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## Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 11 September 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 875 **47th anniversary of the Chilean military coup**

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Owen Thompson**

That this House notes that 11 September 2020 marks the 47th anniversary of the military coup d'état in Chile that overthrew the democratically elected Government of Salvador Allende and led to 17 years of military dictatorship; solemnly pays tribute to the more than 3,000 people murdered and 30,000 tortured in the coup's aftermath; condemns the actions of the Pinochet dictatorship and those successive UK Governments that supported it; further notes that democracy and peace must never be taken for granted; and vows to expel all violence and violent rhetoric from politics.

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#### 876 **National Hygiene Week**

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Munira Wilson**

That this House notes that National Hygiene Week ran by The Hygiene Bank falls on the week beginning 14 September; highlights that one fifth of the UK population lives in poverty and that the number is growing exponentially in 2020 due to the covid-19 outbreak; is concerned that people who are facing poverty are having to make difficult financial decisions between basic living costs such as rent, food and hygiene; further notes that people experiencing hygiene poverty are not able to access what they need to be clean, safe and well; commends the work of The Hygiene Bank, founded by Lizzy Hall, and volunteers all over the UK in raising awareness of hygiene poverty and taking action to tackle it; and urges the Government to take steps to solve hygiene poverty to restore people's dignity, self-confidence and mental wellbeing.

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**877 Honk for Hope Campaign**

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Hywel Williams**

That this House notes with concern the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the coach industry; supports the aims of the Honk for Hope Campaign organised by Jenna Rush; is disappointed that the coach industry has been excluded from the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant fund; further notes the significant financial losses operators have endured throughout the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the invaluable contributions of the coach industry to the UK leisure and tourism sector; and calls on the Government to provide further financial support for the coach industry.

**878 Auchengeich Mining Disaster**

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 1

**Steven Bonnar**

That this House acknowledges that Friday 18 September 2020 is the 61st anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by this tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; notes with regret that the memorial service due to take place on Sunday 13 September 2020 has had to be cancelled but that a prayer and a blessing will be conducted after a wreath is laid by the Memorial Committee; and conveys its sympathies to the family and loved ones of the miners.

**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.

**833 Remembering Featherstone Massacre 1893**

Tabled: 3/09/20 Signatories: 14

**Jon Trickett**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Ian Lavery**

John McDonnell

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7th September 1893; notes with sadness the 6 injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25% cut in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to squeeze out more profits; highlights that the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and this House seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities, especially in light of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

**837 Poland anti-LGBTQ+ legislation**

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 9

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Richard Burgon**

John McDonnell Caroline Lucas

That this House condemns the anti-LGBTQ+ ideology promoted by Poland's recently re-elected President, Andrzej Duda; decries the rhetoric used by President Duda during his election campaign, and his first term of Presidency, which demonstrates homophobia promoted by the highest levels of government in Poland; is concerned that this anti-LGBTQ+ attitude is also being reflected by the governments of Hungary and Russia, both of whom have recently passed legislation to suppress LGBTQ+ rights; and urgently calls on the Government to publicly condemn the Polish Government and their anti-LGBTQ+ attitudes, and other nations seen to display similar attitudes.

**838 Recurring charges made by retailers**

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 9

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tahir Ali**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

John McDonnell

That this House notes that in recent years, the use of continuous payment authorities, subscription payments that enable the merchant to take payments from a customer's account on dates of their choosing and for different amounts without seeking further authorisation from them, has increased; notes that many people are left unaware that they have signed up to a continuous payment authority and have had recurring charges made to their bank accounts without their full knowledge; calls on the Government to introduce protections similar to the Direct Debit Guarantee for continuous payment authorities; and further calls on the Government to introduce more responsibility on the merchant to ensure customers are fully informed of what a continuous payment authority entails and that they are signing up to one.

**845 CCRC review of Oliver Campbell's case**

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 4

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Cryer**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

That this House welcomes the decision of the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to reconsider objectively, independently and professionally the case of Oliver Campbell, who has severe learning difficulties and whose conviction in 1990 for murder was based on a confession extracted in an oppressive manner at a trial where the jury did not know that his co-defendant had exonerated him in an interview with police; encourages the CCRC to refer the case to the Court of Appeal to enable Oliver's conviction to be quashed and wishes to give special thanks to Oliver

Campbell's former MP, Sandy Martin, who brought the House's attention to the case of Oliver Campbell through a Westminster Hall debate in the summer of 2019.

## 846 Brain tumour awareness and research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 14

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tahir Ali**  
**Alyn Smith**

Craig Whittaker

That this House calls for an increase in both awareness of and research into brain tumours; notes that this type of cancer presently receives less than 3 per cent of the UK's cancer research budget despite being the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40; specifically recognises the need to raise awareness of diffuse midline glioma, commonly known as DIPG, the second most common type of primary high-grade brain tumour found in British children; expresses concern that treatment for DIPG has been unchanged for almost 40 years, with only 10 per cent of children with DIPG surviving for more than 2 years following their diagnosis; understands that symptoms of DIPG include difficulty in speaking and walking, weakness of facial muscles, problems with eye movement, headaches, and nausea; welcomes the fantastic effort of Fiona Govan, whose e-petition to this parliament to generate more publicity for DIPG and to achieve further funding for a disease that presently has no cure has gained over 100,000 signatures; commends the valuable research and efforts of organisations such as the Brain Tumour Charity that is currently leading new drugs research to target, prevent, and treat DIPG; and urges the Government to increase funding dedicated to research into DIPG and to expand recognition and treatment of this distressing disease.

## 850 Political situation in Belarus

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 12

**John McDonnell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes that the elections in Belarus on 9 August were neither free nor fair, that millions of Belarusians have defied the regime of Alexander Lukashenko, condemns the violence and repression against peaceful protesters; further notes that the strikes and protests taking place across Belarus are an inspiration to workers and progressives across Europe and the world, welcomes the role of trade unions in the protests and extends our solidarity to them in the face of persecution and strike-breaking by the regime; rejects the idea that democratisation need be a move towards neo-liberal economic reforms, and welcomes the demands raised by the trade union movement to declare the presidential elections void, dismiss President Lukashenko, freedom and compensation for all political prisoners, end all proceedings against opponents of the regime, removal of Police officials and judges responsible for violence and repression, end the draconian system of fixed-term contracts affecting 90 per cent of workers in Belarus; and calls for international

solidarity with the people of Belarus in their struggle for freedom and democracy, and opposes the introduction of repressive forces from outside Belarus.

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#### 854 World Suicide Prevention Day

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 40

Owen Thompson  
Jim Shannon  
Margaret Ferrier  
Jonathan Edwards  
Richard Thomson  
Kirsty Blackman

John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

Patrick Grady

That this House marks Thursday 10 September 2020 as World Suicide Prevention Day; notes with worry that suicide rates in the UK are increasing; further notes with extreme concern that suicide is the leading cause of death in young people in the UK, with young men and LGBT+ people being particularly affected; recognises that we all have a part to play in tackling the stigma that still exists around mental health by having open and honest conversations with our friends and family, by reminding others that they are not alone, and ultimately by looking out for each other; and commends all those who work in suicide prevention, including mental health services, third sector organisations and individual citizens in communities.

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#### 860 Employment practices on redundancy and rehiring

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 25

Gavin Newlands  
Grahame Morris  
Chris Stephens  
Sam Tarry  
Drew Hendry  
Kirsten Oswald

John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers, especially in the retail, hospitality and aviation sectors, who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers are cynically using the covid-19 crisis as cover to reduce staff costs at a time when they should instead be focused on supporting their employees through this pandemic; agrees with Unite the union and others that this fire-and-rehire practice makes a mockery of workers' rights and goes against the spirit, if not the letter, of UK employment legislation; and calls on the Government to close this legal loophole as a matter of urgency, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair dismissals.

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**861 Universal Service Obligation**Tabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **29**

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Ian Lavery**

John McDonnell

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the severity of the digital divide prevalent in the UK; notes that part of the problem that exasperates the digital divide is slow or poor broadband connection; further notes that part of the solution to improving broadband is to upgrade or build a new network; notes with concern that the costs of building a new network is often high and furthers the digital divide as better network connection becomes reliant on available income; recognises that the Government's Universal Service Obligation offers an attempt to bridge the digital divide by upgrading broadband connection for eligible households and providing £3,400 worth of funding for upgrading infrastructure; notes that this funding is inadequate and that the costs of building a new network often far exceeds £3,400; calls on this Government to recognise the severity of the digital divide in the UK and provide further funding for households to build a new network to improve broadband speeds.

**863 Post-Covid-19 support**Tabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **20**

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

Caroline Lucas

Mark Tami

Patrick Grady

That this House is concerned that many individuals who contracted covid-19 are continuing to be affected by the virus many months after their initial infection; notes that these post-viral symptoms can include: extreme fatigue, dizziness, severe headaches and muscular pain, inability to concentrate and post-exertional malaise; further notes that exercise can amplify these symptoms; recognises that many of these symptoms are familiar to those suffering from post-viral conditions, such as myalgic encephalomyelitis; calls on the Government to make a clear statement that increasing levels of exercise may have adverse long-term health effects for those recovering from covid-19; and urges the Government to make a statement on the financial support that will be made available for people who are currently unable to return to work as a result of post-Covid-19 symptoms.

**864 Researching and supporting people with long Covid-19 symptoms**

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 55

**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Rosie Duffield**

John McDonnell  
 Grahame Morris

Kirsty Blackman  
 Christine Jardine

Mark Tami

That this House recognises that around 10 per cent of people experience prolonged illness after covid-19 and calls upon the Government to urgently collect and regularly report on the number of those living with long covid by following up on those with confirmed or clinical diagnoses of covid-19; notes that research into the disease should encompass both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the morbidity of the virus; and calls on the Government to swiftly consider and implement measures to support those living with long covid, including offering information and incentives to employers to retain their recovering staff who may or may not have confirmed cases due to limitations in testing, and ensuring that the NHS can support patients in their longer term recovery.

**867 Polish LGBT+ rights**

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 2

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House condemns President Duda of Poland for his recent re-election campaign; notes that his campaign was run on the basis of discriminatory anti-semitic and homophobic tropes; further notes that this has led to a rise in attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, with several municipalities in Poland declaring themselves LGBTQ+ free zones; points out that President Duda has claimed he plans to ban any mention of LGBTQ+ people in schools; further points out that similarly he plans to undermine the rights of same-sex couples by banning same-sex couples from adopting and same-sex marriage; notes that LGBTQ+ activists have been arrested in Poland simply for defending their rights; and calls for international solidarity with LGBT and Jewish Polish citizens around the world in their struggle for freedom from oppression.

**868 10th anniversary of the papal visit**

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Mike Kane [R]**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House warmly recalls the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK between 16 and 19 September 2010; notes his address to parliamentarians in Westminster Hall where he reminded us that religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation; recognises the important contribution of Catholic parishes, charities and schools to our communities; and sends its best wishes to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and the Catholic community across the entire UK on this important anniversary.

**869 Casual Workers' Rights**

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Sir George Howarth**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**

That this House regrettably notes that casual workers' rights are wholly inadequate; further notes that zero-hours, rolling and other forms of insecure contracts have eroded job security and work-based entitlements to the extent that many people employed by such means are unable to buy or rent a home, afford utility costs or food; and calls on the Government to introduce legislative proposals to regulate insecure employment practices and institute rights for those employed by such means.

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**870 Opposing Lawfare in Latin America**

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 7

**Richard Burgon**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Claudia Webbe**

John McDonnell

That this House is deeply concerned by the growing abuses of the legal system for political purposes in Latin America to exclude candidates from running in elections; notes that this practice known as lawfare was used to prevent Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva from standing in the last presidential election in Brazil, where he was favourite to win, with Jair Bolsonaro subsequently elected; condemns the recent use of lawfare against Rafael Correa in Ecuador that has ruled him out as a candidate for Vice President in the coming elections and the exclusion of Evo Morales as a candidate for the Bolivian Senate; believes free and fair elections in those countries would include those candidates; notes that such anti-democratic practices have targeted politicians opposed to unpopular neo-liberal policies; and further believes that the UK government should make clear its opposition to the use of lawfare.

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**871 Greencore**

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Dawn Butler**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**

That this House notes that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Greencore) Regulations 2020 (921) require staff at the company, which makes M&S sandwiches, to self-isolate for 14 days, without compensating staff for loss of earnings either at Greencore or elsewhere; further notes that staff have either been on SSP or furlough payments below the national living wage; notes that the regulations also apply to their family members without compensation for their loss of earnings; further notes that these regulations have caused extreme hardship to many staff members and their families forcing them to turn to food banks; and also notes that the company has continued production despite the Secretary of State for Health deciding it should close; this House congratulates the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union on its actions in support of its members at



the factory and calls on the Government to intervene to require Greencore to provide staff with 100 per cent pay during their period of self-isolation in accordance with SI 2020 /921.

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**872 Statutory sick pay (No. 2)**

Tabled: **10/09/20** Signatories: **3**

**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

That this House recognises that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that statutory sick pay (SSP) of £95.80 per week is not enough to live on, and that nearly two million low-paid part-time or zero hours workers are excluded from any sick pay at all; is gravely concerned that this situation puts them in the impossible situation of having to work while potentially unwell, thus putting their lives and those of their colleagues, customers and even patients at risk; recognises that many thousands of good employers already offer decent contractual sick pay arrangements for their workers, and believes they should not be undercut by bad employers who pass their responsibility onto taxpayers; recognises that the cost of failing to protect public health also causes severe economic damage; and supports the Don't Leave, Organise campaign in calling for Full Sick Pay Now via legislation to make it compulsory for all employers to provide six weeks of contractual sick pay at full pay, followed by an increased rate of statutory sick linked to the level of statutory maternity pay, with further steps to cover self-employed and zero hours workers.

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**874 Weaponisation of water in Syria.**

Tabled: **10/09/20** Signatories: **3**

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**John McDonnell**  
**John Spellar**

That this House is deeply concerned that Turkey has shut down the Alouk Water Station which supplies water to 460000 civilians in an area of North East Syria known as the Autonomous Administration of North East Syria (AANES); notes that Turkish forces took over the Alouk Water Station in October during its so called Peace Spring Operation and has shut it down on three occasions since causing immense suffering; is seriously concerned about the fate of the local civilian population, the displaced people from other parts of Syria and the inmates of camps holding the families of ISIS prisoners from around the world; further notes that water supply should not be subject to political and military strategy; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to intervene with his Turkish counterpart as a matter of urgency in order to avert a large scale humanitarian disaster.