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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 28 January 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1418 **Recognising the need to abolish VAT on energy bills**

Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **1**

**Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the need to take back control of the UK's taxes following the UK's departure from the EU and abolish VAT on energy bills; notes that cutting VAT on energy bills to zero could save households up to £65 on their energy bills; further notes that during the 2016 EU referendum campaign both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster stressed that energy bills would be lower after Brexit; and calls on the Government to abolish VAT on energy bills and cut the cost of living for hard-pressed families across the UK.

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#### 1419 **Horse tethering**

Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **1**

**Robert Halfon**

That this House notes the cruel treatment of horses, ponies and donkeys left tethered by roadsides or in dangerous locations around towns often without food or water; recognises the severity of this issue in the Harlow constituency; understands the distress that the practice causes to the animals; notes the need to protect these gentle sensitive creatures; acknowledges that local authorities have chosen not to intervene to rescue tethered horses on the basis that the Animal Welfare Act 2006 does not provide strong enough grounds to do so; further acknowledges that this inaction is in spite of clear infringements of the five freedoms set out in the 2006 Act, including the need for a suitable environment and to exhibit normal behaviour patterns; and therefore calls on the Government to reform the 2006 Act to impose stronger measures that require local authorities to intervene and rescue tethered horses in order to prevent their long-term suffering.

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**1420 Praise for St John's Ambulance volunteers**Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **1****Robert Halfon**

That this House praises the excellent work of the people who volunteer for St John's Ambulance; recognises the contribution of those volunteers to the national covid-19 vaccination programme; notes that St John's Ambulance is training and recruiting more than 30,000 volunteers to support the vaccination programme; further notes the importance of the service they provide; acknowledges the hard work of the wonderful St John's Ambulance men and women in Harlow constituency; and calls on the Government to thank the St John's Ambulance volunteers for all of their efforts during the covid-19 outbreak.

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**1421 Proposed funding cuts to Nottingham's Linkbus Network**Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **1****Ian Mearns**

That this House notes that Nottingham City Council is consulting on its 2021-22 budget that includes a proposed annual funding cut of £700,000 to the City's Linkbus Network which would lead to a number of bus services being withdrawn; believes that those bus services play a vital role in connecting communities and supporting the local economy and therefore must be protected; is concerned that the proposed service cuts could increase social isolation, increase carbon emissions which would worsen air quality and have public health implications; calls on Nottingham City Council to withdraw those proposals and ensure that all Linkbus funding, services and jobs are permanently protected; and calls on the Government, as a matter of urgency, to publish its National Bus Strategy and for this to provide all local authorities, such as Nottingham City Council, with sufficient ring-fenced national funding to ensure that their bus services are protected.

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**1422 Celebrating the work of Baltic Street adventure playground**Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **1****Alison Thewliss**

That this House thanks the team at Baltic Street Adventure Playground for the fantastic work they do in supporting children's development through free play, and also for the support they have offered the wider community throughout the covid-19 pandemic; recognises the successful partnership formed with Compass Scotland that provided 700 hot meals to members of the community over the festive period; acknowledges that staff have worked hard to develop training and guidance on the benefits and practicalities of free play and are proactive in sharing this with other child support services; and celebrates the project's innovative and thoughtful approach that has empowered so many children to flourish as individuals and to forge a resilient and caring community.

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**1423 UNISON activist Gordon Gray**Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **7**

**Chris Stephens**  
**David Linden**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Patrick Grady**

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises the life and work of Gordon Gray, a UNISON activist for 10 years, who died on the 16 January 2021 due to covid-19; recognises his work as co-convener for UNISON in Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood and Sustainability Department, Assistant Conditions of Service Officer, and Deputy Learning and Organising Officer within the Glasgow City Branch of UNISON; sends condolences to his family at this time; recognises his work as a Lay Trade Union tutor, having completed his TUC Diploma in Employment Law; further recognises his community work as a Community Councillor in Leven and District Community Council, and as a Trustee of Friends of Househill Park; remembers his employment as a Training Instructor and as an avid horticulturist; notes and supports his strong advocacy for strong council services and investment in horticulture; and recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to all who knew him at this time.

## 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.

**1358 InchDairnie Distillery in Kinglassie and innovations in sustainability**Tabled: **14/01/21** Signatories: **8**

**Peter Grant**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**

Patrick Grady

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.

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

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 12

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

Patrick Grady

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.

**1368 Samaritans Brew Monday**

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 18

**David Linden**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Drew Hendry**

Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

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.

**1373 Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in protest 50th Anniversary**

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 34

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Amy Callaghan**  
**Douglas Chapman**

Patrick Grady

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.

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### 1376 UK-EU travel for touring musicians and performers

Tabled: 19/01/21 Signatories: 17

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Chris Law**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**

Marion Fellows

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.

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### 1383 Free school meals and child poverty

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 21

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Alyn Smith**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

Owen Thompson  
 Marion Fellows

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Dr Philippa Whitford

Neil Gray

That this House recognises the important role that healthy, nutritious meals play in supporting a child's education and the need to ensure that these meals continue to be available to children

throughout the covid-19 pandemic; asserts that access to free school meal provision is an essential tool in tackling the attainment gap and supporting children's learning; notes that many children do not grow up in environments conducive to covid-19 lockdown learning, with overcrowded accommodation, limited access to the internet and other resources, and a lack of access to nutritious food, impacting on their ability to concentrate and learn effectively; welcomes the recent announcement by the Scottish Government that, from August 2022, Scotland will be the first nation in the UK to provide free school meals to all children in primary schools and is committed to using its limited powers to tackle the scourge of child poverty, with measures such as the introduction of the Scottish Child Payment, described by the Scottish Child Poverty Action Group as a game-changer in tackling child poverty; realises that while the provision of free school meals is an important tool in tackling child hunger, it must be part of a wider plan to tackle child poverty, to ensure that every child is able to realise their full potential; and calls on the UK Government to publish a Child Poverty Action Plan to finally combat the shameful fact that around 30 per cent of children in the UK live in poverty.

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**1384 Human security and the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy**

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 13

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**

Jim Shannon

Jeremy Corbyn

Andrew Gwynne

That this House welcomes the upcoming Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy; notes with concern the changing nature of global threats to the UK, including irreversible climate change, emerging artificial intelligence and the risk of increased frequency and size of global pandemics; highlights that many of these threats could cause far greater disruption to the lives of UK citizens than traditional military threats; emphasises that unforeseen developments of this nature can occur at pace and must be pre-emptively addressed; believes that the Integrated Review is an opportunity to reframe the UK's approach to defence and security to ensure future generations are protected; and calls on the Government to champion an inclusive, positive vision of global and local security.

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**1385 Universal credit uplift**

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 26

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Alyn Smith**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Owen Thompson  
Marion Fellows

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
Dr Philippa Whitford

Neil Gray  
Patrick Grady

That this House recognises the profound impact that the covid-19 pandemic has had on the economy and the labour market, forcing many to rely on welfare benefits to survive at this difficult time; notes the importance that the temporary uplift to universal credit of £20 per week has played in providing a lifeline for those struggling financially and registers its deep concern at plans to

remove this vital support; further notes that the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has estimated that if this temporary uplift is withdrawn, it will remove over £1000 a year from 6 million households, reducing the incomes of the bottom fifth of the population by 7 per cent overnight; understands that this will leave many unable to afford basic necessities such as housing costs, food and heating; recognises that after a four year benefit freeze, as well as the numerous challenges posed by the universal credit system, such as the five-week wait before payments are made, have created huge pressure on the budgets of the most vulnerable, leaving many trapped in debt and despair; and calls on the Government to end the uncertainty faced by millions of households and ensure that this temporary uplift in universal credit is made permanent to avoid a financial cliff-edge for claimants at the end of March 2021 and to commit to a longer term strategy to tackle the shameful levels of poverty across the UK.

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### 1386 Covid-19 vaccination of Palestinians in the occupied territories

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 24

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

Tony Lloyd

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.

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### 1389 Support for British Gas workers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 14

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

Caroline Lucas

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.

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### 1390 Democracy, human rights and the detention of Alexei Navalny in Russia

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 21

**Layla Moran**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Gavin Newlands**

Nadia Whittome

That this House condemns the arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny by the Russian Federation; further condemns the reported arrest, detention and beating of thousands of protestors and journalists across Russia in the last week; notes that over 3,500 Russians have so far been detained following nationwide protests across the country according to monitors; further notes that at least 40,000 people participated in a rally in Moscow on 23 January 2021 according to Reuters estimates, with over 100,000 estimated to have taken part nationwide; expresses its solidarity and support for the protestors, journalists and the Russian people; acknowledges that widespread human rights abuses are being committed in Russia by police, security services and the state; further acknowledges that under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 a Minister may make sanctions regulations where it would provide accountability for or be a deterrent to gross violations of human rights, or otherwise promote compliance with international human rights law, or respect for human rights, or promote respect for democracy, the rule of law and good governance; calls on the Government to condemn the actions of the Russian Federation and its security apparatus in the strongest terms; further calls on the Government to use the aforementioned powers in the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 to rapidly impose sanctions on individuals responsible for ordering, conducting and aiding human rights abuses against peaceful protestors, journalists, citizens and opposition politicians in Russia; and reaffirms its support for democracy, freedom of speech and expression.

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### 1391 Support for early years providers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 4

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**

That this House recognises the hard work and dedication of early years providers across the country and the difficulties that they have faced throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the financial hardship that the early years sector has faced prior to the covid-19 outbreak; calls on the Government to publish the data which informed their decision to keep early years settings open

fully throughout the third national lockdown; further recognises that reduced numbers of children attending nursery throughout the outbreak intensifies the need for urgent financial support; calls on the Government to make a sustainable financial package available; and further calls on the Government to review regularly and thoroughly the safety of early years providers and to pledge to act where lives and livelihoods are at risk.

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### 1392 Pet Passport Scheme

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 5

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Ben Lake**

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.

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### 1395 The gender pension gap

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 25

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**

Stuart C McDonald  
 Owen Thompson  
 Marion Fellows  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 John Nicolson  
 Dave Doogan  
 Caroline Lucas

Alan Brown  
 Tommy Sheppard  
 Alyn Smith  
 Douglas Chapman  
 Ian Blackford  
 Hannah Bardell

Richard Thomson  
 Kirsten Oswald  
 Neil Gray  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Patrick Grady  
 Angela Crawley

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.

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### 1398 Access to PrEP for Black communities

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 8

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**

Caroline Lucas

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.

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### 1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 13

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

Nadia Whittome

Ben Lake

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.

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**1402 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights including Abortion Services**

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 3

**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**

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: 18

**Zarah Sultana**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Apsana Begum**

Jon Trickett

Chris Stephens

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: **29**

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

Christine Jardine  
 Jon Trickett  
 John Cryer

Ed Davey  
 Sarah Olney  
 Dan Carden

Ben Lake  
 Ian Lavery  
 Mick Whitley

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: **11**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Brendan O'Hara

Chris Stephens

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: 5

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

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: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

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: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

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 homeless**

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

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.

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#### 1410 Haddington Care Home walks for charity

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 6

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Chris Stephens**

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.

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#### 1411 Longniddry and District Rotary Awards

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**

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.

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#### 1412 Motorcyclists in National Parks

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 2

**Tim Farron**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes concerns expressed by National Park residents regarding weekend motorcyclists; further notes that everyone, including motorcyclists, should be free to safely enjoy the beautiful landscapes of National Parks; expresses concern that some motorcyclists disregard speed limits, endangering the safety of themselves and others; expresses further concern that speeding produces excessive noise pollution, disrupting the tranquillity of National Parks; recognises that those issues are particularly acute during the prime motorcycling season running from early Spring and to mid-Autumn; further recognises huge spikes in motorcycle traffic in National Parks following national covid-19 restrictions; notes that parish councils received a record number of complaints regarding motorcyclists in 2020; and urges the Government to introduce average speed cameras throughout National Parks, legislate to decrease noise pollution and increase police patrols during the peak motorcycle season.

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**1413 Visas for musicians in the EU**

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 12

**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**David Warburton**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Kevin Brennan**

Steven Bonnar  
 Chris Stephens

Jonathan Edwards

Ben Lake

That this House applauds the over 100 musicians who wrote to The Times on 20 January 2021 and agrees that the UK Government must immediately seek supplementary agreement with the EU to secure the ability of all creative workers including musicians, performers, their equipment and others such as technicians to travel and earn in Europe, ensuring the economic benefit of the creative industries to the UK economy and to protect the livelihoods and essential earning opportunities to prevent those musicians from being forced out of their profession, to protect the creative benefit of musicians and others working together across Europe and to protect the important role of our brilliant conservatoires, music departments and all performance venues; recognises the vital role that musicians play in the cultural and community life of the UK; and notes that the petition launched by Tim Brennan on that matter has now exceeded a quarter of a million signatures.

**1414 Covid-19 vaccine prioritisation for police staff**

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 8

**Florence Eshalomi**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Neil Coyle**  
**Mr Virendra Sharma**

Andy Slaughter

Caroline Lucas

That this House pays tribute to the role key workers have played throughout the covid-19 pandemic; notes that in addition to health and social workers and other key workers, frontline police officers have an increased risk of exposure to covid-19, with the Metropolitan Police recently telling the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee that there are approximately 1,700 Metropolitan Police officers and staff who are not at work due to covid-19; believes that it is right that vulnerable citizens and health and social care workers are to be prioritised for the rollout of the covid-19 vaccine; supports the call of the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee, the Metropolitan Police and the Police Federation for England and Wales, that frontline police staff should be prioritised for the vaccine rollout in addition to health workers and other key frontline workers and as soon as the most vulnerable people have been vaccinated; and calls on the Government to amend its advice on priority groups for the covid-19 vaccination.

**1415 Carstairs Welcome All Hub**

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 4

**Angela Crawley**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this house recognises the contribution that the Carstairs Welcome All Hub has made to supporting communities through the covid-19 pandemic; understands that the organisation gained charity status in March 2020 and has worked throughout the public health crisis to provide food and support to people who need it most; notes that the organisation has provided over 400 food parcels to vulnerable people in Carstairs Junction, Carstairs Village, Forth and Cleghorn, supporting around 54 families to date; further understands that the organisation has expanded its support services to assist people in navigating the social security system as well as supporting those people who have become more isolated through the covid-19 lockdown; believes that the volunteers that have made the Carstairs Welcome All Hub a lifeline for local families are community heroes; and thanks those volunteers for their selfless work throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

**1416 Plan for schools to safely reopen during the covid-19 outbreak**

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 6

**Munira Wilson**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Siobhain McDonagh**

That this House declares that children and their wellbeing must be at the heart of Government decision-making; recognises the negative effect that schools being closed to most pupils is having on the wellbeing and mental health of children; notes that research has shown that home-schooling has been inconsistent across the country during lockdown, with disadvantaged children faring particularly poorly; further notes the stress and effect that schools being closed is having on parents across the country who are having to balance their work commitments with home-schooling; agrees that the best place for students is in the classroom as schools provide consistency, social interaction, stimulating learning environments and promote good health and wellbeing; urges the Government to work together with headteachers, parent bodies, unions and local authorities to urgently devise and publish a plan to reduce covid-19 transmission in schools so that all children can return to school as soon as the circumstances safely allow it; further urges the Government to consider as part of that plan increasing capacity for physical learning, rota systems as seen in other countries, staggered returns and other safety measures; and requests that the Government considers placing teachers on the priority list for covid-19 vaccination after the key vulnerable groups have been vaccinated.

**1417 Healthy Homes Act**Tabled: **27/01/21** Signatories: **16**

**Dan Carden**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Rachel Hopkins**

Paula Barker  
Apsana Begum  
John McDonnell  
Grahame Morris

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Zarah Sultana  
Richard Burgon

Claudia Webbe  
Nadia Whittome  
Ms Diane Abbott

That this House welcomes the campaign by the Town & Country Planning Association (TCPA) for a Healthy Homes Act which would require all new homes and neighbourhoods to be of decent quality and outlaw those which undermine residents' health and wellbeing; recognises that too many people suffer in poor quality, even dangerous, homes; resolves to stop building the slums of the future; and urges the Government to insert the TCPA's healthy homes principles into the Building Safety Bill or future planning reform legislation to ensure lasting change that would benefit people's health, reduce costs to the NHS and social care budget and simplify the regulatory landscape.