directly experienced food insecurity in the last month and that food bank usage is expected to be 61 per cent higher in winter 2020-21 than last year; believes that further action to protect vulnerable children is needed; calls on the Government to implement the recommendations in the National Food Strategy Part 1 to increase the value of and expand eligibility for Healthy Start vouchers, expand eligibility for Free School Meals, and extend the Holiday Activities and Food programme; and notes that alongside minimising child food insecurity these recommendations will also address inequalities, improve the long-term health and resilience of the population, reduce childhood obesity, improve children's academic performance, support parents to stay in work during the holidays, and ease the strain on the welfare system.

974 Tron St Mary's Church and the Cannae Sing Choir

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Tron St Mary's church for its tireless efforts during the covid-19 lockdown to ensure that local residents did not go without; appreciates the efforts both before and during the pandemic to foster a spirit of inclusion and togetherness in the community through its work with the Chinese community and those for whom English is a second language; applauds its commitment to both community resilience and climate action with its home growers projects and repair workshops; welcomes the support from the Climate Challenge Fund and the Scottish Government's Greener Scotland fund; thanks the church for the hundreds of wellbeing phone calls to local people; celebrates the decision to take the Cannae Sing choir online during lockdown; and looks forward to the continued success of the Wee Church with the Big Heart.

975 French paternity leave

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 10

David Linden
Martyn Day
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Drew Hendry

Chris Law

That this House commends France's doubling of paid paternity leave for new fathers to 28 days; praises the fact that seven days of this paternity leave will be obligatory; advocates longer paternity pay in the UK; believes that longer paternity leave helps to fight against gender inequality in the home, helps to prevent post-natal depression in parents and allows parents to spend valuable time with their newborns; and urges the Government to significantly increase paid paternity leave throughout the UK.

976 Kilcreggan primary school UNICEF rights respecting award

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Martyn Day
Steven Bonnar
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Chris Law

That this House congratulates the pupils and staff of Kilcreggan primary school in Argyll and Bute on receiving the prestigious Silver rights respecting school award from UNICEF; notes that the award was made in recognition of the excellent progress that the school has achieved in embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum; commends the great work of the pupils who, among a variety of activities, rewrote the words to the school songs, made posters for display around the school and wrote articles all about the importance of respecting the rights of the child; acknowledges the significant role played by the school's steering group which organised an event on World book day to raise money for the Save the Children campaign to provide books to children throughout the world; thanks the staff of Kilcreggan primary school for the outstanding work they are doing; and wishes all the pupils every success in the future.

977 Kit Tarka Foundation

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 7

David Linden
Martyn Day
Jonathan Edwards
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady

Chris Law

That this House recognises the vital work done by the Kit Tarka Foundation; notes the importance of raising awareness of neonatal Herpes virus and the effect it has on families across the UK; highlights the fact that it is estimated one baby a week will die from this preventable illness; and

urges the Government to commit to funding research for neonatal Herpes and to raise awareness of this deadly virus.

979 Enable young people with learning disabilities to access their own money

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 12

Anne McLaughlin
Dr Philippa Whitford
Martyn Day
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar

Chris Law

That this House notes that the first Child Trust Funds, established 18 years ago, are being paid out to recipients this month; notes that many young people will receive upwards of £1,000 at an important time in their lives; expresses concern that no mechanism has been put in place to enable parents of children with learning disabilities to access their savings; understands that under the Mental Capacity Act 2005, young people with some kinds of learning disabilities are unable to make financial decisions for themselves; further understands that this leaves families with the only option of pursuing legal action; notes this has the potential to cost more than the savings; further notes that this is estimated to affect around 180,000 young people; considers these young people may face many barriers in their lives and the job of governments is to break down barriers and create equality of opportunity; and calls on the Government to help these young people to receive the funds to which they are entitled.

981 Congratulating Prime Minister Ardern on New Zealand's response to coronavirus

Tabled: 7/10/20 Signatories: 28

Richard Burgon
Dave Doogan
Jamie Stone
Andrew Gwynne
Ian Mearns
John McDonnell

Beth Winter

That this House congratulates New Zealand's Labour Government, led by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, on its 7 October 2020 declaration that the country has eliminated local transmission of coronavirus; notes that this comes after there were no new cases for 10 days in Auckland, its largest city, after a cluster of 179 cases there in August ended a 102-day run without any cases in all of New Zealand; further notes that an extensive testing and contact tracing operation has been key to this success; recognises that the elimination strategy pursued by New Zealand, often known as Zero Covid, is an effective way of not only saving lives but allows for the reopening of the economy; notes that the effective elimination of the virus will put an end to the 100-person limit to public gatherings and social distancing rules in bars and restaurants in Auckland; and calls on the Government to learn from the successful implementation of a Zero Covid strategy by New Zealand.

989 Census 2021Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **7**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Caroline Lucas
Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali

Apsana Begum

That this House notes that the ONS England and Wales Census as it appeared in 2011 did not allow for non-white citizens to identify as British; acknowledges that while the formal categories are not intentionally exclusionary, this oversight tells people of colour that they are unable to identify as solely British and may only identify by the heritage of their parents, grandparents or great grandparents; agrees that the questions regarding ethnicity in the 2011 Census and as they are proposed to appear in the 2021 Census are outdated and do not reflect the complexity that is ethnicity in the UK; notes that people from multiple ethnic backgrounds are the fastest growing demographic in the UK and thus questions on ethnicity in the Census must change to reflect this and accommodate the various combinations of multiple ethnic backgrounds in the UK; recognises that many citizens of multiple ethnic backgrounds do not identify by their ancestors ethnicity but by their Britishness; calls on the Government to update the 2021 questions regarding ethnicity to accommodate this and allow Black, Asian, and Mixed-Race citizens to identify as British on the 2021 Census and as such, the options available for the Black ethnic category will read as follows, British, African, Caribbean, Any other Black / African / Caribbean background, please describe, and similar would appear for other ethnic categories.

991 Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley breaks world recordTabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **4**

Hannah Bardell
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley for breaking the world record of fastest cycle round the North Coast 500; recognises that his achievement took place just nine months after sustaining life-threatening injuries in a crash; acknowledges that he used the challenge to raise money for Baylor Scott and White Central Texas Foundation where he was treated after he was hit by a car at 70mph on a round-the-world cycling trip; notes that he completed the route in a time of 31 hours and 18 minutes, five minutes faster than the current record; and finally wishes him good health and good luck in his future cycling ventures.

993 Space WeekTabled: **12/10/20** Signatories: **3**

Owen Thompson
Chris Law
Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates that 4 to 10 October 2020 marked Space Week; notes that Space Week celebrates at an international level the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition; notes that this year the theme was Satellites Improve Life; celebrates the contribution of satellite manufacturers and the researchers and engineers behind

them to the UK and Scotland's technological advancement; further welcomes the huge economic potential of this industry as international connectivity becomes more imperative than ever; and calls on the Government to support this industry at all available opportunities, and provide clarity on how the UK intends to replace the EU's Galileo system after the end of the transition period.

994 Debenhams redundancies

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 20

Andrew Gwynne
Rebecca Long Bailey
John McDonnell
Dame Diana Johnson
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Yvonne Fovargue

Jonathan Edwards

Jon Trickett

That this House condemns the way in which Debenhams has implemented the redundancies of thousands of workers during the Coronavirus outbreak; notes that staff were told via conference call that they would be made redundant with 3 days' notice and 3 days' pay and that there was no consultation or criteria for redundancies disclosed to staff; further notes that Debenhams is engaging in the immoral practice of 'Fire and Rehire', giving workers who have been laid off little choice but to reapply for positions with worse terms of employment; stands in solidarity with all of those staff affected; believes that this is part of a worrying pattern of large employers using the pandemic as a gateway to break employment law; and calls on the Government to urgently address these practices and to defend workers from unscrupulous employers.

995 All In One Education

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 11

Amy Callaghan
Chris Law
Patrick Grady
John Nicolson
Martyn Day
Brendan O'Hara

Kirsten Oswald
 Dr Philippa Whitford

David Linden
 Richard Thomson

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House congratulates newly formed charity All In One Education on gaining membership of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and achieving charitable status; notes the charity is formed of teachers, campaigners, university and cultural professionals who have come together from across Scotland to address the lack of intersectional teaching in schools across the UK; understands intersectionality refers to the nature of social categorisations such as race, class, gender and ability which create overlapping systems of discrimination in societies; commends All In One Education's aim to develop free lesson plans for educators and pupils to bring perspectives from BAME, women's history, LGBTQIA+, differently abled, colonial and other groups to light; recognises the importance of learning social studies from these perspectives in enabling young people to analyse complex issues and engage meaningfully with both their studies and the world they live in; thanks All In One Education for highlighting systemic inequalities and promoting diversity in education; and urges Governments across the UK to do more to support the development of teaching resources with intersectionality at the core.

996 TSB Closures in Glasgow North West

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 3

Carol Monaghan
Chris Law
Patrick Grady

That this House condemns TSB Bank's decision to close its Anniesland, Drumchapel and Partick branches; recognises that this follows a long succession of bank closures in Glasgow North West constituency; notes that there are no easily accessible TSB branches nearby to serve the busy communities of Anniesland, Drumchapel and Partick, and that the Post Office cannot be expected to pick up the pieces; recognises that there remains a strong need for choice between face to face and other forms of banking, and for cash and counter transactions; and calls on banks to work to do everything they can to make it easier for their local customers to access their services and not close the doors permanently during a time of crisis during which many businesses are already struggling.

997 Extension of Furlough Scheme

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 2

Christine Jardine
Daisy Cooper

That this House welcomes the partial U-turn by the Chancellor in extending the furlough scheme to local lockdown areas; recognises that businesses ordered to close must be supported; notes that this new support is limited to only certain parts of the UK when it is needed across the country; further notes that support offered only accounts for two-thirds of income and many in the hospitality industry will be put in precarious financial positions as a result; and calls on the Government to produce a clear and proactive support strategy and to expand furlough as a matter of urgency across the whole economy until June 2021.

999 Treatment of football supporters during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 14

Ian Byrne
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Kate Osborne
Ian Lavery
Mr Clive Betts

Jonathan Edwards
 Richard Burgon
 John McDonnell

Bob Blackman
 Zarah Sultana
 Paula Barker

Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns

That this House is opposed to the introduction of a charge of £14.95 per game to view the 150 Premier League matches not part of the existing broadcast deal; notes that these matches are currently being televised free of charge; acknowledges that football is being played behind closed doors due to covid-19 and whilst this may be difficult economically for football clubs it is also an effective way to keep our communities safe; recognises that current measures mean that up to 380,000 match going fans are missing out on seeing their team each week which is reducing their usual social contacts and affecting their mental wellbeing; acknowledges that fans are being asked to pay to view additional games that they are legally prevented from attending; agrees that the introduction of this charge ignores the social, economic and welfare plight of many in our communities, especially those now faced with Tier 3 restrictions; recognises that the introduction of this charge ignores the magnificent initiatives set up by football fans across the country during this

pandemic such as foodbank collections, shopping deliveries, PPE production and distribution; agrees that football supporters have been exemplars of public citizenship in their communities during this crisis; calls on the Government to challenge and lobby the Premier League, it's Member Clubs and the broadcasters to provide access to the 150 fixtures on free to air channels; and further calls on the Government to commence it's promised fan led review on football governance as a matter of urgency.

1000 Streetsport Evening Express Champion Awards

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 2

Stephen Flynn
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Streetsport, the Aberdeen-based partnership between Robert Gordon University and the Denis Law Legacy Trust, on receiving the Sport and Wellbeing Champion Award at the first ever Evening Express Champion Awards; commends all those involved with Streetsport for going above and beyond during the pandemic; notes that the partnership has been involved in a number of projects including raising and distributing £6,400 worth of dedicated food vouchers for families who needed them the most and delivering free sport sessions for the children of key workers; further notes that Streetsport teamed up with CFine and Central Coaches to deliver more than 500 food parcels to those in isolation and provided free sport sessions in communities affected by deprivation, allowing young people access to a hot meal each day and physical activity during the summer holidays; and applauds the partnerships continued dedication and commitment to helping improve the mental and physical wellbeing of young people, and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

1001 Gift Aid Emergency Relief Campaign

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 7

Patrick Grady
Chris Law
Sir Mike Penning
Martyn Day
Owen Thompson
Stuart C McDonald

Kenny MacAskill

That this House marks the annual Gift Aid Awareness Day which fell on 8 October 2020; appreciates that Gift Aid Relief is the practical application of the long-established principle that donations to charities should not be taxed; recognises that the charitable sector is in the middle of the biggest financial crisis it has ever faced, with huge falls in income at the same time as increased demand for services; considers that a Gift Aid Emergency Relief Package would go a long way to keeping vital charitable services running; calls on the UK Government to increase Gift Aid from 20% to 25% for two years from the start of the 2020-21 tax year; further calls on the UK Government to introduce changes to the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme to remove barriers for entry to ensure wider access across the voluntary sector and increase the amount that can be claimed from £8,000 to £10,000; and believes that the cost of such measures need not be prohibitive given that the National Audit Office estimates that £560m of eligible Gift Aid is unclaimed each year and that charities are likely to see an overall fall in donations in the current challenging economic circumstances.

1002 Planning White Paper and Communities

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 8

Layla Moran
Tim Farron
Sarah Olney
Ed Davey
Jamie Stone
Daisy Cooper

Wera Hobhouse

Christine Jardine

That this House condemns the deeply problematic Planning White Paper published by Her Majesty's Government; recognises that the proposed legislation will push for a top-down planning approach, leave the problem of land banking unresolved, and risk environmental standards being lowered; notes the importance of pushing for developers to build homes that have already been approved which are more accessible to the most vulnerable in our society; and therefore urges the Government to build at least 100,000 homes for social rent each year, while increasing overall house building to 300,000 a year, substantially help finance the large increase in the building of social homes, build new houses to zero-carbon standards, and devolve full control of Right to Buy to local councils.

1003 Future of Hull-Zeebrugge Ferry Jobs and Services

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 5

Ian Mearns
Paula Barker
Ian Lavery
Grahame Morris
Kate Osborne

That this House is concerned by P&O Ferries' plans to close the Hull-Zeebrugge route on which it is the sole operator and sell four roll-on roll-off ferries with the potential loss of eighty-one seafarer jobs in Hull and Dover; notes that P&O Ferries signed Critical Freight Grant contracts with the Government worth £14.5m to maintain six roll-on roll-off ferry routes during the Covid-19 lockdown, including a £1.2m payment to keep the Hull-Zeebrugge route running; further notes that over six million passengers and an estimated twenty million road freight units have been moved on P&O's Hull-Zeebrugge fleet since 2001; is concerned by the lack of investment by the Port of Hull owner, ABP in lock and other infrastructure that would improve the viability of Hull-Zeebrugge freight and passenger services; recalls that P&O Ferries cut 1,000 maritime jobs from their UK operations in the summer; believes that the loss of this route would have dire economic and environmental consequences for Hull and the UK's continental supply chain; and calls on the Government to use all policy levers, including a re-designed Waterborne Freight Grant to save UK seafarer jobs and critical freight capacity by attracting a new operator on this route.

1004 Service Medal for British nuclear test veterans

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 4

Carol Monaghan
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Patrick Grady

That this House honours the UK service personnel who participated in the British nuclear testing programme in Australia and the South Pacific from 1952 to 1967; notes that over 20,000 British personnel were present during the atomic tests and were exposed to ionising radiation with little or no personal protective equipment; acknowledges that British nuclear test veterans have long campaigned for the official recognition of their great and ongoing sacrifice, and compensation for health conditions resulting from exposure to the high-levels of ionising radiation; understands that the UK is the only country which performed nuclear tests that is yet to formally recognise the contribution of its nuclear test veterans; and urges the Government to award service medals, without delay, to our nuclear test veterans, whose numbers are now sadly dwindling.

1005 Hair Discrimination

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 8

Wera Hobhouse
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Jamie Stone
Sarah Olney
Ed Davey
Layla Moran

Daisy Cooper

Christine Jardine

That this House believes that hair policies enforced by schools and employers either officially or unofficially are an all-too-prevalent form of racial discrimination; notes with alarm cases of black children being sent home from school because of their afros, black boys being told to cut off their dreadlocks, black women being turned down for jobs because they wear their hair in braids or cornrows, and black employees being told to chemically straighten their natural hair; calls on the Government to develop new guidance for schools and employers to prevent hair discrimination in policies and practices; further calls on the Government to launch an awareness campaign to help schools and employers understand their obligations not to discriminate in relation to hair, and to help individuals understand how to uphold their rights not to be discriminated against; and urges the Government to conduct a review to determine whether any further changes, including legal changes, are necessary to prevent hair discrimination.

1006 National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Claudia Webbe
Bob Blackman
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the commencement of National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2020; takes the opportunity to remind people that there is always a choice to be kind and further encourages an understanding that a gentle answer turns away wrath; underlines our intention to ensure that social media platforms grasp the responsibility to prevent bullying and hate speech by any means

possible whilst balancing the right to free speech; and supports the aims of saying no to hate crime and supporting our communities.