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New EDMs

1400 Postponement of the National Eisteddfod of Wales 2021

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 3

Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams

That this House notes with sadness the unavoidable and sensible postponement of the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Ceredigion until 2022 due to the covid-19 pandemic; expresses deep concern about the incredibly difficult financial situation this poses for the festival organisers and for staff who are now at risk of redundancy; asks the UK Government what financial assistance it can provide to help support Wales' premiere cultural festival; commends the ongoing work of the Eisteddfod AmGen for providing alternative ways for people across Wales to celebrate the Eisteddfod during the pandemic; and looks forward to people coming together in-person for Eisteddfod 2022.

1401 The President of the Russian Federation

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes the actions of the President of the Russian Federation against those who seek to support the jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny in the form of peaceful protests in the streets of Moscow and other cities throughout Russia; calls upon the Government to use diplomatic means to encourage the Russian government to allow protesters the right to gather peacefully and express their views; and further calls for those who have been arrested to be released without charge.

1402 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights including Abortion Services

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Virendra Sharma

This House calls on the President of the United States of America to protect and expand Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) including abortion access globally in the first days of his presidency; notes that as the country's first pro-choice catholic president he has consistently connected his care for the poor, the sick and the vulnerable to his catholic faith and is a long-term champion of women's rights and the rights of marginalised people; welcomes his support in opposing policies like the Global Gag Rule, the Hyde Amendment and the Helms Amendment that inflict disproportionate suffering on the poorest of the poor, those afflicted by illness related to reproductive health, and those in rural areas with limited resources and those who find themselves in communities of profound powerlessness; urges support in overturning these policies as a matter of life and death for countless women and girls around the world; recommends that investing in SRHR saves lives, enables women and girls to participate equally in economic and social activity and makes it possible for families to break the spiral of poverty; and recognises universal access to SRHR including abortion services ensures a more prosperous and sustainable future for all of us.

1403 Student rent strikers

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Zarah Sultana

That this House congratulates student rent strikers demanding rent refunds, cuts and contract releases at more than 50 universities; notes that this is the biggest nationwide student tenant action in 40 years; further notes the housing system is organised in the interests of landlords and against tenants; welcomes the concessions won by rent strikes at a number of universities; recognises the appalling treatment of students by university managements and the government; highlights that the marketisation of higher education system puts rents and fees before the education and welfare of students and staff; calls on universities and the government to meet the demands of rent strikers; and urges the Government to abolish fees, cancel student debt, introduce living grants for working class students, guarantee adequate mental health support for students and introduce a system of public funding and democratic governance of higher education institutions.

1404 Travel rights for workers in the media and creative industries

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 5

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Rebecca Long Bailey
Liz Saville Roberts

That this House is deeply disturbed to hear that proposals made during the Brexit negotiations which would have offered special travel rights for the creative workforce represented by the Federation of Entertainment Unions (FEU) were turned down; notes that the creative industries are one of the fastest-growing parts of the UK economy worth more than £111bn; believes that the arts and media do not exist within borders and the lack of an agreement on this matter will severely hamper the ability of creatives to continue to carry out business and collaboration with EU states; further notes that the creative industries have been devastated by the pandemic and the understands that failure to agree a deal that would have played an important role in revitalising the arts is therefore a major blow; appreciates that media organisations need the capacity to react quickly when following news and investigative stories and not get bogged down with costly or time-consuming bureaucracy; joins the FEU in asking the UK government to review its position,

and also supports their call for the government to reverse its decision to scrap its £12m funding of England's Union Learning Fund which supports more 200,000 learners in workplaces across England and importantly offers one of the very few opportunities for freelancers to have access to free training, professional development and acquire business skills.

1405 Holocaust Memorial Day

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes Holocaust Memorial Day; further acknowledges the impact that the Holocaust still has upon this world with rising antisemitism remaining a threat to Jewish people around the globe; recognises the need to preserve the remembrance of these dreadful acts against humanity; reaffirms our commitment to appropriate remembrance and dedication to educating our children and grandchildren to know the truth about this genocide; and expresses again our deep sorrow to those who survived and still mourn their dead and understands the steps that must be taken to ensure that such atrocities do not take place ever again.

1406 Compass School Collects for Food Bank

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates the efforts of pupils at the Compass School in Haddington in collecting donations for East Lothian Foodbank's 'reverse advent calendar' scheme; notes the scheme was put in place in response to requests from the food bank to help ensure families had a Christmas Dinner and were supported at this difficult time of year; and echoes the words of headteacher Mark Becher by thanking everyone for their kindness and generosity.

1407 1st North Brownies Turn 100

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this house congratulates 1st North Berwick Brownies on 100 years since their incorporation; notes that former members are contributing photos and memories for a special book to be published; and notes the comments of Alison Bell, Guider-in-charge, who said that the Brownies were super excited to see the unit's original certificate so we thought it would be good to have something for future generations.

1408 Dunbar Traditional Skills Grant Award

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates the Ridge Foundations CIC on it's receipt of an award from Historic Environment Scotland; notes that the £34,000 award will go towards delivering training in traditional skills to support the conservation of historic buildings in the Dunbar Conservation area; and applauds the support for modern apprenticeships and boosting skills amongst school children, as well as helping to preserve the built heritage of the Dunbar Conservation area.

1409 Sofia Hill raises money for the homelessTabled: **26/01/21** Signatories: **1****Kenny MacAskill**

That this House applauds the determination and kindness of Sofia Hill from from Tranent who has raised hundreds of pounds for Steps to Hope, a charity supporting the homeless, notes that Sofia sold reindeer food which she made herself, and successfully raised over £450, and echoes the comments of Richard Roncero, founder of Steps for Hope who remarked that Sofia worked really hard and raised a lot of money and it will go towards things like housing and getting people rehabilitated.

1410 Haddington Care Home walks for charityTabled: **26/01/21** Signatories: **1****Kenny MacAskill**

That this House applauds the residents of Haddington Care Home who raised £1500 in less than a fortnight by walking 1515 laps, notes that the money raised will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator, and recognises that their passion for fundraising has been sparked as they continue to raise money for the Care Home's Welfare Fund and East Lothian Foodbank.

1411 Longniddry and District Rotary AwardsTabled: **26/01/21** Signatories: **1****Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Elaine Clark, John Hall, Bryan Hickman, Abigail Morrison, Brian Weddell & Debbie Reynoulds, who have all received awards from the Longniddry and District Rotary Club in recognition of their contribution and efforts in supporting communities throughout the lockdown, and notes that they were involved in diverse activities such as making face masks and designing and manufacturing PPE, supporting the local Resilience Groups in Prestonpans and Longniddry, and support for the charity: Children's Hospices Across Scotland.

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.

1340 Fetal pain

Tabled: 12/01/21 Signatories: 15

Carla Lockhart
Paul Girvan
Jim Shannon
Gavin Robinson
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Ian Paisley

Sammy Wilson
Kenny MacAskill

Angus Brendan MacNeil
Allan Dorans

Carol Monaghan
Andrew Selous

That this House welcomes the report on Foetal Sentience and Pain commissioned by the all-party Parliamentary pro-life group; recognises that recent research by Dr Stuart WG Derbyshire and John C Bockmann PA in the Journal of Medical Ethics supports the view that babies in the womb may feel pain from as early as 12 weeks' gestation; welcomes the provision of pain relief for babies in the womb undergoing surgery for spina bifida between 20 and 26 weeks' gestation; regrets the inconsistency in NHS practice that recommends pain relief for spina bifida surgery from 20 weeks' gestation but not for abortion at the same gestation; notes that the killing of protected animals from two-thirds of gestation is subject to tighter legal regulation than unborn humans being aborted from the same stage of development; and calls on the Government to review its official guidance on fetal pain, requiring that pain relief be provided from at least 12 weeks' gestation for all invasive medical procedures involving babies in the womb, including abortion.

1363 Godfrey Colin Cameron

Tabled: 14/01/21 Signatories: 136

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

Mary Glindon

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.

1366 Safer PPE and FFP3 masks for healthcare workers

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 35

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

Jonathan Edwards

Colum Eastwood

Jamie Stone

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.

1372 UK citizenship for the Windrush generation

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 36

Dawn Butler
 Claudia Webbe
 Carol Monaghan
 Zarah Sultana
 Kate Osborne
 Margaret Ferrier

Clive Lewis

That this House deplores 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.

1374 Reduction of the Small Brewers Relief

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 20

Olivia Blake
Claudia Webbe
Jonathan Edwards
Rachel Hopkins
Navendu Mishra
Ian Lavery

Chris Law

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.

1382 180th anniversary of the founding of modern Hong Kong

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 7

Andrew Rosindell
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Paul Girvan
Sir David Amess
Caroline Lucas

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes that the 26th of January 2021 marks the 180th anniversary of the modern founding of Hong Kong; recognises the significant historical ties between the UK and Hong Kong; celebrates the unique history, traditions and culture of Hong Kong and its people; commends the opening of the BN(O) visa scheme on 31st January 2021; looks forward to the significant cultural, economic, and social contribution Hongkongers will bring to the UK in coming years; invites the UK Government and all political parties to welcome those who come to this country from Hong Kong to escape the iron heel of Chinese Communist tyranny being stamped down upon that city which formerly enjoyed a high degree of autonomy; and encourages all nations which cherish freedom, democracy and the rule of law to follow the lead of the UK by reaching out to the beleaguered people of Hong Kong to offer them a home and a safe place of sanctuary.

1386 Covid-19 vaccination of Palestinians in the occupied territories

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 21

Nadia Whittome
Claudia Webbe
Sarah Owen
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Osborne
Zarah Sultana

Paula Barker

Rachel Hopkins

That this House notes that after more than 53 years of occupation, Israeli authorities have an obligation to fully respect the human rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories, including their right to health; notes the Israeli government's duties under the Fourth Geneva Convention to ensure medical supplies, including to combat the spread of pandemics, within occupied territories; notes that the United Nations has confirmed that the Israeli government is legally obliged to protect the right to health and other rights of the populations in the occupied territories; notes concerns raised by a number of human rights organisations and the World Health Organisation regarding the Israeli government's lack of action in vaccinating Palestinians in the occupied territories; expresses alarm at the unjust and stark contrast between Israeli citizens, including settlers in the West Bank, who are receiving Covid-19 vaccinations at one of the most rapid rates in the world and the unprotected and vulnerable state of Palestinians in the occupied territories who will not begin to receive the vaccine for several months; and urges the British government to use all diplomatic and foreign aid routes to address this disparity and uphold the human rights of the 4.5 million people living in the occupied territories.

1388 Plastic waste exports

Tabled: 21/01/21 Signatories: 12

Sarah Olney
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Mike Hill

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes that UK exports of unsorted plastic waste to non-OECD countries are allowed when given prior informed consent; further notes that from 1 January 2021, the EU no longer allows that practice; recognises that a ban on plastic exports outside of developed countries was a commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto; and is concerned that continuation of global trade in plastics could mean the UK exports plastic waste to lower income countries instead of taking responsibility for its own refuse.

1389 Support for British Gas workers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 9

Nadia Whittome
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
Dawn Butler
Navendu Mishra

Clive Lewis

Ian Lavery

Stewart Hosie

That this House condemns the actions of British Gas in pursuing fire and re-hire tactics with loyal and hard-working staff; expresses support and solidarity with British Gas workers who have been forced to strike following British Gas pushing ahead with plans that have been rejected by 86 per cent of GMB members working as engineers; notes that the proposed changes will mean that a number of workers will be expected to work approximately 150 hours extra per year for no guarantee of extra pay; expresses regret that a once respected and trusted brand is doing damage to its reputation by pursuing fire and re-hire tactics; urges British Gas to recognise that the only way to end the disruption is to take fire and rehire pay cuts off the table; notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers should instead be focused on supporting their employees through the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to stop the growing number of firms taking part in this unethical and unjust practice, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to automatically categorise such redundancies as unfair dismissals.

1392 Pet Passport Scheme

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 2

Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with regret that the Government did not secure Part 1 Listed Status under the EU Pet Passport scheme as part of the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement; recognises that as a result, the owners of cats, dogs and ferrets wishing to travel from Wales, Scotland and England to Northern Ireland or the EU are now required to have an Animal Health Certificate; understands that this additional barrier to travel is particularly concerning for assistance dog owners; and calls on the Government to do everything within its power to secure Part 1 listed status under that EU scheme.

1393 Third anniversary of the KickStart Money programme

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 3

Dr Lisa Cameron
Mr Virendra Sharma
Bob Blackman

That this House recognises the importance of financial education for children and young people to equip them to navigate future financial responsibilities, risks and economic shocks; emphasises the need for financial education for children at a primary school level to install positive habits and attitudes towards money when those habits are first formed; welcomes the work of KickStart Money and MyBnk in providing free financial education to almost 19,000 primary school pupils in three years in addition to online and virtual provision during a time of covid-19 restrictions; and

encourages the Department for Education to produce a strategy to ensure that every child receives a high-quality and effective financial education.

1394 PC Yvonne Fletcher inquiry

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 2

Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans

That this House notes the significant amount of work done to identify a suspect in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy on 17 April 1984; notes that the CPS were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; regrets that the suspect was permitted to leave the UK and endorses calls for an inquiry into PC Fletcher's murder.

1395 The gender pension gap

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 4

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans

That this House expresses concern about the gender pension gap which stands at around 40.3 per cent, more than twice the gender pay gap of 17.3 per cent, representing a differential in pension income of around £7,500 a year; understands that women's lower average lifetime earnings, as well as the increased likelihood of their taking breaks from paid employment or reducing working hours, often to undertake caring responsibilities, directly reduces their retirement earnings, increasing the likelihood of later-life poverty; recognises the effect of the speed of state pension age equalisation which meant many women had insufficient time to prepare for retirement; notes that the State Pension triple lock does not apply to pension credit, discriminating against the oldest and poorest pensioners, who are disproportionately women; is perturbed by the ongoing anomaly created by the inflexibility of the National Insurance system which excludes those, disproportionately women, who may have several jobs but which fall below the Lower Earnings Threshold, and so do not receive any credit for their State Pension; is alarmed that anyone earning less than £10,000 a year, mostly women, is not automatically enrolled into a pension and will not therefore benefit from their employers' contributions; is aware that lower lifetime earnings mean lower private pensions and that women were often forced to leave company pensions if they married or worked part-time and tended to work in occupations where employer pensions were less prevalent; and calls for urgent measures from the Government to boost women's pension income.

1396 Connor Golabek 7 marathons in 7 days for Highland Hospice

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 2

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans

That this House commends Glenurquhart Shinty Club's Connor Golabek on his goal to run seven marathons in seven days in order to raise money for the Highland Hospice; notes that Connor has been volunteering with the Highland Hospice since December 2020 and wanted to raise money for them in response to the effect that the covid-19 outbreak has had on their ability to carry out their annual fundraisers; highlights the fantastic work that the Highland Hospice does to provide

specialist care to those who need it; and notes that people are still able to make donations to the Highland Hospice.

1397 Covid-19 outbreaks at DVLA offices

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 4

Jonathan Edwards

Ben Lake

Paula Barker

Rachel Hopkins

That this House recognises that more than 500 cases of covid-19 have been recorded at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's offices in Swansea since the start of the outbreak; further notes that on 21 December 2020, a covid-19 outbreak was officially declared at the UK vehicle licensing agency's contact centre at Swansea Vale in Llansamlet by Public Health Wales; is concerned at reports that staff with symptoms were encouraged to return to work and that vulnerable workers were denied requests to work from home; is troubled at reports that a complaint to Public Health Wales' outbreak control team indicates that staff were asked to turn off their NHS Test and Trace apps; calls on the Government to urgently ensure that all DVLA staff have safe working environments; and further calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to clarify whether the DVLA offices in Swansea are compliant with public health guidance and legislation put in place by the Welsh Government to ensure workers' safety during the covid-19 outbreak.

1398 Access to PrEP for Black communities

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 4

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Paula Barker

Rachel Hopkins

Ian Lavery

That this House is concerned that there is inequitable access for all who need access to the HIV prevention pill pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); notes that PrEP is highly effective at stopping HIV and extremely cost-effective when compared with a lifetime of HIV treatment; further notes that in the UK, Black African men and women are the second-largest group affected by HIV; recognises that there was disappointingly low coverage of access to PrEP on the Impact trial for women and Black communities; is aware that the routine commissioning of PrEP has focused on providing access to individuals previously on the Impact trial; calls on local commissioners and councils to provide equitable access to all high-risk individuals who need access to PrEP; further calls on the Government to increase funding for PrEP in 2021; and urges local public health teams to improve knowledge about PrEP among Black communities.

1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 9

Jeremy Corbyn
Margaret Ferrier
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Jonathan Edwards

Paula Barker

Rachel Hopkins

That this House notes the continued disaster of the war on Yemen which has helped create what the UN has designated the worst humanitarian catastrophe anywhere in the world, threatening the lives of millions of Yemenis; further notes that the Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the main foreign protagonist of the war, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen; recognises that new US president Joe Biden has committed to ending US support for the war; and calls upon the Government to end all support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately.