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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 28 September 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 926      **Removal of requirement to publicise Planning Notices in local newspapers**

Tabled: **28/09/20**      Signatories: **1**

**Barry Gardiner**

This House recognises that local and regional newspapers, in print and digital form, reach 40.6 million people each week across the UK; notes that they perform vital democratic functions by nurturing debate, investigating local issues and running powerful campaigns that foster community identity and hold vested interests to account; considers that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government proposals to remove the statutory requirement to publicise planning applications in local newspapers would make the planning process less transparent, less accountable and less democratic; and therefore urges the Government to recognise that local newspapers have the trust of the public and are best placed to distribute and publicise impartial factual details about planning applications in the form of planning notices.

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#### 927      **Giro d'Italia, S4C, Tinopolis and Geraint Thomas**

Tabled: **28/09/20**      Signatories: **1**

**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House congratulates S4C and Carmarthenshire based media production company Tinopolis for securing sole UK terrestrial media rights for the 2020 Giro d'Italia; notes that the Giro d'Italia is one of cycling's biggest events, consisting of 21 stages beginning in Sicily and finishing in Milan; and wishes Geraint Thomas from Wales well in his attempt to win the Maglia Rosa.

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**928 Abertay University, UK university of the year for teaching quality**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1****Chris Law**

That this House congratulates Abertay University and all of its staff for its award of UK University of the Year for Teaching Quality in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide; further congratulates the institution for placing top in Scotland in the Guide for Social Inclusion; recognises that this followed a top placing in Europe earlier this year for its video games education in the Princeton Review; further recognises that Abertay University plays a vital role in supporting the growth of Dundee's creative and technology industries; and wishes all the staff and students at the University, both new and returning, all the best for this student year.

**929 Pride of Scotland Awards**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1****Owen Thompson**

That this House congratulates Loanhead Post Office in Midlothian for being nominated for a Pride of Scotland award to recognise their outstanding community efforts during the covid-19 outbreak; welcomes the Pride of Scotland awards as an opportunity to shine a light on the extraordinary achievements of people of all ages and from all walks of life, as nominated by the public; encourages anyone who knows an unsung hero in their community to nominate them at [www.prideofscotland.org](http://www.prideofscotland.org); and wishes every success to this new landmark event to celebrate and honour Scotland's inspirational citizens.

**930 Beer Duty 2020**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1****Jamie Stone**

That this House commends the Government for freezing Beer Duty at previous Budgets; acknowledges that again the UK has the highest total Beer Duty bill in Europe at £3.4 billion and a Beer Duty rate at three times the EU average, as well as 11 times that of Germany or Spain; notes that over 40 per cent of a brewery's turnover is Beer Duty making the tax on beer feel like a tax on pubs; further notes that the added effect of covid-19 puts pubs and breweries at risk of closing and therefore threatens the approximate 900,000 jobs that this industry provides; and calls on the Government to intervene by cutting Beer Duty by 25 per cent.

**931 National Day of Prayer**Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **7**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Andrew Selous**  
**Fiona Bruce**

David Linden

That this House notes the unprecedented position that the covid-19 pandemic has brought the nation to; further notes that in this time of economic and societal uncertainty the country should follow the lead of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and recognise the importance of prayer when

Her Majesty said in her 2013 address that prayer helps us to renew ourselves; and calls on the Prime Minister to initiate a National Day of Prayer to enable those for whom this is important to seek God for strength, peace, comfort, hope, wisdom, forgiveness and even joy at this difficult time.

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**932 Celebrating Communities Award for Supporting Our Community Hillhouse**

Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1**

**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House notes that the annual Scottish Charity Awards ceremony took place virtually on 25 September 2020; understands that Supporting Our Community in Hillhouse won the Celebrating Communities Award at the Scottish Charity Awards; further understands that the Celebrating Communities Award was given to Supporting Our Communities for their work in tackling loneliness, isolation and poor mental health; believes that the work done by Supporting Our Community in Hillhouse, Burnbank and Blantyre is absolutely critical in improving health and wellbeing in these communities, especially during the challenging circumstances created by covid-19; and congratulates all the volunteers at Supporting Our Communities on receiving this prestigious award and wishes them every success for the future.

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**933 Challenge Poverty Week: 5 to 11 October 2020**

Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1**

**David Linden**

That this House celebrates the important work being undertaken by the Poverty Alliance during their Challenge Poverty Week; supports the various events taking place across Scotland to end the stigma around poverty and build awareness for solutions to poverty; and commits to advocating for those affected by poverty to ensure that the UK is a more just and equal society.

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**934 Online harassment and stalking of content creators**

Tabled: **28/09/20** Signatories: **1**

**David Linden**

That this House condemns the harassment and stalking of online content creators on platforms such as Twitch; notes these cases of online abuse need to be taken as seriously as offline abuse; recognises that more must be done to understanding how stalkers operate online, including knowledge of methods such as doxxing and using a VPN and urges action to be taken to prevent the abuse and harassment seen online against content creators.

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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.

### 880 Suspension of income requirements for family visas

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 53

**Stuart C McDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Richard Thomson**

Daisy Cooper

That this House notes that there are thousands of couples and families who are currently separated, or at imminent risk of becoming separated, due to restrictive income requirements for British nationals and settled residents wishing to be joined in the UK by a partner from outside the EEA; welcomes the Minister for Immigration's commitment of 23 March 2020 that no one will have a negative outcome through the immigration system due to a circumstance that was beyond their control; further notes that family separation would clearly constitute such a negative outcome; further welcomes that Minister's statement of 1 September 2020 that the circumstances brought about by the coronavirus pandemic are exceptional; notes with concern, however, that income requirements continue to be imposed on the sponsors of people applying to enter or remain in the UK with their British families despite those assurances; notes that guidance for caseworkers makes no mention of flexibility in the application of income requirements; is deeply troubled by the potential impact on those who must meet those income requirements of mass job losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic; and calls on the Government therefore to immediately suspend income requirements.

### 890 Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Tabled: 15/09/20 Signatories: 37

**Alexander Stafford**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Mohammad Yasin

That this House welcomes and applauds that nothing stops a Macmillan Coffee Morning, not even coronavirus; acknowledges that cancer hasn't stopped during the pandemic where one in two people will be diagnosed in their lifetimes; recognises that Macmillan Cancer Support is currently campaigning to restore cancer care and treatment to prevent cancer from becoming the forgotten C in the coronavirus pandemic; notes the charity believes it is facing its hardest year in its 109-year existence, as it juggles delivery of its critical support for people with cancer from its famous nurses to its vital free helpline, alongside a significant drop in income due to fundraising events being cancelled; congratulates Macmillan Cancer Support who will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary of World's Biggest Coffee morning on Friday 25 September; understands that it is more important than ever to support this much loved annual event and calls on all members to raise a mug on social

media this September to demonstrate support for the three million people living with cancer across the UK and show that they will not be forgotten within this crisis.

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**898 Ban on goods produced by state-sponsored forced labour**

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 31

**Siobhain McDonagh**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Ian Blackford**

Sir Mike Penning

That this House welcomes the United States Department of Home Security issuing five Withhold Release Orders which will ban the import of products from the People's Republic of China produced with state-sponsored forced labour in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region where the Chinese Communist Party government is engaged in systematic human rights abuses against the Uyghur people and other ethnic and religious minorities; notes that the latest orders cover computer parts made by Hefei Bitland Information Tehncology Co., cotton produced by Xinjang Junggar Cotton and Linen Co., clothing from the Yili Zhuowan Garment Manufacturing Co., hair products made in the Lop County Hair Product Industrial Park in Xinjiang, and all products made with labour from the notorious Lop County No.4 Vocational Skills Education and Training Centre, the latter of which is little better than a slave labour concentration camp through which, and through a network of similar camps, genocide is now being perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party against the Uyghur people; and urges the Government to review and upgrade its own import control arrangements to ensure that British consumers are protected from inadvertently supporting slave labour and genocide in China.

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**905 Winter support for tourism hospitality jobs and businesses**

Tabled: 21/09/20 Signatories: 9

**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

Grahame Morris

That this House acknowledges and is grateful for the unprecedented package of support for workers and business throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the importance of the spring and summer months for the UK's £100bn tourism and hospitality industry; recognises that businesses in that sector missed out on much of that season due to lockdown; further recognises that many of these businesses are working at a reduced capacity due to social distancing guidelines which is resulting in lower income for these businesses; further notes the warning from UKHospitality that at least 900,000 jobs in the hospitality sector are at risk without further support; urges the Government to protect jobs and help give the confidence businesses need to help them survive the traditionally quiet autumn and winter months; and calls on the Government to implement proposals put forward by Cumbria Tourism including, helping to fund hospitality and tourism jobs from November 2020

to March 2021, extending funding grants for businesses in the sector and reintroducing the hugely successful Eat Out to Help Out scheme during the winter months.

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### 907 **Presbyterian Church in Ireland support for South Sudan**

Tabled: **21/09/20** Signatories: **6**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

That this House notes the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in marking UN World Peace Day by highlighting the violence in South Sudan; further notes the statement produced by churches and agencies affiliated to the Ecumenical Network on South Sudan calling church partners to stand with the world's newest nation and points out that the conflict has led to a dire humanitarian situation with 7.5 million people requiring humanitarian assistance, and more than 2.2 million fleeing the country; and reaffirms the position of this House to speak up and stand up against persecution in South Sudan.

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### 913 **First Ministers' call for aerospace support**

Tabled: **22/09/20** Signatories: **8**

**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Ian Paisley**  
**John Spellar**

Sir Mike Penning

That this House commends the joint position taken by the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland, the First Minister of Scotland and the First Minister of Wales in calling upon the Government to provide targeted, bespoke assistance for the UK's aerospace sector; agrees that without such intervention tens of thousands of high-skilled jobs across the UK could be lost; implores the Government to consider seriously and advance quickly its proposal for an aerospace task force; urges the Government to urgently confirm an extension to the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme for that vital sector that spans the economies of the UK's four nations; and expresses admiration for the constructive co-ordination that Unite, the trades union, has deployed in that regard.

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**918 Death penalty sentences against protestors in Iran**

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 6

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House is shocked by the execution of champion wrestler, Navid Afkari and the alarming frequency of death penalty sentences being handed down to those involved in anti-Government protests in 2018 and 2019 in Iran; notes with alarm that the execution of Mr. Afkari is the second recent execution in connection with those protests and that his trial was held behind closed doors and allegedly relied on forced confessions extracted under torture; echoes the call of UN human rights experts earlier this month to the Iranian Government to immediately halt all executions of protestors sentenced to death; and calls on the Government to raise relevant concerns with the Iranian Government as a matter of urgency to ensure that the death penalty is imposed only for the most serious crimes and after proceedings meeting the highest level of respect for fair trial and due process standards.

**919 Shortage of learning disability nurses**

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

That this house expresses concern that there will potentially be a repeat of the 134 per cent increase in deaths of people with learning disabilities that happened between 10 April and 15 of May 2020 with the recent rise of covid-19 cases without more learning disability (LD) nurses; notes that the NHS North West London Trust recently decided to recruit another learning disability nurse to address the issues that led to this increase in deaths; further notes that more LD nurses would help the Government implement its incoming Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training in Learning Disability and Autism; and calls on the Government to launch a campaign to support the recruitment of more learning disability nurses and get more into lead positions at hospitals.

**921 Maira Shahbaz and child abduction, forced conversion and marriage in Pakistan**

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 13

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**David Linden**  
**Marion Fellows**

Fiona Bruce  
 Dr Julian Lewis

Carla Lockhart

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes with grave concern reports from Pakistan on Maira Shahbaz, a 14-year-old Christian girl who was abducted at gunpoint from the streets of Madina Town in Faisalabad by three men, forced to convert to Islam and then marry one of her abductors, Mr. Nakash; is further concerned that, despite her family producing a birth certificate showing Maira to be 14-years-old

and the Grand Mufti of a local mosque condemning as false the marriage certificate produced in court by Mr Nakash, the Lahore High Court overruled an earlier decision by the Faisalabad Sessions and District court to place her in a women's shelter, subsequently forcing her to return to Mr Nakash; understands that recently, Maira managed to escape from the home of Mr. Nakash and that she and her family are currently in hiding; calls on the UK government to do everything in its power to help Maira and all of the estimated 1,000 Pakistani Christian and Hindu girls who are kidnapped, forced to convert and marry their abductor every year.

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## 922 Relocation of asylum seekers and refugees from Aegean Islands

Tabled: 23/09/20 Signatories: 9

**Stuart C McDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Joanna Cherry**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Claudia Webbe

That this House recognises the deteriorating conditions faced by asylum seekers and refugees on the Aegean Islands and notes the recent fire at the Moria camp in Lesbos which has left 13,000 people without shelter; welcomes the fact that Germany, France and Norway have agreed to take some of those vulnerable people; and calls on the UK government to participate in relocating asylum seekers and refugees from the Aegean Islands to local authorities in the UK and to provide the necessary support to enable that relocation.

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## 923 A covid-19 recovery mental health strategy for children

Tabled: 24/09/20 Signatories: 3

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes that a survey by the mental health charity Re-Think found that one third of children feel more anxious, sad and stressed now than before lockdown; further notes that the charity Action for Children has asked the Government to prioritise children's mental health in covid-19 recovery planning with sufficient funding; notes that at their press conference of 21 September 2020, Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Whitty and Chief Scientific Officer Sir Patrick Vallance predicted that mental health would be further jeopardised if the virus goes out of control; and calls upon the Government to publish a distinctive Mental Health Strategy for Children and Young People, focusing on the covid-19 pandemic with an accompanying commitment that the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people will be placed at the heart of the overall Covid-19 Recovery Plan.

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**924 County lines and child criminal exploitation**Tabled: **24/09/20** Signatories: **8**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Sir Mike Penning

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is alarmed at the expansion of county lines networks, recently exacerbated by covid-19; calls for clarification of laws to ensure that all young people who are groomed, coerced and controlled into committing crime are recognised as victims of trafficking and exploitation; advocates the adoption of a new public health approach to drug prevention that works with schools, pupil referral units and providers for those outside of mainstream education; notes the need for new local safeguarding partnerships enabling multi-agency work to identify and respond to child criminal exploitation; further notes that a system is required for seamlessly sharing data across borders and agencies and disrupting grooming and criminality that has migrated from the streets to encrypted apps; and calls upon the Government to introduce a stand-alone national strategy on child criminal exploitation that includes these recommendations as a matter of urgency.

**925 Mandatory reporting on plastic packaging**Tabled: **24/09/20** Signatories: **22**

**Geraint Davies**  
**Mr Robert Goodwill**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**John McNally**  
**Claire Hanna**

Claudia Webbe  
 Rebecca Long Bailey  
 Alan Brown

Allan Dorans  
 Sir Mike Penning

Daisy Cooper  
 Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes that UK supermarkets use some 114 billion pieces of throwaway plastic packaging each year; recognises that this equates to 653,000 tonnes of plastic waste, the equivalent of almost 3,000 747 jumbo jets; further recognises that almost all of this waste will end up polluting the natural environment; is concerned that many leading supermarkets in the UK fail to provide detailed data on the amount of plastic they use; believes that transparent reporting on plastic use is critical to reducing plastic waste; notes that existing pacts and pledges have failed to have a significant impact on the amount of plastic polluting the environment; backs campaign group A Plastic Planet's calls for UK supermarkets to transparently report their plastic use; and calls on the Government to introduce mandatory annual reporting on plastic packaging use by UK supermarkets alongside targets to reduce it.