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New EDMs

1062 **Tao Geoghegan Hart winner of the 2020 Giro D'Italia**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House warmly congratulates Tao Geoghegan Hart from London and Team Ineos Grenadier on winning the 2020 Giro D'Italia; notes that Mr Geoghegan Hart becomes only the fifth UK cyclist to win a Grand Tour following in the footsteps of Sir Bradley Wiggins, Chris Froome, Simon Yates and Geraint Thomas.

1063 **Lewis Hamilton's 92 Formula 1 victories**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House congratulates Lewis Hamilton on winning his 92nd F1 Grand Prix in Portugal on 25 October 2020, thereby overtaking Michael Schumacher as the most successful driver of all time.

1064 **Proposed closure of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Daisy Cooper

That this House regrets the abrupt and unexpected decision to close the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICwS); encourages relevant stakeholders to reconsider this decision; notes that the ICwS stands at the heart of Commonwealth and Post-Colonial Studies; notes that the ICwS is the only postgraduate academic institution in the UK devoted specifically to the study of the Commonwealth; commends the ICwS as a national and international centre of excellence for policy-relevant research; notes that the ICwS provides the editorial and administrative office for

the Human Rights Consortium, and the Refugee Law Initiative; recognises the role the ICwS plays as host to numerous interdisciplinary academic events, workshops and conferences; further regrets that the closure of the ICwS alongside the Institute of Latin American studies would be a critical blow to the School of Advanced Study, its staff, fellows and alumni; fears that this decision will do untold harm to Commonwealth and Post-Colonial Studies throughout the UK and further afield; notes that the decision will contribute to job losses in higher education institutions across the country; and calls for the immediate reversal of this decision.

1065 **Cancer Research UK Uniting Communities Award**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Auchterhouse's Jo Williamson following his receipt of the Uniting Communities Award at Cancer Research UK's Flame of Hope Awards; notes that Jo has been a campaign ambassador for Cancer Research UK since 2013, and has featured in adverts and met with Members of Parliament on behalf of the charity through this role; recognises that there is still more to be done in the campaign to raise funds and awareness of cancer; further recognises the hard work and dedication that campaigners like Jo are putting in across the country; and wishes Jo and everyone at Cancer Research UK the best for the future.

1066 **Thirteen year old Christian girl abducted, converted and married to a 43 year old man**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes with grave concern reports from Pakistan that on 13 October 2020, a 13-year-old Christian girl Arzoo Raja, was abducted from a street near her home in Karachi, forced to convert to Islam and marry the abductor, 43 year old Mr Ali Azhar; is further concerned that, despite her family producing a National Database and Registration Authority birth certificate showing Arzoo to be 13 years old, the authorities failed to stop the illegal marriage, and the Sindh Police has failed to rescue her so far; understands that Arzoo's parents are being threatened by the abductor's family and calls on the Government to lobby the Pakistani authorities to intervene and help Arzoo and other Pakistani Christian and Hindu girls who are kidnapped, forced to convert and marry their abductor every year.

1067 **PeachyKeen**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That This House recognises the innovative work of Kirkcaldy-based PeachyKeen, who design and manufacture products that utilise human movement to generate electricity; notes the international reach these sustainable products are having, enabling enjoyable and interactive ways to improve fitness as well as powering equipment across all sectors from education and playparks, to pedal-powered discos; and further notes ongoing work with St Brycedale Church in Kirkcaldy to test the Jackson wheel which aims to provide sustainable energy to power the church lights at night.

1068 Nursing students placements during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 9

Olivia Blake
Rachel Hopkins
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris
Ms Diane Abbott

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Apsana Begum

Kate Osborne

That this House notes that in the first wave of the covid-19 outbreak, student nurses were rewarded with pay for their contribution to the response to the outbreak; further notes that throughout the covid-19 outbreak student healthcare workers have regularly worked 40 hour weeks, without pay, sick leave or death-in-service coverage, in high-risk areas and often having to find alternative accommodation at cost to themselves to ensure they do not put their families at risk; and calls on the Government to recognise and reward the efforts of healthcare students, alongside healthcare workers, to keep the country going throughout the covid-19 outbreak by paying them a fair wage for the hours they have worked.

1069 WASPI women

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Sir George Howarth

That this House notes with great concern the continuing unfair treatment of WASPI women; further notes that many of the women concerned had no prior notice that their pensionable age and eligibility was to be pushed back; draws attention to the ongoing injustice of the situation which has placed many women into poverty, even though they had taken all reasonable steps to prepare for their retirement; and calls on the Government to put right this injustice.

1070 Children's Hospices Across Scotland support for families of children with life-shortening conditions

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises the tremendous contribution Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) makes in supporting families of children with life-shortening conditions; commends the extraordinary lengths gone to by the charity to continue this lifeline support throughout the covid-19 outbreak, including doubling their CHAS at Home service which provides highly skilled nursing care in the children's own homes and setting up the UK's first virtual hospice to offer families nursing, medical and pharmacy advice by phone and video; notes that CHAS offers invaluable bereavement support, money and benefits advice, and practical advice around covid-19, as well as a storytelling service for children at home, activity packs and art clubs, and virtual Clowndocor visits; and believes that these achievements build on the seamless service CHAS offers in supporting the Scottish NHS and Scottish Government in pioneering the integration of multi-disciplinary teams, including providing the first hospital-based palliative care teams in the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow and specialist colleagues working alongside the NHS at hospitals in Edinburgh, Inverness, Aberdeen and Kilmarnock.

1071 Charity fundraiser Andrew Nicholson

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House commends Glasgow East constituent, Andrew Nicolson, on his fundraising for the Glasgow North East foodbank; congratulates Mr Nicolson on meeting his fundraising goal of £5,000; highlights the fantastic work of Glasgow North East foodbank in providing emergency food parcels to help feed people in crisis, particularly during the covid-19 outbreak; calls attention to the fact that a report from the Trussell Trust has predicted a 61 per cent increase in the distribution of food parcels across its UK network from October to December, working out to approximately six parcels given out every minute; and notes that the fundraiser is open until 30 October 2020 and encourages all to donate to a worthy cause

1072 Entry into force of Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Caroline Lucas
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Tommy Sheppard
Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes that the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017; welcomes confirmation that 50 countries have now ratified this historic agreement which will enter into force in January 2021; further notes that upon entering into force the Treaty will ban nuclear weapons in participating states and generate international momentum towards global nuclear abolition; considers that the coming into force of this treaty offers the UK an opportunity to engage with an emerging global nuclear disarmament process; further considers that the Government's stated commitment to global nuclear disarmament through its ratification of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, can be put into practice by also supporting this Treaty; and urges the Government to sign the Treaty and to bring forward a credible and timetabled plan for the disarmament of the UK's nuclear weapons.

1073 Historic distillery in East Lothian reopens

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House welcomes the reopening of the historic Glenkinchie distillery located just south of Pencaitland after its refurbishment; understands Barbara Smith, managing director, brand homes for Diageo marked the official opening by planting a ceremonial tree; notes the grounds, that have been landscaped with wildflowers from the nearby Macplants nursery, are an inviting sight for visitors; understands the distillery with its rich history is much loved and cherished by locals and welcomes visitors from near and far to the facilities for tours, experiencing the tastes and smells of Scotland's beloved national drink; notes the refurbishment has been completed after a £1 million investment and was two years in the making as part of a wider investment in whisky tourism in Scotland; further notes the distillery prides itself on specialising and producing lowlands whisky; and we wish all the best to the bright future at Glenkinchie distillery, its team and all those who visit.

1074 North Berwick artist shortlisted for national prize

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House recognises the great work of the North Berwick based artist Jayne Stokes; understands Jayne has been put forward for 2020's The Sunday Times Watercolour Competition; notes her nominated piece Day by Day is made up of 132 miniature watercolour paintings, each documenting the local East Lothian landscapes she found sanctuary in during lockdown; understands the award is the largest and most prestigious watercolour competition in the UK; notes it aims to celebrate and reward excellence and originality; further notes the winners will be announced in The Sunday Times on 8 November 2020; and wishes Jayne all the very best of luck and well done on her nomination.

1075 Community Carrot Co-operative

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House recognises the great work of the co-operative community run shop the Community Carrot in Dunbar; understands the shop has been recognised as part of a parliamentary report on resilience of co-operatives in Scotland and how this has helped communities during the covid-19 outbreak; notes the report was produced by the Scottish Parliament's cross party group on co-operatives called Revive and Thrive: Why Co-ops are pivotal to a fairer, stronger Scotland; understands the Community Carrot became community-run 12 months ago and has 600 members and produced around 350 vegetable boxes per week during lockdown when premises were closed; notes it worked in partnership with other local businesses and community organisations to supply and deliver to many across East Lothian; and wishes the Community Carrot all the best to come and a huge thank you for all they did during the pandemic and continue to do for the local community.

1076 East Lothian Brownies remember polio victims

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes the Cockenzie chapter of the Brownies have planted thousands of crocuses in Port Seton with help from the Port Seton Rotary Club, to mark and remember those who have died and continue to suffer from polio; understands that on 17 October 2020 the groups planted crocuses in Goolwa Park as part of the Rotary Clubs Purple-4- Polio Project that aims to end polio worldwide; notes that together the Brownies and Rotary club planted 4,000 crocus corms that will bloom come the spring for many to enjoy; further notes they also planted crocuses in a heart shape in support of the NHS and their work during the covid-19 outbreak; recognizes that this is a wonderful community initiative raising awareness of polio and thanking the NHS; and looks forward to enjoying the beauty of the blooming crocuses come the spring.

1077 Two East Lothian locals nominated for Health Walk Volunteer of the Year award

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates East Lothian residents Sue Jardine and Elaine Peach on their nomination for the Health Walk Volunteer of the Year award; understands they were recognised

for their significant contribution towards improving the health and wellbeing of people within their local community; the women volunteer with Ageing well East Lothian and took part in the training with Paths for All, launching their own walking groups in their local areas of Aberlady and Haddington; notes the endeavour has kept mind and body healthy and allowed for exploring areas of East Lothian they would never have otherwise been exposed to; notes it has been particularly beneficial to many in the community coming out of lockdown; and wishes Sue and Elaine all the best of luck with the virtual awards ceremony hosted by BBC Scotland and all the best with everything in the future.

1078 **British record breaking Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton on winning his 92nd Grand Prix thus making him the most successful race winning F1 driver of all time in addition to the world record that he already holds for all-time career points; acknowledges that Lewis is a fantastic ambassador for British Motorsports and for our country generally; and looks forward to him receiving further national recognition for his terrific sporting achievements.

1079 **Peter Krykant and drug consumption van facility**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House is concerned to learn that Peter Krykant, who recently set-up a drug consumption van in Glasgow city centre, has been charged and cautioned by Police Scotland; understands that Mr Krykant set up the facility in an attempt to help and support people with addictions; firmly believes that the work he is doing helps to reduce harm and save lives; is grateful for the action taken by a volunteer of the service to save the life of an individual recently by administering Naloxone; is aware that individuals are being driven to these types of interventions as a result of Home Office opposition to the establishment of a Supervised Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF); urges Ministers to view this critical issue not as a criminal justice one, but through the lens of public health and in the context of increasing numbers of drug-related deaths across the UK, in order to properly support people with addictions; and demands that the Government amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 immediately to allow for SDCFs to operate legally.

1080 **Ethnicity pay gap reporting**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Martyn Day

That this House notes the efforts of Business in the Community to help cross-sector employers better understand ways that ensure the UK workplace is a place that Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employees, business owners, entrepreneurs and communities feel they belong; further notes the potential benefit to the UK economy is estimated at £24 billion annually if BAME individuals are fully represented across the labour market; notes its concern that racial disparities have been highlighted by the covid-19 pandemic; regrets that leadership and management roles across public and private sectors does not reflect equity of the BAME population; urges the Government to introduce mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting alongside gender pay gap reporting; and further

urges the Government to require employers to set and publish targets so that BAME individuals are better represented at senior levels.

1081 **Big Bang Competition 2020**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Stephen Metcalfe

That this House congratulates all the competitors who have taken part in the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Competition 2020 on the day that they would have normally been attending the Big Bang in Parliament during Tomorrow's Engineers Week and would have been given the opportunity to showcase their brilliant projects to the members of this House; notes how much time and effort these young people have put into their work; expresses its thanks to the teachers for supporting these students in putting these projects together; further expresses its thanks to the organisations and in particular GSK who make this competition possible; notes the importance of STEM activities and opportunities in inspiring young people to choose engineering and other STEM professions as a career; acknowledges that access to careers information, advice and guidance as well as outreach activities is more important than ever to young people who feel that their options have been limited as a result of the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to support efforts to inspire, engage and inform the next generation of scientists and engineers.

1082 **Future Social Care Coalition and support for care staff**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Barbara Keeley
Ed Davey
Jim Shannon
Munira Wilson
Dr Lisa Cameron
Rosie Cooper

That this House welcomes the launch of the cross party and cross sector Future Social Care Coalition and believes now is time for Government to support a fair deal for the social care workforce; notes that since the covid-19 outbreak social care workers are now seen as essential and not unskilled; is concerned that half of the 1.6 million social care workforce on the forgotten frontline earn less than the real Living Wage of £9.30 an hour or £10.75 in London, and thousands are still not paid in full for all the hours they work; further notes that a third of care staff leave their roles each year, up to a quarter are on zero hours contracts and that currently there are 112,000 staff shortages resulting in at least 1.5 million elderly and vulnerable people having unmet care needs and only 15 minute time and task visits; observes that staff shortages and high turnover affect the quality and continuity of care for service users, as does the low level of training and low pay many staff receive; contends that if we value those who are in care then we must value their carers; supports the Future Social Care Coalition's request for parity of esteem for the social care sector with the NHS and a long term social care funding solution; and urges the Government to establish an immediate £3.9 billion Emergency Support Fund to deliver greater skills training and a professional career structure as well as improved pay and conditions for social care workers.

1083 Centenary of formation of Ulster Special Constabulary

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the centenary of the formation of the Ulster Special Constabulary, also known as B Specials, in October 2020; further notes 95 USC members were killed in the line of duty with the majority, 72, killed in conflict with the IRA in 1921 and 1922; highlights the death of Kenneth Smyth, the cousin of the hon. Member for Strangford, who was a former B Special and a UDR soldier murdered on 10 December 1971; thanks every member of our security forces and veterans for the price they paid in their service to Queen and Country in an attempt to face down terrorism and evil and enable us to sleep safely in our beds at night; and reaffirms the dedication of this House not simply to prevent the re-writing of history by terrorists but also to continue to proudly stand with veterans and serving security forces in Northern Ireland and throughout the UK.

1084 Immediate return of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Layla Moran
Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Olney
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jamie Stone
Daisy Cooper

That this House condemns the unjust imprisonment of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori; notes the unfair sentencing of Anoosheh to 12 years imprisonment and summoning of Nazanin to court yet again; recognises the difficult and dangerous conditions that Nazanin is facing by being confined to remaining within 300 metres of her parents' house and Anoosheh in prison due to his vulnerability to covid-19; acknowledges the UK's historic role in standing up for British citizens wrongfully detained abroad; and therefore calls on the Government to make representations to the Iranian authorities for the immediate return of both Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori to the UK.

1085 Martin Donaldson's fundraising efforts

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House congratulates Glasgow East constituent Martin Donaldson on raising over £3,000 for the Celtic FC Foundation and British Heart Foundation; notes that Mr Donaldson cycled nine miles every day for nine weeks, completing a virtual cycle around all Scotland's top flight football grounds from his shed in the East End of Glasgow, covering a distance of 920km; commends Mr Donaldson on undertaking such an intense physical challenge for two worthy causes; and looks forward to Mr Donaldson receiving further donations.

1086 Delays to NHS fertility services as a result of the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 6

Steve McCabe
Ms Harriet Harman
Caroline Lucas
Siobhain McDonagh
Layla Moran
Christine Jardine

That this House acknowledges the delays to NHS fertility services caused by the covid-19 outbreak, and the distressing impact of these delays on fertility patients; further notes the imposition of strict female age limits for NHS-funded IVF by CCGs in England, which range from 34 to 42 years old; recognises that in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, commitments have been made to stop the clock for fertility patients to ensure they do not exceed age limits for NHS-funded IVF due to pandemic-related delays; shares concerns raised by BPAS Fertility, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists and others, that no such directive has been issued in England; further recognises that fertility patients in England are already subject to an unacceptable postcode lottery due to disparities between CCGs' commissioning policies, which commonly diverge from NICE guidance; urges the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to issue guidance to CCGs on the issue of covid-19 delays, to promote a standardised approach across England and offer reassurance to all fertility patients during the pandemic, regardless of where they live; and finally urges the Secretary of State to confirm in said guidance that fertility patients affected by the delays should not be disadvantaged as a result of their age, and no patient who has crossed an age threshold since fertility clinics were instructed to close on 23 March 2020 should be considered ineligible for care on that basis.

1087 Creating a welfare system that works for disabled people

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House recognises the serious challenges and barriers disabled people face within the welfare system; further recognises the impact that the covid-19 outbreak has had on people with disabilities; notes that research by Scope has found that, on average, disabled people face extra costs of £583 a month; calls on the Government to use the upcoming Welfare Green Paper and National Disability Strategy to ensure that the welfare system works for disabled people by removing conditionality and sanctions for disabled claimants, removing the need for face-to-face assessments and replacing the Work Capability Assessment with a new assessment for financial support and a new, separate and optional assessment of employment support needs; and further calls on the Government to build on the temporary changes made to the welfare system during the covid-19 outbreak to make permanent improvements to the system.

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.

1009 Covid-19 impact on mental health

Tabled: 13/10/20 Signatories: 14

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

Ian Paisley

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.

1013 Child poverty

Tabled: 14/10/20 Signatories: 26

Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Jim Shannon
Stephen Farry
Ian Byrne

Mike Hill

That this House expresses concern that new child poverty data, published by the End Child Poverty Coalition on 14th October 2020, reveals that more than half of children in some constituencies are living in poverty after housing costs are factored in; notes that the highest rates of child poverty are in London and Birmingham and that there were high levels of children in poverty in working households before the pandemic; and calls for an urgent Government plan to end child poverty including an uprating of housing assistance in line with inflation, retaining the £20 uplift in universal credit introduced at the start of the pandemic, ending the benefit cap and the two-child limit on benefits, investing in all children with an increase to child benefit, and extending free school meals to all families in receipt of universal credit and people with No Recourse to Public Funds.

1022 Drug deaths

Tabled: 15/10/20 Signatories: 16

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

Mike Hill

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.

1028 Ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan

Tabled: 16/10/20 Signatories: 6

Sir Peter Bottomley
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Caroline Lucas
Ben Lake
Kirsten Oswald

That this House is deeply concerned at the recent escalation of tensions between the armed forces of Armenia 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 and Azerbaijan; 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 of meaningful negotiations without delay.

1034 Baby loss support

Tabled: 19/10/20 Signatories: 12

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

Ian Paisley

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: **17**

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

Tony Lloyd

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: **40**

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

Margaret Greenwood

Chris Law

Jon Cruddas

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.'

1042 Result of the Bolivian presidential election

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 17

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Grahame Morris
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Ms Diane Abbott

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Luis Arce and the Movement Towards Socialism party on their victory in the Bolivian Presidential election on 18 October; notes that in his previous role as Economy Minister, Luis Arce oversaw a surge in growth, a sharp reduction in poverty and substantial investment in health and education and wider public services; further notes that these elections were the first held since a military-led coup ousted legitimate President Evo Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, last November and forced him into exile abroad; condemns the wave of human rights abuses under the regime imposed by the military-led coup which especially targeted trade unionists, indigenous activists and Movement Towards Socialism activists; hopes that justice is done for all those whose rights were violated by the regime imposed by the military-led coup including those who lost their lives; regrets the response of the UK and US governments to the military-led coup in 2019; and calls on the Government to engage constructively with the new Bolivian government.

1044 Local Government Pension Scheme

Tabled: 20/10/20 Signatories: 19

John McDonnell
Paula Barker
Clive Lewis
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery
Ian Byrne

Andrew Gwynne

Mike Hill

Tony Lloyd

That this House notes with concern that with the prospect of potentially significant further cuts in jobs in local government, the Government is seeking to drive through plans to cut the pension or severance payments to public sector members of the Local Government Pension Scheme aged 55 and above; and supports those trade unionists campaigning both to expose the implications of the Government's plans and to oppose their imposition.

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

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 12

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

David Linden

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.

1046 1st Battalion The Highlanders' Guinness World Record

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 16

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

David Linden

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.

1047 Scottish Poppy Appeal 2020

Tabled: 21/10/20 Signatories: 25

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

David Linden

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.

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

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman
Clive Lewis
John McDonnell
Jonathan Edwards
Andrew Gwynne

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.

1057 **Murrayfield Ice Rink**

Tabled: 22/10/20 Signatories: 6

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Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse

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.

1058 United Nations Day on 24 October 2020Tabled: **22/10/20** Signatories: **34**

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Clive Lewis
Andrew Gwynne
Gavin Robinson

Neil Gray

Tony Lloyd

Christine Jardine

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.

1059 Cyprus 60th Independence Day and FamagustaTabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **6**

Geraint Davies
Mr Virendra Sharma
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Sammy Wilson
Bob Blackman
Christine Jardine

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.

1060 Digital exclusion of asylum seekersTabled: **23/10/20** Signatories: **11**

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Alison Thewliss
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Drew Hendry

Steven Bonnar

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.