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New EDMs

1480 **OmniGOV and support for local news outlets**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **1**

Robert Halfon

That this House understands that after the closure of printed newspapers in Harlow, YourHarlow.com became the only remaining news outlet in Harlow constituency; notes the success that YourHarlow.com has had in connecting with the 85,000 Harlow residents with over 5.7 million page views in 2020; praises the hard work of YourHarlow's editor in producing over 1,000 stories informing residents about the latest coronavirus news; asserts that OmniGOV has failed to support YourHarlow.com; criticises the management of OmniGOV for only supporting print news outlets and not digital-only outlets; further criticises OmiGOV for failing to provide value for money to the Harlow taxpayer; and calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that OmniGOV supports YourHarlow.com and to urgently review their contract with OmniGov.

1481 **Seafarers' hours of work and rest**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **4**

Ian Mearns
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Chris Stephens
Grahame Morris

That this House notes the World Maritime University's (WMU) EVREST report evaluating the regulation of seafarers' hours of rest and work; notes that the report, based on interviews with seafarers, maritime safety and port state regulators, flag states and seafarer organisations, finds an ingrained culture of under-reporting and falsification of seafarers' hours of work and rest which implicates the entire industry, from flag states and shipowners to the seafarers onboard; further notes the report's conclusion that a 14 hour working day has become standardised for some seafarers, in contravention of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention; agrees with maritime

union RMT that the WMU report exposes a culture of fatigue and downward commercial pressure on seafarers and safe crewing levels, long standing problems in the ferries sector, which are exacerbated in the deep sea supply chain by the demands of multinationals such as Amazon; believes that the coronavirus pandemic has intensified the crisis in seafarer working conditions and that this requires stronger regulatory and enforcement responses at domestic and international level; and calls upon the Government to work with maritime trade unions to implement the recommendations of the WMU report.

1482 Protecting rail catering services

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 1

Grahame Morris

That this House recognises that rail catering is a vital part of a high quality rail passenger offer and will play an important role in encouraging travellers back to the rail network when it is safe to do so; believes that the presence of catering staff also makes passengers feel more secure when travelling by train and understands that recent research conducted by Transport Focus found that staff play a central role in making passengers feel safe on trains; is concerned that across the UK, many rail catering workers are outsourced, with less job security and inferior working conditions compared to directly employed staff; commends the Welsh Government's decision in 2020 to bring its on-board catering staff in-house; notes that South Western Railway, whose operations are currently being funded by the Government via an Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement (ERMA) has recently terminated its on-board catering contract with provider Elior and that this decision was authorised by the Department for Transport; supports the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Union (RMT) campaign to protect rail catering; and calls on the Government to ensure that catering is protected across the rail network and all outsourced rail catering contracts are brought in-house at the earliest opportunity.

1483 David Martindale Livingston Football Club manager

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 1

Hannah Bardell

That this House welcomes the decision of the Scottish Football Association to deem David Martindale fit and proper to be the Livingston Football Club manager; understands that David Martindale's previous conviction for drug offences meant his suitability needed to be ratified; recognises the importance of rehabilitation of offenders and the value they can bring to their community; acknowledges the inspirational work of David Martindale which has been recognised in the football community; notes the recent achievements of David Martindale and the Livingston FC team achieving a record 11 games unbeaten and reaching a cup final; and wishes David Martindale, the team and all at Livingston FC the very best of luck in the upcoming Bet Fred League Cup Final against St Mirren.

1484 School breakfast

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 1

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House notes that school breakfasts tackle classroom hunger and improve children's energy, behaviour, and concentration, leading to improved academic attainment; further notes that improved attainment enables children to leave school ready to secure highly paid work, contributing to economic growth; notes that the Government's current National Breakfast Programme is reaching 650 schools and the proposed School Breakfast Bill would reach 8700;

and calls on the Government to accept the fully costed proposals prepared for the School Breakfast Bill before the National School Breakfast Programme ceases in July 2021.

1485 **Dai Davies Wales goalkeeper 1948 to 2020**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **1**

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes the sad passing of Wales goalkeeping legend Dai Davies; further notes that Mr Davies was born in the village of Glanamau in the heart of the Amman valley, Carmarthenshire; notes that Mr Davies started his career with Swansea City Football Club before joining Everton in 1970-77, later representing Wrexham, Swansea again and serving as a player coach with Tranmere Rovers before retiring in 1987; further notes that Mr Davies was capped by the Welsh national football team on 52 occasions between 1975-82; acknowledges Mr Davies' contribution as a media commentator on Welsh football after his retirement as a player; recognises his love for Welsh culture and the language and his initiation to the Gorsedd y Beirdd in 1978; and remembers Mr Davies as a true gentleman and great Welsh national ambassador and icon.

1486 **Tenth anniversary of Bahrain's revolution**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **1**

Layla Moran

That this House notes the 10th anniversary of Bahrain's revolution protesting structural inequalities, corruption, oppression, and a lack of government representation; expresses its concern that there remains a lack of democratic structures and that human rights abuses are still occurring in the country; observes that the UK Government has continued to support the Bahraini regime with little meaningful opposition of its continued human rights abuses despite Bahrain being listed as a human rights priority country by the UK; calls upon the UK Government to work for the immediate and unconditional release of Bahraini political prisoners; urges the UK Government to work with Bahrain to facilitate a democratic transition; calls for consideration of Magnitsky sanctions for those known to be perpetrators of human rights atrocities; and urges the UK Government to end arms exports to Bahrain and to adopt a presumption of denial when considering licence applications for exports to the country.

1487 **Baha'i land in Iran**

Tabled: **10/02/21** Signatories: **1**

Lloyd Russell-Moyle

That this House notes the judgment of Branch 54 of the Special Court for Article 49 of the Constitution in Iran, issued on 1 August 2020 and a further extraordinary session of the Court of Appeal on 13 October 2020 in the case of properties and farms belonging to a community of Baha'is; further notes the effect of these judgments appears to finalise the expropriation of lands that Baha'is have farmed for nearly 150 years; observes that Baha'i rights can be dismissed though their omission from the Constitution; and calls on the UK Government to make urgent representations to the Iranian authorities to prevent the dispossession of this law-abiding religious community.

1488 Covid-19 vaccination centres

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 1

Robert Halfon

That this House welcomes the opening of the new NHS covid-19 vaccination centre at Harlow LeisureZone on 26 January 2021; recognises the excellent work of NHS England and the Government in bringing the number of covid-19 vaccination centres up past 50 across the country; and calls on the Government to celebrate the fantastic work of the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, the local authorities and NHS Trust, the Essex Local Resilience Forum and the many wonderful local volunteers in Harlow who, with the support of the town's second site at Lister House, have vaccinated great numbers of our most vulnerable against covid-19 in Harlow and the surrounding villages.

1489 200th anniversary of Heriot-Watt University

Tabled: 10/02/21 Signatories: 1

Joanna Cherry

That this House notes that Heriot-Watt University will be celebrating in 2021 the 200th anniversary of its founding roots in 1821; further notes that Heriot-Watt University created the world's first mechanics' institute in the heart of Edinburgh; commends Heriot-Watt University on its substantial contribution to Scotland and the world through pioneering research in fields as diverse as robotics and autonomous systems, earth and marine sciences, medical technology and decarbonisation; recognises that Heriot-Watt will be looking to the future with a renewed focus on helping society tackle current and future challenges sustainably and on delivering real world impact in the fields of business, STEM and design; acknowledges that that University will recognise the enduring legacy of Scotland's father of modern economics, Adam Smith, by establishing the inaugural Panmure House Prize for the best research proposal in long-term investment to fund radical innovation; understands that alumni, students, staff and stakeholders are invited to celebrate Heriot-Watt's remarkable record of innovation at its global network of campuses in Scotland, Malaysia and Dubai through a series of virtual events and debates; and wishes all students and staff at that University every success in their future endeavours.

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.

1413 Visas for musicians in the EU

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 77

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

Colum Eastwood

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1415 **Carstairs Welcome All Hub**

Tabled: **27/01/21** Signatories: **7**

Angela Crawley
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Drew Hendry

Hannah Bardell

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

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

Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **8**

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

Hannah Bardell

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: 3

Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Wendy Chamberlain

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: 10

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

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1436 150 year anniversary of the Fife Free Press

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 6

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1439 Festival of Brexit

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 6

Jamie Stone
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens
Neale Hanvey
Kenny MacAskill
Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1441 Universal credit MPs' helpline

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 6

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Neale Hanvey
Hannah Bardell

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.

1444 World Cancer Day 2021

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 12

Tim Farron
Munira Wilson
Jamie Stone
Clive Lewis
Mary Kelly Foy
Allan Dorans

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House recognises World Cancer Day 2021; acknowledges the difficulty that cancer patients and their families have faced during the covid-19 pandemic; notes that 2.9 million people across the UK are living with cancer; further notes the reduction in cancer screenings and routine diagnostic work throughout the pandemic has resulted in approximately 35,000 missing cancer diagnoses; calls on the Government to refocus efforts on the prevention, detection and cure of all cancers; and further calls on the Government to pursue a national cancer recovery plan to offer diagnosis and treatment to all those who have been left behind as a result of the covid-19 pandemic.

1446 Trussell Trust report on universal credit uplift

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 17

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

Neale Hanvey

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1447 Treatment options for multiple sclerosis patients

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 7

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

Neale Hanvey

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.

1448 Access to Cystic Fibrosis drug Kaftrio

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 24

Grahame Morris
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Sir George Howarth
Mike Hill
Kim Johnson

Beth Winter

Colum Eastwood

That this House welcomes the landmark deal secured by the NHS in June 2020 which permitted the licensing of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) drug Kaftrio to a large number of people with CF aged 12 years and over in the UK; recognises the life-changing effect of access to this new drug for CF patients in the UK eligible for prescription; however notes with concern that the deal secured by NHS England excludes many CF patients with specific gene mutations because England is the only nation awaiting approval of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for its use by patients with additional mutations; further notes the disparity between England and the devolved nations since Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have granted access for CF patients with additional mutations approved by the US Food and Drug Administration; acknowledges that the alternative pathways offered to patients by NHS England whilst they await EMA approval such as applications on compassionate grounds or individual funding are often time-consuming and ineffective; and urges NHS England to bring eligibility criteria into line with the devolved nations by granting access without caveat to CF patients with additional gene mutations.

1450 Zero covid strategy

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 25

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

Colum Eastwood

Grahame Morris

Tahir Ali

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: 11

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

Mick Whitley

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.

1452 Para Dance UK

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
Drew Hendry
Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
John Nicolson
Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey

Chris Law

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.

1453 **Flooding extension of the Green Homes Grant**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **2**

Layla Moran
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the damage that recent flooding has done to communities, homes and people's lives; acknowledges the need for Her Majesty's Government to fund more flood defences and flood prevention in areas affected; worries about the further impacts the climate crisis and future extreme weather events will have on people's lives in the future; urges Her Majesty's Government to offer homeowners the resources to protect their own homes from flooding damage; calls on Her Majesty's Government to extend the Green Homes Grant to include funds for homeowners to make their homes more flood resilient; requests that Her Majesty's Government extends the Green Homes Grant for longer than the current year it is available so everyone who would want to use it for flood defences is able to; and believes these two extensions to the scheme would be a resourceful way to combat the impact of flooding.

1454 **Scotland Calcutta Cup victory**

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **49**

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

Jim Shannon

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.

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

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 5

Brendan O'Hara
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Law
Layla Moran

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: 7

Margaret Ferrier
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Andrew Gwynne
Steven Bonnar
Marion Fellows

Sir George Howarth

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: 4

Brendan O'Hara
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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.

1458 Pupils at Dalintober School

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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.

1459 Mid Argyll Community Pool

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 4

Brendan O'Hara
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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.

1460 Quinn Mackechnie fundraising

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara
Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar

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.

1461 Kurdish Development Association encourages Covid-19 vaccine uptake

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 7

Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law

Hannah Bardell

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.

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

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 7

Jonathan Edwards
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Law
Steven Bonnar

Alyn Smith

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.

1463 Removing barriers to education

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **11**

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

Jim Shannon
 Bardell

Neale Hanvey
 Chris Law

Hannah

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.

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

Tabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **5**

Owen Thompson
Drew Hendry
John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

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: 10

Owen Thompson
 Drew Hendry
 Jonathan Edwards
 Kirsty Blackman
 John Nicolson
 Jim Shannon

Neale Hanvey
 Wendy Chamberlain

Chris Law

Andrew Gwynne

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: 6

Kirsten Oswald
 Kirsty Blackman
 Jim Shannon
 Neale Hanvey
 Douglas Chapman
 Chris Law

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.

1467 Neilston and Madras Learning Campus 7th Green Flag

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 5

Kirsten Oswald
 Drew Hendry
 John Nicolson
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law

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.

1468 West Cumbria Coal Mine

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 6

Tim Farron
Ed Davey
Alan Brown
Kenny MacAskill
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1469 Clackmannan Development Trust

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 4

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry
Chris Law

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.

1470 Cabs for Jobs Scheme Inverness

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 6

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

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.

1471 Highland Third Sector Awards

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 5

Drew Hendry
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

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.

1472 Sale of unsafe goods on online marketplaces

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 3

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier

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.

1473 Legacy benefit uplift in response to covid-19

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 8

Dr Lisa Cameron
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Jonathan Edwards
Hannah Bardell
Chris Law

Andrew Gwynne

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

1474 Christopher Kapessa

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 5

Beth Winter
Apsana Begum
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kate Osborne

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.

1475 50th anniversary of the killing of Gunner Robert Curtis

Tabled: 9/02/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Paul Girvan
Sir Mike Penning

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.

1476 RNIB Eye Too Work project

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **8**

Jim Shannon
Paul Girvan
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Jonathan Edwards
Sir Mike Penning
Margaret Ferrier

Steven Bonnar

Andrew Gwynne

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.

1477 Glue traps

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **3**

Mark Tami
Sir Mike Penning
Andrew Gwynne

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.

1478 Pay of British Council workers

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **8**

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

Jim Shannon

Andrew Gwynne

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.

1479 Maternity leave and covid-19

Tabled: **9/02/21** Signatories: **5**

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Hannah Bardell
Andrew Gwynne

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.