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## Early Day Motions tabled on Friday 23 October 2020

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### New EDMs

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

Tabled: 17/09/20 Signatories: 33

**Siobhain McDonagh**

**Caroline Lucas**

**Paul Girvan**

**Andrew Gwynne**

**Mike Hill**

**Ian Blackford**

Chris Bryant

Mohammad Yasin

Allan Dorans

Andrew Rosindell

Wera Hobhouse

Kenny MacAskill

Richard Thomson

Jim Shannon

Sir Mike Penning

Andy Slaughter

John McDonnell

Mr Virendra Sharma

Rosie Cooper

Carol Monaghan

Dr Philippa Whitford

Christine Jardine

Hywel Williams

Alison Thewliss

Margaret Ferrier

Paul Bristow

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

Stephen Farry

Stephen Timms

Ian Byrne

Liz Saville Roberts

Claire Hanna

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 Xinjiang 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.

### 898A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **1**

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

In lines 4 and 14 delete "Chinese Communist Party" and replace with "current government of the People's Republic of China".

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## 1059 **Cyprus 60th Independence Day and Famagusta**

Tabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **1**

**Geraint Davies**

That this House congratulates Cyprus on its 60th anniversary independence day and supports the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem, based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and the High Level Agreements; endorses the Declaration of the European Parliament of 14 February 2012 on the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants; notes that the city of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974, that a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military, and that the return of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem; further notes the 1979 High Level Agreement and UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament on Petition 733/2004; calls on the Government of Turkey to act according to those UN Security Council Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace; urges the UK Government, as a guarantor power of Cyprus, to promote Turkey's cooperation and to forward this Resolution to President Nicos Anastasiades, Mr Ersin Tatar, the UN Secretary General and the Government of Turkey.

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## 1060 **Digital exclusion of asylum seekers**

Tabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **4**

**Patrick Grady**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises that asylum seekers in the UK receive cash support of £37.75 per week in the form of cash loaded on to an ASPEN debit card; notes that the Home Office describes this cash support as helping asylum seekers pay for essentials such as food, clothing and toiletries; considers that the ability to get online is also an essential need in modern society; appreciates that the need for online connectivity is particularly acute for asylum seekers, many of whom are vulnerable, isolated, and have family and friends trapped in dangerous conditions elsewhere around the world; regrets that many asylum seekers find themselves digitally excluded due to their inability to access affordable, reliable internet access through the asylum support system; understands that the ASPEN card system prevents asylum seekers from paying for efficient, low-cost mobile internet contracts through direct debit, and instead forces many to choose between purchasing prohibitively expensive pay-as-you-go data packages or affording other essentials such as food and toiletries; believes that it is grossly unfair that those with the lowest amount to live on are forced to pay the highest price to get online; thanks the Scottish Asylum Seeker Residents Association and Maryhill Integration Network for their work highlighting this important issue; and calls on the Government

to widen the scope of asylum support system to ensure that asylum seekers can access affordable, reliable internet service, and provide a commensurate increase in the asylum support to cover these costs.

## 1061 Kurdistan region in Iraq

Tabled: 23/10/20 Signatories: 1

### Robert Halfon

That this House notes reports from the APPG on the Kurdistan Region in Iraq on a virtual delegation to meet Kurdistanis leaders; fully acknowledges the crucial role of the Peshmerga in resisting the so-called Islamic State, that Kurdistan's model of peaceful co-existence and equality are vital in continuing efforts to eradicate extremism, and that this is a vital UK interest; stresses the profound impact of covid-19 on oil revenues, which have fallen dramatically and may fade further as a proportion of the region's income; further notes Kurdistan's need to reform its public services and increase income from agriculture, tourism, and light industry with a bigger private sector and tackling corruption; wishes the KRG and the Iraqi Government the best in resolving their long-standing differences through the full implementation of Iraq's federal constitution; believes that the APPG's recommendations to the UK Government accord with its policy of supporting a strong Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in a unified Iraq; further believes that the UK Government should organise an official trade mission to encourage investment by private companies and public institutions; recognises the central importance of universities to the new economy; commends the suggestion that the UK Government send experts to Kurdistan to assess higher education and make recommendations for reform; endorses the APPG's recommendation for skills transfer to Kurdistanis MPs; and urges the Foreign Secretary to visit Kurdistan as soon as possible and organise an official visit by the KRG leadership to London to advance bilateral relations.

## 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.

## 993 Space Week

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 9

### Owen Thompson

Chris Law

Patrick Grady

Jim Shannon

Allan Dorans

Marion Fellows

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

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: 27

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

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

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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#### 996 TSB Closures in Glasgow North West

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 9

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Law**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Hywel Williams

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: 25

**Christine Jardine**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Layla Moran**

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

Clive Lewis

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

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

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 33

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

Clive Lewis

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.

**1002 Planning White Paper and Communities**

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 12

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

Clive Lewis

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.

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

Tabled: 12/10/20 Signatories: 15

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

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

**1005 Hair Discrimination**Tabled: **12/10/20** Signatories: **14**

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

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

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.

**1009 Covid-19 impact on mental health**Tabled: **13/10/20** Signatories: **12**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

Clive Lewis

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

**1010 Uyghur asylum seekers**

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 12

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Stephen Farry**

Clive Lewis

That this House notes reports from human rights groups which state that the Chinese Government is interning over one million Uyghur people in re-education camps across the Xinjiang Autonomous Region; further notes reports from the camps which allege that detainees are being kept in squalid conditions and are forced to renounce their religion or face torture; expresses serious concern at emerging research which alleges that the Chinese state is forcing Uyghur women to be sterilized; condemns the detention of Uyghur diaspora returning to Xinjiang by the Chinese Government; notes that other European Governments such as the Government of Sweden has announced that it will grant refugee status to all Uyghur asylum-seekers from China; calls on the Government to automatically grant refugee status to all Uyghur people fleeing to the UK as a result of religious persecution from the Chinese state.

**1016 Effect of sodium valproate and foetal valproate syndrome**

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 9

**Jon Trickett**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**

Hywel Williams

Liz Saville Roberts

That this House is concerned that 300 children every year are born with foetal valproate syndrome as a result of the drug sodium valproate being prescribed to women during pregnancy; expresses shock that between 1973 and 2016 no explanation of side effects linked to the drug, such as kidney and heart malformations in children, were provided to these pregnant women before they were prescribed sodium valproate; notes that despite the introduction of a Valproate Toolkit in 2016 to provide information about the drug to patients and healthcare professionals, the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review of July 2020 found that women are still becoming pregnant while on Sodium Valproate without any knowledge of the risks; pays tribute to the work of the Independent Foetal Anti-Convulsant Trust for its work raising awareness of this issue; and calls on the Government to apologise to the thousands of families affected and to immediately establish a task force in order to implement the recommendations of the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review 2020 in full.



**1022 Drug deaths**Tabled: **15/10/20** Signatories: **13**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Apsana Begum**

Hywel Williams

That this House is concerned that deaths related to drug poisoning registered in England and Wales rose to a record 4,393 in 2019; notes that two-thirds of drug poisonings are due to drug misuse; further notes that half of the deaths involved an opiate, although cocaine deaths are also rising at an alarming rate; recognises that the highest death rates are in areas suffering greatest deprivation; and calls on the Government to tackle the problem through immediate increased investment in treatment services, encouragement of harm reduction initiatives and expansion of opiate-overdose antidote Naloxone provision.

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**1024 Assassination in Malta of journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia**Tabled: **16/10/20** Signatories: **5**

**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Clive Lewis**

That this House again condemns the assassination of Maltese investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was killed by a car bomb three years ago on 16 October 2017; calls again for full justice for her murder; commends her courageous investigative reporting exposing corruption in Malta and beyond; underscores the importance of protecting the independence and impartiality of the ongoing public inquiry into her assassination; urges Prime Minister Robert Abela to cease efforts to interfere with it; calls on the Maltese government to request a Europol Joint Investigation Team to assist with the case; urges the government of Malta to implement all outstanding recommendations of the 26 June 2019 resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe entitled Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges; notes with concern the fact that Malta has dropped 34 places in Reporters Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index since Caruana Galizia's assassination and is now ranked 81st out of 180 countries; and calls on the government of Malta to take immediate steps to improve the broader press freedom climate in the country.

**1029 G20 Summit in Saudi Arabia and Human Rights**

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 15

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**

Tony Lloyd

Brendan O'Hara

That this House notes that Saudi Arabia currently holds the presidency of the G20 and will be hosting the G20 Summit virtually on 21-22 November 2020; is deeply

concerned about Saudi Arabia's on-going serious and systematic violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, particularly the crackdown on non-violent activists and critics since Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman came to power in 2017, which includes the arbitrary detention and torture of women human rights defenders and the brutal murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, as well as the apparently indiscriminate and disproportionate airstrikes on civilians and civilian infrastructure by the Saudi-led coalition in the conflict in Yemen which may amount to war crimes; and calls on the Government to publicly and privately urge Saudi Arabia to take concrete steps to improve its human rights record in the lead up to the G20 Summit, including immediately releasing all human rights defenders and prisoners of conscience, providing full accountability for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and ending the war in Yemen, and to reconsider the level of its participation in the Summit if these steps are not taken.

**1030 Ardnamurchan lighthouse brought into community ownership**

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Ian Blackford**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Clive Lewis

That this house warmly congratulates Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trustees on successfully securing ownership, through Community Asset Transfer, of the lighthouse site, which sits at the most westerly point of the UK; recognises the endeavour and achievement of trustees over the past 21 years in preserving and promoting Ardnamurchan lighthouse, both as a historical monument and as a tourist attraction for visitors to this remote rural peninsula; applauds the dynamic and enterprising plans for developing the visitor centre and cafeteria at this iconic landmark, which attracts in excess of 18,000 visitors each year, and its important role in preserving the local history and culture; acknowledges that ownership of the site will allow the Trust to access to new funding opportunities to enable these forward-thinking plans to be developed; and wishes the project well for the future.

**1034 Baby loss support**Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **8**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Paula Barker**

Clive Lewis

That this House notes the end of baby loss awareness week UK; highlights that for so many the pain continues on; underlines the statistic that 1 in 4 suffering from loss does not include the wider pain and grief of loved ones and family; encourages women and partners to mourn as they need to and understands that their loss matters and is worthy of voicing and remembering; and further underlines that Government must enhance counselling services and other help available to families devastated by the loss of their little child and the promise of a future that will not happen.

**1038 Minister for Travel**Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **12**

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**

Liz Saville Roberts  
 Grahame Morris

Hywel Williams  
 Alison Thewliss

Clive Lewis

That this House recognises that the travel trade is a crucial sector of the British economy and furthermore an industry now facing an existential threat as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; regrets that many travel businesses have closed with many more on the brink of collapse due to the Covid-19 crisis with at least 90,000 jobs already lost or at risk across high street travel agents and the wider travel trade sector; welcomes the recent call by the TSSA transport and travel union and others for the creation of a Minister for Travel to arrest this trend and champion the industry; and calls on the Government to act without delay to save Britain's travel trade by providing bespoke sector-specific government support while reconsidering an extension of furlough for the industry.

**1039 Unionlearn**Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **30**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Kate Osborne**

Tim Farron

Clive Lewis

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House recognises the exemplary and invaluable role played by Unionlearn in helping people acquire skills and qualifications to boost their job prospects and make a valuable contribution to the economy; applauds Unionlearn for aiding hundreds of thousands of learners at

all levels, from basic numeracy and literacy to degree level qualifications; notes that during the past 12 years more than 40,000 Union Learning Representatives have been trained, and over a quarter of a million people are being given training and learning opportunities through their union every year; is appalled that the Government intends to axe this vital resource at such a challenging time for education, employment and the economy; and calls upon the Government to reconsider and reverse this damaging decision.

**1039A1 [Amendment]**

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

**Robert Halfon**

At end add 'and urges the Secretary of State for Education to consider the value Unionlearn offers in promoting skills and opportunities and to reinstate the scheme.'

**1040 Support for tourism, leisure, hospitality and the arts**

Tabled: **19/10/20** Signatories: **10**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**

Clive Lewis

That this House recognises the importance of the tourism, leisure, hospitality and arts sectors; further recognises the severe impact Covid-19 has had on their earnings; acknowledges that many of the businesses in these sectors had viable business models and were flourishing before the pandemic and must be supported so that they are ready to open as soon as restrictions can be lifted; notes that outdoor education centres are a specific example of a sector which has been forced to shut down during this crisis; further notes that outdoor education centres are reliant on school residential visits for significant amounts of their funding and so will continue to struggle whilst necessary precautions are in place; recognises the essential role of outdoor education centres in promoting children's health and the necessity of ensuring that such facilities survive the Covid-19 emergency in order to be able to improve young people's opportunities to experience the well-being and health benefits of outdoor activities in future; and calls on the UK Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place to support these sectors, including a further targeted expansion of the furlough scheme.

**1043 Glasgow: Global Green City 2020**

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

**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**David Linden**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Clive Lewis

That this House congratulates the people and city of Glasgow on its recognition as a Global Green City for 2020 by the Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS); notes that the award, which is supported by the United Nation's Environment Programme, places Glasgow alongside

previous recipients of the award including Vancouver, Vienna, Yokohama and many other cities in Europe, Asia and the Americas; further notes that the UN-affiliated GFSH brings together state ambassadors, UN officials, academics, city leaders, business representatives and non governmental organisations with a focus on how to deliver the UN's Sustainable Development goals; further notes that its Global Green City Award seeks to highlight prominent progress and valuable experience in search of greener and more sustainable cities, with Glasgow scoring highly in criteria including planning, transport, low carbon and energy efficiency, transportation, buildings, open spaces and the economy; believes that the award will act as a significant staging post along Glasgow's path to hosting the rearranged COP 26 climate change conference in November next year, and the city's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030; and congratulates all those in the City's administration and wider economy and society on their efforts towards these targets and success in this award.

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#### 1045 **Eden Court Theatre and Cinema's transformation into a community hub**

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 10

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Allan Dorans

Neil Gray

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends Eden Court Theatre and Cinema in Inverness on transforming into a community hub to provide an emergency response to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic situation across the Highlands; notes that workers at that venue have been providing help and support to the covid-19 response since March 2020 when that venue was forced to close; further notes that those workers have been nominated for a prestigious humanitarian award, the Achatas Philanthropy Prize, which celebrates cultural giving across the UK; and wishes those workers all the best for the future.

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#### 1046 **1st Battalion The Highlanders' Guinness World Record**

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 11

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Ronnie Cowan**

Allan Dorans

Neil Gray

That this House congratulates the 1st Battalion The Highlanders for setting a new Guinness World Record for most attendees to complete a mental health course in 24 hours to mark World Mental Health Day; recognises that a total of 45 members from the area took part in the course, alongside 1,622 members from across the UK; notes that the 30-minute course discussed how to recognise the signs of poor mental health and ways to help to end the stigma and discrimination around those struggling with difficulties; and further notes that all those participants will receive a medal and official Guinness certificate to honour their achievements.

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**1047 Scottish Poppy Appeal 2020**Tabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **18**

**Drew Hendry**  
**Chris Law**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Deidre Brock**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Owen Thompson  
 Alison Thewliss

Allan Dorans

Neil Gray

That this House recognises the excellent work of Poppy Scotland through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which runs annually from 26 October to 11 November; further recognises that the Scottish Poppy Appeal is Poppy Scotland's largest fundraising campaign; acknowledges the importance of that appeal in paying tribute to the millions of people who lost their lives during conflict; and calls on the community to support the Scottish Poppy Appeal in recognition of the sacrifices made by service personnel.

**1048 National Mentoring Week**Tabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **2**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House recognises the importance of mentoring, as young people, like the rest of society are facing monumental changes in their lives during the covid-19 outbreak; celebrates National Mentoring Week and The Diana Award who are ensuring that physical distancing during this challenging time does not exacerbate disconnection and disorientation for our young people as they continue to provide support, advice, friendship and constructive role modelling for young people across the UK; applauds the efforts of the over 100 hon. Members and Peers who have signed up for National Mentoring Week with the Diana Award and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mentoring, which is indicative of the value of mentoring; and hopes that such efforts are sustained for years to come.

**1049 Psoriasis Awareness Week 2020**Tabled: **21/10/20** Signatories: **2**

**Sir Edward Leigh**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House notes that Psoriasis Awareness Week takes place between 29 October and 4 November 2020; recognises the vital work of the Psoriasis Association in continuing to provide information, support and help to all those affected by psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis during the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that this year's Psoriasis Awareness Week will focus on types of psoriasis after identifying through the recent Priority Setting Partnership that there are many unrecognised knowns that have already been addressed by research but which are not familiar to patients and healthcare professionals; and calls on the Government to investigate ways to improve access to all relevant healthcare professionals for people with psoriasis whose essential treatment has been unfairly delayed by the impact of the recent covid-19 pandemic.

**1050 Police brutality and End SARS protests in Nigeria**

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran  
Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Stephen Farry  
Ed Davey  
Sarah Olney  
Christine Jardine

Clive Lewis  
Alison Thewliss

Tim Farron

John McDonnell

That this House condemns the reported deliberate shooting of unarmed protesters in Lagos and other parts of Nigeria; calls on the Nigerian Government to demonstrate their commitment to human rights and fulfil obligations to hold the police to account for extra-judicial killings, widespread torture and other ill-treatment of detainees in their custody; supports the call from the Nigerian people and Amnesty International to bring those responsible for committing such crimes to justice in fair trials; calls on the Nigerian authorities to comply at all times with international human rights standards on policing, in particular the UN Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials; and urges the UK Government to take action to reprehend such actions.

**1051 Closure of TSB Easterhouse branch**

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 5

David Linden  
Chris Law  
Carol Monaghan  
Allan Dorans  
Alison Thewliss

That this House expresses disappointment in response to the news that TSB Bank will be closing its Easterhouse branch in Glasgow; notes that the closure of bank branches across the UK severely disadvantages the rural population, the elderly and people without access to appropriate technology; highlights that bank branches act as vital services for those unable to access online banking services; condemns the closing of that bank branch during a pandemic, which will undoubtedly cause people to travel further to access in person banking; and urges TSB to urgently reconsider its closure of the Easterhouse branch.

**1053 Minority rights in Southern Mongolia**

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 4

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
Layla Moran  
Clive Lewis  
John McDonnell

That this House expresses concern at reports from human rights groups that the Chinese Government has enforced a severe crackdown on protesters in Southern Mongolia who are reacting to the replacement of the Mongolian language in schools with Mandarin Chinese, with up to 10,000 protesters placed in police custody since August 2020; notes that crackdown tactics are alleged to include mass arrest, arbitrary detention, imprisonment, torture and blacklisting; further notes that these reports of a crackdown come at a time when there are growing concerns about minority groups' struggle against Chinese hegemony; calls on the UK Government to make clear

its opposition to this repression of the Southern Mongolian community; and urges the Chinese Government to cease the crackdown on protesters in the region and protect Mongolian minority rights, culture and identity within China.

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#### 1054 Creation of Shetland Space Centre

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 4

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Douglas Chapman**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House welcomes the Government's approval of the Shetland Space Centre's plans to build and operate a satellite launch site on Unst in Shetland; notes that the spaceport will create hundreds of new, high-quality jobs, not only locally in the Northern Isles but across the country; recognises that this will strengthen the UK's position as a European small satellite launch destination of choice; congratulates Shetland Space Centre for this development; and calls on the Government to support similar initiatives to maintain the excellent work of the UK's space agencies.

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#### 1055 Protecting Avanti West Coast Customer Resolutions jobs

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 8

**Tahir Ali**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Patricia Gibson**  
**Allan Dorans**

John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the Train Operating Company Avanti West Coast is proposing to relocate staff from the Customer Resolutions Centre in Birmingham to the parent company, First Group's contact centre in Sheffield, a distance of around 90 miles; understands that the distance between Birmingham and Sheffield makes it unlikely that staff will be able to transfer to the new location; is concerned that these proposals put 60 posts at risk of redundancy and could be damaging to the local economy in Birmingham; is aware that since March 2020, Avanti West Coast has been in receipt of public funding via an Emergency Measures Agreement and Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement; believes that Avanti West Coast should withdraw its proposals so that the jobs remain in Birmingham and all redundancies are avoided; and calls on the Government to ensure that future public funding for Avanti West Coast is dependent on it retaining all Customer Resolutions posts in Birmingham.

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#### 1056 Students' mental health during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 3

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House recognises that immense strain that students are currently under with regard to covid-19 restrictions implemented across UK universities; recognises that the need for accessible and high-quality mental health provision is paramount for the welfare of students across the country;



notes the profound impact that the current restrictions will have on the academic engagement for many students; urges the Government to consistently and deliberately review restrictions across all UK universities to determine their effectiveness in curtailing the spread of covid-19 and the impact that they are having on the welfare and academic performance of students; and further urges the Government to increase investment in high-quality mental health services across all universities, regions and countries of the United Kingdom.

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## 1057 Murrayfield Ice Rink

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 2

**Christine Jardine**  
**Daisy Cooper**

That this House regrets the difficult decision to close Murrayfield Ice Rink for the foreseeable future; recognises its historical importance at the heart of local community life since it opened to the public in 1952; further recognises its necessity to the sporting and tourism industry as home to Scottish ice hockey champions, the Murrayfield Racers; applauds the achievement of Murrayfield to successfully provide training opportunities to athletes, including European Championship medallists; notes that it is the only permanent ice rink in Edinburgh; further notes the benefits of ice skating to both physical and mental health; expresses deep concern over potential job losses and the impact on affected individuals and their families; and calls for necessary funding to be made available to safeguard the ice rink for the employment and enjoyment of future generations.

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## 1058 United Nations Day on 24 October 2020

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 17

**Stephen Farry**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Gavin Robinson**

Colum Eastwood  
Douglas Chapman  
John McDonnell  
Apsana Begum

Richard Thomson  
Claire Hanna  
Mr Virendra Sharma  
Alison Thewliss

Navendu Mishra  
Daisy Cooper  
Steven Bonnar

That this House joins in celebrating United Nations Day on 24 October 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Charter coming into effect; acknowledges the significant contributions made by the United Nations Organisation and the other agencies of the United Nations System to international peace and security, humanitarian protection and assistance, the promotion of human rights, economic, social and cultural co-operation, the global environment and climate change, sustainable development and tackling poverty along with many other interventions; stresses the importance of a rules based international order and international co-operation around shared global challenges; and calls on the Government to ensure that the UK plays a proactive, leadership role in pursuing reform to ensure that the United Nations can have a more enhanced and effective role over the years ahead.