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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 27 April 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1776 **Killing of Coptic Christian Nabil Habashy Salama by Daesh in Egypt's northern Sinai**

Tabled: **27/04/21** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House strongly condemns the killing of Coptic Christian, Nabil Habashy Salama by Daesh in Egypt's northern Sinai; deplores the threats issued by Daesh to the Christians of Egypt; expresses alarm at the violence and intimidation faced by the largest Christian community in the Arab world for peacefully practising their religion; calls on the UK Government to urgently engage with its Egyptian counterparts to discuss how the UK can support the protection of religious and belief minorities in Egypt; and also calls on the Egyptian Government to continue protecting all its citizens' and their rights to freedom of religion or belief, particularly during this holy week ahead of the Christian Orthodox Easter celebrations on Sunday 2 May 2021.

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#### 1777 **World Meningitis Day**

Tabled: **27/04/21** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes World Meningitis Day which was celebrated on 24 April; highlights that the World Health Organization approved the first ever global roadmap in an attempt to defeat meningitis by 2030; notes that despite the production of five different vaccines and the fact that eradicating that awful disease is getting closer, it is still expected that 8000 people will lose their life to meningitis in 2021; and calls on the Government to clarify what steps will be taken to fund research and support survivors of meningitis and further raise awareness of the symptoms of meningitis in its work to defeat meningitis in the UK.

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**1778 Misuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture**

Tabled: 27/04/21 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House draws attention to the routine use of antibiotics on healthy farm animals in the UK and around the world in order to compensate for diseases, stress and injuries sustained while being held in sub-standard, overcrowded or confined farming conditions; highlights the potential for antibiotic resistance out of the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture and the formation of antibiotic resistance genes and bacteria which can pass antibiotic resistance across generations and between species; notes with concern the easy transmission of that resistance into human food chains and the possibility that such resistance could lead to widespread diseases through both human and animal populations around the world if it is not addressed; and calls on the Government to act on the recommendations of the 2018 Health and Social Care Committee report on Antimicrobial resistance and to take stronger action against such overuse given the WHO's recommendation against the use of antibiotics as a way of preventing disease in healthy animals.

**1779 Trial of HDP Leaders in Turkey**

Tabled: 27/04/21 Signatories: 1

**Alyn Smith**

That this House regrets the erosion of democracy which has taken place under President Erdogan in recent years amid the arrests of elected politicians and party activists; notes its concern at recent reports that lawyers defending HDP politicians against charges which include attacking the integrity of the state have been denied access to the courtroom on arbitrary and unlawful grounds; further notes that the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the pre-trial detention of Selahattin Demirtaş and other Turkish citizens is unlawful and calls for their immediate release; recognises that the arrest of HDP parliamentarians is also an attack on the democratic rights of more than six million citizens of Turkey who voted for those parliamentarians; commends the work being done by the HDP in attempting democratic steps towards a peaceful resolution to the Kurdish question; and calls for the immediate release of those arrested and for the restoration of full democratic and civil rights for all people in Turkey.

**1780 Aid to the Church in Need's Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021**

Tabled: 27/04/21 Signatories: 1

**Brendan O'Hara**

That this Houses welcomes the release of Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021 which unfortunately shows that persecution and discrimination against people of faith is commonplace in 62 countries worldwide, often in the most populated nations such as China, India and Pakistan; notes with deep regret that report's revelation that attacks on people of faith has increased in 95 per cent of the world's worst-offending countries since the previous report in that series was published in 2018, and that many oppressive regimes have been using the coronavirus pandemic in order to discriminate against minority faith groups when distributing vital medical aid and food supplies; calls on the UK Government to take religious persecution more into account when considering asylum claims, such as in the case of Maira Shahbaz, who was abducted at the age of 14, forced to convert to Islam and marry her abductor, and who is now facing death threats following her escape in Pakistan; acknowledges the immense amount of work that has gone into compiling the extremely detailed and wide ranging Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021; commends all of those contributors from around the world who contributed to that report, often while working in dangerous and hostile environments; and sincerely thanks Aid to the Church in Need for its invaluable contribution and continued

commitment to highlighting human rights violations against members of all faith communities wherever they occur in the world.

## 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.

### 1726 Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 38

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Olivia Blake**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Apsana Begum**

Colum Eastwood

That this House notes that the publication of the report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities in March 2021 was met with immense disappointment and frustration by members of Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities across the country, and many racial justice organisations; is deeply concerned that the report largely seems to deny the existence of institutional racism in Britain, and in doing so has raised concerns that it reverses progress towards racial equality; is alarmed by the report's poor methodology, including selectively citing and listing authors and academics whose views were neither sought, or accurately represented in the report; further notes the disturbing allegations that the report was rewritten by No.10; urgently calls on the Government to acknowledge the existence of institutional racism in society and commit to tackling it in all forms; further calls on the Government to reject the report and instead implement the recommendations of existing reports on institutional racism, including the Macpherson report, the Lammy review, the McGregor Smith review and the Windrush Lessons Learned review.

### 1732 Fire and rehire tactics

Tabled: 13/04/21 Signatories: 67

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

Geraint Davies  
 Martin Docherty-Hughes

Andy Slaughter

Tahir Ali

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.

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**1736 Reduction in the plug-in grant for low emission vehicles**

Tabled: **14/04/21** Signatories: **9**

**John Nicolson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends those that take steps to reduce their carbon footprint; recognises that electric cars are an effective way of reducing carbon emissions and that use of electric cars should be encouraged; and urges the Government to reverse its decision to lower the value of the plug-in vehicle grant from £3000 to £2500.

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**1738 Bowel Cancer UK highlights bowel cancer red flags**

Tabled: **14/04/21** Signatories: **8**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Carla Lockhart**

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes the work by Bowel Cancer UK that has revealed that 37 per cent of adults living in Northern Ireland are not aware of any of the symptoms of bowel cancer which is that country's second biggest cancer killer; highlights that the red flags of bowel cancer are blood in your movements, changes to your movement habit, abdominal pain, weight loss and unexplained tiredness or fatigue; urges the general public to be aware of those red flags and to seek testing with their GPs in response to any of those concerns, being mindful that bowel cancer is curable when it is diagnosed early; and offers sincere thanks to Bowel Cancer UK for their continued hard work in providing information and support on that matter.

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**1741 Paid miscarriage leave**Tabled: **15/04/21** Signatories: **23**

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

Alison Thewliss

That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; believes miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that New Zealand's parliament unanimously approved legislation to give those who experience a miscarriage paid leave, no matter what stage a loss of pregnancy occurs; and further believes that the Government should follow suit and provide paid leave for people that experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve their profound loss.

**1742 Robert Black Memorial Helipad, Campbeltown**Tabled: **15/04/21** Signatories: **9**

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates everyone involved in the establishment of the Robert Black Memorial Helipad in Campbeltown; particularly notes the vital contribution made by Ambulance Technician Stuart McLellan who as well as overcoming many legal and logistical obstacles, also successfully raised £270,000 and attracted the support of many local residents, organisations and businesses including Eric Spence from South Kintyre Development Trust, the County Air Ambulance Trust, MacFadyens Contractors and McKinven and Colville Contractors in order to build the helipad; understands that there has been a need for a community helipad in South Kintyre for many years due to the unsafe nature of the previous landing site, which often resulted in emergencies being diverted to Campbeltown Airport or being forced to make a four hour transfer by road; and commends Stuart and everyone involved for their efforts and recognises the new Robert Black Memorial Helipad as a fitting and lasting tribute to the highly respected and dearly missed Campbeltown Paramedic Robert Black who sadly died of covid-19 in 2020.

**1745 Salute to pro-democracy campaigners in Hong Kong**

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 22

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Jim Shannon  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Ian Paisley  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Layla Moran

Colum Eastwood

That this House notes with profound disappointment the sentencing to prison of Hong Kong pro-democracy campaigners, including Jimmy Lai; condemns the Chinese government's clamp down on freedom of speech, movement and association in Hong Kong since the introduction of the National Security Law; salutes those arrested, tried and punished by the Chinese communist controlled administration in Hong Kong for championing liberty and democracy; calls on the UK Government to make immediate representations to the Chinese Government on that matter; and urges the early introduction of Magnitsky-style sanctions against Chinese and Hong Kong officials responsible for this gross violation of the principles of the Basic Law and the Joint Sino British Declaration.

**1749 Rail to Refuge scheme**

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 23

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

Alison Thewliss

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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 Renfrewshire**

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald  
 Jim Shannon  
 Allan Dorans  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Chris Stephens  
 Chris Law

Marion Fellows

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.

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### 1758 Contribution to Travel Award awarded to Jacqueline Dobson

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 6

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**

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.

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### 1759 Global covid-19 vaccine inequality

Tabled: 21/04/21 Signatories: 18

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

Claudia Webbe

Rebecca Long Bailey

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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.

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1760 **Queens Park FC Scottish League 2 Champions**

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **10**

**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**

Ian Mearns

Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

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.

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1762 **TotsBots 20th anniversary**

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **9**

**David Linden**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

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.

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**1763 Kintyre Schools Pipe Band**Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **8**

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Carol Monaghan**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Chris Law**

Marion Fellows

Alison Thewliss

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 Scheme**Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **15**

**Sarah Olney**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Andrew Gwynne  
 Butler  
 Layla Moran

Kate Osborne  
 Colum Eastwood  
 Ed Davey

Dawn  
 Dr Lisa Cameron

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 England**Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **30**

**Ian Mearns**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**

Alison Thewliss

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: **28**

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

Marion Fellows  
 Ben Lake  
 Tommy Sheppard

Allan Dorans  
 Hywel Williams  
 Colum Eastwood

Zarah Sultana  
 Debbie Abrahams

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.

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

Tabled: **22/04/21** Signatories: **14**

**Ian Blackford**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Tahir Ali**

Alison Thewliss

Patrick Grady

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

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**1769 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster**

Tabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **8**

**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Alyn Smith**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

That this House observes the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster which took place on the 26 April 1986; remembers the victims of one of the largest man-made disasters in human history and the failed attempts by a totalitarian Soviet government to conceal the truth; acknowledges the immense bravery of those who risked, and in cases sacrificed, their lives to tackle the fire, stabilize the reactor and participate in the clean-up afterwards; praises the courage and dedication of the medical staff who treated the victims of acute radiation sickness; recognises that affected countries and their citizens still continue to deal with the aftermath of that unimaginable catastrophe; and

commemorates all those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the worst nuclear disaster in history.

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### 1770 Virtual Kiltwalk 2021

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 5

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates all those who contributed to the success of Scotland's second Virtual Kiltwalk that took place from 23 to 25 April 2021; commends all those who took on the challenge of raising money for their chosen charity through methods such as walking, running, cycling, and other creative challenges such as trampolining and scavenger hunts; praises the efforts of Kiltwalk organisers who, in 2020, adapted the annual event in response to the covid-19 pandemic to avoid large crowds and to keep within social distancing guidance by supporting volunteers to raise money and do their challenges independently; notes the generous commitment from Sir Tom Hunter and The Hunter Foundation who have pledged to add an extra 50 per cent to everything raised by volunteers; recognises that Kiltwalk has raised £20 million for Scotland's charities in the last five years including £5 million raised through the 2020 Virtual Kiltwalk that was distributed to over 900 charities throughout Scotland during the past very difficult year, and hopes that through the dedication and generosity of organisers, participants and donors the 2021 Virtual Kiltwalk will again contribute much-needed support for the great work of charities in Scotland.

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### 1771 Independent review of General Practice provision

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 3

**Daisy Cooper**  
**Munira Wilson**  
**Layla Moran**

That this House is concerned by the pressures facing GPs and their practices; believes that GP services are under strain and in need of greater funding as is the NHS as a whole; calls for increased funding for GP practices, primary healthcare and the NHS; acknowledges the stresses and difficulties, caused by the UK leaving the EU, facing thousands of EU nationals working in GP practices and the NHS; recognises the Government has not introduced legislation to offer proper protections for the NHS and the UK's healthcare system in future trade deals; recognises the critical importance of the relationship between GPs and their community and that general practice has an important role in building trust with local communities to support effective improvements in health across the wider community; notes the significant expansion of Operose Health, a subsidiary of the US health insurance company Centene, making it the largest provider of NHS GP services in England; calls on the Government to conduct an independent review into expansions of that nature, with the power to make recommendations to ensure the availability and timeliness of patient care free at the point of use, and the protection and use of patient data; further calls on the Government to create a framework for transparency in lobbying to safeguard the integrity of general practice in the NHS system; and reaffirms its commitment to universal health care, available to all in need, in a timely fashion and free at the point of use.

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**1772 Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign**

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 8

**Chris Stephens**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**David Linden**

Gavin Newlands

Patrick Grady

That this House supports Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign on behalf of Glasgow Clyde College; notes that Glasgow Clyde College is on a journey towards achieving White Ribbon status and has made available a variety of activities and resources to its students and staff to educate them on the merits of that campaign; recognises that the White Ribbon Scotland campaign has the support of that College's principal, Jon Vincent, and that College's White Ribbon steering group; further notes the importance of the White Ribbon movement with 45 per cent of women in the UK having experience of some form of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; notes that everyone has an important role to play in helping to end violence against women; and calls on anyone associated with Glasgow Clyde College, or living in the West of Scotland, to sign the White Ribbon Scotland pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent in the face of violence against women, and to make a pledge to the Glasgow Clyde College campaign in its submission process to show support to the Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign.

**1773 Firefighters Memorial Day 2021 (No. 2)**

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 26

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

Ian Lavery  
 Ian Byrne  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Dawn Butler

Ian Mearns  
 Tahir Ali  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Dan Carden

Navendu Mishra  
 Mick Whitley  
 John Cryer  
 Rebecca Long Bailey

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; 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; recognises the hard work and dedication of firefighters throughout the pandemic and pays tribute to the firefighters who have lost their lives to Covid.

**1774 Matchgirls Strike and Match tax protests**Tabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **8**

**Nadia Whittome**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Dawn Butler

That this House commemorates the Bryant and May workers that on 24 April 1871 protested against a halfpenny tax per box on the sale of matches that was proposed by the Government of the day with a protest march on Parliament which successfully stopped the tax being implemented; further commemorates the Matchgirls who went on strike in 1888 at the Bryant and May factory in Bow in response to poor working conditions; notes that factory workers were expected to work 14 hour days for poor pay in an unsafe working environment due to the exposure of phosphorus which was used to make matches; commends their achievements of scrapping the factory's fine system, setting up a grievance system, abolishing the deductions for working materials and the improvement of health and safety standards; further notes the continued need to advocate for high labour standards; recognises the Matchgirls as pioneers of gender equality and fairness at work who through their strike action and formation of the Union of Women Match Makers left a lasting legacy on the trade union movement; and further notes the names of the Matchgirls on both the Strike and Union Committees were Mary Cummings, Eliza Martin, Louisa Beck, Julia Gambleton, Jane Wakeling, Jane Staines, Eliza Price, Mary Naulls, Kate Sclater, Ellen Johnson, Sarah Chapman, Mary Driscoll and Alice Francis.

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That this House expresses dismay at the Government's offer of a derisory one per cent pay rise to healthcare workers announced in the Budget on 3 March; notes that NHS workers have suffered real terms pay cuts of up to 30 per cent since 2010; recognises the heroic efforts of healthcare workers who have been on the frontline throughout the pandemic and have put their own health at risk in order to help others; remembers the more than 1000 healthcare workers who have died from COVID-19; believes the proposed one per cent pay rise is an insult to healthcare workers and that their service to the nation should be acknowledged with more than just a clap; recognises that anything less than a five per cent pay rise is in effect a real terms cut; welcomes the Every Doctor and Nurses United UK campaign for a fair deal for healthcare workers; and calls on the Government to give all healthcare workers a 15 per cent pay increase.