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New EDMs

1376 UK-EU travel for touring musicians and performers

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House condemns the UK Government's failure to secure reciprocal visa-free and frictionless UK/EU travel for touring musicians and performers as part of the Brexit negotiations; notes that such artists have suffered significantly this year as work, touring and related income has largely ceased due to Covid-19; acknowledges the impact already being felt by small bands including the collapse of reciprocal tours by Fife band, Aye Hobos, German band, The Berlin Blackouts and many others; recognises the creation of such barriers, additional costs and bureaucracy will negatively impact the sector's recovery; further recognises the implications this failure has for performers from the EU, who will also be required to obtain costly visas, provide proof of savings and to provide evidence of sponsorship from an event organiser to perform in the UK; registers the risk to Scotland's international reputation as an open, welcoming and outward looking country by stymying our world-leading festivals ability to attract international guests; and calls on the UK Government to negotiate reciprocal visa-free travel between the UK and EU for touring musicians and performers as a matter of urgency.

1377 Pride of Scotland Award for Community Heroes: Bute community and Syrian refugees

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates the community of Bute on winning the TSB Community Heroes award at the Pride of Scotland awards 2020, for the support and kindness shown to Syrian refugees fleeing their war torn country and seeking to make a new life in Scotland; recognises that the people of Bute opened their hearts to the Syrian families, many of who were suffering from trauma and had to flee with little or no possessions, by providing them with both emotional and practical support

throughout; acknowledges the vital role played by Argyll and Bute Council's Refugee Resettlement Group in coordinating an island wide, multi-agency response to integrate the Syrian families into the local community; recognises that many Syrian families are now happy and settled on the island with some running their own successful businesses, others finding employment in local industries and young people attending local schools before moving on to further and higher education; recognises that the people of Bute have led the way in demonstrating that people from different cultures living together serves only to enrich a community; and calls on the UK government to look to Bute as a positive, shining example of what can happen when a community comes together to provide refuge to people whose lives are in danger in their own country.

1378 Award of the George Cross to the NHS

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 1

Simon Hoare

That this House believes that the George Cross should be awarded to the National Health Service in recognition of its heroic role during the covid-19 pandemic; and urges the Government to make that award.

1379 Covid-19 support from Leuchars Station personnel

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House acknowledges the contribution to the communities of Fife by the soldiers stationed at Leuchars during the covid-19 pandemic; pays tribute to them for their exceptional hard work during the pandemic that has presented the biggest peacetime challenge to the country; recognises their efforts in Preston conducting and supporting community testing; and anticipates their support in the vaccination rollout effort.

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.

1315 Societal contribution of supermarket workers

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 16

Kirsten Oswald
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts

Grahame Morris

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: 26

Kim Johnson
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Rachel Hopkins
Ben Lake
John McDonnell

Ian Mearns

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: 18

Andrew Gwynne
Hilary Benn
Kevin Brennan
Ben Lake
Caroline Lucas
Liz Saville Roberts

Gavin Robinson

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: 25

Jon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Ms Diane Abbott
Paula Barker
Ben Lake
John McDonnell

Grahame Morris

Ian Mearns

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.

1320 Death of Jim McLean

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 16

Stewart Hosie
Chris Law
Kirsten Oswald
Jonathan Edwards
Stephen Flynn
Steven Bonnar

Ian Mearns

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.

1322 Covid-19 response and BAME communities

Tabled: 6/01/21 Signatories: 23

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

Ian Mearns

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.

1326 Support for hospitality businesses

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 38

Dr Rupa Huq
Caroline Lucas
Sir Peter Bottomley
Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Jonathan Edwards

Rosie Duffield
Ian Mearns

Debbie Abrahams

Kim Johnson

That this House notes with alarm that the hospitality sector suffered 297,000 job losses between February and November 2020 according to Office for National Statistics data; recognises the immense efforts and sacrifices hospitality business owners, including many from BME backgrounds, have made to keep their premises covid-19 secure prior to the latest lockdown; observes with concern that many pubs are now on the brink of extinction; believes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's offer of extra business support does not go far enough, a position echoed by representatives from the CBI, BCC and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB); urges the Government to extend the job retention scheme to the end of the second quarter and remove the business rate relief cliff edge in April; and calls on the Government to meet UK hospitality representatives to establish a roadmap to recovery for the sector in 2021.

1332 Proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 19

Angela Crawley
Ben Lake
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell

Dave Doogan

Amy Callaghan

That this House notes the merits of the proposed Directors' Income Support Scheme (DISS) which is currently under consideration by the HM Treasury; supports the urgent implementation of the proposed DISS which closely follows the structure of the existing Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the DISS proposal is based on a company's trading profits of which verification can be self-certified given a director of a limited company has certain duties under law; understands that by taking account of trading profits rather than dividends, the DISS would allow limited company directors to claim support, unlike previous such Government support schemes; anticipates that the proposed DISS would be secure from fraud or abuse by non-trading companies due to the requirement to claim that support through trading profit; believes that the implementation of that proposed scheme would target companies which intend to continue to trade but which are either impacted by reduced demand or are unable to trade due to the coronavirus outbreak; and considers that the proposed DISS would be a positive step towards helping many of the estimated three million workers who have to date been ineligible for Government support so far established in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

1334 PrEP and National HIV Testing Week 2021

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 18

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Clive Lewis
Navendu Mishra
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins

Grahame Morris

That this House notes the importance of access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) in efforts to stop new cases of HIV in the UK; understands PrEP is up to 100% effective at preventing HIV transmission and must be available to all groups who could benefit from it; recognises that local healthcare settings such as pharmacies and GP practices play a key role in public health and should be involved in providing access to PrEP, in particular to women who are less likely to take PrEP despite women accounting for one-third of the total population living with HIV in the UK; notes that National HIV Testing Week takes place on 1 – 7 February 2021 and ending stigma associated with HIV is vital to ensure more people come forward for a HIV test; and calls on the Government to fully implement the recommendations of the national HIV Commission, including the swift publication of the HIV Action Plan which should include measures to increase access to PrEP and provide opt-out HIV testing as standard across the NHS.

1336 Stockport Viaduct

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 12

Navendu Mishra
Rebecca Long Bailey
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Rachel Hopkins

Mary Kelly Foy

That this House acknowledges Stockport Viaduct's heritage status as a Grade II*-listed structure, its amenity value and cultural significance for all those that live, work and visit the town; pays tribute to the feat of engineering of John Lowe and architecture of George Watson Buck and the contribution of all those who worked on its construction to create what continues to be one of the largest brick structures in Europe more than 180 years after it was completed; recognises its importance as part of a main artery connecting the North with the South and as a vital link in the plans to create an integrated, modern and accessible public transport system across Greater Manchester and its role in encouraging people to reduce their carbon footprint by using public transport; and calls on Network Rail to finance the extensive cleaning and maintenance that is long overdue to restore the viaduct to its former glory and ensure that it is able to be enjoyed for generations to come.

1337 VAT on reusable period pants

Tabled: 11/01/21 Signatories: 22

Daisy Cooper
Paula Barker
Wendy Chamberlain
Claudia Webbe
Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon

Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes the zero VAT rating of women's menstrual products, applied from January 2021; commends the recognition that sanitary products are an essential item; regrets that one in 10 girls in the United Kingdom are unable to afford sanitary wear, resulting in detriment to their self-esteem, education and overall quality of life; recognises the sustainability and environmental benefits of reusable menstrual products such as period pants; regrets that such products will continue to attract VAT at the higher rate of 20% and will therefore remain unaffordable for many; calls for a level playing field for reusable menstrual period pants; calls for the Government to improve access to ecological and economical period pants; and urges the Government to update the provisions of HMRC Guidance VAT Notice 701/18 to allow period pants to be zero rated.

1339 Tech industry unionisation

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 29

Clive Lewis
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
John McDonnell
Navendu Mishra

Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes and celebrates the creation of the Alphabet Workers Union and the unionisation of hundreds of Google workers in Silicon Valley; condemns the victimisation and harassment of any worker that is seeking to have their basic right to organise and collective bargaining recognised, and aggressive behaviour by companies in the tech industry that dissuades and prevents workers from unionising; notes that Google hired a consultancy known for anti-union activity, and the US National Labor Relations Board's complaint against Google which includes accusations of illegally spying on employees, and firing employees for attempting to unionise; recognises the growing power of the tech industry, its expansion into civic space, and the largely unregulated control tech companies have over online speech, privacy, and personal data; supports the extension of democracy into workplaces through unionisation and the progressive influence workers can have on tech companies; and calls on the Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade to publicly support Google's employees in trade negotiations with the US Government, and to advocate in these negotiations that the USA raises its labour standards and strengthens the rights of all workers, including the right to unionise.

1341 Scaling the UK hydrogen economy

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 6

Alexander Stafford
Jim Shannon
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Bob Blackman

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to green hydrogen to help the UK achieve net zero emissions by 2030 as announced in the Prime Minister's ten-point plan for the environment; notes that reforming the current Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) will allow the UK to meet the Prime Minister's target of 5GW of low-carbon hydrogen production by 2030; believes that the UK must take every opportunity leaving the EU provides and reform the RTFO to allow electrolyzers that produce green hydrogen to connect to existing wind farms rather than wait to connect to new wind farms currently under construction; and notes that this change will hasten the scaling of the UK's hydrogen economy.

1347 Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 17

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
John McDonnell
Sir Mike Penning
Alison Thewliss
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

Claudia Webbe

Grahame Morris

Bob Blackman

That this House notes the rare blood cancer, Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) is a serious and potentially life-threatening cancer that affects the skin, blood, lymph nodes and internal organs; recognizes that people living with the disease have a substantially reduced quality of life; highlights that living with a diagnosis of mycosis fungoides or Sézary syndrome, two subtypes of CTCL, is challenging, both from a symptoms management and psycho-social point of view; emphasizes the poor prognosis for people diagnosed with an advanced stage of the condition; and calls for greater awareness of this disease and more equitable access to treatment and care for those living with this rare, debilitating haematological malignancy.

1348 Seafood exports to the EU

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 16

Angela Crawley
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Joanna Cherry
Mohammad Yasin

Dave Doogan

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the additional costs incurred by seafood exporters as a result of Brexit; understands that businesses are now required to meet a number of additional safety standards to transport goods into the European single market; notes the additional administrative burden on exporters alongside the time delay has cost companies in lost contracts, reduced prices for produce, extra costs to meet safety requirements and lost custom; notes that this is compounded by Covid-19 restrictions and additional testing required for drivers to cross the channel; acknowledges commitments from the Government prior to the end of the transition period that exporters would not face disruption as a result of Brexit; believes that leaving the single market and customs union has resulted in exporters losing income at an already challenging time; understands that as a result of the additional logistical challenges, DFDS, a large fish haulage company with bases across the UK, has suspended groupage transportation indefinitely; calls on the UK Government to ensure compensation for seafood exporters that have lost substantially as a result of Brexit and to continue negotiations with the EU to ensure the overly restrictive process is streamlined.

1350 Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (No. 2) (No. 2)

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 20

Dr Lisa Cameron
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Joanna Cherry
Caroline Lucas

Grahame Morris
 Ian Mearns

Amy Callaghan
 Kim Johnson

Alison Thewliss

This House notes that the week commencing 18th January 2021 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, which provides a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the disease and preventative measures including cervical screenings; recognises that attending cervical screenings is important, but not always easy, and that uncertainty and anxiety around covid-19 has worsened this; emphasises the need to accelerate pilots and research around self-sampling to improve access; highlights that Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust is providing continuous information and support; and encourages all Members to share resources with concerned constituents during this week and in the future.

1351 Congratulating George Parsonage of the Glasgow Humane Society

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 17

Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Alan Brown

That this House congratulates George Parsonage on receiving the Special Recognition Award at the Pride of Scotland Awards 2020; recognises the vital work carried out by Mr Parsonage in preserving human life on the waterways of Greater Glasgow and on the advice and education he provides to the general public, local authorities and local organisations to ensure their continued safety; thanks Mr Parsonage for his tireless dedication over the last 40 years and for his recovery of over 1,500 souls from Glasgow's River Clyde; and thanks Mr Parsonage for continuing the legacy of his father Ben Parsonage and passing his years of expertise on to his family and the staff and volunteers at Glasgow Humane Society to secure the future of the world's longest surviving lifeboat service.

1353 Celebrating the work of Scottish Ballet

Tabled: 13/01/21 Signatories: 21

Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier
Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
John Nicolson
Jim Shannon

Amy Callaghan

Alan Brown

That this House celebrates the creativity of Scottish Ballet who embraced the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and delivered a truly successful digital Christmas Season over the 2020

festive period; acknowledges the innovation of filmmakers Jessica Wright and Morgann Runacre-Temple in developing the Secret Theatre Christmas Special that brought the magic of the theatre into people's homes and thanks all of the performers, technicians and organisers for bringing the piece to life; appreciates Scottish Ballet's involvement in YouTube's 12 Days of Culture programme that offered free online access to their works over Christmas; recognises their commitment to addressing and removing racist stereotypes from ballet, in particular for the work they have done to improve representation of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller culture within their production of the Snow Queen; and finally thanks Scottish Ballet for continuing to nurture and promote young talent and for ensuring that Glasgow continues to be a centre for excellence in the arts.

1357 H100 Fife and the green hydrogen project

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 6

Peter Grant
Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates SGN on securing funding from the Scottish Government and Ofgem to deliver H100 – Fife, the first project of its kind in the world which will see customers being offered 100 per cent green hydrogen energy to heat their homes; notes that the project will initially benefit around 300 homes and in time will increase to provide energy to heat 1000 homes; further notes that the project has the potential to create over 200,000 green jobs and attract over £170 billion of private sector investment globally; recognises that H100 – Fife will provide critical evidence for hydrogen's role in the pathway to net zero; notes that the project will lay the foundations for a large-scale rollout of hydrogen through the gas grid to help achieve net zero by 2045 in Scotland; and welcomes the decision for this project to be undertaken in Methil to continue to progress towards a more sustainable society by establishing the UK's first hydrogen town by the end of the decade.

1358 InchDairnie Distillery in Kinglassie and innovations in sustainability

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 5

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates InchDairnie Distillery in becoming the first single malt distillery in Scotland to publish its Carbon Footprint Report in order to encourage debate on how carbon footprints for the whisky industry should be calculated; recognises that in publishing that report, with assistance from Scottish Enterprise, they aim to push for a consistent approach to sustainability across the whisky industry; further congratulates InchDairnie Distillery on being awarded £71,812 in funding from the UK Government's Green Distilleries Phase 1 competition so that they can develop their feasibility study, Decarbonising the InchDairnie Distillery; notes their support for the Scottish Whisky Association's environmental strategy and praises their endeavours in helping to achieve the aims set out in that plan; highlights the collection of rainwater and recycling waste energy as some of the ways the distillery aims to achieve this; and commends John Fergus and Company on

their efforts in making InchDairnie Distillery a sustainable business, leading the way for the whisky industry to contribute to the UK and Scotland's net zero targets.

1359 Statutory Sick Pay uplift

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 13

Liz Saville Roberts
 Claudia Webbe
 Allan Dorans
 Jonathan Edwards
 Mohammad Yasin
 Patricia Gibson

Navendu Mishra

Alison Thewliss

That this Houses notes that Statutory Sick Pay is currently £95.85 per week, which is one of the lowest rates in Europe; further notes that this is approximately 19 per cent of average UK weekly earnings; expresses concern at research conducted on behalf of the TUC which suggests that approximately one fifth of workers forced to self-isolate during the covid-19 outbreak and unable to work from home have received no sick pay or wages; recognises that ensuring workers have the financial support necessary to self-isolate is vital for the effectiveness of the test, trace and isolate system; further recognises that Wales has been under full lockdown since 20 December 2020; is concerned that the UK Government has yet to confirm the continuation of the universal credit uplift; and calls on the Government to immediately increase Statutory Sick Pay to the level of the Real Living Wage and commit to the continuation of the universal credit uplift.

1361 Access to cash during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 18

Jamie Stone
 Margaret Ferrier
 Owen Thompson
 Patricia Gibson
 Mr Alistair Carmichael
 Hywel Williams

Claudia Webbe
 Marion Fellows

Jonathan Edwards
 Alison Thewliss

Christine Jardine
 Ian Mearns

That this House commends the LINK commitment to replace all free-to-use ATMs within their network during the covid-19 pandemic; in addition acknowledges that cuts to the interchange fee have led to the closure of thousands of free-to-use ATMs; notes that this has affected rural communities most profoundly as alternative sources of cash demand a consumer-met fee or are bound by the closing hours of stores or post offices; further notes that this disproportionately affects the vulnerable and older populations who are increasingly becoming excluded from their local economies as long-distance travel for cash or the use of digital monies is unviable; and calls on the Government to work with the Payment Systems Regulator and Financial Conduct Authority to devise a tiered or zoned interchange fee to ensure that ATM infrastructure funding is distributed fairly throughout the UK and protects ATMs in all communities, despite their population and withdrawal volume levels.

1362 Sight loss helpline

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 10

Owen Thompson
Steven Bonnar
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson
Anne McLaughlin

Alison Thewliss

John McNally

That this House welcomes the launch of a new helpline providing support to people with sight loss and their families in the Lothians; notes that the helpline is part of Sight Scotland's new Family Wellbeing Service, which aims to tackle an identified gap in support as the charity reaches out to even more people affected by sight loss in Scotland; and encourages people affected by sight loss, as well as carers, friends and families who have a loved one affected by sight loss to contact that helpline.

1363 Godfrey Colin Cameron

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 133

Chris Stephens [R]
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Rachel Hopkins
Paula Barker
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Amy Callaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House is deeply saddened by news of the death of Godfrey Colin Cameron, a hardworking member of Parliamentary security staff and member of the PCS trade union who passed away aged just 55 after contracting covid-19; extends our sincere condolences to his devoted wife Hyacinth, children Leon and Renee, his sisters Arlene and Cynthia, his brother, Carlton, and fellow members of the PCS; notes that Godfrey was a private man who showed selfless care for the others, hoped to retire to his late parents' homeland of Jamaica and was a fanatical fan of Liverpool FC; sends our deepest sympathies to all those who knew and worked with Godfrey, and our heartfelt thanks for the contribution of all those workers who have continued to serve the public during this public health crisis, and calls on the House authorities to work with trade union representatives to undertake an updated risk assessment in relation to health and safety on the Parliamentary estate, and take all appropriate measures to help keep staff safe.

1364 Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld Diocese Vincent Logan, 1941-2021

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 8

Dave Doogan
Kirsten Oswald
Amy Callaghan
Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Steven Bonnar

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes with sadness the death of Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld Diocese Vincent Logan at the age of 79, recognises that Dunkeld Diocese covers parishes across Angus, Dundee, Perthshire, Clackmannanshire and North East Fife; understands that Bishop Logan's passing followed the day after the Archbishop of Glasgow, Philip Tartaglia, also passed away; notes that Bishop Logan was, upon his episcopal ordination in 1981 at the age of 39, once one of the youngest bishops in the world and commends the compassion and energy that he brought to his position; and extends its sympathy and condolences to all in the Diocese of Dunkeld who knew and were close to Bishop Logan including his successor Bishop Stephen Robson and to the wider Scottish Catholic community who have experienced two sad and significant losses in a very short space of time.

1365 Fuel poverty (No. 2)

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 14

Kim Johnson
Claudia Webbe
Rachel Hopkins
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra

Clive Lewis
 Peter Dowd
 Beth Winter

Rosie Cooper
 Andrew Gwynne
 Rebecca Long Bailey

Alison Thewliss
 Ian Mearns

That this House notes that recent research from the Citizens Advice Bureau has identified that more than 2 million households are behind on their energy payments, with a quarter of all energy customers worried that they won't be able to pay their bill this winter; further notes that before the pandemic 1 in 10 households in the UK were already living in fuel poverty; notes that during the last lockdown energy bills soared by an estimated 37 per cent, and that this lockdown they will likely go higher due to winter weather; further notes that children in low income families are faced with additional barriers to their education by studying in freezing homes as parents struggle with the financial burdens of round the clock fuel bills; and calls on the Government to offer immediate debt relief to all households most in need by extending the winter fuel payment to all families receiving Universal Credit and on furlough during the lockdown, and to commit to permanently extending the £20 Universal Credit uplift.

1366 Safer PPE and FFP3 masks for healthcare workers

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 23

Geraint Davies
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Clive Efford
Apsana Begum
Ian Byrne

Claudia Webbe
 Ben Lake
 John McDonnell
 Paula Barker
 Debbie Abrahams

Jim Shannon
 Mike Hill
 Beth Winter
 Clive Lewis
 Kim Johnson

Kenny MacAskill
 Rachel Hopkins
 Allan Dorans
 Ian Mearns

That this House salutes the contribution of all healthcare professionals to combating the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that with 49,000 healthcare professionals off work ill with COVID-19 some 13,000 more than the number of hospital inpatients with the disease, the environments in which they are working may be putting them at risk of contracting the virus; is concerned that not all healthcare professionals have access to the appropriate level of personal protective equipment (PPE) they need to keep themselves and their patients safe; notes that the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Nursing, the Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) Alliance, and Fresh Air NHS - representing hundreds of thousands of frontline staff - are all calling for better PPE for healthcare professionals, including for those not working in intensive care units; calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to ensure that all frontline healthcare workers working with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients have immediate access to FFP3 masks; and calls on the Government urgently to commission an immediate, safety-first review of PPE guidance based on the environmental risks to healthcare staff in their workplaces and not just the risks inherent in the procedures they undertake.

1367 Leicester's garment industry

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 13

Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Osborne
Zarah Sultana

Allan Dorans
 Ian Mearns
 Kim Johnson

Grahame Morris
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Alison Thewliss
 Beth Winter

That this House is appalled by the resurgence of attention on the scandal of workplace exploitation and failure to pay the national minimum wage in Leicester's garment industry; expresses alarm that successive governments have been aware of this exploitation for over a decade yet have failed to act; is concerned that little action has been taken in 2020 to protect workers in Leicester's garment industry; calls on Boohoo and other large garment corporations to sign the Transparency Pledge, end the race to the bottom in its supply chain and recompense underpaid workers; is shocked by The British Retail Consortium's estimation that workers in Leicester's apparel manufacturing are underpaid a total of £2.1 million per week; calls on HMRC to investigate the extent of money laundering and VAT fraud within the sector; urges the government to reverse the underfunding of regulatory institutions including HMRC, the HSE and local authorities; further urges the government to introduce legislation to regulate the fashion retailer purchasing practices; calls for the GLAA to establish a firewall between immigration enforcement and employment rights enforcement;

recognises that Trade Unions are the best line of defence against workplace exploitation and the need for unions to be granted access to workplaces, be involved in labour market inspections and for the scope of collective bargaining rights to be widened; and calls on private companies, regulatory bodies and the Government to begin approaching this crisis with the ambition and urgency it demands.

1368 Samaritans Brew Monday

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **5**

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Alison Thewliss

That this House praises the Samaritans' Brew Monday campaign which is raising awareness for the impact of Blue Monday, the third Monday in January, which typically causes low mental health for many people; highlights the effects of the covid-19 pandemic and lockdown on people's mental health, with many people experiencing isolation and loneliness; encourages people to meet virtually over a cup of tea and a conversation; understands the importance of connecting over the phone to our friends, family and colleagues at this tough time; and reassures that despite this tough time there is hope ahead and light at the end of the tunnel with the covid-19 vaccination scheme.

1369 Community Action Dacorum and the volunteer response for covid-19 vaccines

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **2**

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon

That this House expresses its thanks and gratitude for the efforts of the volunteers from all over the Hemel Hempstead area who have worked tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; and recognises the compassion that has been shown by the local community during the covid-19 pandemic that has contributed to NHS operations in Dacorum and across the Borough of Dacorum, particularly with the rollout of the covid-19 vaccines; and commends Community Action Dacorum for co-ordinating the volunteer response with the GP led vaccine hub at Maxted Road working alongside our fantastic NHS professionals and local government key staff.

1370 Made in Midlothian grant award

Tabled: **18/01/21** Signatories: **2**

Owen Thompson
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Made in Midlothian on being awarded £30,000 from Creative Scotland's Youth Arts Small Grants Scheme; notes that Made in Midlothian is a Community Interest Company set up to help members of the community enjoy, explore and celebrate the creative arts in Midlothian; further notes that this award is part of the Scottish Government Covid-19 Emergency Fund to support the arts; understands that the award will be delivered in partnership with Midlothian Voluntary Action to support artists in applying and connecting with local groups to

provide arts activities; and looks forward to Made in Midlothian's plans to deliver a digital showcase in March 2022 to celebrate the creations from the programme.

1371 Commemoration of the 31st year of the genocide of Hindus (Kashmiri Pandits) from Jammu and Kashmir, India

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 3

Bob Blackman
Mr Virendra Sharma
Sir Mike Penning

That this House commemorates with deep sadness and disappointment, the 31st anniversary of the attack in January 1990 by cross-border Islamic militants on the population of Jammu and Kashmir; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in this massacre; condemns the desecration of the holiest sites in Jammu and Kashmir; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled persecution have still not seen justice for the atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of Kashmiri Pandit community who survived this gruesome ethnic genocide and who did not resort to taking up arms but instead pursued education and aspiration; deplors those sponsoring such cross-border terrorist attacks and demands that such attacks cease immediately; further notes that the international principle of the responsibility to protect obliges individual states and the international community to take effective measures to prevent the commission of genocide and crimes against humanity as suffered by the Kashmiri Hindu community; and urges the Government of India to fulfil its long-standing international commitment to recognise and acknowledge the worst form of genocide of Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir and enact the proposed Panun Kashmir Genocide Crime Punishment and Atrocities Prevention Bill in the Indian Parliament, therefore delivering the long awaited justice for the Kashmiri Pandits in exile.

1372 UK citizenship for the Windrush generation

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 20

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Carol Monaghan
Zarah Sultana
Kate Osborne
Margaret Ferrier

Kim Johnson
 Stephen Farry
 Jim Shannon
 Stewart Hosie
 Ian Lavery

Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Beth Winter
 Rachel Hopkins
 Navendu Mishra
 Barry Gardiner

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
 Wera Hobhouse
 Paula Barker
 Kenny MacAskill

That this House deplors the Home Office's treatment of those of the Windrush Generation and their families; notes that many residents through no fault of their own still await the restoration of citizenship; further notes that many are still waiting for compensation for the actions made by the Home Office such as the destruction of landing cards; notes that due to these mistakes many of the Windrush Generation have been unfairly deported or detained, lost employment, denied access to the NHS and refused re-entry to the UK; and calls on the Government to immediately reinstate citizenship to all UK residents of the Windrush Generation, whilst their cases are ongoing, in order for them to access the basic fundamental services they had previously.

1373 Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in protest 50th Anniversary

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 24

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Carol Monaghan
Ronnie Cowan
Amy Callaghan
Douglas Chapman

Owen Thompson
 Alan Brown
 Richard Thomson
 Steven Bonnar
 Dave Doogan
 Alison Thewliss

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
 Mhairi Black
 Kenny MacAskill
 John Nicolson
 Ian Blackford
 Brendan O'Hara

Stuart C McDonald
 Marion Fellows
 Allan Dorans
 Joanna Cherry
 Patricia Gibson
 Deidre Brock

That this House recognises that 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders (UCS) work-in protest; notes that when faced with the closure of their shipyards due to the Conservative Government refusing to provide financial assistance, workers at the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders inspired their communities, the length of the River Clyde and wrote their names into the history books by making a stand against this assault on their industry, taking the unprecedented measure of organising a work-in to complete the orders and show the viability of the shipyards and the skills of the men and women who worked in them; believes that the actions of the UCS workers, that were ultimately successful, are a critically reminder that when faced with indefensible actions by central Government the solidarity that exists between workers, their communities and the general population will ensure that right will win through; and understands that there will be a number of events taking place in the Burghs large and small along the River Clyde and across Scotland during 2021 and that these events can be used to inspire the present generation who are faced with the unprecedented challenges of the covid-19 outbreak with the message that workers and their communities in partnership are in a stronger to position to overcome the challenges that we presently face.

1374 Reduction of the Small Brewers Relief

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 9

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Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra
Ian Lavery

Alison Thewliss

Ian Mearns

Kim Johnson

That this House believes the proposed reduction in Small Brewers Relief for brewers below 5,000 hectolitres and the introduction of a cash basis will be disastrous for Britain's internationally renowned craft brewery industry; notes that the introduction of Small Brewers Relief in 2002, designed to enable small breweries to compete with multinationals to compensate for a lack of market access and to encourage diversity in a heavily monopolised market, led to a flourishing, hugely successful, diverse and exciting British industry; further believes that this proposal risks undoing all the benefits of Small Brewers Relief over the last two decades and could be the death knell for the industry; recognises that this will threaten thousands of jobs, a national industry of great value and consumer choice; is deeply concerned that this will add to the already enormous pressures the industry is facing, recognising that due to the covid-19 outbreak and its impact on the closely related industry of hospitality, beer sales have fallen by 80 per cent and two small breweries are going out of business every week; finds it shocking that the Government's technical consultation

on Small Brewers Relief fails to take into account the tremendous impact of covid-19 on the industry; is concerned that the Treasury itself acknowledges that there are significant issues in how production cost data was gathered; and believes that, if the problem identified in the consultation is the challenges faced by medium sized brewers in a market dominated by multinationals, legislation that makes it harder for small brewers to compete is not a solution to this.