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New EDMs

1156 **Dementia and the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: **18/11/20** Signatories: **1**

Sir George Howarth

That this House notes the profound and disproportionate impact of covid-19 pandemic on people with dementia and their carers; appreciates the heroic efforts made by family members and friends to care for their loved ones during the pandemic; acknowledges the challenges faced by those with dementia and their carers, including irregular opportunities to visit loved ones in care homes, a lack of personal protective equipment and insufficient testing for care home staff, and inadequate pay, terms and conditions for many frontline care staff; welcomes the Government's trial of visitor testing in care homes; calls on the Government to consider the recommendations in the Alzheimer's Society's report entitled Worst Hit: dementia during coronavirus, including ensuring that family carers are given key worker status and; urges the Government to use the upcoming Spending Review to ensure that dementia services, including research organisations, are adequately funded.

1157 **Deacon Jim Hamilton's 20 years of service at Maryhill Parish Church**

Tabled: **18/11/20** Signatories: **1**

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Jim Hamilton, Deacon at Maryhill Parish Church of Scotland, on his 20 years of service to the community; notes that Jim took up his post on 20 November 2000, having previously served as a Deacon at Garthamlock and Craigend Parish Church; thanks Jim for his incredible contribution not just to the parish but to the wider community of Maryhill, including his organisation of many events, fetes and galas in the area over the years; notes in particular his co-ordination of the Maryhill Activity Directory since 2001, which has now reached its eight edition of which 32,000 copies were published and distributed, providing a comprehensive guide to the many activities and services, often volunteer-led, in and around Maryhill; acknowledges the role played by Jim in developing the People Make Maryhill awards evening where members of the local

community are recognised for the contribution they make to the local area; notes that a virtual celebration to mark Jim's anniversary will be held on 19 November 2020, and looks forward to a suitable opportunity when circumstances allow for friends, family and the wider community to gather in person to thank Jim for all his service and wish him all the best for the future.

1158 Gardening group nominated for funding

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That the House congratulates Cockszie and Port Seton in Bloom for being chosen for funding by a leading supermarket chain; notes the Group's Seed to Plate initiative is in the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund; understands the project will be in the running for votes and depending on number of votes received will amount to money raised; the funding round started on October 25 and will run for 12 months; notes that the project was started through funding by Historic Environment Scotland and the local area partnership; further notes that the project has included an outdoor garden created at Cockszie Primary School growing fruit and vegetables as part of an education programme, then food grown along with recipe cards was shared with families across the local area; notes that East Lothian families in receipt of free meals and food support were given seeds and plants to grow at home; and wishes the project much success for the future.

1159 East Lothian gin nominated for Scottish Gin Award

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Fidra Gin Founders Emma Bouglet and Jo Brydie for their Gin's nomination with the Scottish Gin Awards; understands Fidra Gin based in Athelstaneford was among one of the finalists announced last week; notes that Fidra Gin has been named as a finalist in three categories, London Dry Gin of the Year, Growth Business of the Year and Excellence in Branding; notes that this is a huge accomplishment as the company has only been running for two years; and wishes all the best to the founders and their company.

1160 National Consumer Week 2020

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House commends National Consumer Week 2020 which runs from the 16 to 22 November; pays tribute to the excellent work undertaken by Advice Direct Scotland which runs Scotland's national consumer advice service, consumeradvice.scot, Trading Standards Scotland and Citizens' Advice Scotland to protect and support consumers; understands that this year's campaign will focus on Online Shopping and Deliveries; notes the increasing numbers of consumers shopping online due to the covid-19 outbreak and applauds efforts to encourage consumers to shop online safely, know their rights, be wary of unfair delivery charges and be on guard against counterfeit goods; and acknowledges the importance of helping consumers recognise and avoid online shopping scams while supporting legitimate businesses, as well as providing advice and support if something does go wrong.

1161 Electrical Fire Safety WeekTabled: **18/11/20** Signatories: **1****Yvonne Fovargue**

That this House notes that the 23rd to the 29th of November is Electrical Fire Safety Week (EFSW) which is run by the charity Electrical Safety First in co-operation with the Home Office's Fire Kills campaign; commends the Charity's work to reduce fires caused by electricity of which there are more than 14,000 each year; and notes that this year's theme for EFSW is harms caused by the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces; recognises that online marketplaces are not subject to the same regulations as the high street with online marketplaces viewing themselves as virtual landlords; further notes the important work of Electrical Safety First in raising awareness of this issue; further recognises that more consumers will be shopping online this Christmas due to restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus outbreak; notes that a Censuswide survey conducted for Electrical Safety First shows that 58 per cent of consumers will use online marketplaces for their Christmas shopping, with 59 per cent of these respondents viewing them as safer than the high street; and recognises that now, more than ever, it is important to ensure consumer safety when shopping online; and urges the Government to improve the legislation relating to online marketplaces to ensure that consumers are protected from the sale of unsafe electrical goods on these platforms; and urges the Government to broaden the scope of the expected Online Harms Bill to include the sale of unsafe electrical goods on online marketplaces.

1162 Safeguarding the small brewers relief schemeTabled: **18/11/20** Signatories: **2****Geraint Davies
Ian Mearns**

That this House notes the positive impact that the small brewers relief scheme has had on the survival and growth of the UK's small independent breweries; notes that this could be undermined by the Treasury's proposed changes to the scheme to reduce the 50 per cent rate from 5,000hl to 2,100hl and to put it on a cash basis; further notes that this is threatening small breweries at a time when they are struggling through the covid-19 crisis and they have not received the same level of support as the wider hospitality sector including the business rates holiday; and calls on the Government not to change the small brewers relief scheme or to introduce the cash basis but to instead initiate support for small brewers in line with the wider hospitality sector.

1163 Anniversary of the Bhopal poisonous gas leakTabled: **18/11/20** Signatories: **7****Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley
Barry Gardiner
Lloyd Russell-Moyle****Grahame Morris**

That this House remembers the terrible disaster that took place on 2 December 1984 in Bhopal, India, when a major poisonous gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant resulted in more than 600,000 people being exposed to the highly toxic methyl isocyanate gas, thousands of people dying and many more suffering serious and life-changing injuries; notes that Amnesty International has stated that more than 100,000 people now live with contaminated water supplies and exposure to the chemicals, as well as a range of health problems and chronic illnesses caused by the disaster;

further notes that current owners, Dow Chemicals, need to rectify the environmental damage and properly compensate the victims and their families; and commends the work of the Trades Union Congress and Unison Union in campaigning on this issue and calls on those responsible to be brought to justice so that the victims who have been waiting 36 years for justice finally receive closure.

1164 Global Islamophobia

Tabled: 18/11/20 Signatories: 7

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Ian Byrne
Jeremy Corbyn
Mary Kelly Foy

Kate Osborne

That this House draws attention to Islamophobia in the UK and worldwide; supports Islamophobia Awareness Month; draws attention to the fact that Rohingya Muslims have been driven out of Myanmar and now seek refuge in Bangladesh; that two mosques were simultaneously attacked in New Zealand in 2019; that Uyghur Muslims are being persecuted in Xinjiang, China; that German Muslims were killed in a far right attack in February 2020; that two women were stabbed in a racially-aggravated attack in Paris in October 2020, in a country that in 2010 banned the wearing of niqab in public spaces; recognises that Islamophobia is prevalent in the UK, with year on year figures for racially or religiously aggravated hate crimes rising by 34 per cent in June 2020; that the UK Government's Prevent programme is viewed by many to foster discrimination against Muslims; recognises that these incidents together illustrate the global nature of Islamophobia, and are only the most high profile examples of it; believes that the Government must stand up to Islamophobia in the UK and abroad; that it must support those countries and groups that are victims of racism; that it must seek to diversify curriculums in our schools to reflect the lived experience of all pupils, in order to combat racism at as early a stage as is possible; and calls on the Government to investigate the cause of rising hate crime, in order to instigate new policy to tackle it.

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.

1096 Free school meal vouchers during the covid-19 pandemic

Tabled: 4/11/20 Signatories: 14

Jon Trickett
Kim Johnson
Ms Diane Abbott
Navendu Mishra
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

John McDonnell

That this House expresses dismay at the decision by the Government not to extend free school meals to eligible children during school holidays during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the proposed

second lockdown will plunge more families into poverty; notes that such a decision places over 11,000 children in Wakefield District and 1 million nationally at risk of going hungry during the school holidays; believes that such a decision highlights a lack of compassion and understanding of the challenges facing many working people across the country, who are increasingly struggling to make ends meet as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, forcing holiday hunger; applauds the actions of actions of Wakefield Council for committing to provide these children with food vouchers during the upcoming Christmas period and expresses gratitude to the vital role community organisations in Hemsworth constituency and elsewhere in the country have played during the October half-term break provide food to families and children who need it the most; and calls on the Government to provide funding to provide food vouchers for all children eligible for free school meals until the end of the Covid-19 pandemic and publish an action plan to end food poverty once and for all.

1101 Potential merits of a minimum wage floor in the furlough scheme

Tabled: 5/11/20 Signatories: 31

Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Osborne
Navendu Mishra
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Olivia Blake

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes with deep concern recent data from the Office for National Statistics showing that over 2 million workers have been paid less than the National Minimum Wage this year; further notes that this is a near five-fold increase on 2019; believes that it is unacceptable that anybody is ever paid less than the National Minimum Wage; notes that the ONS figures show that the vast majority of this increase in those paid below the minimum wage is the result of workers being put onto the furlough scheme; and calls on the Government to introduce a floor in the furlough scheme to ensure that no worker is paid less than the National Minimum Wage.

1108 Pet travel and tick treatment

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 13

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

Chris Law

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.

1109 Increase in violence against women in Turkey

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 12

Joanna Cherry
 Chris Stephens
 Jonathan Edwards
 Caroline Lucas
 Jim Shannon
 Liz Saville Roberts

Allan Dorans

That this House is extremely concerned about the eroding of women's rights in Turkey and notes the alarming increase of reported assaults and homicide against women over the past year; finds it concerning that that increase has occurred during a global pandemic which disproportionately impacts women economically; is concerned about the growing rhetoric of the Turkish Government and their officials including attacking women's rights and threatening withdrawal from the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention to tackle violence against women; fears that that rhetoric is leading to an acceptance of violence against women; notes that the abuse of women by security personnel is particularly a feature against Kurdish women and women active in the women's movement, trade unions and opposition political parties; encourages Turkey to implement the four pillars of prevention, protection, prosecution and coordinated policies underpinned in the Istanbul Convention; shows solidarity to those protesting in Turkey to protect women's rights and end the violence against women in their country; and calls on the UK Government to use its international influence to encourage the Turkish regime to end its dangerous rhetoric and fully implement the Istanbul Convention.

1113 VAT on facemasks and other personal protective equipment

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 23

Ms Diane Abbott
 Jonathan Edwards
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Ian Lavery
 Zarah Sultana
 Apsana Begum

Navendu Mishra

Mick Whitley

That this House notes that the Treasury has ended VAT exemptions for face masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE); is concerned that increasing the price of masks and other PPE will discourage people from buying and wearing PPE in line with Government guidance; and urges the Government to reinstate the VAT exemption for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, as a vital public health measure.

1114 Dan Mihalache Romanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 11

Drew Hendry
Brendan O'Hara
Chris Stephens
Gavin Newlands
Alan Brown
Jim Shannon

Chris Law
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Allan Dorans

David Linden

That this House pays thanks to Ambassador Dan Mihalache for his service as Romanian Ambassador to the United Kingdom; commends his strong role in improving the relationship, across all nations of the UK and between the UK and Romania; notes his passionate commitment to, and the valuable contribution of, the Romanian community in the UK along with his work to bridge gaps in the community; further notes that he is leaving this post in the coming weeks, and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavours.

1115 Advertising-funded media tax credit

Tabled: 9/11/20 Signatories: 17

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

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

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.

1117 Jim Newell of East Kilbride

Tabled: 10/11/20 Signatories: 6

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Steven Bonnar
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

That this House celebrates the life of Jim Newell, a proud resident of East Kilbride, after hearing the news of his passing on 28 September 2020 at the age of 83; noting his service to the Royal Navy as a young man and his role in the strike by workers who refused to repair the airplanes of the Pinochet regime in Chile at the Rolls Royce factory in East Kilbride where Mr Newell worked for over 20 years; recognises his contribution to East Kilbride through his founding and tireless support of East Kilbride Thistle Football Team, through his performances as part of the Greenhills Pantomime Club and the Greenhill Male Voice Choir, and as a long standing member of Greenhills Parish Church; and draws particular attention to Jim and his wife Jessie's boundless hospitality and care for people most

in need through fostering over 100 children during his lifetime, through which they are truly an example to us all.

1118 Bathing water status of the River Thames in Oxford

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 3

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges the ongoing sewage pollution in the River Thames; expresses concern over the health of people who swim in rivers containing sewage pollution; recognises that the River Thames is the only body of water available to many swimmers at a time when swimming pools have been forced to shut; urges the Government to grant the River Thames Bathing Water status in Oxfordshire; calls on the Government to act against sewage companies dumping sewage into rivers across the UK; and further calls on sewage and water companies to stop dumping waste into the River Thames and other affected rivers prior to Government intervention.

1119 Launch of Freeview Accessible TV Guide

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 10

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Peter Bottomley
Marion Fellows
Liz Saville Roberts

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

That this House commends the launch of Freeview's Accessible TV Guide on Channel 555; recognises that this Guide is a key step towards the digital inclusion of people with disabilities, making programmes accessible to those with sight and hearing impairments; notes that this Guide meets all of OFCOM's Electronic Programme Guide requirements for disability inclusion such as incorporating a high contrast user interface, screen magnification and text to speech functionality that allow adaptation to individual requirements; and highlights the fact that this Guide has been developed in consultation with consumer groups and disability advocacy organisations and is available for free to all UK television users.

1121 Iran's Document on Judicial Security

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Peter Bottomley
Margaret Ferrier
John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the document on judicial security signed by Iran's judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi; notes the pledges contained within it to ban torture, the use of forced confessions, solitary confinement, illegal police detentions, and other violations of defendants' rights; further welcomes the guaranteed consular access for foreign nationals as an indication of progression for human

rights in Iran; and urges the Iranian Government and security forces to implement those changes as a matter of urgency.

1122 Just Transition campaign for offshore oil and gas workers

Tabled: 11/11/20 Signatories: 15

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

John McDonnell

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: 7

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

Allan Dorans

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: 5

Dave Doogan
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: 27

Patrick Grady
Gavin Newlands
John Spellar
Owen Thompson
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier

Chris Law

That this House congratulates the judges on the Constitutional Court of Malawi, Justice Healey Potani, Justice Ivy Kamanga, Justice Redson Kapindu, Justice Dingiswayo 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.

1126 Highways England Wisley M25/A3 junction proposal

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 5

Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Munira Wilson
Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its concern at Highways England's proposal for a new M25/A3 junction alongside RHS Wisley, near Guildford, Surrey; notes the impact the proposal has on 44 trees along the RHS Wisley boundary with the A3 including the felling of 17 Grade II Heritage tree, and 27 other trees (including North American redwood species and 5 Grade II* Heritage Trees) being negatively impacted by the undermining of their root strength; further notes the negative impact on the local road network and thereby local residents; recognises that the proposal will have a wider environmental impact as a result of the unnecessary extra mileage and inevitable increased pollution created by the junction; and calls on the Government to stop the Highways England proposal which has been opposed by the RHS, its members, local residents and local councils and require Highways England to consider and implement an alternative approach.

1127 75th anniversary of UNESCO

Tabled: 12/11/20 Signatories: 33

Patrick Grady
Gavin Newlands
Owen Thompson
Alison Thewliss
Stephen Farry
Drew Hendry

Amy Callaghan
 John McDonnell

Chris Law

Jamie Stone

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 leaveTabled: **12/11/20** Signatories: **11**

Jonathan Edwards
Steven Bonnar
Alison Thewliss
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

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.

1129 Closure of Suicide ForumsTabled: **16/11/20** Signatories: **19**

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

Jim Shannon

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: 14

Drew Hendry
Brendan O'Hara
Alan Brown
Ian Blackford
Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon

Amy Callaghan
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans

Hannah Bardell
 Gavin Newlands
 David Linden

Kirsten Oswald
 Owen Thompson

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: 4

Gavin Newlands
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: 13

Christine Jardine
Layla Moran
Ed Davey
Sarah Olney
Jamie Stone
Mr Virendra Sharma

Jim Shannon

Daisy Cooper

John McDonnell

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: 4

Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: 33

Dr Lisa Cameron
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Colum Eastwood

Beth Winter
 Sarah Olney
 Stephen Timms

Chris Law
 Mick Whitley
 Allan Dorans

Navendu Mishra
 John McDonnell
 Sir David Amess

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: 10

Drew Hendry
Ian Blackford
Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Hannah Bardell

Chris Law
 David Linden

Owen Thompson

Allan Dorans

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: 8

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Stephens
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

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: 15

Drew Hendry
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dr Philippa Whitford

Brendan O'Hara
 Chris Law
 Owen Thompson

Hannah Bardell
 Gavin Newlands
 Allan Dorans

Kirsten Oswald
 John McDonnell
 David Linden

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: 7

Patricia Gibson
Mike Hill
Paula Barker
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

Allan Dorans

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: 3

Tommy Sheppard
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill

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: 3

Tommy Sheppard
Tahir Ali
Chris Law

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: 4

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Allan Dorans

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: 5

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans

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: 4

Tim Farron
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Jim Shannon

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: 4

Stephen Metcalfe
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

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: 12

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Julie Elliott
Sir Peter Bottomley
Mike Hill
Kate Osborne
Catherine McKinnell

Jim Shannon

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: 10

Layla Moran
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jamie Stone
Munira Wilson
Sarah Olney
Wera Hobhouse

Jim Shannon

John McDonnell

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: 7

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Peter Bottomley
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra
Douglas Chapman

Mick Whitley

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: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Peter Bottomley
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Allan Dorans

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: 50

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1150 **Let LIVE Thrive campaign**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 9

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Paula Barker
Munira Wilson
Wendy Chamberlain

Layla Moran

John McDonnell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House recognises the existential crisis facing the live events industry in the UK as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the significant contribution that music, theatre, sport and other live events make to the economy; recognises the potentially dire consequences for industry organisations and professionals if the necessary insurance cover cannot be obtained soon; and calls on the Government to work with the insurance sector to underwrite contingency insurance for the live events industry, as proposed by the Let LIVE Thrive campaign.

1151 **Misuse of fireworks**

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 4

Sarah Owen
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker

That this House notes the unplanned use of fireworks can cause considerable distress to animals and vulnerable people in communities and notes the petition supported by over 252,000 people calling for limits on the sale and use of fireworks to licensed displays; and calls for a Government review of current legislation on the sale and use of fireworks, to reduce the numbers of unplanned and random firework use each year, to reduce maximum noise levels and to license all public displays.

1152 The potential merits of a Care Leaver Department for Work and Pensions marker

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 8

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman
Stuart C McDonald

John McDonnell

Allan Dorans

That this House recognises that Care Experienced people experience unique challenges in childhood that often mean they require additional support as they transition into adulthood; understands that when Care Experienced people leave care, they can face homelessness and financial difficulty resulting in the need to access Universal Credit; acknowledges that the process of application for Universal Credit is overly bureaucratic and complex for most; consequently appreciates that for care leavers, support to navigate this system is required; notes that under the current system there is no way to formally identify whether or not a claimant is a care leaver; and therefore calls for the Government to honour its commitment to introduce a care leaver marker into the Universal Credit system, as was present in the previous benefits system.

1153 Care-Experienced bursary

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 9

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Peter Bottomley
Chris Law
Douglas Chapman

Stuart C McDonald

John McDonnell

Allan Dorans

That this House understands that Care Experienced people's education is often interrupted in childhood as a result of being removed from home; recognises that statistically, Care Experienced people are less likely than their peers to attend further and higher education; appreciates that many Care Experienced people re-engage with education later in life, often when they have families of their own to support; notes that Care Experienced people are entitled to a Care Experienced Bursary when in further or higher education; is concerned that the Bursary is considered as an income by the Universal Credit system, leaving many Care Experienced people financially worse off in education than they were on Universal Credit; and calls on the Government to ensure that the Care Experienced Bursary is discounted as income under the Universal Credit System, thereby allowing the bursary to fulfil its ethos as a payment intended as additional to other benefits.

1154 The right to breathe clean air campaign

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 8

Mr Barry Sheerman
 Jim Shannon
 Jonathan Edwards
 Mohammad Yasin
 Kenny MacAskill
 Andrew Gwynne

Douglas Chapman

John McDonnell

That this House acknowledges that long term exposure to air pollution causes between 28,000 and 36,000 deaths per year; expresses the belief that people across the United Kingdom and beyond should have an inalienable right to breathe clean air; notes that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges that people face in the 21st century; and recognises the need for a coordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in any future legislative proposals.

1155 Virtual participation in debates

Tabled: 17/11/20 Signatories: 33

Dawn Butler
 Jonathan Edwards
 Jamie Stone
 Mohammad Yasin
 Sir Peter Bottomley
 Wera Hobhouse

Rosie Cooper
 Paula Barker
 Gavin Robinson
 Angela Crawley
 Daisy Cooper
 Stuart C McDonald
 Mick Whitley
 Apsana Begum
 Allan Dorans

Kenny MacAskill
 Andrew Gwynne
 Caroline Lucas
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Beth Winter
 Christine Jardine
 Ms Harriet Harman
 John McDonnell
 Rachel Hopkins

Kim Johnson
 Jon Trickett
 Navendu Mishra
 Douglas Chapman
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Mr David Davis
 Layla Moran
 Claire Hanna
 Hannah Bardell

That this House notes with deep concern that some Members have not been able to take part virtually in debates, which means that those Members have been disenfranchised; further notes that this, in effect, disenfranchises those constituents who are left without a voice in House of Commons debates; recognises that several Members are shielding from coronavirus or are clinically vulnerable; believes in the equal right of all Members to participate in Commons proceedings; and calls on the Government to ensure that the remote participation motion is open to debate for all Members and held as a free vote.