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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 12 October 2020

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### New EDMs

#### 993      **Space Week**

Tabled: **12/10/20**      Signatories: **1**

**Owen Thompson**

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.

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#### 994      **Debenhams redundancies**

Tabled: **12/10/20**      Signatories: **18**

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

Clive Efford  
Paula Barker  
Mr Barry Sheerman  
Ian Mearns

Apsana Begum  
Debbie Abrahams  
Clive Lewis  
Mohammad Yasin

Mr Virendra Sharma  
Ian Lavery  
Zarah Sultana  
Ian Byrne

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.

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### 995 All In One Education

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

#### Amy Callaghan

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.

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### 996 TSB Closures in Glasgow North West

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

#### Carol Monaghan

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.

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### 997 Extension of Furlough Scheme

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

#### Christine Jardine

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.

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### 998 St George's Crypt 90th Anniversary

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Hilary Benn**

That this House congratulates St George's Crypt in Leeds on 90 years of service to the homeless and disadvantaged; notes that the Crypt has been providing this support since the vicar of St George's Church, the Reverend Don Robins, first opened the doors of the Crypt in 1930 to take in destitute people forced into unemployment and poverty by the Great Depression; applauds the way in which the Crypt has been working tirelessly through the lockdown to ensure the safety and security of those it accommodates who would otherwise be at risk of rough sleeping; notes its total abstinence addiction therapy project called The Growing Rooms which provides therapy sessions, volunteering and accommodation and the construction of a 14 bed scheme for people with significant alcohol dependency; and welcomes that all this work has been done in close partnership with Leeds City Council.

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### 999 Treatment of football supporters during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Ian Byrne**

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.

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### 1000 Streetsport Evening Express Champion Awards

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Stephen Flynn**

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.

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### 1001 Gift Aid Emergency Relief Campaign

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Patrick Grady**

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.

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### 1002 Planning White Paper and Communities

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 2

**Layla Moran**  
**Tim Farron**

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.

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### 1003 Future of Hull-Zeebrugge Ferry Jobs and Services

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 2

**Ian Mearns**  
**Paula Barker**

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.

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#### 1004 Service Medal for British nuclear test veterans

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Carol Monaghan**

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.

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#### 1005 Hair Discrimination

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 1

**Wera Hobhouse**

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.

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#### 1006 National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**

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.

## 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.

### 940 Saudi-led coalition military action against Yemen

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 12

Neale Hanvey  
Alison Thewliss  
Jim Shannon  
Allan Dorans  
Chris Law  
Hannah Bardell

Tahir Ali

That this House condemns the UK Government's continued facilitation of the supply of arms to the Saudi-led coalition bombing Yemeni civilians.

### 943 Funding for school counselling services

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 13

Jon Trickett  
Sir Peter Bottomley  
Jim Shannon  
Ian Lavery  
Caroline Lucas  
Claudia Webbe

John Cryer

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.

**944 Extension of protection measures for renters during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 10

**Jon Trickett**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Chris Stephens**

Tahir Ali

That this House is concerned about the large number of tenants facing eviction as a result of the ban on evictions coming to an end as covid-19 lockdown restrictions are eased; notes with concern research by Shelter which found that 227,000 private renters have fallen into arrears since the start of covid-19 lockdown in March 2020; expresses concern that 1 in 6 parents who rent privately, equivalent to 458,000 people, have concerns that their family could become homeless as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; further notes with concern that while people served with an eviction notice from August 2020 have been given a six month notice period, that exemption does not apply to the estimated 55,000 people who received notice of eviction between March 2020 and August 2020; and calls on the Government to extend the ban on evicting renters during the covid-19 outbreak in order to avert a winter homelessness crisis.

**947 SATS in the 2020-21 academic year**

Tabled: 30/09/20 Signatories: 9

**Daisy Cooper**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Sarah Olney**

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the enormous effect that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; further recognises the Institute of Education findings that 80 per cent of headteachers agree that SATs have a negative effect on pupils' wellbeing; believes that the UK's teach to the test approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further believes that high-stakes testing, exemplified by SATs, distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and affects most severely on those who are most in need; notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; further notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; further believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2020-21 academic year.

**948 Support for Further Education colleges**

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 10

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

Mr Virendra Sharma

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.

**950 Problem drug use**

Tabled: 1/10/20 Signatories: 29

**Tommy Sheppard**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House is appalled by the number of people dying from drug related deaths in the UK; welcomes the reports of the Scottish Affairs and Health Select Committees following their separate inquiries; supports the presentation of the Problem Drug Use Bill; notes that its implementation would ensure the drugs crisis is tackled from a health rather than justice perspective; further supports its calls to make provision for safe drug consumption facilities and to decriminalise the possession of small quantities of drugs for personal use; and calls on the Government to declare problem drug use a public health emergency.



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

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 17

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

Jim Shannon

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.

**962 TSB branch closures and financial inclusion**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 9

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

Jim Shannon

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: 11

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

Jim Shannon

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.

**964 Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street**

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 18

**Apsana Begum**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Chris Stephens**

Jim Shannon

That this House marks the 84th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street on 4 October when in 1936, Oswald Mosley and members of the British Union of Fascists were blocked from marching through East London by the Jewish community, trade unionists, socialists and others; recognises the continuing importance of the Battle of Cable Street in inspiring communities uniting together in solidarity in the fight against the far right; pays tribute to the rich cultural and political history of the Jewish community in East London; and reaffirms its commitment to the fight against racism, fascism and antisemitism.

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

Tabled: 5/10/20 Signatories: 21

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

Jim Shannon

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.

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**970 National Minimum Wage**

Tabled: **6/10/20** Signatories: **14**

**John McDonnell**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Ian Lavery**

Jim Shannon

Tahir Ali

That this House notes that the Low Pay Commission (LPC) will shortly be making its recommendations to Government for the April 2021 increase in the National Minimum Wage; further notes that the LPC consulted on a 49p rise to £9.21 per hour in April 2021; is concerned by reports that this proposed increase may now be significantly reduced or minimum wage rates frozen; notes estimates that suggest 21 per cent of UK workers are paid less than the real living wage, as set by the Living Wage Foundation; believes that increasing wages for low paid workers is an essential part of reducing poverty and increasing economic demand; and therefore calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to authorise a significant increase in the minimum wage preferably to at least £10 per hour for all workers.

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**971 TSB Closures in Midlothian**

Tabled: **6/10/20** Signatories: **11**

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

Patricia Gibson

Jim Shannon

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.

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**972 Tackling child food insecurity**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 9

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

Jim Shannon

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.

**973 Justice for Osime Brown**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 34

**Jamie Stone**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**John McDonnell**

Martyn Day

Jim Shannon

Colum Eastwood

That this House acknowledges 21-year-old Osime Brown's autism and the behavioural challenges that come with it; further acknowledges the Home Office's plans to deport Osime to Jamaica where he has not lived since he was four years old and has never returned to; notes Osime's mother's words that if they deport him, he'll die; further notes that, although a friend testified that Osime was not directly involved with the crime, Osime is currently in prison where he is self-harming to the point that he has hundreds of scars on his body; recognises the Citizen's Advice Bureau's advice which states that if one is detained despite being vulnerable, one should apply for bail; calls on the Government to acknowledge Osime's autism, dyslexia, learning disabilities, and PTSD; further calls on the Government to release Osime on bail rather than being moved to a holding facility that is not properly equipped to meet his needs, remove the call for Osime's deportation, and see that Osime finally receives the support he needs for his disabilities.

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

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 4

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**

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: 9

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

Patrick Grady

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.

**977 Kit Tarka Foundation**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 6

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

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: 11

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

Patrick Grady

Jim Shannon

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.

**980 Meeting the communication needs and preferences of people with hearing loss and deafness during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 6/10/20 Signatories: 15

**Olivia Blake**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises that the use of opaque face masks can act as a barrier to communication for the 12 million people with hearing loss across the UK; welcomes the recent approval of a transparent mask by the Department of Health and Social Care; asks the Government to issue further guidance for health and social care providers to ensure that the context in which transparent masks can be used is fully understood; urges the Government to increase the supply of transparent masks in health and social care settings and provide deaf awareness and communication tips where transparent masks are not available; further urges the Government to remind health and social care providers of their obligations under the Accessible Information Standard in meeting the communication needs and preferences of people with hearing loss and deafness; and calls on the Government to include transparent masks within the Government's free personal protective equipment offer for social care providers.

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

Tabled: 7/10/20 Signatories: 27

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

Jim Shannon  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Christine Jardine

Jeremy Corbyn

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.

**983 Financial support for football and rugby league clubs during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 4

**Jon Trickett**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House is concerned about the future of football and rugby league clubs without fans being able to attend stadiums; notes that the majority of football and rugby league clubs including Frickley Athletic FC, Wakefield Trinity and Featherstone Rovers in Hemsworth Constituency are heavily reliant on gate receipts as their main source of income; pays tribute to the vital role these sporting institutions play at the heart of their communities, fostering a sense of togetherness and community spirit that spans generations, with Frickley, Wakefield and Featherstone sharing a combined 375 years of history; acknowledges that in April 2020 £16 million was provided to rugby league in Government loans; believes this is an insufficient sum that will not safeguard the long term future of the sport; notes that with England due to host the Rugby League World Cup in 2021 further financial support from the Government is imperative to both sustain and grow the sport of rugby league in England; and calls on the Government to introduce further financial support to ensure that football and rugby league clubs survive during the covid-19 outbreak.

**984 Moratorium on the production and trade of weapons**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **10**

**Olivia Blake**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kate Osborne**

Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

That this House recognises that Article 26 of the Charter of the United Nations, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this month, seeks to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources; notes the destabilisation and disruption arising from the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that peace and security, development and human rights are pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security; recognises that the catastrophic consequences of the use of nuclear weapons cannot be adequately addressed because they transcend national borders, pose grave implications for human survival, the environment, socio-economic development, the global economy, food security and the health of current and future generations; recognises that military modernisation, procurement and spending budgets of States are vastly disproportionate to contemporary sources of national and human insecurity; believes in the necessity to sustain and strengthen existing weapons control agreements and treaties, one aim of which should be nuclear disarmament; acknowledges that a moratorium on production and trade of weapons should not hamper international co-operation and legitimate trade in equipment and technology for peaceful purposes; recognises the voluntary and active role that civil society, including non-governmental organisations and industry can play in supporting the object and purpose of a moratorium, and in supporting its implementation; and recognises the desirability of achieving universal adherence to such a moratorium.

**985 Armenia, Artsakh and Azerbaijan**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **3**

**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House is deeply concerned at the recent escalation of tensions between the armed forces of Armenia, Artsakh and Azerbaijan; notes with concern the clashes that took place both in the Tavush Province of Armenia and the Tovuz District of Azerbaijan on 12 July 2020, the further skirmishes on 13 July 2020 and, with great concern, the resumption of hostilities along the Nagorno-Karabakh Line of Contact on 27 September 2020 and the resulting military and civilian casualties reported by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Artsakh; and urges the Government to join in the United Nation's strong condemnation of the conflict and call on both sides to deescalate tensions with the immediate resumption of the May 1994 ceasefire and resume meaningful negotiations without delay.



**986 Support for outdoor education centres**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **3****Tim Farron**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the importance of outdoor education and residential centres in developing young people's confidence and teambuilding skills; understands the severe plight that jobs and businesses in the sector are facing as a result of the covid-19 crisis; urges the Department for Education to review the current policy of no residential visits as they are an essential part of children's education and establish a clear timeline for when residential visits are likely to resume; urges the Government to provide a Leisure and Tourism industry specific funding package, including residential outdoor centres for when the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ends in October 2020; and urges the Government to help protect outdoor education charities with financial support in 2021.

**987 Homelessness (No. 2)**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **2****Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government's promise on 18 March 2020 that no renter who has lost income due to Coronavirus will be forced out of their home; further notes the end of the moratorium on evictions on 20 September 2020; is concerned that 55,000 private tenants were served eviction notices between March and August 2020, that 320,000 private tenants have fallen into arrears since March whilst two-thirds of private tenants do not have any savings, and that the National Landlord's Association reports £440 million is owed in unpaid rent; further notes that the 3,022 orders for possession recorded by the Ministry of Justice between April and June masks the extent of this crisis because most Section 21 evictions do not proceed to court; believes the end of the furlough scheme on 31 October 2020 will increase the number of private renters facing eviction and result in a significant upsurge of homelessness, with catastrophic consequences for families in the run-up to Christmas; and calls on the Government to avert this impending crisis by bringing forwards the Renters' Reform Bill to end Section 21 no fault evictions, enabling judicial discretion over Section 8 repossession hearings to account for the impact of covid-19, providing grants or low-interest loans to cover rent arrears, and setting Local Housing Allowance at the 50th percentile.

**988 VAT on period pants**Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **4****Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the work done by WUKA Wear who have worked hard to promote the use of reusable menstrual products; references research carried out by WUKA Wear which found that 4.3 billion menstrual products are used each year, all of which goes to landfill or ends up in the ocean; notes that reusable period pants, which are environmentally friendly are an effective method to combat this; believes that period pants should have the 20 per cent VAT removed; notes with regret the Government's recent announcement which suggests they will consider removing VAT on period pants for children under the age of 14 and with size limitations, which reinforces harmful body ideals and negates the reality that menstruation can occur after the age of 14; further

recognises that all menstrual products are essential items and should be exempt from VAT; and calls on the Government to reconsider its position and remove the 20 per cent VAT on period pants and all other menstrual products.

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## 989 Census 2021

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 6

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

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.

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## 990 Import and production of foie gras

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 3

**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House condemns the production of foie gras by force-feeding ducks and geese which causes severe physical and psychological pain for the animals involved, welcomes the continued ban on production of foie gras in the UK and calls on the Government to ban the import of this so-called delicacy as of 1 January 2021.

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## 991 Livingston cyclist Josh Quigley breaks world record

Tabled: 8/10/20 Signatories: 3

**Hannah Bardell**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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**992 Clean Air Day 2020**

Tabled: **8/10/20** Signatories: **7**

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Jim Shannon

That this House acknowledges Clean Air Day; recognises the danger that polluted air poses to the health of people across the UK; urges the Government to take more decisive and urgent action to mitigate the dangerous levels of air pollution in urban areas, further urges the Government to build partnerships with local government, schools and the private sector to seek consensus on the issue of air quality; and calls on the Government to ensure that upcoming legislation meets the highest of standards with regard to urban air quality.