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New EDMs

1314 Sage care workers and cleaners

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 5

Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra
Mick Whitley
Kim Johnson

That this House notes with deep concern that domestic staff and care workers employed at Sage Nursing Home, London NW11, are paid below the Real Living Wage at a rate of £8.72 - £9.60 per hour; is appalled that serious health and safety concerns and grievances regarding discriminatory treatment have not been addressed; notes that when staff are sick they receive only 50 per cent of their wages excluding the first day of absence and for a maximum of three weeks, something which forces staff to choose between paying their rent or their health and the health of residents; supports the workers' demands for £12 per hour and parity in sick pay and annual leave with NHS workers; further calls on Sage to recognise the workers' trade union of choice, United Voices of the World; and further calls on central government, local councils and care home providers to work together to put claps and fine words in praise of these key workers into action ensuring workers in care homes up and down the United Kingdom are given parity in pay, sick pay and annual leave with NHS workers and afforded the long overdue respect and dignity that they deserve.

1315 Societal contribution of supermarket workers

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House expresses its appreciation of the efforts of supermarket workers who have continued working in challenging circumstances throughout the pandemic; notes that the ability to keep trading while other outlets have been closed has resulted in bumper sales for supermarket

chains and is likely to lead to bumper year-end profits for many companies; considers that supermarket bosses, such as those at ASDA, owe a debt of gratitude to their employees for their efforts; is concerned to hear reports that employees of ASDA, including those at their Barrhead and Newton Mearns stores, having been told that all of its UK stores would close on Boxing Day to give employees the chance to stay at home with their families were then told they faced losing wages or part of their annual holiday entitlement if they took the day off; and urges ASDA management to work with trade unions such as GMB and USDAW who have expressed concern at the company's actions to provide their employees with suitable recognition for their efforts instead of this Scrooge-like non-holiday.

1316 Support for education support staff during covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Kim Johnson

That this House recognises that the invisible workforce of over half a million school support staff, including teaching and classroom assistants, SEND support workers, caterers, cleaners and caretakers have been crucial to keeping schools running throughout the pandemic; notes that they have provided invaluable pastoral and educational support to the most vulnerable children in the face of unprecedented challenges and at great risk to their own safety; Unison, who represent over 350,000 educational support staff, note that these staff are more likely to be Black women, agency workers and on low pay; and calls for the provision of adequate PPE, priority access to vaccination and financial support from the government to ensure that no worker – including agency workers – has to self-isolate or take time off sick on less than their full salary, effectively putting public health at risk by forcing workers to choose between their own health and putting food on the table.

1317 Deposit Return Scheme

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Andrew Gwynne

That this House notes that the UK is in the midst of a catastrophic waste crisis and that, according to Keep Britain Tidy, over two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day; recognises that drinks containers contribute to the crisis; notes that a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will help fight Britain's waste crisis; recognises that Nordic countries have best-in-class Deposit Return Scheme models inclusive of all materials with a deposit fee that varies according to the size and material of the container, and that these countries benefit from recycling rates higher than 90 percent; strongly supports the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme for England, Wales and Northern Ireland that mirrors the tried and tested Nordic model; and calls on the Government to follow the example of these nations and introduce a world-class scheme in 2023.

1318 Former miners and covid-19

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House notes a number of former miners suffering from industrial diseases including Chronic Bronchitis, Emphysema and Pneumoconiosis have sadly died from Covid-19; further notes that families of miners are entitled to industrial industry compensation if former miners die of industrial illnesses; expresses concern that the medical history of miners is being overlooked during the Covid-19 crisis, resulting in grieving families being unable to claim industrial industry compensation payments; believes that if former miners die of Covid-19 whilst suffering from

an industrial disease, their families are entitled to be compensated; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently address this injustice in order to ensure that industrial diseases are recorded on the death certificate of all ex-miners that have passed away from Covid-19.

1319 Arrests of democrats in Hong Kong

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Andrew Rosindell

That this House notes with profound concern the sweeping arrests of over 50 democrats in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Police Force simply for having demonstrated their commitment to democracy by arranging primary elections to inform the process of candidate selection for the now cancelled elections to the Legislative Council; deplores this egregious and heavy-handed clampdown on freedom of expression and basic rights in Hong Kong; reminds the Chinese Communist Party and its puppet administration in Hong Kong that the provisions of the Sino British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong are a binding international treaty, lodged with the United Nations, and continue to apply; calls for the urgent introduction by Her Majesty's Government of targeted sanctions against individuals responsible for the denial of human rights not only in Hong Kong but also in relation to the Uighurs and Falun Gong in mainland China; deeply regrets the willingness of the European Union, against this background of repression, to confirm an investment agreement with China; and urges the European Parliament to stand firm against this decision and so reiterate its commitment to human rights and democracy.

1320 Death of Jim McLean

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 1

Stewart Hosie

That this House notes with sadness the passing of Dundee United legend Jim McLean, the team's most successful manager; recognises the huge contribution Jim made to the club, leading the Arabs to a Premier League win, UEFA Cup final, European Cup semi-final and two league cup wins; pays tribute to the incredible legacy he left in Dundee; and extends its most sincere sympathy to Jim's family, Dundee United and to the tens of thousands of fans in Dundee and across Scotland mourning this loss.

1321 Student tuition fees and student debt

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 6

Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Ian Lavery
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes the move to online university learning in order to combat the spread of the covid-19 virus; is concerned that the Government took this decision after months of scientific and trade union advice; notes that the University and College Union (UCU) warned against students returning to universities in August 2020 and that on the 26th September 2020 the Government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) recommended a shift to online learning unless face-to-face teaching is absolutely essential; is concerned that, according to UCU, there have been over 52,000 positive cases of covid-19 in UK higher and further education institutions; recognises that students have been required to stay in their university halls, which placed an intolerable

strain on mental health, and that now students are learning online, thus missing out on the usual university experience, and cannot return to the campuses they are incurring an average of £57,000 worth of debt to attend; believes that the last decade of extortionate tuition fees has been a failed experiment, which has saddled young people with debt, deterred working class people from gaining a higher education and turned our universities into profit-seeking business; and calls on the Government to refund rents, scrap tuition fees, cancel student debt for good and ensure that young people are not punished for seeking an education.

1322 Covid-19 response and BAME communities

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 13

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Ms Diane Abbott
Zarah Sultana
Anne McLaughlin
Layla Moran

Ian Lavery
 Ian Byrne
 Kate Osborne

John McDonnell
 Mick Whitley

Jon Trickett
 Mary Kelly Foy

That this House notes that covid-19 has had a disproportionate effect on those from a Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority (BAME) background; understands that the highest age standardised diagnosis rates of covid-19 per 100,000 population were in people of Black ethnic groups and the lowest were in people of white ethnic groups; acknowledges that the mortality rate from covid-19 among people of Black African descent in English hospitals was 3.5 times higher when compared to rates among white British people; further notes that after accounting for the effect of sex, age, deprivation and region, people of Bangladeshi ethnicity had around twice the risk of death when compared to people of white British ethnicity; recognises that people of Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, other Asian, Caribbean and other Black ethnicity had between 10 per cent and 50 per cent higher risk of death from covid-19 compared to white British people; notes that 95 per cent of doctors who have died were BAME; believes that BAME communities should be prioritised for a vaccine rollout in addition to the other vulnerable groups and healthcare workers; calls on the Government to amend its advice on priority groups for covid-19 vaccination in order to reflect this; and urges the Government to communicate this widely through a range of effective and targeted media.

1323 Electronic voting in the House of Commons during covid-19 national lockdown

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 5

Caroline Lucas
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Liz Saville Roberts
Claire Hanna
Owen Thompson

That this House notes the success of the electronic voting system used by hon. Members in the House of Commons during the first national lockdown to prevent the spread of covid-19 in 2020; notes that MPs who need or want to avoid long distance travel currently have no choice but to use the proxy voting system; believes the proxy system is not the best system for voting in the House of Commons when large numbers of MPs have to use it for a prolonged period of time; further notes that electronic voting is safer than the proxy voting system which results in more hon. Members travelling to London and back; notes the proxy voting system allows an individual whip to cast

the votes of 100s of backbenchers at a time and that a recent list indicated that the Government's Deputy Chief Whip was designated to cast proxy votes for 315 MPs; is concerned that used in this way, this is a method of voting that risks the transfer of a degree of power to the whips over voting decisions of backbenchers; hopes the Government does not wish to be seen to be marking its own homework; believes the re-introduction of electronic voting for MPs would be healthier for the democratic scrutiny of the Government as well as being more covid-secure; and calls upon the Government to reinstate electronic voting in divisions for the duration of national lockdown.

1324 Covid-19 and homelessness

Tabled: **6/01/21** Signatories: **8**

Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell
Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
Paula Barker

Ian Mearns

Kate Osborne

That this House expresses alarm that people experiencing homelessness in England are facing the new covid-19 lockdown without a return of the Everyone In accommodation policy; notes that at the beginning of the pandemic, the Everyone In programme was found by a UCL study to have stopped tens of thousands of people from catching covid-19, protecting them and the general public; is concerned that the injustice of the No Recourse to Public Funds policy, the inadequacies of covid-19 support packages and universal credit, spikes in domestic abuse, and the failure to cap rents and cancel arrears continue to leave more and more people vulnerable to homelessness; and calls on the Government to immediately fund a renewed and unconditional Everyone In programme, as a first step of a comprehensive strategy to support people off the streets for good.

1325 Universal Credit deductions (No. 2)

Tabled: **6/01/21** Signatories: **1**

Chris Stephens

That this House notes that sums deducted from Universal Credit to repay debts, overpayments, and advance payments are a main driver of need for food banks; notes that 41 per cent of Universal Credit claims are subject to deductions averaging £70 per month; notes that after the introduction of a national lockdown in March 2020, the Government suspended for three months the deductions to repay debts and overpayments; notes that the full resumption of deductions since July 2020 has eliminated much of the effect on claimants' living standards of the twelve-month increase in the standard allowance; and calls on the Government to reintroduce its suspension of deductions to repay debts and overpayments, and to introduce with immediate effect its stated policy, which is not due to take effect until October 2021, of easing the rate of deductions from Universal Credit by extending the repayment period for advance payments and lowering the monthly cap on deductions.

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.

1305 Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 4

Bob Blackman
Kirsten Oswald
Chris Stephens
Catherine McKinnell

That this House notes that on 27 January 2021 the UK will observe Holocaust Memorial Day marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered; commemorates the six million victims of the Holocaust; further notes that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 is Be the Light in the Darkness; pays tribute to the commitment of Holocaust survivors and Kindertransport refugees who share their experiences with young people across the country; acknowledges the importance of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work in schools across the UK and in particular the Lessons from Auschwitz project, which has so far given more than 40,000 students and teachers the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; welcomes the establishment of a permanent National Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre adjacent to Parliament; pays tribute to the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for organising the national Holocaust Memorial Day event; and urges all right hon. and hon. Members to observe that day so that the appalling events of the Holocaust are always understood by future generations.

1306 Education of children living in homes where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 5

Margaret Greenwood
Kim Johnson
Rachel Hopkins
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra

That this House recognises Government guidance states, Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school; notes that hon. Members cannot underestimate the profound psychological impact that it would have on a child to go to school, come home with covid-19 and infect a family member and for that family member to then die; further notes that for a child to feel that the death of a family member was their fault would be traumatic in the extreme; regrets that the Government does not hold information centrally on the number of school pupils who live in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable; notes that the Association of Directors of Children's Services estimates that the number of children withdrawn from school for elective home education increased by 38 per cent in England in 2020 and that feedback from responding local authorities to their research indicated that covid-19 health concerns were a primary reason for parents or carers choosing to formally home educate their child in 2020; calls on the Government to bring forward guidance to ensure that children who live in a household where someone is clinically extremely vulnerable are able to learn from home during the covid-19 pandemic if that is what their parents or carers think is best; and further calls on the Government to provide the necessary financial support to schools so that head teachers can facilitate that home learning without having to worry about resource implications.

1307 Touring artists after UK's departure from the EU

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 5

John Nicolson
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the enormous economic and cultural benefit musicians and other touring artists from the EU provide to the UK, and vice versa; further recognises that visa-free travel arrangements are of vital importance to the facilitation of artists touring in other countries; and therefore calls upon the UK Government to agree with the European Union a touring artist visa waiver scheme that would facilitate touring artists travelling between and performing in both the EU and UK without visa requirements.

1308 Future participation in Erasmus+

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 46

Carol Monaghan
Ian Blackford
Alison Thewliss
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Hannah Bardell
Mhairi Black

Caroline Lucas

That this House expresses deep regret regarding the UK Government's decision to withdraw from the Erasmus+ scheme; recognises the importance of Erasmus+ to the many thousands of students and young people who have benefited from the opportunity to live, study and work abroad; notes that EU membership is not a requirement of participation in Erasmus+; welcomes the decision of the Irish Government to fund Erasmus+ grants for Northern Irish students; notes that the UK Government's Turing scheme will not replicate many aspects of the Erasmus+ scheme such as youth work, adult education, sport, culture and vocational training; and urges the Government to reverse its decision on participation in Erasmus+.

1310 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster

Tabled: 30/12/20 Signatories: 33

Chris Stephens
Peter Grant
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Steve McCabe
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

Navendu Mishra

That this House notes that 2 January 2021 will be the 50th anniversary of the Ibrox disaster which killed 66 people and injured over 200 people; notes that this was the worst football disaster in Britain until the Hillsborough disaster in 1989; notes that all 66 who died on 2 January 1971 were aged under 50 years of age, including five schoolmates from the town of Markinch in Fife; remembers all those who died and expresses continued sympathies and prayers with the families who lost loved ones; and further notes that the disaster is commemorated with a statue at Ibrox

stadium; recognises the major changes to football stadia design and standards and that spectator safety is always paramount in enjoying sport.

1312 EU visa system for touring artists and musicians

Tabled: **30/12/20** Signatories: **10**

Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Owen Thompson
Martin Docherty-Hughes
John Nicolson

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes with concern that while the deal agreed between the UK and the EU provides exemptions to visa rules for certain workers travelling to different European countries, this does not include artists and musicians; understands this will result in artists having to apply for separate visas for each individual country visited while touring in Europe resulting in significant added cost; further notes that the petition launched by artist Tim Brennan on that matter has exceeded the 100,000 signatures needed to secure a debate in the House; and urges the UK Government to urgently introduce a visa for touring musicians and other artists to facilitate their work across Europe without requiring the need for multiple visas and attendant additional costs.