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New EDMs

1439 Festival of Brexit

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House regrets the Government's commitment to spending £120 million on the planned festival of Brexit; recognises that regardless of how people voted in the EU referendum that money would be better spent on a covid-19 recovery fund; and calls on the Government to cancel its plans for that festival.

1440 Minimally invasive cancer therapies

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House welcomes World Cancer Day on 4 February 2021 and supports NHS efforts to deliver world leading treatments to all cancer patients across the UK; further recognises the role of innovative, minimally invasive cancer therapies in improving the quality of life for patients by reducing side effects and supporting quicker recovery time from treatment; and accepts the need to increase the number of patients who can benefit from minimally invasive treatment.

1441 Universal credit MPs' helpline

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 1

John Nicolson

That this House is disappointed by the lack of a dedicated universal credit helpline for hon. Members; notes that this is a particularly desperate time for claimants and that many have problems which require urgent action; highlights that contact with the local job centre is not adequate

provision for hon. Members to represent their constituents effectively; and urges the Government to rectify this problem urgently.

1442 Undocumented migrants and covid-19 vaccination

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 6

Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson

That this House believes that access to essential healthcare is a universal human right; regrets the continued existence of structural, institutional and systemic barriers in accessing NHS care experienced by undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications; considers that an effective public health response to the covid-19 crisis requires that the most vulnerable can afford to access food, healthcare, and self-isolate where necessary; understands that some of the most vulnerable people in society will not access vaccination against the virus, since to disclose their identity to the authorities would risk their arrest, detention and deportation; fears that without urgent Government intervention this will lead to further avoidable premature deaths, especially in the African, Asian and Minority Ethnic population; and therefore calls on the Home Office to grant everyone currently in the UK at this time who are undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications indefinite leave to remain, and to be eligible in due course to receive the covid-19 vaccination.

1443 Coalfield Regeneration Trust report on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on older industrial Britain

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 1

Jon Trickett

That this House notes the research commissioned by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust examining the health and economic effects of the covid-19 pandemic on older industrial towns and former coalfields; notes that this research has found that up to the start of 2021 the cumulative death rate in older industrial towns and former coalfields was on average 30 per cent above the UK average; expresses concern that between March and November 2020 claimant unemployment among 16-24 year olds in older industrial Britain doubled; notes that older industrial Britain had been disproportionately affected by major losses of industry and austerity prior to the covid-19 pandemic; expresses concern that those same regions will lag behind other parts of the UK in any post-pandemic recovery; believes that action must be taken to ensure that those areas are not disproportionately affected by the long-term economic effects of covid-19; and calls on the Government to ensure that any levelling up agenda targets older industrial towns and former coalfields.

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.

1387 **Workers' rights**

Tabled: 20/01/21 Signatories: 22

Liz Saville Roberts
Chris Stephens
Claire Hanna
Clive Lewis
Stephen Farry
Caroline Lucas

Alison Thewliss

This House expresses deep concern over the Government's decision to review the "working time directive" implemented by the Working Time Regulations 1998; notes that amongst other achievements the Directive gave UK workers a statutory right to paid annual leave for the first time; further notes that the Government is yet to present its promised Employment Bill to enshrine EU employment law in the UK post-transition; and calls on the Government to present its new Employment Bill to honour its pledge made in the Queen's speech that workers' rights would be "protected and enhanced".

1395 **The gender pension gap**

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 36

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

Alison Thewliss

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: 6

Drew Hendry
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Alison Thewliss

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: 12

Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Tonia Antoniazzi
Paula Barker
Rachel Hopkins
John McDonnell

Alison Thewliss

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.

1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 19

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

Alison Thewliss

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: **40**

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

Alison Thewliss

Apsana Begum

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: **18**

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

1407 1st North Brownies Turn 100

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 8

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

Alison Thewliss

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.

1414 Covid-19 vaccine prioritisation for police staff

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 10

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

Jim Shannon

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.

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

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 12

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

Jim Shannon

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: **20**

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

Jim Shannon

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: **6**

Ian Mearns
Grahame Morris
Jeremy Corbyn
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon

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: 7

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

Jim Shannon

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.

1424 Digital accessibility for people with disabilities

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 2

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon

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.

1425 Effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled people

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

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.

1426 Freedoms in Pakistan

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

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.

1427 Cancer treatment waiting times

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 3

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon

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.

1429 Energy price cap

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 2

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jonathan Edwards

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.

1430 Ongoing conflict in Cameroon

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 10

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Wendy Chamberlain
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron

Christine Jardine
 Thewliss

Daisy Cooper
 Ed Davey

Alison

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing conflict in Cameroon's north west and south west regions; condemns the deliberate and continued killings of innocent civilians and grave violations against children since the start of the conflict in 2016; sends its sincerest condolences to all those who have tragically lost loved ones as a result; notes that according to The International Crisis Group and the UN over 4,000 people have been killed, 765,000 people displaced, and four million people have been affected by the humanitarian crisis and that around 800,000 children are out of school; further notes that the Norwegian Refugee Council declared the conflict in Cameroon as the most neglected crisis on the planet for the second year running; urges the UK Government to publicly condemn the violence and bring to light all crimes and injustices; calls on the UK Government to work with its global partners and use all diplomatic means at its disposal to assist in de-escalating the violence and resolving the underlying conflicts including using diplomatic measures to encourage all sides to call a temporary cessation of military activities and to participate in inclusive peace talks mediated by an impartial third party; and further calls on the UK Government to ensure that people affected by the humanitarian crisis receive adequate support and aid.

1432 The Rohingya community

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes, not for the first time in recent years, that Burmese military leaders have committed crimes against humanity; highlights the brutal assault against the Rohingya community which has displaced hundreds of thousands of men women and children; further notes that this has been described by the UN as a textbook case of ethnic cleansing; and calls on the Government to note that the international community's failure to take any substantial action against the Burmese military following this assault has emboldened its leaders to act against democracy in Burma and to commit to righting this wrong by using all diplomatic means possible to deliver aid and change in this awful situation.

1433 The imprisonment of Tanveer Ahmed Rafique

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House condemns the imprisonment of Tanveer Ahmed Rafique who was wrongfully arrested by the Pakistani Officials during his peaceful protest where he called for the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir to be granted independence; expresses grave concern that Pakistan's intelligence agencies have been accused of pressuring the courts to continue to keep Tanveer detained; and calls on the Government to strongly condemn the continued detention of Tanveer and make contact with the Pakistan Government to ask for steps to be taken to facilitate the release of Tanveer Ahmed Rafique and for them to commit to every individual's right to peaceful protest.

1434 Barnardos Northern Ireland foster care week

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes Barnardos Northern Ireland Foster Care Week; thanks the charity for the wonderful work they do in connecting foster families with those in need of a family; notes the stress that the covid-19 pandemic has put on the foster care system; calls upon the Secretary of State for Health to review the level of assistance given to people providing foster care in terms of financial support as well as practical support; and further encourages people who have considered fostering to make contact with Barnardos to learn the facts and take the first step towards bringing children into loving stable homes.

1435 Iran's use of chemical poisoning on Gonabadi Sufis

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House condemns the Iranian Regime's constant stream of human rights violations; notes that the Regime's officials continue to imprison, torture and execute dissidents, especially religious minority groups such as the Gonabadi Sufis, whose leader Dr. Noor Ali Tabandeh was placed under house arrest at the age of 91, and was killed in December of 2019 through chemical poisoning disguised as medication; and urges the Government to unite with world leaders in its condemning of the imprisonment of political opponents of the regime and make representations with their counterparts for their immediate and unconditional release.

1436 150 year anniversary of the Fife Free Press

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 2

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates the Fife Free Press newspaper on its 150-year anniversary; recognises the endurance of the local newspaper which has been the voice of the Kirkcaldy area and bedrock of the community throughout that time; notes in particular the recent contribution of the Fife Free

Press as an invaluable source of information for people throughout the covid-19 pandemic; and wishes the team and the title all the best for the next 150 years.

1437 Civilian casualties during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 3

Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss

That this Houses notes the continuing tensions and sporadic violence between Azerbaijan and Armenia; expresses concern regarding the findings of Amnesty International's report into civilian casualties arising from the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh; further expresses sympathy with the families of the 146 civilians unlawfully killed by Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in the 44-day conflict between late September and early November 2020; and echoes the UN Secretary General's call for all concerns to meet their obligations and calls on both sides to respect the ceasefire and work with the OSCE Minsk Group to secure a lasting peace.

1438 Mutual equivalence and harmonisation protocols between UK and EU on food product standards

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 3

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake

That this House acknowledges that the EU is by far the most important export market for the UK food sector; notes that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the UK and EU has resulted in significant non-tariff barriers in relation to food exports; recognises that further costs, checks and delays are proving prohibitive to trade in food products; further notes that shellfish exports are likely to face an indefinite ban on products, decimating the industry; recognises for other food products such as dairy and meat, that the animal health certificates required for export can cost more than the value of the product being exported; understands that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement allows for continued trade related discussions; and calls on the UK Government to enter into negotiations on achieving a mutual equivalence agreement on food standards and protocols on future harmonisation in order to remove non-tariff barriers on food exports to the EU and between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.