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New EDMs

1243 **Pink Saltire Rainbow Responders survey**

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House recognises Scottish LGBT+ charity Pink Saltire in its tireless work supporting communities and local LGBT+ organisations to provide hundreds of individuals and families essentials such as fresh fruit and vegetables, food vouchers, mobile phone credit top ups, care packages, bikes and laptops since March this year; welcomes the publication of the findings of the Rainbow Responders survey which details the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on LGBT+ people in Scotland; and notes the recommendations of Pink Saltire which include urgent investment in services to support the mental health and wellbeing of LGBT+ people, run by LGBT+ people, practical aid and capacity building for projects working with LGBT+ asylum seekers and refugees, clearer, coordinated messaging on what services are available to LGBT+ people in Scotland, local and regional action plans feeding into a national consortium of agencies spearheading the ongoing Covid-19 response, with funding and resources to tackle the challenges identified, work to improve the physical assets and resources of communities around the country, including spaces to organise relief efforts and mobile community hubs, and improved engagement with ethnic minorities, disabled people and those in island and rural communities to ensure their specific needs are being addressed.

1244 **Fife Councillors Rosemary Liewald and Lea McLelland**

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty Councillor, Rosemary Liewald, on being recognised and shortlisted as a Covid-19 Hero at the 2020 LGiU Scotland Councillor Awards; notes that Councillor Liewald was highlighted as having made a tangible difference in her local community as well as the wider Fife area in her role as Chair of Fife Health and Social Care

Partnership Board by going above and beyond to ensure that no one is left behind during the Covid-19 crisis; and congratulates Councillor Liewald and fellow Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty Councillor Lea McLelland on raising more than £1,000 for Benarty Foodbank by taking part in Live Below the Line's challenge to spend just £1 a day on food to raise awareness of people living in poverty around us.

1245 **Generations Working Together manifesto**

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House welcomes the publication of Scottish charity Generations Working Together's first intergenerational manifesto which calls for Scotland to become an intergenerational nation; and notes that the charity, which fights ageism and campaigns for stronger connections between younger and older generations, identifies three key areas of focus to help ensure that relationships between generations are strengthened and Scotland becomes more connective and inclusive – to embed intergenerational approaches in governance and policy making to give a voice to all in the political process, create more intergenerational places and spaces including intergenerational living to enhance Scotland's housing provision and the development of civic and public spaces that can be used by all generations and bring together people from different generations, and increase knowledge and understanding of intergenerational approaches to combat ageism.

1246 **Car parking charges at NHS hospitals in England**

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Sir Mike Penning

That this House calls on the Government to end to car parking charges at NHS hospitals in England; recognises that the NHS was established to be free at the point of access; contends that car parking charges mean that the NHS is not free at the point of access for people with cars; further recognises that those charges are not only a burden on patients and their visitors but for our hardworking and dedicated NHS staff; realises that that matter is a clear injustice; and urges the Government to end car parking charges at NHS hospitals in England.

1247 **Arcadia employee pensions**

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Hywel Williams

That this House notes that Arcadia has gone into administration, potentially putting approximately 13,000 jobs at risk; recognises that approximately 10,000 members of Arcadia's pension scheme are being assessed for entry into the Pension Protection Fund; notes the £385 million pound agreement between the Pensions Regulator, Arcadia and the group's owner to support employees pensions which was concluded in 2019; asserts that that agreement must be protected; recalls Sir Philip Green's systematic plunder of former businesses including BHS; and calls on the Government to ensure that Sir Philip Green fulfils his responsibilities to cover any pension shortfall among his employees.

1248 Hermitage primary school, UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School award

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates the pupils and staff of Hermitage primary school in Helensburgh on receiving the prestigious Gold Rights Respecting School award from UNICEF; notes that the Gold award is the highest accolade that UNICEF can bestow on a school and that it recognises Hermitage primary's deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life; recognises the excellent work of Headteacher Mrs Elspeth Davis, all of her staff, particularly Mrs Louise Grafton the school's rights respecting lead and pupils from P1 to P7 whose hard work and dedication has made Hermitage primary the first school in Argyll and Bute to be given the UNICEF Gold award; acknowledges that the school has embedded the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum; thanks them for the outstanding work that they are doing; and wishes everyone at Hermitage primary every success in the future.

1249 Levels of statutory sick pay

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 6

**Richard Burgon
Beth Winter
Tahir Ali
Mick Whitley
Mary Kelly Foy
Apsana Begum**

That this House notes that for a test, trace and isolate system to be effective, people must be able to afford to isolate when required to do so; notes that the current level of Statutory Sick Pay is forcing many people to choose between having enough money to live on or self isolating, which undermines efforts to reduce the spread of covid-19; further notes that Statutory Sick Pay in the UK is among the lowest in Europe, estimated by the TUC to equal only one fifth of the average worker's weekly earnings; recognises that nearly 2 million low-paid workers are entirely excluded from Statutory Sick Pay because they earn less than £120 a week; is concerned by reports that more than half of people applying for the one-off £500 support grant to self-isolate are being rejected in some coronavirus hotspots, leaving many people without even that limited support; and calls on the UK Government to urgently increase Statutory Sick Pay to the level of the Real Living Wage and remove the requirement for recipients to earn over £120 per week so that every worker who needs to self isolate is supported to do so.

1250 Bus worker safety during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Paula Barker
Apsana Begum
Ian Lavery
Rebecca Long Bailey

Liz Saville Roberts
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Clive Lewis

Chris Stephens
 Mick Whitley
 Kate Osborne

Navendu Mishra
 Kim Johnson

That this House commends the dedication of the UK's bus workers who have kept services running throughout the pandemic for other key workers and essential travellers; is aware that tragically, a number of bus workers have died from Covid-19; notes that Government Covid-19 support for bus operators in England since March 2020 totals at least £600 million; believes it is vital that there is a consistent approach to bus worker health and safety across the industry; understands that bus workers have concerns regarding cash handling and the lack of enforcement of social distancing and face coverings on buses; notes that on the rail network, British Transport Police are patrolling services to ensure compliance with face coverings; supports the RMT union's calls for the police, industry and government to put robust plans in place to ensure that compliance with face coverings on buses is also enforced; and calls on the Government to ensure there is a consistent industry-wide approach to these issues, publish any evidence it has regarding the potential risks associated with cash handling and Covid-19 transmission and set out how social distancing and the wearing of face coverings will be enforced on buses, and by whom.

1251 Food insecurity

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 18

Ian Byrne
Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Beth Winter
Geraint Davies

Dan Carden
 Ms Diane Abbott
 Apsana Begum
 Kate Osborne

Zarah Sultana
 Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns
 Mick Whitley

Nadia Whittome
 Jon Trickett
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Ian Lavery

That this House notes that approximately 10 million people in the UK are experiencing food insecurity; further notes that the use of food banks was increasing before the covid-19 pandemic, has effectively doubled during the pandemic and all indications are that this situation will continue to get worse; is concerned that children in particular have been badly affected by the covid-19 crisis and that, according to Trussell Trust figures, the number of food parcels given to children rose by 52 per cent; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our communities; believes that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry and that the "Right to Food" should be enshrined in UK law in order to make clear this obligation; and calls on the Government to set positive targets and monitor progress accordingly and include the "Right to Food" in the Government's National Food Strategy white paper which is due to be published in 2021.

1252 Government workers' pay

Tabled: 7/12/20 Signatories: 9

Rachel Hopkins
 Beth Winter
 Kate Osborne
 Paula Barker
 Grahame Morris
 Mick Whitley

Navendu Mishra

Sarah Owen

Olivia Blake

That this House supports the Parliamentary petition signed by over 100,000 people for a fair pay rise for government workers and rejects the government's public sector pay freeze; notes that throughout the pandemic, government workers have delivered critical services that have kept our country safe and secure; further notes that the critical services that government workers have delivered include the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme, the court system, border security and the Universal Credit system; further notes that Civil Service pay has fallen in value by up to 20% over the past 10 years; further notes that government pay policy for 2020 restricted increases to between 1.5% and 2.5%; and calls on the government to provide government workers a 10% pay increase in 2020 as a recognition of some of the wages lost over the last 10 years and return pay bargaining in the Civil Service to the previous national pay bargaining system to ensure that all government workers receive a pay reward that reflects their dedicated hard work.

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.

1170 Obashi Falkirk

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 7

John McNally
 Martyn Day
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss
 Chris Law
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that Obashi, a Falkirk-based start-up has joined an elite world organisation - the World Economic Forum's Global Innovators Community and its centre for the Fourth industrial revolution; recognises that Obashi is the first start-up in Scotland to be invited to that community; notes that the global innovators community is a select, by invitation-only group of the world's most promising start-ups and scale-ups that are the forefront of technology and business model innovation; asserts that, as part of that global innovators community, Obashi will help define the global agenda on key issues with a particular focus on shaping the future of technology governance-artificial intelligence and machine learning; and congratulates the company and its founders, Fergus Cloughley and Paul Wallis, on joining that global innovators community.

1171 Book Week Scotland 2020

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 8

Patricia Gibson
Allan Dorans
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Amy Callaghan
Alison Thewliss
Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes Book Week Scotland 2020, an annual celebration of books and reading across Scotland, from 16th to 22nd November 2020; recognises that this event, which is now in its ninth year, is organised by the Scottish Book Trust with support from partners, and represents Scotland's biggest celebration of reading and writing; understands that, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the week cannot go ahead as normal, however thanks to the tireless work of organisers, libraries and various community groups throughout Scotland, notes that the celebration will go ahead in a digital format instead, continuing to provide a diverse and engaging programme of activities to celebrate books and reading; notes that this year's theme is the Future, and that the annual writing project has created a free book, with 50,000 copies distributed to libraries, schools and other community venues across the country, as well as being available to download online; understands that during the covid-19 pandemic, many people have turned to books as a welcome escape, and even in the digital age books remain as relevant and popular as ever; further recognises Scotland's rich literary heritage and welcomes this event as it seeks to inspire the next generation of Scottish writers, poets and authors; and wishes the event every success in its goal to celebrate the joy of reading.

1172 Charity lotteries and the Gambling Review

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 10

Daisy Cooper
Sir Mike Penning
Ronnie Cowan
Tommy Sheppard
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake

Wera Hobhouse

That this House welcomes the Government's intention to review the Gambling Act 2005, especially in light of the need to tackle problem gambling; notes the huge success of charity lotteries in raising funds for a wide range of good causes across the country, which is particularly important given the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on charity fundraising; notes that charity lotteries, although classed as a gambling product are widely considered low risk from a problem gambling perspective; and calls on the Government to recognise this distinction between charity lotteries and the rest of the gambling sector as it reviews the Gambling Act 2005 and ensure that policy on that matter is differentiated accordingly.

1173 VisitScotland first national tourist organisation to join Tourism Declares Initiative

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 13

Brendan O'Hara
David Linden
Alan Brown
Drew Hendry
Gavin Newlands
Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes VisitScotland's commitment to playing a leading role in the development of Scotland as a globally-recognised responsible destination by becoming the first national tourism organisation in the world to join the Tourism Declares Initiative; congratulates partners comprising one hundred travel groups, businesses and individuals including Wild Scotland and Sail Scotland who have declared under the banner Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency; commends the formation of that Initiative which recognises the importance of balancing business survival with a sustainable and responsible recovery from the covid-19 outbreak; and notes that that Initiative encourages positive contributions towards addressing climate change ahead of COP26 including reducing emissions, working with communities and focusing on responsible, green tourism, in line with Scottish Government's targets to become net-zero by 2045, and the national tourism strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030, as well as a long-term commitment to increase promotion of public transport and active travel.

1175 National Mining Museum Scotland

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Peter Grant
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the National Mining Museum Scotland in Newtongrange on being awarded £140,000 of funding from Museums Galleries Scotland; recognises the important role played by the National Mining Museum Scotland in raising awareness of and educating people about Midlothian and Scotland's proud mining heritage; notes that that award includes a contribution towards operational costs, supports the recruitment costs and three months' salary costs of a new Operations Manager, a staff structure review, urgent electrical testing and repair work and the installation of new LED lighting; further notes that that funding will come from Museums Galleries Scotland's Recovery and Resilience Fund, which aims to secure the future of Scottish independent museums put at risk by the covid-19 pandemic; and recognises that many museums face deep uncertainty due to the covid-19 pandemic and therefore thanks Museums Galleries Scotland for working to support the sector through the covid-19 crisis and ensure that museums continue to play a vital role in our national life and in our local communities.

1176 VAT Retail Export Scheme

Tabled: 23/11/20 Signatories: 26

Tracey Crouch
Sir Peter Bottomley
Bob Blackman
Andrew Rosindell
Sir Desmond Swayne
Jack Lopresti

Sir David Amess

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its concern at the Government's decision to abolish the VAT Retail Export Scheme, otherwise known as tax-free shopping, from 1 January 2021 with inaccurate determinations having been made of the impact of that decision; acknowledges that since that decision was announced, businesses have been facing the challenges posed by new covid-19 restrictions and that that decision will worsen that situation; believes that by implementing that decision thousands of job losses could be caused around the UK; recognises that since that announcement, France has lowered its threshold for international shoppers to claim back VAT and Ireland has extended its scheme to include the UK, making the UK the least competitive market in Europe for international shoppers; notes that no businesses have spoken up publicly in favour of that move but many have warned of its consequences; calls on the Government to avoid causing significant damage to the retail and hospitality sector in the UK and to not bring forward the required legislation to implement that decision; and further calls on hon. Members to vote to annul any Statutory Instrument on that matter if it is laid before this House.

1177 Short respite breaks for terminally ill children and their families

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 11

Steve McCabe
Catherine McKinnell
Caroline Lucas
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Sir George Howarth
Stephen Timms

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that short breaks for respite are a lifeline for terminally ill children and their families; notes new evidence by Pro Bono Economics which estimates that parents of children who need respite delivered by children's palliative care providers experience significantly less stress as a result of receiving breaks; further highlights that these short breaks result in better physical and mental health for parents, a reduction in families needing NHS primary care and mental health services, and in parents needing to take fewer days off work as a result of sickness; understands that many families who need short breaks are currently unable to access them; and urges the Government to fill the £434 million gap in annual funding for social care services for all disabled children in England and their families by creating an annual ring-fenced grant as part of the 2020 Spending Review.

1178 Share Alike in East Kilbride

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the selfless efforts of Annmarie Campbell and Share Alike in East Kilbride; commends the dedication of the Share Alike team for providing of over 24,600 meals, 860 period poverty packs, 21 new baby and mother packs, 226 mental health packs and 42 new home starter packs during the covid-19 restrictions; thanks the volunteers involved in the community food distribution program; commends the dedication of everyone involved in providing essential food parcels to those most in need throughout the constituency; acknowledges the selfless commitment to alleviating food poverty and loneliness by maintaining vital links between Share Alike and the most vulnerable in the community; praises the action taken by Share Alike and partner volunteer organisations towards reducing waste and encouraging local supply of food produce; applauds the dynamic approach of Annmarie and Share Alike to improve existing services, developing and pioneering new ways of delivering key, essential support to those in need through extending the wellbeing operations in the community; respects the commitment to the community support programme provided by Share Alike who recently secured a three year lease in a prime town centre location for a wellbeing cafe under a new charity umbrella organisation called Take Five; and shows respect to the overwhelming work co-ordinated and inspired by Annmarie Campbell and everyone at Share Alike for their efforts to provide a sense of belonging, safety and wellness throughout the community by promoting mental health awareness and making sure anyone who needs help receives it.

1179 Red Wednesday and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 17

Fiona Bruce
Jim Shannon
Alexander Stafford
Martyn Day
Brendan O'Hara
Bob Blackman

Caroline Lucas

That this House marks 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and Red Wednesday, a day which highlights the plight of those who are persecuted for their religion and beliefs; notes that many already marginalised religious and belief communities have faced intensified discrimination since the outbreak of covid-19; expresses concern that some of these communities have been blamed for the virus and that this scapegoating has contributed to the reports of individuals being attacked, denied aid or otherwise prevented from accessing life-saving humanitarian interventions; further expresses concern that refugees, internally displaced people and prisoners of conscience are particularly vulnerable during the pandemic; condemns the use of the virus by China and other states as an excuse to further violate the rights of marginalised religious or belief communities; recognises that women from marginalised religious or belief communities face the above pressures but also encounter unique persecution and challenges due to their gender; expresses deep concern that these women have become much more vulnerable since the outbreak of covid-19 resulting in increased cases of domestic violence and kidnapping and forced marriage, as seen in the case of 14-year-old Maira Shahbaz and 13-year-old Arzoo Raja in Pakistan; and urges the UK Government and the international community to act to mitigate the

impact that covid-19 has had on freedom of religion or belief globally and, in particular, on women and girls who are doubly discriminated against because of their gender and their beliefs.

1181 Conflict in Ethiopia

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 15

Layla Moran
 Jamie Stone
 Ed Davey
 Jonathan Edwards
 Daisy Cooper
 Sarah Olney

Caroline Lucas

That this House is deeply concerned about the escalation of conflict in Ethiopia; condemns the deliberate killing of innocent civilians; sends its sincerest condolences to all those who have tragically lost loved ones as a result; notes the estimated 4,000 refugees per day fleeing Ethiopia; further notes the UNHRC's warning of a full-scale humanitarian crisis if the conflict continues without imminent de-escalation; calls on the Government to use all diplomatic means it can to assist de-escalating the violence and resolving the underlying conflict; and therefore also urges the Government to ensure the Official Development Assistance budget is maintained to ensure Ethiopian civilians receive adequate support and aid.

1183 German teacher of the Year

Tabled: 24/11/20 Signatories: 9

Kenny MacAskill
 Margaret Ferrier
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law
 Peter Grant
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Suzanne Ritchie, a Modern Languages teacher from North Berwick High School on winning the German Teacher of the Year award from the German Embassy; acknowledges the embassy's recognition of her outstanding dedication and tireless support of the teach of the German language; notes her desire to give her pupils a sense of wonder in the teaching of languages; and echoes deputy head of culture and education at the German Embassy Dr Susanne Frane's recognition of Miss Ritchie's impressive commitment inside and outside of [her] classroom every day.

1185 30th Anniversary of Castle Espie Centre in Comber

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 5

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
John McNally
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Chris Stephens

That this House notes the 30th Anniversary of Castle Espie Centre in Comber; congratulates the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre, who do phenomenal work in biodiversity and protecting the natural environment, on reaching this wonderful milestone; and extends best wishes for the future of this wonderful information and environmental centre that promotes the 4 priorities of using wetlands to tackle climate change by capturing carbon, reducing flooding, support biodiversity and improve human well-being.

1186 Paid helpline for gas and electricity suppliers

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 15

John Nicolson
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell

Chris Stephens

That this House draws attention to the issue of paid helplines for gas and electricity suppliers; highlights that the use of 03 numbers in this context can cost up to £0.35p a minute; condemns this excessive price, as it excludes customers on a low income or universal credit from being able to address their issues; and recommends that these essential helplines are free to use for all customers.

1187 Covid-19 and fuel poverty

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 21

Jon Trickett
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with concern that 2.4 million households are living in fuel poverty, with research by National Energy Action finding that an average of 9,700 deaths a year in the UK are caused by living in a cold house; further notes with concern that thousands of household are facing increased financial hardship this winter due to the impact of covid-19; believes that current financial support available to customers in vulnerable circumstances is insufficient; and calls on the Government to increase targeted financial support to those at risk of fuel poverty and the energy sector to proactively offer additional support to vulnerable customers to ensure they are receiving the cheapest energy tariff.

1188 Financial support for self employed people during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 27

Jon Trickett
 Ian Lavery
 Claudia Webbe
 Alison Thewliss
 Jonathan Edwards
 Paula Barker

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with concern research from the National Audit Office which has found that 2.9 million freelancers, contractors and newly self-employed are excluded from the Government's Self-Employment Income Support Scheme and analysis from the Institute for Fiscal Studies, which estimates that 38 per cent of individuals with self-employment income are ineligible for the support scheme; expresses disappointment that whilst the latest version of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme expands levels of financial support available, an expansion of eligibility for the scheme has not been forthcoming from the Government; believes that the continued suspension of the minimum income floor of Universal Credit is inadequate to meet the needs of all those locked out of the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme; and calls on the Government to urgently expand the eligibility criteria of its provision for Self-Employment income support in order to prevent millions of people facing financial hardship.

1189 £20 weekly increase to universal credit

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 24

Jon Trickett
 Ian Lavery
 Claudia Webbe
 Alison Thewliss
 Jonathan Edwards
 Paula Barker

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that the £20 a week uplift in Universal Credit has provided much-needed, vital support to millions of people during the covid-19 outbreak; expresses disappointment that there was no commitment to making this increase permanent in Spending Review 2020; notes with concern analysis by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation which found that ending the £20 increase in April 2021 will leave roughly 16 million people in families facing an overnight loss of £1,040 a year; further notes that the £20 uplift has not applied to legacy benefits during this crisis; and calls on the Government to make the £20 uplift in Universal Credit permanent and also applying this increase in payment to all legacy benefits.

1190 Endometriosis and access to statutory support

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 13

Liz Saville Roberts
Alison Thewliss
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis and Endometriosis UK for their important inquiry into the challenges faced by those with the condition and the publication of their report entitled Endometriosis in the UK: Time for Change; notes that endometriosis is a chronic and sometimes debilitating condition which can have a significant impact on a person's life; further notes that the inquiry found that for those whom the condition is so debilitating that they are prevented from working, it is often difficult to access support such as Personal Independent Payments and Universal Credit; acknowledges that the current definition of Statutory Sick Pay fails to properly recognise long-term conditions like endometriosis; calls on the Government to ensure that those with endometriosis have access to Statutory Sick Pay; and urges the Department of Work and Pensions to review their guidelines and training for assessors to ensure that they understand the impact of endometriosis so that those who are severely affected by the condition are able to access the benefits they need.

1192 Girlguiding Scotland's Media Mindful campaign

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 5

Dr Lisa Cameron
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Girlguiding Scotland on the launch of its Media Mindful campaign to support girls and young women to challenge sexism in the media; understands this campaign has been created by the charity's Speak Out champions, a group of young women age 14-25; notes the campaign stems from Girlguiding Scotland's forthcoming Girls in Scotland research, which found 68% of girls aged 11-21 feel newspapers, magazines and influencers on social media need to do more to stop reinforcing gender stereotypes; further notes the group has worked with the University of Strathclyde and Gender Equal Media Scotland to create the Media Mindful challenge pack with activities to develop media literacy skills; expresses concern that gender stereotypes and sexism in the media are having a negative impact on the happiness and mental health of many girls and young women; recognises the calls by the Speak Out champions on media outlets to commit to taking a gender sensitive approach when creating content, to promote a diverse range of women, and to treat women equally as content creators, contributors, employees and subjects; notes the organisation is encouraging everyone to take part in a week of action between 23-29 November 2020 in the ChangeTheHeadline challenge on Twitter, to correct sexist news headlines; and encourages politicians to support the campaign by taking part in the week of action, calling out gender stereotyping in the media when they see it, and by sharing the Media Mindful supporter sign on their social media channels.

1194 The 0.7 per cent overseas aid commitment

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 60

Chris Law
Steven Bonnar
Dave Doogan
Stuart C McDonald
Owen Thompson
Patrick Grady

Caroline Lucas

That this House expresses concern and condemnation of any attempt by the Government to reduce aid spending by ending the UK's commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) on Overseas Development Assistance; notes that the 0.7 per cent target was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1970, was first achieved by the UK in 2013, has been met every year since, and is currently enshrined in law through the International Development Act 2015; recognises that maintaining the commitment was part of the Conservative Party manifesto the Government was elected on in December 2019; acknowledges the significant cross-party support for the commitment with a further six parties supporting spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on aid at the last general election; notes that the Independent Commission for Aid Impact has found that the Government's approach to managing the target has become increasingly effective and well-coordinated; understands that UK aid spending makes a significant contribution to the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals, tackling global challenges such as eradicating poverty, promoting gender inequality, and taking action on climate change; is deeply worried that the UK aid budget is already experiencing drastic reductions due to the fall in GNI which will be compounded by the end of the 0.7 per cent commitment; believes that it is unacceptable to turn to neglect the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, particularly while the covid-19 pandemic drives more people into poverty; and calls on the Government to live up to its international responsibilities and maintain the 0.7 per cent aid commitment.

1195 Logan Street Tenants and Resident's Association

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 6

Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Peter Grant
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Logan Street Tenants and Residents Association in Blantyre on their hard work this year working together with local agencies and South Lanarkshire Council to improve living conditions in and around Logan Street in Blantyre; notes the vital support the Association has provided to local tenants and their children during the time of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises their achievements over this year, such as a reduction in cars accessing Logan Street illegally and working together with the housing services to provide better lighting for the street; highlights the particular work they have done with local children, including providing sweets bags for children for Halloween and graduations and arranging free internet access and tablets; and therefore thanks Logan Street Tenants and Residents Association and all such local resident support groups for the vital role they play in our local communities.

1196 Carers Rights Day 2020

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 17

Dr Lisa Cameron
John McNally
Claudia Webbe
Allan Dorans
John McDonnell
Andrew Gwynne

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the estimated 13.6 million people across the UK who are providing unpaid care; recognises the importance of Carers Rights Day 2020, taking place on 26 November 2020, in raising awareness of the work of unpaid carers and ensuring they are informed about their rights and entitlements; notes the very difficult challenges that unpaid carers continue to face as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, and the increased levels of care they are currently having to provide; and stresses the urgent need for more support to be given to unpaid carers, ahead of the 2020 Winter and beyond.

1197 Fife's universal basic income pilot readiness

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 15

Neale Hanvey
Ronnie Cowan
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises Fife's readiness to participate in a Universal Basic Income (UBI) trial; asserts that such a pilot would be desirable, particularly for its potential impact on poverty and employment; notes that the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government has thanked Fife Council for its continuing interest in piloting such a scheme; and understands the constitutional barriers preventing progress on the issue in Scotland as the Scottish Government are currently denied the necessary range of social security or tax powers to legislate for the introduction of a UBI, as the current devolved powers are inadequate to implement any sustainable variation of it, including payments at local authority level.

1198 Ending period poverty in Scotland

Tabled: 25/11/20 Signatories: 19

Anne McLaughlin
Steven Bonnar
Patrick Grady
Ronnie Cowan
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Scottish Parliament on its continued cross party work to tackle period poverty; recognises that from the first action to back Women for Independence's campaign to have maternity towels included in baby boxes through to becoming the first country in the world

to make period products freely available to all who need them, the Scottish Parliament's work on period poverty is world leading; applauds the important role played by many organisations and individuals who have campaigned tirelessly on period poverty for many years such as Girlguiding Scotland, Scottish Women's Aid, Women for Independence, Engender, On The Baw and many more; understands the need to break down the barriers to education and work for women and girls; and recognises that ending period poverty is a key way to allow women and girls to fulfil their potential.

1199 Agricultural payments in Wales

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 5

Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens

This House notes that the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto stated that the Government would guarantee the current annual budget to farmers in every year of the next parliament; notes that the pro Leave campaign during the EU Referendum promised that Wales would not lose a penny as a result of leaving the EU; recognises that direct payments account for 80 per cent of Welsh farm income; expresses deep concern that the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review appears to show a shortfall of up to a third of Welsh farmers' current funding levels; calls on the Chancellor to urgently clarify the funding which will be available to Welsh farmers; and views the announcement as a Brexit betrayal of Welsh agriculture.

1200 Jobs at the Rolls Royce Barnoldswick site

Tabled: 26/11/20 Signatories: 27

Grahame Morris
Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
Kate Osborne
Dan Carden
Navendu Mishra

Chris Stephens

That this House is angered by the decision by Rolls-Royce to cut 350 highly skilled jobs at its site in Barnoldswick, Lancashire, and offshore this work to Singapore; condemns the company's decision to lock workers out of the site until after Christmas without any meaningful consultation or negotiation over these plans; notes that the company has received substantial Government support as part of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme; believes that Rolls-Royce therefore has a duty to do everything in its power to retain jobs here in Britain; calls on company management to keep the site open pending talks to resolve the current industrial dispute and secure the future of work at the site; urges Ministers to ensure that taxpayer support for businesses based in the UK should be conditional on binding undertakings not to transfer work from the UK offshore; calls on the Government to hold urgent discussions with Rolls-Royce management and Unite the Union in order to save the jobs at Barnoldswick; and expresses its full support for and solidarity with the Rolls-Royce Barnoldswick workers in their struggle to save these jobs, not just for themselves but for future generations.

1201 Closure of BBC Sinhala Radio ServiceTabled: **26/11/20** Signatories: **15**

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Kate Osborne
Claudia Webbe
Claire Hanna
Daisy Cooper

Chris Stephens

That this House notes with concern the decision of BBC World Service to close the Sinhala radio broadcast service, which serves the Sinhalese majority in Sri Lanka who constitute around three-quarters of the population; notes that Sri Lanka has experienced much unrest in the last several decades, and is currently the subject of warnings from human rights organisations regarding the deteriorating situation, resulting in its inclusion in the FCO's top 30 Human Rights Priority Countries; further notes the potential security implications posed by the country's developing relationship with the People's Republic of China; understands the long term strategy of investing in building digital audiences, but observes that currently 7% of the Sinhalese population listen to the radio service each week, compared to just 0.6% who use digital services; and therefore calls on BBC management to reverse the closure announcement and continue to invest in this valuable news service.

1202 The work of Kim McLachlanTabled: **26/11/20** Signatories: **16**

Chris Stephens
Carol Monaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Drew Hendry
Jonathan Edwards
David Linden

John McDonnell

That this House recognises the life and work of Kim McLachlan a UNISON activist throughout her 37 year career in housing, who died on 16 November 2020; recognises her work as a steward in Glasgow City Branch and her work at the heart of the trade union and community campaign to oppose the Glasgow Housing Stock Transfer in 2003, which sadly was narrowly lost, following which Kim became a leading and integral member of the new Glasgow Housing Branch of UNISON; and sends deepest condolences to her family and loved ones at this time; further recognises that under her leadership as Branch Secretary the branch underwent a name change to UNISON Housing and Care Scotland to reflect the expansion of the Wheatley Group, with than came trade union recognition in Dunedin Canmore Housing Association, who previously did not recognise trade unions; recognises Kim McLachlan's contribution to UNISON Scotland and nationally as well as her role as Chair of the Community Housing Association Committee of UNISON's Community Service Group Executive; further recognises the high regard in which she was held by her many comrades, friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to those who knew her at this time.

1203 McCulloch Rail, Ballantrae, South Ayrshire

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 5

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
John McNally
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates McCulloch Rail a highly successful family business specialising in rail handling and rail logistics on being awarded the highly coveted Rail Plant Reliability Programme Gold Award; the company based in Ballantrae, South Ayrshire, having previously achieved the Bronze and Silver Awards, provide a highly specialist range of plant and equipment with several unique and innovative technologies making rail handling and rail logistics safer, together with more efficient working practices, earning the reputation of being the UK's number one company in its field; and notes that with their outstanding record of reliability, quality of service and innovation, they have seen demand for their expertise, plant and training increase significantly with continued development of the business planned across the world including Australia, New Zealand the United States and Canada.

1204 Scottish Beer Awards 2020 Midlothian winners

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Drew Hendry
John McNally

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Midlothian-based breweries Stewart Brewing and Cross Borders Brewing Company for their success at the Scottish Beer Awards 2020; notes that this year marked the 5th annual Scottish Beer awards which was held as a digital awards experience on Thursday 26 November 2020 and sought to give recognition and reward to the best breweries, beers and teams in Scotland's brewing sector; commends Cross Borders Brewing Company for being awarded the silver award for Best IPA for India Pale Ale and Best Beer Bar for its Portobello Tap; further commends Stewart Brewing for being awarded the gold and bronze awards for Best Pale Ale for Kai Pai and Masterplan respectively; notes also that Stewart Brewing's Craig Scotland was awarded Brewer of the Year; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving our international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

1205 Craig Scotland named Brewer of the Year 2020

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 8

Owen Thompson
 Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Peter Grant
 Drew Hendry

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Craig Scotland on being awarded Brewer of the Year at the Scottish Beer Awards 2020; notes that Craig is Head Brewer at Midlothian-based brewery Stewart Brewing; commends him for his skill and hard work, which has contributed to Midlothian's growing reputation in the brewing sector; notes that this year marked the 5th annual Scottish Beer awards which was held as a digital awards experience on Thursday 26 November 2020 and sought to give recognition and reward to the best breweries, beers and teams in Scotland's brewing sector; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving Scotland's international food and drink reputation and creating a space for SMEs to flourish.

1206 No Recourse to Public Funds

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 32

John Cryer
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Caroline Lucas
 Ms Harriet Harman
 Kate Osamor
 Ed Davey

Paula Barker

John McDonnell

Chris Stephens

That this House believes that the Government has a duty to ensure that everyone living in the UK is protected from both the health and financial impacts of Coronavirus; understands that long before the pandemic No Recourse to Public Funds restrictions have pushed migrants and their families into poverty and homelessness; recognises that migrants with NRPf have been forced to choose between continuing to work throughout the pandemic or providing for their families; is deeply concerned that migrants who may lose their jobs as unemployment levels rise are at high risk of hardship and destitution; believes that preventing people from entering destitution should be a priority and is more effective than waiting until local authorities have a duty to intervene; believes NRPf restrictions are nothing more than a cost-shunt on to local authorities who are already struggling under the weight of funding cuts; recognises that although the policy allows for applications on a case-by-case basis to have the condition removed, it is incredibly difficult in practice, does not prevent abject poverty, and may unfairly lengthen the route to settlement by five years; further recognises that the hostile environment in all its forms increases racial discrimination; and calls on the Government to urgently suspend NRPf conditions.

1207 International Volunteers Day

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 28

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
John Nicolson
Martyn Day

John McDonnell

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises International Volunteers Day on 5 December 2020; welcomes this day as an opportunity to celebrate volunteers, promote volunteerism and recognise volunteer contributions; and further recognises and pays thanks to the many volunteers who have been at the forefront of medical, community and societal responses throughout the covid-19 pandemic and beyond.

1208 Small Business Saturday

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 30

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
John Nicolson
Martyn Day

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes Small Business Saturday 2020 on the 5 December; notes that this successful, grassroots campaign, which highlights small business success and encourages consumers to shop local and support small businesses in their communities is now in its eighth year in the UK with a record 17.6 million people choosing to shop small on this day in 2019; recognises that this has been a year with unprecedented challenges for small businesses; and encourages everyone to support local businesses this festive season and beyond.

1209 Eighteenth anniversary of Strathaven being named the first Fairtrade town in Scotland

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 9

Dr Lisa Cameron
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Margaret Ferrier
Peter Grant

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the eighteenth anniversary of Strathaven being named Scotland's first Fairtrade town by the Fairtrade Association, a milestone that takes place on 27 November 2020; remembers all the tremendous cooperation that took place between local churches, businesses, primary schools and the South Lanarkshire Council to ensure that Strathaven received this award back in 2002; draws special attention to the fact that the Strathaven Fairtrade group was the first Fairtrade group in Britain to include in its constitution support for local farming; notes the

continued support of local community members who (in normal times) sell Fairtrade products on the Traidcraft stall at local celebrations such as Gala Days, Reindeer Day and the local Balloon Festival; and finally highlights the continued support of the local council and local businesses in stocking Fairtrade produce.

1210 Human Rights in Sri Lanka and the Relocation of the BBC Sinhala Service

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 5

Barry Gardiner
Jim Shannon
Sir Peter Bottomley
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens

That this House notes the recent Foreign and Commonwealth and Development Office reports that the human rights environment in Sri Lanka worsened, with the continuation of surveillance and intimidation of activists and human rights defenders, the detention without charge of a high profile human rights lawyer, and a presidential pardon of the only member of the armed forces convicted of a wartime atrocity; further notes the withdrawal of the Government of Sri Lanka's support for UN Human Rights Council resolutions 30/1, 34/1, and 40/1 on post-conflict transitional justice, accountability and reconciliation, coupled with the Sri Lankan military forming task forces operating beyond parliamentary scrutiny and being given oversight of civilian functions, as a result of the delays to parliamentary elections without the reconvening of the Sri Lankan Parliament; believes now is not the time to be re-locating the BBC Sinhala service to India with the consequent loss of jobs in the UK as well as the experience, continuity and ability to report impartially on events and to hold the government and military of Sri Lanka to account for their actions; and therefore urges the BBC to reconsider its decision.

1211 Delivering Joy campaign

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 9

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neil Gray
Drew Hendry

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the staff of the Clydebank Dunelm Mill store for their altruistic and generous work with the company's non-profit Delivering Joy campaign; notes that some members of staff have worked tirelessly above and beyond their contracted working hours on a voluntary basis to encourage donations and work with the local community to deliver Christmas gifts to the most vulnerable children in the area; believes that the staff have highlighted with the campaign, the harrowing effects of domestic abuse on families and on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women donated 50 of their gifts to a local woman's aid; and hopes this philanthropic and generous act will promote goodwill and giving at a time when the community needs it most.

1212 Loch Lomond Brewery and the Scottish Beer Awards

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 13

Martin Docherty-Hughes
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neil Gray
Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Loch Lomond Brewery for winning brewery of the year at the prestigious Scottish Beer Awards, understands that it was also successful in winning the best branding award and believes that its success is thoroughly deserved; notes that those involved in Loch Lomond Brewery are passionate about serving their local community and preserving the cultural heritage of Loch Lomond through their impressive craft; and hopes that this achievement will inspire other local businesses to strive for the best at a time when the retail and hospitality sectors face such challenging times.

1213 Effect of night flights on residential areas

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 5

Sir David Amess
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell

That this House recognises that night flights taking off and landing at airports in highly residential areas are having a negative impact on the lives of local residents; acknowledges that an eight hour period of uninterrupted sleep is necessary for physical and mental wellbeing; notes that the elderly, pregnant women and children are most at risk from the impact of sleep deprivation; and urges the Government to look at the legislation again which permits these night flights to take place at the expense of residents' well-being.

1214 Prevent strategy

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 11

Sarah Owen
Rachel Hopkins
Jim Shannon
Mike Hill
Olivia Blake
Claudia Webbe

Caroline Lucas

Paula Barker

That this House commends the efforts of all agencies keeping Britain safe from terrorist attacks but believes that the Prevent strategy is not fit for purpose and notes the unacceptable delay from the Government of its overdue independent review of the strategy; further notes that the lower threshold for far right extremism in triggering intervention as well as the alienation and stigmatisation reported by members of faith communities, specifically the British Muslim community, has broken any trust in the strategy; believes that the Prevent strategy's credibility has been increasingly eroded with the inclusion of organisations such as Extinction Rebellion to its watchlist; further believes that extremism in young people is better tackled from a safeguarding

approach; and calls on the Government to end the Prevent Strategy and instead work with schools, colleges, universities, communities, charities and local authorities to engage on a trusted and more localised approach which better protects children and young people and ultimately the country from the devastating effects of extremism.

1215 Human and trade union rights in Pakistan

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 16

Apsana Begum
Dan Carden
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell
Ian Byrne
Kate Osborne

Chris Stephens

This House is alarmed at reports that Amar Fayaz, a Progressive Youth Alliance activist in Pakistan, was allegedly taken in to custody by security services on 8 November 2020 outside Liaquat Medical University in Jamshoro, and still has not reappeared; expresses solidarity with his family, wife and daughter who are still unaware of his whereabouts; notes that according to Amnesty International and other organisations enforced disappearances, extra-judicial killings, violence against women, media censorship and the harassment of ethnic and religious minorities continue to take place in Pakistan; further notes that Pakistan is also one of ten countries named in the 2019 report of the International Trade Union Confederation where trade unionists had been killed and that the ITUC now puts Pakistan in the worst category for trade union rights; believes that guaranteeing the political, democratic and trade union rights of all people, regardless of where they live, is of fundamental importance in upholding human dignity and the inalienable nature of human rights; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Pakistani Government for Amar Fayaz to be released or a charge be brought against him and for Pakistan obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be upheld.

1216 Post offices and sub-postmasters

Tabled: 30/11/20 Signatories: 20

Mr Virendra Sharma
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Fiona Bruce

Caroline Lucas
 Chris Stephens

Paula Barker

John McDonnell

That this House believes that sub-postmasters and their staff provide financial services that ensure the physical and psychological wellbeing of 300,000 vulnerable people; that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has made this a very difficult time for post offices; thanks sub-postmasters for their hard work and commitment and strongly urges the Government to preserve its commitment to the Post Office by continuing to ensure Government services such as, but not exclusive to, passports, state benefits and DVLA remain available via the Post Office network.

1217 Midlothian's Young People's Advice Service

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 9

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Peter Grant
Chris Law
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Midlothian's Young People's Advice Service (MYPAS) on their successful funding award of £63,000 through the Community Support and Services Framework (Mental Health and Wellbeing) at Midlothian Council; welcomes the news that this funding will enable MYPAS to recruit a Family Counsellor and an Art Therapist which will enable them to resume their family counselling service which was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic and allow them to increase and develop their art therapy services to local young people facing crisis; recognises that MYPAS are a young person's health and wellbeing organisation based in Dalkeith who provide vital information, support and advice on a range of subjects to young people in Midlothian and East Lothian; acknowledges the award was part of a bid by Midlothian's Children and Wellbeing Service which is made up of five local agencies, Home Link Family Support, MYPAS, Play Therapy Base, Midlothian Sure Start and Play Midlothian; and thanks MYPAS and everyone involved in providing this much needed service and wishes them every continued success for the future.

1219 Disability Awareness Week Northern Ireland

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 10

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Carla Lockhart
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Peter Bottomley
John McNally

John McDonnell

That this House notes Disability Awareness Week NI which runs from Monday 30 November - 4 December 2020; highlights that the Arts Council of Northern Ireland will be revisiting and highlighting some of the amazing arts organisations that work with people with disabilities; congratulates the Public Health Agency NI in cooperation with DCS District Council on their hard work to bring this awareness week online with links to visual art and performances; and thanks all of those involved in sending the message that differences should be celebrated and to promote health and well being in these difficult days.

1220 Effect of covid-19 on disabled people and employment

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 30

Wera Hobhouse
Caroline Lucas
Wendy Chamberlain
Dr Philippa Whitford
Marion Fellows
Carla Lockhart

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Disability Discrimination Act, an important step towards equality for people with disabilities; recognises the disproportionate impact of the covid-19 pandemic on disabled people; notes with concern that 71 per cent of disabled people employed in March have been impacted by loss of income, furlough or unemployment; expresses concern that the covid-19 pandemic could exacerbate negative conceptions of disabled people's ability to work; believes that the Government must show leadership to ensure the UK does not lose the progress it has made towards equality for disabled people in the workplace; and calls on the Government to introduce a Jobs Guarantee for newly unemployed disabled people.

1221 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 16

Daisy Cooper [R]
Marion Fellows
Carla Lockhart
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jim Shannon

Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Week; notes the profound impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on diagnosis, access to specialist advice, investigations and surgery for people with Crohn's and Colitis; appreciates the care provided by healthcare professionals in Inflammatory Bowel Disease services during the pandemic; recognises the role of Crohn's & Colitis UK in providing essential information and support to the 500,000 or the 1 in 133 individuals and their families who are living with the conditions across the UK; welcomes the 2019 IBD Standards; and urges the Government to adequately fund IBD services and prioritise access to endoscopy and surgery for people with Crohn's and Colitis, appropriately alongside other conditions, given the significant implications of delaying critical interventions and procedures on both physical and mental health, relationships and finances.

1222 University of Glasgow awarded Times Higher Education University of the Year 2020

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 14

Patrick Grady
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Neil Gray
Peter Grant [R]

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the University of Glasgow on being named University of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards on 26th November 2020; recognises that this is in recognition of the University's work to redress its historic links to slavery through a reparative justice programme, which included the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of the West Indies and the foundation of a Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Research which commits the University of Glasgow to raising and spending £20 million over the next 20 years, and scholarships for UK students of African and Caribbean heritage; acknowledges the report, *Slavery, Abolition and the University of Glasgow*, by Dr. Stephen Mullen and Prof. Simon Newman, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom, which revealed the institution's historic connections with Atlantic slavery, having received significant financial support from people whose wealth was derived from slavery and continuing to benefit from this capital; pays tribute to the many years of anti-racist and Black activism from organisations such as the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights, Flag Up Scotland Jamaica and many others who have opened up these vital conversations about Glasgow's past; and echoes the University's commitment that this should be a start but certainly not an end point in their work to help achieve racial justice and equality.

1223 Independence Day in Finland

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 23

Allan Dorans
Alan Brown
Marion Fellows
Owen Thompson
Neil Gray
Steven Bonnar

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises and celebrates Independence Day on 6 December 2020 with the people of Finland, a thriving, prosperous and successful country within the European Union, who gained their independence from Russia in 1917; and commends their democratic Government and acknowledges their innovative programmes for homelessness, healthcare and social services, their holistic approach to governance of their 5.5 million people economically, socially and emotionally, which has resulted in Finland being recognised by the World Health Organisation as the World's happiest country for the third year running.

1224 Gryffe High School named Sunday Times Scottish state school of the year

Tabled: 1/12/20 Signatories: 10

Gavin Newlands
 Allan Dorans
 Peter Grant
 Chris Law
 Drew Hendry
 Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Gryffe High School which has been named The Sunday Times Scottish State School of the Year by Parent Power, The Sunday Times School Guide; commends the leadership of Head Teacher Colin Johnson and the hard work of teaching and support staff across the school; praises the pupils not just for their academic success but their work in the community and beyond; and recognises that this achievement follows Gryffe High School becoming the first secondary school in Scotland to receive an 'excellent' grade under Education Scotland's short model inspection format.

1225 Scientists, researchers and clinicians developing treatment, testing and vaccines for covid-19

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 34

Olivia Blake
 Mick Whitley
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Apsana Begum
 Rachel Hopkins
 Ian Byrne

Zarah Sultana

Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates and commends the international efforts of thousands of scientists, researchers and clinicians from across the globe in developing treatment, testing and vaccines for covid-19.

1226 Steps Community Foodbank

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 10

Steven Bonnar
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Kenny MacAskill
 Kirsten Oswald
 Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the efforts of Steps Community Development Trust in establishing a community foodbank for use during the course of the covid-19 pandemic; praises inclusivity and the cooperative approach adopted by ensuring uniform access to service provision; and commends the contributions of the Steps community and thanks the loyal volunteers for their dedication to the cause.

1227 Coatbridge businesses and Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 10

Steven Bonnar
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Kenny MacAskill
 Kirsten Oswald
 Allan Dorans

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates My Roof Care and HRM Homecare on their recent successes in the Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards; commends the work of Darren McGhee of My Roof Care for his innovative business maintenance package; praises the holistic approach undertaken by HRM Homecare in enhancing the quality of life and providing care and support to local residents; and acknowledges the hard work, effort and endeavour of both businesses within the community during these challenging times

1228 Fast fashion and data transparency

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 15

John McNally
 Martyn Day
 Claudia Webbe
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 Mohammad Yasin

Caroline Lucas

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the fast fashion industry as a major contributor to carbon emissions, producing 10 per cent of all humanity's greenhouse gas emissions, and is responsible for serious human rights violations around the world; and therefore calls on the Government to introduce a policy where global fashion companies selling products in the UK must be transparent with consumers by releasing data that is accessible to consumers on the company's environmental and ethical impacts in areas such as their carbon footprint, water usage, and the working conditions of their staff across their supply chains.

1229 Australian Government response to online disinformation from China

Tabled: 2/12/20 Signatories: 8

Andrew Rosindell
 Paul Girvan
 Andrew Gwynne [R]
 Sir Mike Penning
 Wera Hobhouse
 Christine Jardine

John McDonnell

That this House notes with profound concern the social media post made by a Chinese Communist Party official which includes a digitally-created image depicting an Australian soldier cutting the throat of a child in Afghanistan; deeply regrets China's consistent and targeted spreading of disinformation through fabricated images, videos and disingenuous and mendacious statements; recognises that a concerted and collaborative international approach is required to tackle the

disinformation being spread by China; commends the Australian Prime Minister's decision to demand an apology from China in relation to this latest shocking incident; and commits to standing shoulder to shoulder with our Australian friends and Commonwealth ally to protect our key interests and values, at home and overseas.

1231 Human Rights Day 2020

Tabled: **2/12/20** Signatories: **8**

Margaret Ferrier
Jim Shannon
Stephen Farry
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey

John McDonnell

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that the world celebrates Human Rights Day 2020 on 10 December; further notes that this is a day to commemorate the UN General Assembly adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948; highlights that human rights are abused by repressive regimes across the world, whereby certain governments restrict freedom of speech and expression, continue to hold unfair trials and systematically persecute religious and ethnic minorities and LGBTI+ communities, among other incredibly serious violations; commits to working cross-party to uphold human rights in the UK and globally; and calls on the Government to work constructively with other sovereign states around the world to promote the universality of human rights.

1233 Restaurant of the Year at the Midlothian and East Lothian Food and Drink Awards 2020

Tabled: **2/12/20** Signatories: **6**

Owen Thompson
Alison Thewliss
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Loanhead-based restaurant The Radhuni on winning Restaurant of the Year at the Midlothian and East Lothian Food and Drink Awards 2020; notes that this award, organised by the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce, seeks to recognise restaurants which offer a high quality dining experience, ambience, service, locally-sourced ingredients and more; recognises that this has been an exceptionally challenging year for restaurants; and thanks the staff and owners of The Radhuni and all restaurants across Midlothian for their ongoing contribution to the cultural and gastronomic life of Midlothian.

1234 Priority groups for covid-19 vaccinations

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 7

Jon Trickett
Sir Peter Bottomley
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley

John McDonnell

That this House pays tribute to the selfless role key workers have played throughout the covid-19 pandemic; notes that in addition to health and social care workers, workers in key occupations have an increased risk of exposure to covid-19, with ONS data showing that during the first wave of covid-19 security guards, taxi and bus drivers, cleaners, mechanics and retail workers were at greater risk of death from the virus; believes it is right that elderly and vulnerable citizens along with care home workers and health and social care workers are to be prioritised for the rollout of any covid-19 vaccine; further believes that all other key workers should be prioritised for a vaccine rollout in addition to the elderly, vulnerable and health workers; and calls on the Government to amend its interim advice on priority groups for covid-19 vaccination in order to reflect this.

1235 Gross Domestic Wellbeing

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 15

Caroline Lucas
Tracey Crouch
Jon Cruddas
Wera Hobhouse
Liz Saville Roberts
Sir Peter Bottomley

John McDonnell

That this House welcomes the publication of the innovative Gross Domestic Wellbeing Index by the Carnegie UK Trust; recognises that GDP growth fails to capture a true picture of progress; welcomes the aim of developing holistic approaches to understanding and measuring progress that include social, environmental, economic and democratic wellbeing; notes that Gross Domestic Wellbeing Index was decreasing in the UK even prior to the covid-19 pandemic whilst GDP was increasing; acknowledges the conclusions drawn from over 40 independent reviews and commissions that the cornerstones of government decision making for wellbeing are prevention, participatory democracy, equalities, localism, integration and long-termism; and calls on the Government to accept the report's recommendations to hold a national conversation on wellbeing in England to inform an update of ONS wellbeing indicators, and to put wellbeing at the heart of all policy making, including budgets, as part of Building Back Better.

1236 The APPG for Inclusive Entrepreneurship's recognition awards

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
 Dave Doogan
 Margaret Ferrier
 Ben Lake
 Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts

Chris Law

Chris Stephens

That this house celebrates the outstanding achievements of all those individuals and organizations who received special commendations during the APPG for Inclusive Entrepreneurship's Recognition Award's Ceremony that was held on the 17 November 2020 as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week particularly: Laura Draper and her ethical clothing company Gooseberry Pink, Sara McKee for her contribution to the Arts, James Holt for his contribution to music, Monzur Miah for his entrepreneurship in setting up Monty's Flowers, Helene Martin-Gee for her work towards equality for women in enterprise, Jane Cordell for championing disability rights, Grant Logan for his work around digital innovation and education, Yemi Jackson for her work on equitable recruitment, Steve Hopwood for his contribution to transportation and motorsport and Lady Sharon Farley Mason for her work in redefining and glamorising mobility aids; recognises the broader contribution of disabled entrepreneurs to the UK economy; and notes, with regret, that many people have immense entrepreneurial talent and potential largely left untapped by Government initiative, calling on Government to support inclusive entrepreneurship in rebuilding the economy.

1237 UN 16 Days campaign and GMB Work to Stop Domestic Abuse Charter

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 12

Sarah Owen [R]
 Neale Hanvey
 Claudia Webbe
 Ben Lake
 Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts

Paula Barker
 Chris Stephens

John Spellar
 Olivia Blake

John McDonnell

That this House marks the UN 16 days of activism against gender-based violence run from 25th November, UN International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10th December, Human Rights Day, highlighting the link between violence against women and human rights; notes that GMB union launched its campaign and GMB Work to Stop Domestic Abuse Charter two years ago; and further notes that domestic abuse is a workplace issue and employers including hon. Members should support the campaign.

1239 Debenhams and the Arcadia Group

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 18

Chris Law
 Mohammad Yasin
 Allan Dorans
 Dave Doogan
 Steven Bonnar
 Sir Peter Bottomley

Stewart Hosie
 Chris Stephens

Alison Thewliss

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its concern for the estimated 26,000 workers affected by this week's announcements by both Debenhams and the Arcadia Group that they will be entering administration; recognises that many of these workers will have worked for these companies for much of their life and may have to find new work in an extremely challenging job market; further expresses its concern for what this will mean for local High Streets and those in these companies' supply chains across the country who will be affected; calls on the Government to do what it can to ensure that pension pots are protected despite these announcements; and further calls upon the Government to work with trade unions and workers affected in ensuring that those affected are treated fairly and adequately throughout this process.

1240 Contribution of Melanie Tonks to the communities of Arrochar, Tarbet and Succoth

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Law
 Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the outstanding contribution made to the communities of Arrochar, Tarbet and Succoth by Melanie Tonks since she and her late husband Billy moved to Argyll & Bute in 1999 and remembers their generosity in regularly providing a holiday chalet for people with learning difficulties free of charge; recognises Melanie's long standing involvement in the Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust and her important contribution in helping organise the annual 3 Villages GalaFest; pays tribute to the excellent service she has provided to local people since becoming Postmistress of the Arrochar Post Office in 2016, while simultaneously voluntarily running the 3 Villages Pit Stop Community Café from the same premises; notes she has also provided a shopping service for those in the community unable to do this themselves, as well as delivered daily care to an elderly person in the locality; sincerely thanks her for work in preparing food for distribution to those local people most in need during the current covid-19 pandemic; and thanks her for her outstanding commitment to this rural community and wishes her all the very best on her retirement.

1241 Nadine Marshall and revised probation instructions

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 6

Liz Saville Roberts
Sir Peter Bottomley
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Nadine Marshall for securing vital revisions to the probation instructions on Serious Further Offending; recognises that these changes mean that families of victims will now be entitled to timely and transparent information when an offender subject to supervision goes on to kill; remembers Nadine's son, Conner, who was murdered in March 2015 when he was only 18 years old by an offender subject to probation supervision in the community; and calls on the Government to address staff shortages in the probation system in order to help prevent repeats of cases like Conner's in the future.

1242 Royal Scottish National Orchestra tribute to the people of Belarus

Tabled: 3/12/20 Signatories: 5

Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Steven Bonnar
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges the work of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra who have demonstrated solidarity with their friends in Belarus through the commissioning and performance of Three Belarusian Folk Songs; recognises that the work is a tribute to the peaceful protests of the Belarusian people seeking to uphold their nation's democracy and thanks the RSNO for highlighting this important issue and offering support; warmly congratulates Christopher Gough for composing the piece; thanks soloist Aleksei Kiseliov and all of the musicians, as well as the RSNO's technical team, for bringing the work to a worldwide audience despite the challenges posed by covid-19; and commends the RSNO for continuing to bring music into people's lives through delivery of their Digital Season, ensuring that the restrictions that people living with do not limit the enjoyment of the arts which has been, and will continue to be, so vital during this difficult year.