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New EDMs

1129 **Closure of Suicide Forums**

Tabled: **16/11/20** Signatories: **17**

Richard Burgon
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Kate Osborne
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Apsana Begum
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Mearns
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Zarah Sultana
Ian Byrne
John McDonnell
Tahir Ali

Mary Kelly Foy
Rebecca Long Bailey
Grahame Morris

That this house notes with sadness the death of Joe Nihill, a popular young man and former army cadet from Whinmoor in East Leeds who, following three bereavements, tragically took his life at 23 years old after accessing online forums that encourage suicide; is concerned that these forums, which contain content that both promotes suicide and recommends methods of suicide, can constitute a real danger to people, particularly people suffering with severe mental health problems; calls on the Government to significantly expand funding for mental health treatment and support, particularly for young people; congratulates his family for their inspiring campaign to prevent what happened to Joe happening to other people; and calls on the Government to assess the harm caused by forums that encourage suicide and look at what can be done to stop such promotion by such online promotion.

1130 Ryan Christie scores qualifying goal

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 4

**Drew Hendry
Brendan O'Hara
Alan Brown
Ian Blackford**

That this house congratulates former Inverness Millburn Academy pupil and former Caledonian Thistle Football Club academy graduate, Ryan Christie, on scoring the qualifying goal to take the Scotland National men's football team to a successful penalty shoot out, and to qualification for the European Championships in 2021; and finally, wishes Ryan and the rest of the Scotland team all the best of luck for that tournament.

1131 Scottish Youth Parliament elects Josh Kennedy as chair

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Gavin Newlands

That this House congratulates the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) on their recent election of a chair; notes that the Parliament elected Josh Kennedy to chair the 160 elected members who sit as the Parliament; notes that Josh is another product of the outstanding education at Trinity High School, Renfrew; believes that the Scottish Youth Parliament provides a unique forum across Scotland that ensures the issues affecting young people are heard at the highest levels of government; congratulates the SYP on the 21 years of fine work since their formation; and looks forward to many more years of it working on behalf of the young people of Scotland.

1132 Support for small businesses with Pay for Postage Scheme

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the need to support small businesses due to the continued impact of covid-19 and lockdown restrictions; welcomes the idea of a Pay the Postage Scheme to help small businesses compete with larger retailers during the lucrative Christmas season; notes that free postage offers from online shopping giants compounds an already difficult climate; further notes that postage paid by the Government would incentivise shoppers to purchase individual items from different, independent businesses and to shop small from home; and calls on the Government to remove the delivery cost burden facing small businesses and introduce this initiative as a way to stimulate traffic to their sites.

1133 Living Wage Week in Scotland

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises that 9-15 November is Living Wage Week 2020; appreciates that the real living wage of £9.50 per hour is determined each year by the Resolution Foundation on an analysis of the wage that employees need to earn in order to afford the basket of goods required for a decent standard of living, and includes housing, childcare, transport and heating costs; welcomes the increase in the real living wage of 20p per hour; understands that 45,600 employees in Scotland have seen their pay rise due to the increase in the real living wage this year; acknowledges that there are 1,892 Living Wage Employers in Scotland; celebrates that Scotland has the highest proportion of living wage employees of any part of the UK; notes that Living Wage Employers come

from the public, private and third sector; believes that there is still much work to be done before all people can learn a real living wage; notes that employment law is reserved to Westminster, yet commends the Scottish Government on its efforts to promote fair work; calls on the UK Government to raise the minimum wage to the level of the real living wage; further calls for the UK Government to take on real Living Wage accreditation across its own departments; thanks all who have signed up to be Living Wage employers, in particular the 180 who accredited in Scotland during lockdown; and encourages those who have not signed up to do so for the benefit of society as a whole.

1134 International Day of People with Disabilities

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises 3 December is the International Day of People with Disabilities, a day to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities; supports the United Nations work surrounding this campaign, notes this year's theme is entitled not all disabilities are visible, which aims to spread awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent such as mental illness, learning difficulties, head injury and other non-visible conditions; acknowledges that over 15 per cent of the world's population live with a disability and that during these unprecedented times, they are likely to be disproportionately affected; acknowledges the work the all-party Parliamentary group on Disability has done to raise the profile of disability across the House; further acknowledges the fantastic work charities have done to support disabled people globally, including Leonard Cheshire, Sense and Sense International; encourages the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for people with disabilities leaving no one behind in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

1135 High Life Highland covid-19 response

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 3

**Drew Hendry
Ian Blackford
Brendan O'Hara**

That this House commends High Life Highland (HLH) management and staff for their outstanding efforts to support Highland communities throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes that hundreds of staff volunteered in communities across the Highlands with many supporting vital community and key worker hubs; acknowledges that their online services have already reached over 2 million customer engagements contributing to the well-being of some of the Highlands' most vulnerable citizens; further notes that these services include Macmillan, move more, music tuition, youth and adult learning services, access to archives; libraries, and leisure services; pays tribute High Life Highland's pro-active and safety-focused Bounceback campaign which has led to the safe reopening of leisure centres, libraries, museums, arts centres, archive centres and many other services across Highland communities; congratulates the team on the safe commencement of swimming lessons for over 3,000 children; and thanks the team for the ongoing substantial contribution they are making to the health and well-being of Highland residents and the recovery of communities now and post covid-19.

1136 Health and safety protections for gig economy workers

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 2

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the finding of the High Court that the UK Government has failed to properly implement EU health and safety directives and has failed to transpose important EU health and safety protections into UK law; notes that the case was taken to court by the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB) because workers not classed as employees have to date been denied the right to refuse unsafe work and the right to personal protective equipment (PPE), putting them in serious danger throughout the pandemic; further notes that the judgment means that workers in the gig economy are entitled to the same EU-derived health and safety rights as employees; congratulates the IWGB for securing this ruling on the back of a public crowdfunding initiative; reminds the Government of its undertakings that it has no intention of lowering the standards of workers' rights after the UK leaves the EU; and calls on the Government to act now to provide a clear statutory extension of health and safety protections to gig economy and other precarious workers.

1137 White Ribbon Day 2020

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House recognises White Ribbon Day 2020 which takes place on Wednesday 25 November; notes that this is a day for people to stand up, speak out and say no to violence against women; further recognises the significance of this day during a year which has seen an increase in violence, harassment and abuse towards women during the coronavirus pandemic; and finally urges everyone to work together to prevent violence and make sure people's homes and communities are safe for everyone.

1138 Potential merits of statutory bereavement leave

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House supports the introduction of statutory bereavement leave for those who suffer the loss of an immediate family member; recognises that bereavement has a tremendous impact on physical and mental health; acknowledges that while many employers voluntarily offer compassionate leave for staff who have lost a close relative, this decision remains entirely at the discretion of employers; notes that concerns about the introduction of statutory bereavement leave on economic grounds are unfounded, with new research commissioned by Sue Ryder revealing that the cost of bereavement to the UK economy is an estimated £22.9bn a year, due to presenteeism, absenteeism and reduced employment; understands that if just a fraction of the costs associated with bereavement could be mitigated through better support by employers it would provide a considerable boost to the economy; agrees that although statutory bereavement leave will incur some short term costs, ultimately it would lead to significant savings for the UK economy through reduced staff absence, higher employee productivity and less reliance on health and welfare support post-bereavement; welcomes the UK Government's recent introduction of two weeks statutory bereavement leave for parents who have lost a child under the age of 18 years old which recognises the impact of grief and the need for statutory protections; and calls on the UK Government to build on this progress and introduce statutory paid bereavement leave of two weeks for those who have suffered the loss of an immediate family member.

1139 Israeli annexation of Palestinian land

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Tommy Sheppard

That this House is deeply alarmed by the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements; notes that, despite the temporary suspension of formal annexation plans, Israel has accelerated the construction of illegal settlements across the West Bank to its fastest pace since 2012; recognises that settlement expansion amounts to the de facto annexation of territory, and needs the same robust international response as formal annexation; acknowledges that Israel's displacement of Palestinian communities to establish Jewish only settlements, with different rights allocated depending on ethnicity, is being referred to by many political analysts and legal scholars as an example of apartheid; and calls on the Government to take effective measures in response.

1140 Demolition of Palestinian homes

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Tommy Sheppard

That this House strongly condemns Israel's destruction of the entire Palestinian village of Khirbet Hamsa al-Foqa; is appalled that 73 people, including 41 children, have been made homeless in the largest incident of forced displacement in the West Bank for years; notes that 2020 has seen the highest level of Palestinian home demolitions in four years, despite the covid-19 pandemic, which has left over 800 people homeless many of who are children; is alarmed that JCB equipment is being supplied to Israeli forces for the destruction of Palestinian structures, and that the UN Human Rights Office has listed the British company as sustaining illegal settlements; and calls on the Government to immediately ban all UK trade with illegal Israeli settlements, and take action to prevent equipment supplied by British companies, including JCB, from operating in them.

1141 Linktown Christmas Gifts

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House praises the efforts of Linktown Tenants and Residents Association for their initiative to deliver gifts of pyjamas, toiletries, sweets and socks to a local care home for Christmas 2020 as part of the Linktown Community Aid project to bring a smile to residents' faces during the covid-19 outbreak; recognises the change in focus of Linktown Community Aid which was started to tackle food poverty, but with the ongoing pandemic is now working to combat loneliness and isolation in the community among older people; and wishes them every success with this important work which will mean so much to some of the most vulnerable people in the Linktown community who have been hardest hit by the covid-19 outbreak.

1142 High Street Heroes

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises Cowdenbeath bagpiper Dean Saunders for his charity work throughout the covid-19 outbreak; congratulates Dean on achieving Highly Commended status as one of Scotland Loves Local's High Street Heroes; and also congratulates Kirkcaldy businesspeople Amanda Allan of Heavenly Sensations, Bill Harvey formerly of Kirkcaldy4All, Byam Trotter of Trotter's Independent Condiments, Dom Panetta and his team at Migele Experience, Louise Canny of Elouise Jewellery, Fraize Iqbal of Linktown Local Premier Store, and Mike Lowe of Cupcake Coffee Box, as

well as Keystore Kirkcaldy, Usave Grocers Kirkcaldy, Roddy Black of Bay Printing & Signs in Dalgety Bay, Veronica Hutton of Scotmid in Inverkeithing, Wilma Aitchison of the Clock Street Pastors and The Clearing in Cowdenbeath and the Clock Street Pastors for being recognised on the roll of honour.

1143 Recognition for Dental Care Professionals

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Tim Farron

That this House commends the work of dental nurses, dental therapists, dental hygienists, orthodontic therapists and dental care professionals (DCPs) carrying out frontline work at Urgent Care Dental Centres during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that dental nurses in particular are a focal point in the provision of dental treatment delivered by clinicians; further notes that the DCPs are the largest group within the dental team, with 68,000 dental care professionals in the UK; recognises the vital work that this, often overlooked, profession carries out, providing essential care to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in both primary and secondary care settings; urges the Government to allow dental nurses and dental care professionals to fulfil their full potential, by making the contractual changes necessary for dental hygienists and therapists to open a course of dental treatment and prescribe medication under the exemptions mechanism; further urges the Government to improve the consistency and recognition of dental nursing qualifications; calls on the Government to expand dental nurses scope of practice, enabling them to use their skills during the backlog of the covid-19 outbreak and beyond; and further calls on the Government to improve the recognition of dental technicians and the essential skills they have in supporting and delivering care for vulnerable groups and the frail.

1144 A National Resilience Programme

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Stephen Metcalfe

That this House notes the importance of physical activity to keeping older people healthy and resilient; further notes that one in three older people did less physical activity during the first lockdown in March 2020 and that within three days of not using muscles people can experience significant decreases in muscle mass and quality which might be the difference of an older person being able to get out of a chair by themselves or not; highlights the proposal by The Physiological Society and Centre for Ageing Better for the introduction of a National Resilience Programme to bring together a package of measures to support older people through covid-19 restrictions, keeping them healthy and resilient over winter 2020; and notes that an effective programme should incorporate a tailored exercise package focused on older people with key covid-19 risk factors, clear guidance on a healthy balanced diet, support to build communities to counter loneliness in order to improve mental health, and a plan to enlist help of relatives, care workers and other professionals to re-build older adults' confidence and support them to stay active and keep well.

1145 Contribution of John Hays to the North East

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Julie Elliott**

That this House recognises the sad passing of John Hays, the founder of the UK's largest independent travel agent, Hays Travel; notes that he was not only a successful businessman but a hugely popular, highly respected and well-loved figure in the North East, being recognised not

only for his business acumen but his philanthropy supporting many local charities and community organisations; further notes that when Mr Hays learnt of the Thomas Cook collapse last year, he bravely took on 2,000 of their staff to protect their livelihoods and that of their families leading many to name him a high street hero; and offers its deepest sympathies to his wife Irene and their family at this difficult time.

1146 World Children's Day: Support for children in conflict zones during covid-19

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House recognises that 20 November 2020 is World Children's Day; notes with deep concern the plight of the 149 million children caught up in high-intensity conflict zones who now face the additional threat of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that no-one is safe from covid-19 until everyone is, and that the collective response to the global pandemic will only be as strong as the protection for the most vulnerable; urges the Government to work together with international partners to ensure humanitarian assistance responding to the covid-19 crisis reaches the most vulnerable in conflict zones; calls upon the Government to lead in providing support to ensure refugee settlements are provided with the necessary sanitation and medical services they need to respond to covid-19; and further calls upon the Government to work together with international partners to ensure children in fragile states are able to continue their education.

1147 Vitamin D and covid-19

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan**

That this House notes the growing body of evidence on the positive role vitamin D can play in mitigating against the incidence and severity of covid-19; encourages the Government to undertake further research into the relationship between vitamin D, immune health and covid-19; acknowledges the already high levels of vitamin D deficiency in the UK, and the potential for a winter lockdown to exacerbate this issue; notes growing support in the scientific community for increased daily intake of vitamin D supplements; and further urges the Government to ensure the increased intake of vitamin D among the UK population through increased public communications and direct provision to vulnerable cohorts.

1148 World Kindness Day

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan**

That this House notes World Kindness Day was celebrated on 13 November 2020; further notes that whilst the day has passed the sentiment must continue; encourages hon. Members to act with kindness and gentleness in how we treat those we agree with and those we disagree with alike; and further urges hon. Members to exemplify love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in this place and in our day to day lives as we encourage the general public to carry on the sentiments of kindness day throughout the rest of 2020.

1149 **Scotland and the Euro 2020**

Tabled: 16/11/20 Signatories: 47

Gavin Newlands
Ian Blackford
Alison Thewliss
Alan Brown
David Linden
Drew Hendry

Hannah Bardell
 Steven Bonnar
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Ronnie Cowan
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Marion Fellows
 Patrick Grady
 Neale Hanvey
 Kenny MacAskill
 Stuart C McDonald
 Carol Monaghan
 Kirsten Oswald
 Chris Stephens
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Mhairi Black
 Deidre Brock
 Douglas Chapman
 Angela Crawley
 Dave Doogan
 Stephen Flynn
 Peter Grant
 Stewart Hosie
 Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Anne McLaughlin
 John Nicolson
 Tommy Sheppard
 Owen Thompson
 Pete Wishart

Kirsty Blackman
 Amy Callaghan
 Joanna Cherry
 Martyn Day
 Allan Dorans
 Patricia Gibson
 Neil Gray
 Chris Law
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 John McNally
 Brendan O'Hara
 Alyn Smith
 Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates the Scottish National Men's Team for their qualification to Euro 2020; welcomes the team qualifying for their first major finals tournament since World Cup 1998; notes that the team have now gone nine games unbeaten, with that streak beginning in October 2019; praises David Marshall for his save in the penalty shoot-out against Serbia in the Nations League play-off, ensuring the team's qualification; applauds Ryan Christie on his 52nd minute goal to put Scotland ahead, and for his post-match interview which received widespread acclaim and respect in Scotland; thanks Sky Television for broadcasting the game on Freeview allowing the vast majority of the Scottish public to watch the game; further notes the widespread appreciation of the work done by Stevie Clarke as manager and his team in securing a hugely significant achievement; and wishes the team well, not only in its forthcoming games against Slovakia and Israel which could secure promotion to the top tier of the UEFA Nations League, but in the Euro 2020 tournament itself when Scotland will face the Czech Republic and Croatia at Hampden, and will be looking to exorcise the demons of 1996 when they face the "Auld Enemy" at Wembley.

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.

1069 **WASPI women**

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 30

Sir George Howarth
Andrew Gwynne
Jonathan Edwards
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra
John McDonnell

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

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.

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

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 32

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

Stuart C McDonald

Steven Bonnar

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.

1079 Peter Krykant and drug consumption van facility

Tabled: 2/11/20 Signatories: 24

Alison Thewliss
 Grahame Morris
 Patrick Grady
 Ronnie Cowan
 Jim Shannon
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Ben Lake

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.

1089 Places of worship

Tabled: 3/11/20 Signatories: 33

John Spellar
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker
 Claudia Webbe
 Ian Lavery

Gordon Henderson
 Sarah Olney

Andrew Selous
 Tony Lloyd

Neil Coyle

That this House recognises the considerable role played by places of worship of all faiths in providing support to communities and individuals; is deeply concerned at the impact on mental health and personal wellbeing, especially on the the elderly, of the closure of places of worship during the period of new national covid-19 lockdown restrictions; calls on the Government to publish the evidence that the banning of communal worship is an effective part of controlling the covid-19 rate of infection; and urges the Government to urgently engage with faith leaders to reach a better arrangement for the period of the new national covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

1098 Falkland Islands mine-free declaration

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 16

Andrew Rosindell
 Sir Mike Penning
 Dr Julian Lewis
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Andrew Gwynne

Joanna Cherry
 Mr Clive Betts

Carla Lockhart
 Sir David Amess

Mr Toby Perkins
 Hilary Benn

That this House recognises the Falkland Islands will officially be declared mine-free on November 14 2020, fulfilling the UK's commitment of its clearance obligation under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention; notes that with this declaration the entire UK and her Overseas Territories will be mine-free; pays tribute to the members of the UK armed forces who contributed to mapping, fencing and clearing the minefields between 1982 and 2009 and the de-mining team from SafeLane Global Ltd who between 2009 and 2020 have destroyed over 10,000 mines and other items of unexploded ordnance; and understands that the project has released 23 million square meters of land allowing the access to large areas of ground which had been fenced off for 38 years.

1100 Support for hostels

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 24

Liz Saville Roberts
 Hywel Williams
 Patrick Grady
 Ben Lake
 John McDonnell
 Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Ian Blackford

That this House notes that hostels have been hit particularly hard by the covid-19 outbreak; further notes that shared spaces, such as bathrooms and kitchens, are often part of a hostel's business model and that this has made operating at full capacity, and even reopening, difficult for many while operating within the necessary public health guidelines; acknowledges that many hostels had viable business models and were flourishing before the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that many hostels play a key part in the rural economy, bringing visitors who support other local businesses; further recognises that in rural areas, hostels are often used by people who intend to take part in outdoor activities and that ensuring that people can still access healthy outdoor holidays at accessible prices will be important after the covid-19 outbreak; stresses that hostels must be supported so that they are ready to open and return to full capacity as soon as restrictions can be lifted; and calls on the Government to underpin health measures with economic support and urgently put packages of support in place for the hostel sector.

1104 Disability Discrimination Act 1995

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 28

Kirsten Oswald
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Sir Peter Bottomley
Claudia Webbe
Steven Bonnar
Deidre Brock

John McNally

That this House notes that 25 years ago, on 8 November 1995, the Disability Discrimination Act received Royal Assent; recalls that this landmark piece of legislation was the result of a hard-fought campaign by disabled people, with up to 100,000 disabled activists taking part in direct action, campaigning for equal rights and an end to the kind of societal discrimination that saw wheelchair users regularly banned from bars, cinemas and theatres under the guise of health and safety; records that, under this Act, for the first time, it became unlawful to discriminate against disabled people, as employees, customers and citizens using public transport or getting an education; considers that the Act was an important milestone and a recognition of disability equality and disability rights, but notes that many felt it did not go far enough; recognises that, despite it now being against the law, disabled people are still discriminated against, in work, in public places, for example by assistance dog owners being refused access to restaurants and taxis, and with huge swathes of public transport still inaccessible; and joins disability campaign groups in calling for a fresh look at the future of disability equality and what needs to change in all aspects of society, including what steps are needed to ensure that anti-discrimination laws are backed up by meaningful enforcement.

1108 Pet travel and tick treatment

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 12

Kenny MacAskill
John McNally
Andrew Gwynne
Chris Stephens
Gavin Robinson
Jim Shannon

Gordon Henderson

That this House recognises the vital importance of improving the health and welfare of companion animals in the UK; notes with concern that there has been an increase in tick prevalence in the UK; and further notes reports of tick-borne diseases brought to the UK from pets that have recently travelled abroad; notes that the increase of tick-borne diseases could pose a serious danger to human and animal health; and urgently calls on the Government to ensure the re-introduction of compulsory tick treatments for all cats and dogs travelling to the UK from overseas under the Pet Travel Scheme.

1110 Dismissals of app-based courier and private hire driver workers

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 58

Ian Byrne
Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Kate Osborne
Dan Carden
Zarah Sultana

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

That this House condemns the opaque and unjust process by which app-based couriers and private hire drivers working for companies such as UBER and Deliveroo can be blocked permanently from their accounts and thus effectively dismissed from their jobs; recognises that couriers and private hire drivers are key workers who are working on the frontline of the covid-19 pandemic and are often putting their own health at risk in the process; recognises that that practice of dismissal is leaving many key workers on low-incomes facing potential destitution; notes that transparency is lacking both in terms of what is expected of workers in those industries and around the reasons for their dismissal; further notes that workers are facing dismissal and destitution for reasons beyond their control such as technical issues with the company's app; notes that such dismissals can be triggered by unfounded customer allegations or traffic delays, regardless of the worker's length or quality of service; calls for all app-based companies to end unfair dismissals by implementing fair dismissal processes, including a hearing prior to dismissal, and the right to appeal a dismissal with union representation.

1115 Advertising-funded media tax credit

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 15

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
John McNally
Chris Stephens
Alyn Smith
Jim Shannon

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Hywel Williams

That this House recognises the importance of commercial radio stations; commends the hard work of those radio stations during the covid-19 pandemic, not only as a reliable source of local news, but also to provide a friendly voice to many people living alone; acknowledges the financial difficulty that a large reduction in advertising spend can cause such radio stations; and calls on the Government to introduce an advertising tax credit for UK advertising-funded media.

1122 Just Transition campaign for offshore oil and gas workers

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
Caroline Lucas
Ian Mearns
Mike Hill
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Offshore report published by Platform London, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Greenpeace based on results from a survey of nearly 1,400 predominantly upstream oil and gas workers on industry conditions and the green energy transition; notes that of those surveyed, 91 per cent had not heard of a Just Transition, 42 per cent had been made redundant or furloughed during the covid-19 pandemic and 81 per cent were considering jobs in other industries, particularly offshore wind, other renewables, decommissioning and carbon capture and storage; is concerned that over 9,000 jobs have been lost across the UK offshore oil and gas sector in 2020 without proper support for retraining and redeployment and that employers estimate a total of 30,000 jobs losses by October 2021; further notes that offshore oil and gas workers continue to face barriers to re-training for jobs in offshore renewables; believes that offshore oil and gas workers' transferrable skills are essential to delivering a just and rapid transition to low and zero emission energy sources; welcomes constructive coalitions between offshore workers, their trades unions and environmental groups in building public support for a Just Transition which puts jobs, skills, livelihoods and public ownership at the centre of tackling existential threats from climate change; and calls on the Government to meet with offshore energy workers, their trades unions and climate groups involved in the Offshore report to enshrine Just Transition measures in the forthcoming North Sea Transition deal.

1123 Mr Martin Francis O'Hara

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the contribution to public life made by Mr Martin Francis O'Hara, a proud resident of East Kilbride, who in April 2021 will mark forty years of service to the Department of International Development and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); notes his role in the development, roll out, improvement and maintenance of human resources and payroll IT systems across those Government departments; highlights his role in training those subsequently tasked with implementing IT solutions in Government postings around the world; and draws particular attention to his work in 2013 in Bangladesh, overseeing the completion of the Shapla building which now provides a key base for FCDO teams in that country.

1124 Dream Hair Salon Award success

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 2

**Dave Doogan
Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Marie Ramminger of Dream Hair salon in Arbroath who won a bronze award at the Wella Trend Vision Awards UK Final; notes that only three Scottish finalists won an award at this year's finals demonstrating the extent of Marie's achievement; commends the resilience shown by Marie and her team in building and expanding Dream Hair after adding to their salon in Arbroath with another in Forfar which was renovated and opened straight after the covid-19 lockdown; recognises what it considers to be the exceptional quality of service provided by Marie and her team as evidenced by the fact that their client base is drawn from across North East Scotland; and praises the team at Dream Hair for their success and wishes them continued success in the future.

1125 Award of Chatham House Prize 2020 to Justices of Malawi's Constitutional Court

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 24

**Patrick Grady
Gavin Newlands
John Spellar
Owen Thompson
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That this House congratulates the judges on the Constitutional Court of Malawi, Justice Healey Potani, Justice Ivy Kamanga, Justice Redson Kapindu, Justice Dingswayo Madise and Justice Michael Tembo, who have been awarded the 2020 Chatham House Prize in recognition of the courage and independence in the defence of democracy demonstrated in their historic February 2020 ruling that annulled the May 2019 Malawian presidential election; notes that the Chatham House Prize is awarded annually to the person, persons or organisation deemed by the institute's members to have made the most significant contribution to the improvement of international relations in the previous year; further notes that Chatham House has concluded that at a time when standards of democratic governance are under threat not only in Africa, but in many democracies, Malawi's constitutional court judges set an example for their peers across the world by upholding the centrality of the rule of law and separation of powers; recognises that the February 2020 judgement led to fresh elections in Malawi; and believes, with the members of Chatham House, that the judges' decision has helped to rebuild the confidence of Malawi's citizens in their institutions, and serves as encouragement for those interested in upholding standards of democracy more widely across the African continent and around the world.

1127 75th anniversary of UNESCO

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That this House congratulates the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, which celebrates its 75th anniversary on Monday 16th November 2020; notes that the organisation was founded in London in 1945 to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture; further notes that since then the organisation has built up a global network of 193 Member States and has designated 1,121 World Heritage Sites, 246 Creative Cities, 161 Global Geoparks and 701 Biosphere Reserves around the world, including 165 designations across the UK; further congratulates the wide range of experts, stakeholders and communities who support the work of UNESCO in the pursuit of its mission to build the defences of peace in the minds of people; welcomes the various celebrations taking place to mark the anniversary, including an event on 16th November hosted by the UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts at the University of Glasgow, Prof Alison Phipps, reflecting on the cultural heritage of Eritrea; and wishes all those involved in supporting UNESCO every success as the organisation seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the promotion of peace around the world in the years to come.

1128 Paid bereavement leave

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That this House recognises that losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult and painful challenges that many of us face; further recognises that common symptoms of grief include feeling shocked and numb, overwhelming sadness, tiredness or exhaustion, anger and guilt; notes that an employee has the right to time off if a dependent dies but that under current legislation, statutory bereavement pay is only available to eligible parents if their children die before they turn 18, or if a baby is stillborn after 24 weeks of pregnancy; further notes that research commissioned by the charity Sue Ryder calculates that grief experienced by employees who have lost a loved one costs the UK economy £23 billion a year through reduced productivity, and the Treasury nearly £8 billion as a result of reduced tax revenues and increased use of NHS and social care resources; and calls on the Government to urgently consult with stakeholders on the best way to introduce paid bereavement leave, with a view to introducing a statutory right to two weeks.