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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 9 February 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1469 Clackmannan Development Trust

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**John Nicolson**

That this House commends the work of the Clackmannan Development Trust; highlights some of the incredible projects the Caring and Connected group have carried out during the covid-19 outbreak; further mentions Brucie's Buddies for its stellar effort from March 2020 onwards, not only in supplying people in need with essential food and prescriptions, but also in helping locals to combat loneliness.

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#### 1470 Cabs for Jobs Scheme Inverness

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House commends the Inverness Taxi Alliance on their proposed cabs for jobs scheme, offering safe transport to elderly and vulnerable people receiving their covid-19 vaccine; notes the unique scheme would be financed through community fundraising, exchanging donations for cab rides to allow individuals free transport in their local area; and finally, thanks all taxi drivers who are willing to help set this scheme up in the Inverness area.

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#### 1471 Highland Third Sector Awards

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates all those who were honoured in the Highland Third Sector Awards, held online on the 4 February 2021; notes that the awards were hosted by Highland Third Sector

Interface and included three new categories to recognise the immense work of volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak; congratulates Highland Blindcraft of Ardconnel Street, Inverness who were named Social Enterprise of the Year for how they looked after their 23 employees, 19 of whom have a disability, during the outbreak; congratulates Heather Fraser from Grantown for receiving the Covid Response Volunteer award for her work in setting up a volunteer helpline from 8.00am to 10.00pm, seven days a week during the first lockdown to help anyone who needed it; congratulates local charity Mikeyline on being named Community Welfare champion, for responding to people's fears and distress with their You Are Not Alone call back service; and finally, congratulates all other winners who were recognised in the awards.

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## 1472 Sale of unsafe goods on online marketplaces

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House notes that unsafe products continue to be sold on online marketplaces; further notes the risks that these unsafe products pose to users; recognises that more consumers are dependent on online marketplaces due to covid-19 restrictions; further recognises that many online marketplaces are not taking responsibility for the goods sold on their platforms; is concerned that research by Electrical Safety First shows that an estimated 7,000 domestic fires in Great Britain are caused by faulty electrical products every year; is further concerned that consumers are not protected by consumer rights legislation when shopping on online marketplaces; and urges the Government to include the sale of unsafe goods on online marketplaces within the scope of the online safety Bill.

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## 1473 Legacy benefit uplift in response to covid-19

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House recognises the financial effect that the covid-19 outbreak has had on disabled people; further recognises that research from the Disability Benefits Consortium found that over six in 10 disabled people in the survey had gone without essentials such as food, heating or medication since the pandemic began; is concerned that no uplift was provided to people on legacy benefits such as employment and support allowance, jobseeker's allowance and income support; calls on the Government to implement a £20 uplift for legacy benefits to reflect the additional costs disabled people have faced; and further calls on the Government to commission research to assess the adequacy of benefits for disabled people.

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## 1474 Christopher Kapessa

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Beth Winter**  
**Apsana Begum**

That this House stands in solidarity with the family of Christopher Kapessa, a 13 year old child, who died after being pushed into the River Cynon in South Wales on 1 July 2019; extends its sympathy to his family; has concerns about the South Wales Police investigation into Christopher's death; expresses alarm at the Crown Prosecution Service decision that it was not in the public interest to seek a prosecution despite their own admission that sufficient evidence did exist to bring a charge of manslaughter; acknowledges the family's assertion that the case has been marred by institutional racism; demands justice for Christopher and his family; and calls on the UK Government and others

to recommit to learning the lessons from the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry and to challenge and root out systemic and structural racism within the criminal justice system.

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**1475 50th anniversary of the killing of Gunner Robert Curtis**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Jim Shannon**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Paul Girvan**

That this House notes the 50th anniversary of the murder of Gunner Robert Curtis, 156 (Inkerman) Battery, 94 Locating Regiment, Royal Artillery, shot by an Irish republican terrorist at the age of 20 on the 6 February 1971 in the New Lodge area of Belfast; notes that this was the first of many lives lost during Operation Banner and expresses our sincere condolences and gratitude to the family of this young man so cruelly taken at the start of his life; expresses our deep sympathy once again to his daughter that never met her father and to his grandson, named after Robert; and further remembers the families of all of those soldiers so cruelly slaughtered from every part of the UK during Operation Banner in defence of this Union and in the stand against evil and reaffirms the deep and abiding gratitude of this nation for those who gave their all for Queen and Country in service in Northern Ireland.

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**1476 RNIB Eye Too Work project**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the RNIB Eye Too Work project which is helping the blind and those suffering from visual impairment to find employment; notes that currently only one in four registered blind people work; highlights that the programme offers an extensive range of activities, training and support and is tailored to each participant's individual needs and abilities prior to an optional paid work placement; and thanks RNIB for the sterling work that they are doing to enable more blind people to enter into employment and further show employers that this disability does not in any way impact their ability to be a productive member of any team.

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**1477 Glue traps**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Mark Tami**

That this House calls for an urgent review into the use of glue traps as a means of pest control due to the inhumane suffering they cause animals; is deeply concerned by the cruel way in which they leave animals to face slow, painful deaths and strongly asserts that animals being left for days to starve or suffocate is abhorrent; believes that the Government has a duty to protect small mammals and birds from the accidental prolonged suffering and deaths that glue traps cause and argues that the wide availability of less cruel methods of pest control makes the use of glue traps unnecessary.

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**1478 Pay of British Council workers**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 6

**Paula Barker**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Grahame Morris**

That this House appreciates the invaluable role played by the British Council in promoting arts and culture, education and the English language overseas and the benefits it brings to the UK; believes that workers employed by the British Council deserve to be remunerated accordingly; regrets the anxiety caused by the Government's delay in responding to requests for funding any pay settlement until December 2020 and subsequent refusal of even a token payment, which resulted in no pay award being made throughout the whole of 2020; believes that the British Council is alone among government bodies in failing to make any pay award whatsoever to staff in a year when the covid-19 pandemic has caused grave financial insecurity; and therefore supports members of the Public and Commercial Services Union in calling on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to ensure that British Council employees receive a fair pay settlement in recognition of their work and have parity and equal treatment with other civil service departments, non-departmental public bodies and organisations.

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**1479 Maternity leave and covid-19**

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 1

**John Nicolson**

That this House recognises that many pregnant and new mothers were prevented from accessing the essential benefits of maternity leave due to the covid-19 outbreak; missed out on important elements such as free dental care and socialising in person with other mothers; and recommends that those people who missed out on these benefits are given an extension to their maternity leave and any additional benefits that have been denied to them, importantly, dental care which is a crucial aspect for pregnant and new mothers.

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## 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.

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

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 42

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

Olivia Blake

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.

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### 1427 **Cancer treatment waiting times**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 8

**Jon Trickett**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Clive Lewis**

Mohammad Yasin

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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**1430 Ongoing conflict in Cameroon**

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 16

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

Helen Hayes

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.

**1445 Vulnerability to alcohol harms**

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 9

**Grahame Morris**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Kate Osborne**

Rachel Hopkins

That this House is alarmed at the recent sharp increase in alcohol deaths revealed in provisional data released recently by the Office for National Statistics which have hit a record high during the pandemic; is disturbed that the number of people in treatment for an alcohol issue has fallen by nearly one fifth since 2013-14 with around four out of five dependent drinkers not accessing any kind of support; is deeply concerned by reports of increased domestic violence, recognising the strong relationship between alcohol consumption and domestic abuse; notes that Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) research examining patterns of alcohol-related violence across England and Wales between 2013-14 and 2017-18 revealed that those from the lowest socioeconomic groups were disproportionately at risk of victimisation; further notes that the IAS recommendations included removal of barriers to accessing support services, improvements in provision of publicly funded domestic violence services and a substantial increase in alcohol-treatment services; recognises that for many isolated older service users, who value face-to-face contact above all, their phone call from an alcohol service has been one of the few interactions with the outside world during the pandemic; commends the Drink Wise, Age Well programme for highlighting the vulnerability of the over-50 age group and helping to reduce stigma, build resilience and secure support; and calls on the Government to prioritise an alcohol action plan, informed by

service providers and service users, and its implementation, to address these issues and reduce alcohol harms.

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#### 1446 **Trussell Trust report on universal credit uplift**

Tabled: **4/02/21** Signatories: **15**

**Steven Bonnar**  
**Paul Blomfield**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Kenny MacAskill

That this House acknowledges the latest report by the Trussell Trust, entitled Dignity or Destitution? which outlines the positive impact the uplift has had on those in receipt of universal credit; recognises the serious risk of increased hunger and food bank use if removed in April as currently planned; and calls upon the Chancellor to make the uplift permanent at the upcoming Budget.

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#### 1447 **Treatment options for multiple sclerosis patients**

Tabled: **4/02/21** Signatories: **6**

**Angus Brendan MacNeil**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House welcomes the Scottish Medicines Consortium's approval of ozanimod for Scottish patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis; notes that patients in Scotland will be the first in the UK to have access to this new treatment option; recognises that not all therapies work for all MS patients so it is vital to have access to all therapy options to improve patient outcomes and patient choice; looks forward to patients in the rest of the UK being afforded similar access; stresses the importance that patient and clinician perspectives are considered and incorporated into decisions on approving access to new treatments; and commends the healthcare professionals and charities that support patients with this debilitating disease, particularly during the covid-19 pandemic.

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**1450 Zero covid strategy**

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 22

**Richard Burgon**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Wera Hobhouse  
 Mick Whitley

Kenny MacAskill

Peter Dowd

That this House notes with sadness that the UK has now had more than 100,000 covid-19 deaths, with one of the highest death rates in the world; further notes that the Government's strategy to live with the virus and balance the loss of lives and the economy has led to failure on both counts with the UK also experiencing a particularly large economic downturn; recognises that in New Zealand, Vietnam and across countries following a Zero covid plan, the death rate is over a hundred times lower than in the UK and that their societies are reopening safely and their economies are recovering; recognises that, while covid-19 vaccines offer real hope and can be a key weapon in the battle against covid-19, it will be many months until everybody has been fully vaccinated; is concerned that if in the meantime the virus is allowed to circulate widely, many more will be infected with many more losing their lives, putting huge additional strain on the NHS, and risking further dangerous mutations of the virus; and calls on the UK Government urgently to adopt a Zero covid plan that seeks the maximum suppression of the virus as the best way to save lives and allow our communities and the economy to safely reopen.

**1451 Intellectual property and covid-19 response**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 10

**Caroline Lucas**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Jonathan Edwards  
 Rachel Hopkins

Dr Philippa Whitford

Dawn Butler

That this House considers nobody is safe until we are all safe from covid-19; believes all policy tools should be deployed to address the global crisis around access to covid-19 vaccines, treatments, diagnostics and equipment; notes that the head of the World Health Organization warns we face a catastrophic moral failure because of unequal covid vaccine policies; welcomes the Government's commitment to ensuring access for all to safe and effective, high-quality and affordable vaccines, diagnostics, medicines, and other health technologies as part of an effective response to the pandemic; further welcomes the substantial amounts of public funding for research, development, at-risk manufacturing and purchasing of covid-19 vaccines, reducing the risks for private sector companies developing vaccines; notes that existing flexibilities within the TRIPS agreement are not sufficient in the context of a pandemic; urges the Government to defend the rights of countries to use TRIPS flexibilities especially as they have long been subjected to intense pressure in the interests of pharmaceutical companies when they have done so; notes that 100 countries support a proposal from India and South Africa for a TRIPS waiver, which would allow WTO members to quickly overcome Intellectual Property barriers to access much-needed vaccines and treatments during the global crisis; is concerned that the Government does not yet support this proposal; and urges the Government to recognise that intellectual property barriers are hindering equitable access to



covid-19 health technologies, reconsider its position and support the waiver proposal at upcoming TRIPS Council and WTO General Council Meetings.

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#### 1452 Para Dance UK

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**John Nicolson**

That this House celebrates the work of Para Dance UK and their efforts to relieve loneliness and isolation among people shielding from covid-19 as a result of a disability; draws particular attention to their dance videos, released throughout January, which have brought over 100 wheel chair users together online through the power of dance; highlights the hard work and dedication of their 100 affiliated instructors who have been working tirelessly to improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of people with a disability who are most likely to have experienced prolonged periods of isolation and disruption of care during the pandemic; thanks EMD UK and the National Lottery for providing financial support for this vital work through Sport England's Tackling Inequalities Fund; and calls on the Government to prioritise the physical and mental health needs of people with disabilities throughout the covid-19 outbreak.

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#### 1454 Scotland Calcutta Cup victory

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 48

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Drew Hendry**

Jonathan Edwards

That this House congratulates the Scottish national men's rugby union team on their 11-6 victory over England in the opening game of the Six Nations Championship, winning the Calcutta Cup; notes that this is the first victory by a Scotland team at Twickenham since 1983; appreciates the work and dedication shown by coach Gregor Townsend, captain Stuart Hogg and the rest of the squad; congratulates Duhan van der Merwe on his try and Finn Russell on his two successful penalty kicks; applauds the extremely assured debut performances by Cameron Redpath and David Cherry; further notes that a Scottish victory was very apt as this year marks the 150th anniversary of the first rugby international between Scotland and England which took place on 27 March 1871 at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh which Scotland also won; and wishes Scotland the very best of luck in their remaining Six Nations fixtures.

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**1455 Ten years on from Bahrain's Arab Spring uprising of February 2011**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the beginning of Bahrain's pro-democracy uprising on 14 February 2011; endorses the demands made by hundreds of thousands of Bahraini citizens during protests at Manama's Pearl Roundabout for democratic reform, social justice and respect for human rights; condemns the brutal suppression of the protest movement by Bahrain's Government; denounces the continued detention of leading opposition figures imprisoned for their role in the 2011 uprising, including Hassan Mushaima, Abdulwahab Husain and Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace; notes with alarm the continued deterioration of the human rights situation in Bahrain since the Arab Spring, including the suspension of independent media, dissolution of opposition parties and suppression of civil society; decries Bahrain's abandonment of a moratorium on the death penalty in 2017 and the subsequent execution of six individuals, five of whom alleged being tortured; notes that reform efforts promised in the wake of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry have been reversed or abandoned by Bahrain's Government; questions the efficacy and effectiveness of technical assistance provided to Bahrain by the Government since 2012; reminds the Government of Bahrain of their duty to uphold the highest human rights standards in line with their international obligations; urges greater transparency on UK funding to Bahrain through the Integrated Activity Fund and Gulf Strategy Fund; and calls on the Government to make support for Bahrain contingent on tangible improvements to the human rights situation in that country.

**1456 Tenth anniversary of the Bahraini revolution**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 4

**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

That this House recognises the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the Bahraini revolution of 2011; remembers the horrific events of the deadly pre-dawn raid of 17 February 2011, also known as Bloody Thursday; recognises the countless forms of repression that have targeted peaceful opponents of the regime, such as human rights defender Mr Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja and the leader of the political opposition in Bahrain Mr Hassan Mushaima, who has been in prison for the last 10 years; calls on the Government to press the Bahraini Government to abide by the principles of good governance, self-determination and human rights; and urges the Government to use whatever leverage it has with the Bahraini authorities to advance the democratic demands called for by the Bahraini people in 2011.

**1457 Beinn an Tuirc distillers Valentine's Day event**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Drew Hendry**

That this House celebrates the Beinn an Tuirc distillers on their Valentine's Day event, which sold out within a day; notes that the distillery is adapting to covid-19 restrictions by holding the virtual cocktail event; congratulates the distillery on hosting 224 people in their zoom tastings last

year; and commends them on organising successful events which bring a community together to celebrate virtually.

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#### 1458 Pupils at Dalintober School

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Drew Hendry**

That this House praises P6 and P7 students at Dalintober School for their success in the Virgin Money Make £5 grow programme; commends the pupils entrepreneurship skills in doubling their initial investment by selling hand-crafted chocolate kits; and applauds the students for raising £317.45 and donating £50 to the Kintyre food bank, alongside reinvesting the remaining funds into the other school enterprises.

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#### 1459 Mid Argyll Community Pool

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Drew Hendry**

That this House congratulates Mid Argyll Community Pool for being awarded £100,000 by Sport Scotland's Sport Facility Fund; notes that the fund will help towards ensuring that the facility is more user friendly to people of all abilities; applauds the health and wellbeing centre for supporting sport for all; further notes that funds can still be raised for the project; and encourages the local community to make use of the centre once completed.

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#### 1460 Quinn Mackechnie fundraising

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Drew Hendry**

That this House acknowledges the dedicated fundraising efforts of nine year old Quinn Mackechnie; highlights the £1,200 raised by Quinn by running and walking 50 miles in January; notes that the money raised will go towards cancer charity Maggie's Centre; and praises the determination shown by Quinn to support a deserving charity.

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#### 1461 Kurdish Development Association encourages Covid-19 vaccine uptake

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Patrick Grady**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House commends the efforts of Shakha Sattar and the Glasgow-based Kurdish Development Association in Scotland who are urging Scotland's Kurdish community, as well as all Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities across Scotland to get a jab, save a life and step forward to receive their covid-19 immunisation when appointments are offered; recognises that the Kurdish Development Association in Scotland is playing its part by using its community networks to condemn the various conspiracy theories around covid-19 and the vaccine to reassure

communities that the vaccine is safe, has been developed by clinical experts, been through all the normal safety procedures, undergone rigorous testing and will undoubtedly save lives; agrees with the Kurdish Development Association in Scotland that it is of great importance for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities across Scotland to get immunised, given their greater risk of mortality compared to other groups, and surveys suggest they may be the least likely to accept a vaccine; and believes that targeted vaccine uptake campaigns led by community leaders can make a powerful contribution to ensuring as many people as possible receive a covid-19 vaccine, which will keep everyone safe, irrespective of ethnicity.

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**1462 Temporary extension to Compulsory Basic Training Certificates for motorbikes and mopeds**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House notes that Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificates for motorbikes and mopeds are issued on a two year basis for learner drivers; further notes that these vehicles provide a low carbon mode of transport for passenger and cargo; notes that many key workers use this mode of transport as part of their commute, especially in rural areas where public transport links can be poor; notes that as a result of lockdown measures, motorcycle and moped tests are suspended; expresses concern that road users whose CBT certificates lapse whilst lockdown measures are in place are prohibited from using their vehicles on public roads through no fault of their own; notes that whilst road safety concerns are paramount, motorists in this position have been using their chosen mode of transport for two years; calls for a temporary extension of CBT certificates whilst lockdown measures are in place; and further calls on the Government to annul test fees for people with CBT certificates which have lapsed during the current lockdown if they will not extend their validity.

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**1463 Removing barriers to education**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 7

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**John Nicolson**

Marion Fellows

That this House believes removing barriers to education, including ending all forms of violence against children, is crucial to achieving the Government's goal of ensuring 12 years of quality education for every girl and boy; and further believes that removing barriers to education should be a central theme in the Government's engagement at the 2021 G7 Summit.

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**1464 Debora Kayembe elected 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 3

**Owen Thompson**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**John Nicolson**

That this House congratulates Debora Kayembe on her election as the 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh; notes that Debora Kayembe has a distinguished varied career as a lawyer and linguist, having been called to the Congolese Bar Association in 2000, being a member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting from 2010 to 2020 and working in the language services of the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Court Bar Association; further notes that Debora served as Scottish Refugee Council board member from 2013 to 2016; further recognises that she joined the Royal Society of Edinburgh/Young Academy of Scotland representing refugee minorities, has a seat as an expert lawyer to the RSE Working Group for Africa and in 2017 founded the charity Full Options; understands that as Rector, Debora will be a member of the University's most powerful decision-making body, the University Court, playing a presiding role to ensure all voices are heard in making important decisions that effect students and staff; and wishes Debora the best of luck as well as thanking her predecessor in the role, Ann Henderson.

**1465 UN's International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 5

**Owen Thompson**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kirsty Blackman**  
**John Nicolson**

That this House observes the UN's International Day of Women and Girls in Science; acknowledges that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the crucial role women researchers have played in the different stages of the fight against this pandemic; recognises that more work is still required to ensure a fairer equality balance in the scientific field; and identifies that this day is important in endorsing the critical work that women and girls bring to science and technology.

**1466 Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge**

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Kirsty Blackman**

That this House expresses its concern at the decision of the Treasury to go ahead with the introduction of the Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge with effect from 1 March 2021; notes that this is of great concern to small and medium sized firms in the construction industry, who are still reeling from the impact of a prolonged pandemic and the disruption of the UK leaving the EU, and are currently fighting to consolidate their businesses and protect any cash reserves they have after a devastating year; further notes that many firms fear the VAT Reverse Charge will have a devastating impact on their cash flow, with a requirement for additional cash flow to meet this of approximately 5 per cent of annual sales for those companies that submit quarterly VAT returns and 3 per cent for those that submit monthly returns; considers that the introduction of the charge at this time will put jobs and businesses at risk and may result in companies that survived the covid-19

outbreak and the UK's withdrawal from the EU being undone by this additional burden; and calls on the Government to reconsider its decision to press ahead with the change at this time.

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**1467 Neilston and Madras Learning Campus 7th Green Flag**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **3**

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Drew Hendry**  
**John Nicolson**

That this House wishes to congratulate Neilston and Madras Learning Campus, including Neilston Primary School and Madras Family Centre, on achieving a seventh Eco-Schools Green Flag; congratulates the Head Teacher, Mr Curley, all the staff, the pupils and their families who contributed to this tremendous achievement; is pleased to hear that the habits being taught now are creating wonderful ripples as children engage their families in this work, and joins Mr Curley in congratulating the children on their commitment to caring for our environment.

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**1468 West Cumbria Coal Mine**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **4**

**Tim Farron**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Ed Davey**  
**Alan Brown**

That this House is dismayed by the decision to approve a new deep coal mine in West Cumbria; believes it is a dangerous backwards step in the fight against climate change; further believes it undermines the UK's COP26 Presidency, damaging the Government's international credibility; notes that it both contradicts Climate Change Committee advice to phase out all coal, including coking coal, by 2035 and jeopardizes the UK's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050; implores the Government to incentivise steel manufacturers to adopt and innovate low-carbon production methods, including hydrogen direct reduction and electric arc technology; further implores the Government to utilise Cumbria's boundless renewable resources of water, wind and solar to generate sustainable jobs and sustainable energy as part of a Green Industrial Revolution; stresses that national Government must intervene on issues of global climate justice; and urges the Government to reverse its decision and call-in the Woodhouse Colliery planning application.