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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 1 February 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1424 **Digital accessibility for people with disabilities**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Jamie Stone**

That this House regrets the lower levels of access and inclusion to digital technology for people with a learning disability than the general population across the UK; calls on the Government to continue to equalise access to digital technology for people with disabilities in an effort to tackle loneliness and isolation, to open up pathways to employment, and to provide empowerment and agency; asks that disabled people are central to this work as co-producers and co-designers; and further calls on the Government to continue to collaborate with digital technology companies to provide resources and support for individuals with a learning disability and those who support them, including through moving community services online digitally, providing volunteers/staff digital skills understanding and training; providing accessible digital equipment.

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#### 1425 **Effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled people**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Hywel Williams**

That this House recognises that the covid-19 outbreak has had a disproportionate and significant impact on the lives of many disabled people and their families; further recognises that research conducted by the disability charity Scope found that over eight in 10 disabled people are worried about the effect that the outbreak is having on their life; notes that disabled employees are falling out of work at a faster rate than non-disabled people; is concerned that the additional costs that disabled people already faced have been exacerbated during the crisis; calls on the Government to permanently retain the £20 uplift to universal credit and extend it to legacy benefits; and further calls on the Government to reinstate the temporary changes that they made to the welfare system at the beginning of the outbreak in order to ensure financial protection for disabled

people, including a pause on sanctions, a suspension of benefit reassessments and a suspension of benefit recovery.

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**1426 Freedoms in Pakistan**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Bob Blackman**

That this House is alarmed at reports that Manzoor Pashteen, leader of the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement in Pakistan, was allegedly taken in to custody by security services in on false charges; notes that in May 2020 proxy terrorist extremist elements allied to the Pakistani Army killed one of its prominent members Arif Wazir; further notes that Pakistan is also one of 10 countries where opposition party members have been killed and that Pakistan has been assessed by Human Rights Watch to have fallen into the worst category for freedom of expression and attacks on civil liberty; believes that guaranteeing the political, democratic and rights of all people regardless of where they live is of fundamental importance in upholding human dignity and the inalienable nature of human rights; and calls on the Government to make representations to the Pakistani Government to ensure that its obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are upheld.

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**1427 Cancer treatment waiting times**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Jon Trickett**

That this House is concerned that cancer treatment waiting lists are increasing as a consequence of the covid-19 pandemic; notes with further concern that vital cancer diagnoses are being missed, with data from Public Health England showing that 106,732 cases were diagnosed between April and September 2020, down from 142,324 over the same period in 2019; recognises the commitment shown by NHS staff over the summer while the threat from covid-19 was lower in attempting to reduce cancer waiting lists; expresses concern that the increasing seriousness of covid-19 has since resulted in tens of thousands more people continuing to miss cancer diagnoses; supports the need for urgent action to prevent what could be thousands of cancer deaths due to missed diagnoses or treatment delays; and calls on the Government to urgently publish an action plan setting a target for the backlog of cancer treatments to be cleared.

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**1428 Exiting the European Union (Excise)**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 5

**Ian Blackford  
Alison Thewliss  
Gavin Newlands  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady**

That the Travellers' Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1412), dated 3 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3 December 2020, be revoked.

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**1429 Energy price cap**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes the forthcoming change in the energy price cap due on 1 April 2021 given the recent increase in wholesale energy prices; and calls upon the Government to alert constituents to take action by comparing company costs where possible to minimise any additional energy cost that will have a further detrimental effect in addition to problems associated with the ongoing pandemic, on millions of households from April this year.

**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.

**1372 UK citizenship for the Windrush generation**

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 38

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

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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.

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

Tabled: 18/01/21 Signatories: 35

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

Grahame Morris

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

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 16

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

Grahame Morris

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

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 26

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

Debbie Abrahams

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 Forth 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: 17

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

Grahame Morris

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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### 1391 **Support for early years providers**

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 5

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

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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**1395 The gender pension gap**

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 35

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

Neale Hanvey

Gavin Newlands

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.

**1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales**

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 18

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

Grahame Morris

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.

**1404 Travel rights for workers in the media and creative industries**

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 38

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

Neale Hanvey

Marion Fellows

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.

**1406 Compass School Collects for Food Bank**

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 8

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

Neale Hanvey

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: **7**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**

Neale Hanvey

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: **7**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**

Neale Hanvey

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: **8**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**

Neale Hanvey

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.



**1411 Longniddry and District Rotary Awards**Tabled: **26/01/21** Signatories: **7**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Elaine Clark, John Hall, Bryan Hickman, Abigail Morrison, Brian Weddell & Debbie Reynolds, 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.

**1413 Visas for musicians in the EU**Tabled: **27/01/21** Signatories: **55**

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

Wera Hobhouse  
 Kate Osborne  
 Tommy Sheppard  
 Dame Margaret Hodge

Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Neale Hanvey  
 Jack Dromey  
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Debbie Abrahams  
 Dr Rupa Huq  
 Marion Fellows  
 Grahame Morris

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.

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

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 9

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

Ed Davey

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: 19

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

Ian Lavery

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.

**1421 Proposed funding cuts to Nottingham's Linkbus Network**

Tabled: 28/01/21 Signatories: 4

**Ian Mearns**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Ian Lavery**

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.

**1422 Celebrating the work of Baltic Street adventure playground**

Tabled: 28/01/21 Signatories: 6

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Law**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Neale Hanvey**

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.

**1423 UNISON activist Gordon Gray**

Tabled: 29/01/21 Signatories: 15

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

Neale Hanvey

Chris Law

Marion Fellows

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-convenor 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.