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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 22 April 2021

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New EDMs

1767 **Bahraini children abused and subjected to threats of rape and electric shock**

Tabled: 22/04/21 Signatories: 1

Ian Blackford

That this House views with grave concern revelations made by the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch on 10 March 2021 regarding human rights violations against 13 detained children in Bahrain; notes that Husain Abdulrasool, Fares Husain, Mohammed Jafar and Sayed Hasan Ameen were convicted on 11 March 2021 after being tried as adults; raises alarm that three were convicted on the basis of one child's confession extracted under abuse and threats of torture; further notes that two children were detained for protesting against the November 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix; reminds Bahrain that the Convention on the Rights of the Child prohibits detaining children in all but the most exceptional of circumstances; decries that prosecutors and judges enabled abuse and due process violations in these cases; calls upon the Government to apply the Magnisky Act against implicated officials; strongly condemns that children were abused and threatened with sexual assault and electric shocks to coerce their confessions; expresses concern that the Bahraini Ministry of the Interior Ombudsman's investigation whitewashed abuses against children; urges for the halt of British technical assistance to Bahraini oversight bodies; regrets that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office did not raise those cases immediately; and calls upon the Government to publicly condemn the mistreatment of those children in Bahrain

1768 Firefighters Memorial Day 2021Tabled: **22/04/21** Signatories: **6**

Grahame Morris
Jeremy Corbyn
Jon Cruddas
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Kate Osborne

That this House joins with firefighters across the United Kingdom on Firefighters Memorial Day in remembering the bravery and sacrifice of over 2,300 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty; extends its sympathies especially on this memorial day to all the bereaved families of fallen firefighters; acknowledges the good work of the Firefighters Memorial Trust in remembering and honouring all firefighters who have lost their lives while serving humanity and recording their names on the Firefighters Memorial, located close to St Paul's Cathedral in London; and applauds the commitment and selfless dedication of all United Kingdom firefighters who stand ready today and every day to risk their lives to save others and protect their local communities from the consequences of fire, floods, terror attacks and numerous other emergency situations.

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.

1696 ImmigrationTabled: **24/03/21** Signatories: **76**

Keir Starmer
Nick Thomas-Symonds
Holly Lynch
Valerie Vaz
John McDonnell
Mr Nicholas Brown

Patricia Gibson

Liz Saville Roberts

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 184), dated 23 February 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 February 2021, be annulled.

1707 Protection of seals

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 7

Tracey Crouch
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning
John McDonnell
Sarah Olney

Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House expresses its sadness after the tragic loss, post dog attack, of River Thames' resident Freddie the seal; believes that seals in rivers deserve the same protections as those for deer in Richmond Park; notes that the seal population in the River Thames is as many as 4000 and expected to rise further upon completion of the Thames Tideway in 2024; and urges the Government to urgently assess the need for legislation to protect seals and encourage a peaceful co-existence between man and wildlife

1724 Military trial, detention and treatment of Palestinian children by Israeli authorities

Tabled: 12/04/21 Signatories: 34

Tommy Sheppard
Ian Mearns
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill
Neale Hanvey
Chris Law

Martyn Day

That this House notes with concern that Israeli forces continue to arrest, detain and try several hundred Palestinian children in the Israeli military court and detention system each year despite evidence that that process is rife with international law violations; further notes that Israel is the only country in the world that automatically and systematically prosecutes Palestinian children in military courts which lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections; notes that ill-treatment of Palestinian child detainees by Israeli authorities includes widespread physical and psychological violence, blindfolding, strip searches, denial of food and water, position abuse and isolation solely for the purpose of interrogation, and the denial of access to a lawyer before and during interrogations; remarks on the disparity between treatment of Israeli and Palestinian children in Israeli custody; asserts that Israel, as the occupying power under international humanitarian law in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is responsible for protecting the rights of Palestinian children living under military occupation; notes too that the recommendations of the 2012 Foreign and Commonwealth Office funded report, Children in Military Custody, and UNICEF's 2013 report, Children in Israeli Military Detention, have not been met; believes that in no circumstances should civilians, particularly children, be detained or prosecuted under the jurisdiction of military courts or held in military detention; and urges the Government to engage with the Government of Israel to end the military trial and detention of Palestinian children and, as a minimum safeguard, to respect and ensure basic due process rights and the absolute prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

1732 Fire and rehire tactics

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 47

Grahame Morris
Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Ian Lavery
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Liz Saville Roberts

Ms Harriet Harman

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are dismissing and re-engaging staff on worse pay and terms and conditions, a practice commonly known as fire and rehire; agrees with Government Ministers that such tactics represent an unacceptable abuse of power by rogue bosses, many of whom are exploiting the covid-19 crisis to increase profits at the expense of loyal staff who have risked their lives during the pandemic to keep businesses going; welcomes the Government's stated commitment to tackle those shameful abuses; calls on the Government to publish the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service report into the practice received by Ministers on 17 February 2021; and further calls on the Government to commit to including proposals in the forthcoming Queen's Speech to outlaw this form of industrial blackmail, as is the case in other European countries, and to bring forward this new legislation as a matter of urgency to protect UK workers from exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

1746 Corporate wealth tax in G20 countries

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 5

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams

That this House welcomes the report by academics Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman from Berkeley University proposing a new Corporate Wealth Tax policy targeting all publicly listed companies in G20 countries; notes that that proposed policy would levy a 0.2 per cent tax on the value of stocks of relevant companies; further notes that the current stock capitalisation of G20 countries is estimated at \$90 trillion, therefore notes that that proposed levy would raise approximately \$180 billion; notes that that proposed tax could be paid via the issuing of new stock, easing concerns about potential liquidity issues or impact on business operations; supports the idea of addressing fair taxation of large multinational companies on an international basis as the best way of helping governments tackle global tax evasion and avoidance; believes that the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic must see combined efforts by governments to address the imbalances, further exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic, of globalisation which currently heavily favours the forces of capital; and calls on the Government to bring those proposals before the other G20 states and make the case for rapidly introducing that policy.

1749 Rail to Refuge schemeTabled: **19/04/21** Signatories: **14**

Rosie Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra
Gavin Newlands
Kim Johnson

Marion Fellows

Tony Lloyd

Rachel Hopkins

That this House celebrates the work of the Rail to Refuge scheme, a joint initiative between rail companies and the Women's Aid Federation of England; commends rail operators for providing free travel to over 1,348 people fleeing domestic abuse including 362 children over five; acknowledges the severe impact of the covid-19 pandemic for many and the particular challenge on those suffering domestic abuse; recognises that scheme's achievements since its conception in April 2020; and urges those who need to flee domestic abuse to use that scheme to gain safety.

1757 National Autistic Society East RenfrewshireTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **2**

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the fantastic work of the National Autistic Society East Renfrewshire Branch in its continued effort to increase autism acceptance and inclusion in East Renfrewshire; commends the invaluable work of volunteers in providing monthly information sessions offering support and information to autistic people and their families; notes the helpful information sessions that have provided by those volunteers on topics such as Post-School Transition and Talking to your Child/Young Person about their ASD Diagnoses which have offered support to local families; praises the work of those volunteers on social media during Autism Awareness Week where they posted a fact a day about Autism dispelling some of the myths associated with autism; welcomes the relaunch of the Stepping Stones initiative in May 2021 year that will assist East Renfrewshire parents and carers, who have a child or young person on the autism diagnostic pathway or recently diagnosed in the last 12 months, with information on understanding autism, education rights and entitlements, and signposting parents and carers to relevant East Renfrewshire services; celebrates the first birthday of the National Autistic Society East Renfrewshire Branch in March 2021, and looks forward to many more years of this vital community-focused support for autistic people and their loved ones in East Renfrewshire.

1758 Contribution to Travel Award awarded to Jacqueline DobsonTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **2**

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Jacqueline Dobson, President of Barrhead Travel Group, which is headquartered in East Renfrewshire, who was recognised with a special Contribution to Travel award in the Travel Trade Gazette Top 50 Awards for 2020; notes that that award not only recognises the success Ms Dobson has achieved with Barrhead Travel but also her wider contribution to the travel industry and comes in the wake of what she has described as the most challenging year of her two decades working in the travel business; recognises that judges were impressed by Ms Dobson's efforts to support staff and customers at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on the travel industry; further recognises that, as demand for travel dropped

as a result of that pandemic, Barrhead Travel worked proactively with the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland to ensure that the expertise of their call-centre staff could be utilised in Scotland's Test and Protect system efforts to control the covid-19 virus; and wishes Ms Dobson and the staff of Barrhead Travel all the best as they work to recover from the challenges posed by the covid-19 pandemic.

1759 Global covid-19 vaccine inequality

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Claire Hanna
Colum Eastwood
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards

Rachel Hopkins

That this House notes with concern that affluent countries including the UK have bought enough covid-19 vaccines to immunise the population many times over while poorer countries are hindered by industry monopolies that are driving supply shortages and blocking vaccine access; acknowledges the moral and practical necessity to challenge that situation; further notes the limited capacity of the Covax programme as it aims only to vaccinate 20 per cent of the populations of recipient countries in 2021, meaning that many nations will be waiting until at least 2024 to achieve mass covid-19 immunisation; notes that increased efforts and action are needed urgently to address that situation; adds our voice to that of over 150 former heads of state and Nobel laureates calling for a people's vaccine to end the covid-19 global pandemic; and urges the UK Government to prevent corporate profit from being prioritised in covid-19 vaccine programmes, including by dropping its opposition to a covid-19 vaccine patent waiver thereby helping to eradicate global covid-19 vaccine inequality across the globe, giving poorer nations a chance to fight and be free of the covid-19 virus.

1760 Queens Park FC Scottish League 2 Champions

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **3**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier

That this House congratulates Queens Park Football Club, Scotland's oldest team, the players, staff and supporters on the club winning its fifth league title in the club's 154-year history, the Scottish League 2 title; applauds the club in extending its own and the city of Glasgow's proud history of footballing success; and encourages supporters to celebrate safely within the current covid-19 restrictions.

1761 Cameron Garrett, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year 2020

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 2

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Cameron Garrett from Lochgilphead in Argyll and Bute on being named Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year at the Scottish Youth Parliament Awards 2021; commends Cameron on his hard work since being elected a MSYP in 2019; notes his dedication to his role, particularly his commitment to his new role as convenor of the Education and Lifelong Learning committee in the Scottish Youth Parliament; highlights the importance of the Scottish Youth Parliament in encouraging young people to engage with politics and the issues that impact their lives; thanks Cameron for his commitment in representing Argyll and Bute; and wishes Cameron and the Scottish Youth Parliament all the best for the future.

1762 TotsBots 20th anniversary

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 2

David Linden
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates TotsBots, a company based in Glasgow East constituency which manufactures environmentally-friendly reusable nappies, on its twentieth anniversary in April 2021; acknowledges how successfully the business has grown over the past two decades since starting at the kitchen table of husband and wife team Magnus and Fiona Smyth in 2001; commends the company on its sustainable credentials and the positive impact it has made by reducing the number of single-use disposable nappies in landfill; and wishes all of the management and staff at TotsBots every success as they move into their third decade in business.

1763 Kintyre Schools Pipe Band

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 2

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on securing a highly creditable second place at the 2021 Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships in March 2021, a category of competition that showcases the versatility of the pipes and drums in combination with other musical instruments; notes that the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band competed against 15 other schools from across Scotland in the event organised by the Scottish School's Pipes and Drums Trust; acknowledges that due to covid-19 restrictions the competition was more complicated than usual with the pipers and drummers and the other musicians having to film their individual performances for the judges; thanks everyone involved with the Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands for helping keep the piping tradition alive and thriving in Argyll; and wishes the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band all the very best in future competitions.

1764 Youth Mobility SchemeTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **2****Sarah Olney**
Jim Shannon

That this House recognises the benefits of the Youth Mobility Scheme which allows young people to live, work and study in the UK for up to 24 months; notes the importance of that scheme to the development of young people's understanding of different countries and cultures; further notes that the scheme stimulates investment in tourist activities and language schools; recognises the scheme further supports the economy by providing a route for prospective Au Pairs to come to the UK from other countries and vice versa, who provide an affordable and flexible childcare solution; acknowledges that the scheme is limited in scope in terms of countries that can take part and number of places available; laments that EU countries are not included in the scheme; and urges the Government to expand the scope of the Youth Mobility Scheme in recognition of the benefits it delivers to young people.

1765 Fan-led review of football in EnglandTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **23****Ian Mearns**
Ian Byrne
Mick Whitley
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ian LaveryDan Carden
Jim Shannon
Dawn ButlerPaula Barker
Grahame Morris
Zarah SultanaJon Trickett
Jonathan Edwards
Kim Johnson

That this House welcomes the proposed fan-led review of football governance, but insists that it takes a comprehensive view of every aspect of both the men's and women's game in England; puts football fans front and centre of the review process and recommendations; asserts that no part of the game should be off the table for discussion, and that the sport of football grasps the opportunity to instigate widespread reform of the national game; acknowledges that football has proven unable to govern itself from the top of the game with elite clubs running roughshod over the wishes of fans, players and coaches, down to the lower leagues where historic clubs have disappeared forever; asserts that clubs are valuable cultural assets which are part of this country's heritage and deserve special protection; encourages the fan-led review to reconfigure the power structures in football institutions so that fans are at, and continue to be at, the heart of the decision-making process; supports the concept of supporter board members and removes barriers to supporter ownership; seeks to protect clubs, improve transparency and financial sustainability, strengthen the football pyramid, and increase supporter engagement as per the Football Supporters' Association's Sustain The Game campaign; gives fans a voice in determining ticket prices, kick-off times, distribution of finances, funding of the grassroots; and emphasises that all of this can be delivered but recognises that a strong, independent regulatory body will be required, as may legislation, for this to be successful.

1766 The need for investment in good green jobs across the United Kingdom

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 10

Caroline Lucas**Clive Lewis****Wera Hobhouse****Alan Brown****Liz Saville Roberts****Claire Hanna**

Claudia Webbe

Jim Shannon

Jonathan Edwards

That this house notes the significance of Earth Day; further notes the urgency with which the UK must act to address the climate and nature emergencies; welcomes this government's focus on the job creation potential of a green recovery in its G7 priorities; sees the opportunity for the recovery to create over one million good green jobs where everyone has a role to play from insulating homes to delivering first class public services, replacing jobs lost as a result of the pandemic and 'levelling up'; understands green jobs to include low carbon jobs in care, education and health as well as in industry and infrastructure; welcomes data from Green New Deal UK revealing the potential for a job-rich green recovery in every constituency; calls on the government to significantly increase investment in training and the creation of well-paid, good quality, green jobs; further urges the Government to guarantee a just transition for workers in today's high carbon sectors including oil, gas, steel and aviation; regrets the closure of the Green Homes Grants scheme and urges its reform, refinancing and reinstatement, prioritising local authority-led home retrofit programmes; urges the Government to ensure the remits of the UK Infrastructure Bank and Green Savings Bonds advance a green economy and do not support fossil fuel extraction; and calls on the Government to move towards a wellbeing economy where the number of good green jobs and the wellbeing of people and nature are the primary measures of the health of the nations.