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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 20 May 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 82 Pregnancy and maternity discrimination at work

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 38

Catherine McKinnell  
Kirsten Oswald  
Wera Hobhouse  
Carla Lockhart  
Liz Saville Roberts  
Caroline Lucas

Ms Harriet Harman  
Munira Wilson  
Kate Osborne  
Andy Slaughter  
Gavin Robinson  
Emma Hardy  
Marion Fellows  
Sarah Olney  
Nadia Whittome  
Tony Lloyd  
Tim Farron

Claire Hanna  
Tonia Antoniazzi  
Jamie Stone  
Kim Johnson  
Wendy Chamberlain  
Paul Girvan  
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
Mohammad Yasin  
Daisy Cooper  
Dr Philippa Whitford  
Stuart C McDonald

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Anne McLaughlin  
Jim Shannon  
Owen Thompson  
Navendu Mishra  
Valerie Vaz  
Ben Lake  
Alan Brown  
Paula Barker  
Tommy Sheppard

That this House notes that Government-commissioned research in 2016 by the Equality and Human Rights Commission found disturbingly high levels of pregnancy and maternity discrimination in UK workplaces; further notes the February 2021 conclusion of the Women and Equalities Committee that the Government must act now to prevent further discrimination, particularly as the UK faces potentially unprecedented job losses; welcomes the publication of the Action Plan to End Pregnancy and Maternity Discrimination at Work, jointly published by Maternity Action, the Fawcett Society, Gingerbread, NCT, Pregnant Then Screwed, the Royal College of Midwives, the TUC, the Women's Budget Group, Working Families and others on 14 April 2021; and calls on the Government to take

prompt action to improve redundancy protections for pregnant women and new mothers, enable more equal parenting, and strengthen gender pay gap reporting.

### 83 MOT tests and roadside air quality

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Barry Sheerman**

That this House recognises the challenge to public health caused by roadside air pollution, in particular, fine and ultra-fine combustion generated particles; urges the Government to look to how other countries mitigate harmful levels of air pollution that are prevalent on roads and highways for example the current Roadworthiness Directive 2014/45/EU and to be guided by effective, evidence-based policies; further recognises that the current MOT tests do not identify vehicles which emit dangerous particulate emissions levels and lack the appropriate sensing technology for harmful levels of fine and ultra-fine particulate matter; further urges the Government to take steps to enshrine principles of minimising roadside air quality into MOT tests by introducing improved sensing technology which would identify high-emitting vehicles; urges the Department of Transport to take steps to introduce an efficiency element in the diesel particulate matter section of the MOT based on particulate mass or number metrics; and supports the work of the Dutch Government and the Dutch Parliament in incorporating IENW/BSK-2020/125046 into vehicles' Period Technical Inspection tests by law.

### 84 Welsh red meat exports

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Ben Lake**

That this House notes with concern that the UK Government is currently negotiating tariff-free access for lamb imports from Australia which could undercut Welsh farmers and lamb exporters; welcomes the Prime Minister's stated support for the Welsh red meat industry, and his comments in Prime Minister's Questions on 19 May that it is shameful that Welsh lamb has not been consumed in the US market since 1989; notes that the UK Government failed to apply on behalf of England and Wales for negligible risk status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) from the World Organisation for Animal Health; recognises the work of the British Meat Processors Association who note that the failure to apply for negligible risk status cost the UK meat industry an estimated £16 million in lost revenue, equivalent to the reported value of UK lamb exports to the US market; and calls on the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs to urgently apply for negligible risk status for Welsh beef to further Welsh red meat exports.

### 85 Fire and rehire

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 22

**Grahame Morris**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Rachel Hopkins**

Jeremy Corbyn  
 Ian Byrne  
 Richard Burgon  
 John McDonnell

Emma Hardy  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Beth Winter

Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Jon Trickett  
 Zarah Sultana  
 Jack Dromey

Ian Mearns  
Mary Kelly Foy

Mick Whitley

Kate Hollern

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 the Government 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 outlaw this form of industrial blackmail, as is the case in other European countries, to protect UK workers from exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

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## 86 Ban on trophy hunting imports

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Sir David Amess**

That this House welcomes the Government's commitment to implementing a robust, comprehensive and world-leading ban on trophy hunting imports; agrees that the trophy hunting of animals, including those at risk of extinction, is morally reprehensible; notes the strong support for such a ban among the general public, with the most recent opinion poll showing 85 per cent of people wish to see a total ban on all trophy hunting imports; urges the Government to ensure that forthcoming legislation covers all species whose trophies are imported into Britain; and further urges the Government to ensure that the legislation proposes an effective enforcement regime with tough punitive measures for offenders including custodial sentences.

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## 87 North Lanarkshire Provost's Citizenship Award

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Steven Bonnar**

That this House warmly congratulates Nichola Brown on winning the North Lanarkshire Provost's Citizenship Award for her outstanding devotion to her community and her years of dedication and commitment to children and young people with additional needs, and their families; notes that this is a well-deserved award which recognises Nichola's role in establishing PlayPeace, a school summer holiday project, run by parents, for children and young people with any form of additional needs; and further notes that the success of PlayPeace is underpinned by a talented team of volunteers who run a wide range of activities for kids and parents alike, across Bellshill, Airdrie and Motherwell, constantly going above and beyond, helping their children and young people to feel happy and included.

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## 88 Fire and rehire tactics (No. 2)

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Jon Trickett**

That this House notes the continued use of fire and rehire tactics by employers in this country; condemns the actions of the growing number of employers who have forced their staff to choose between accepting a new contract with worse terms and conditions or losing their jobs; calls on the companies who have used these tactics, including British Gas, JDE Banbury and Brush Electrical, to respect the rights of workers; believes it is disgraceful that employers are using the cover of the

pandemic to increase the exploitation of their employees; offers its full support to the trade unions who are taking industrial action to defend their members against these tactics; recognises that Government Ministers have said these tactics are an unacceptable abuse of power but have failed to take action to prevent it; and calls on the Government to outlaw these practices immediately and to bring forward new legislation that empowers trade unions and protects the working class from predatory employers.

## 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.

### 4 Protests in Colombia

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 54

Tony Lloyd  
Kate Osborne  
Chris Stephens  
Clive Efford  
Ian Byrne  
Ian Lavery

Alyn Smith  
Carol Monaghan

Jon Trickett  
Tommy Sheppard

Claire Hanna  
Emma Hardy

That this House expresses profound concern on reports of excessive use of force by the Colombian police, against overwhelmingly peaceful social protests as confirmed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights across Colombia from 28 April 2021, as part of a national strike; believes the right to peaceful protest and freedom of assembly are essential tenets of democracy; condemns serious human rights violations allegedly carried out by the police, including the use of live ammunition resulting in the deaths of over 30 protesters, numerous cases of sexual violence and serious injuries, over 100 people reported disappeared, over 800 arbitrary arrests, and targeted attacks on civil society organisations and human rights defenders, some of whom were trying to monitor the police; also condemns the small minority who infiltrated the peaceful protests and perpetrated violence; notes with alarm the Colombian Government's order to militarise the cities and urges them instead to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the protest organisers to address their legitimate grievances; calls on the Government to review its training of the Colombian Police, suspend the sale of riot control materials and review all other arms exports to Colombia in light of the current situation; and further calls on the Government as pen holders for the Colombian peace process at the UN Security Council to promote substantive reform of the Colombian security services and full implementation of the Peace Accord.

## 5 Fire and rehire tactics

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 62

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Ian Blackford**  
**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**David Linden**

Claire Hanna

That this House observes the widespread and growing use of fire and rehire tactics by employers over recent months; condemns the actions of a number of companies in threatening staff with termination if reductions to wages and conditions are not agreed to; notes the widespread legal prohibition on such employment practices in most EU countries, including Ireland; recognises the contents of the Queen's Speech in which no mention was made of changes to employment law despite the widespread condemnation of fire and rehire by UK Government ministers; deplores the absence of such legislation in the UK Government's legislative programme; further condemns the Government for not publishing the ACAS report on Fire and Rehire; and calls on the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to announce comprehensive legislation protecting workers' rights and legally prohibiting employers from employing fire and rehire tactics.

## 7 Regularisation of undocumented migrants

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 41

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Tahir Ali**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Stephen Farry**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Stewart Hosie

Claire Hanna

Tonia Antoniazzi

That this House recognises that there are many barriers that prevent people from accessing and maintaining stable immigration status even when they were either born in the UK or have lived in the UK for many years; further recognises that the majority of undocumented migrants have lost their status through no fault of their own, including through an inability to pay application fees, lack of access to legal advice, mistakes on the part of decision-makers and complexity of immigration rules; understands that the harm done to individuals through hostile immigration policies extends to family members and the communities that they are part of; notes that the UK has one of the most complex and expensive routes to regularisation in Europe; further notes that all current routes to regularisation and settlement are far too long, complicated and inflexible, leaving people with no options but to live undocumented; understands that migrants who do not have access to the public safety net or the right to work are vulnerable to exploitation and; and calls on the Government to support recommendations made by Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants in its report, We Are Here: routes to regularisation for the UK's undocumented population, published in April 2021 by introducing new routes to regularisation and removing barriers which cause migrants to become undocumented.

**15 Improving asthma outcomes in the UK**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 13

**Jim Shannon**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sammy Wilson**  
**Tony Lloyd**

Claire Hanna

That this Houses welcomes the recent report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Respiratory Health, entitled Improving Asthma Outcomes in the UK; notes that the report is the outcome of an intensive inquiry which drew evidence from a wide range of experts, including clinicians, patient advocacy groups, asthma campaigners and patients; recognises that the work carried out every day by asthma clinicians throughout the UK is truly exceptional although the structures and pathways within asthma care need to deliver better outcomes to reflect their hard work and commitment; welcomes the report's recommendations which will help to improve asthma care and outcomes through significantly accelerating diagnosis of asthma, supporting referrals to specialist severe asthma care where needed, and implementing a proactive approach to optimising care to prevent asthma attacks; and calls on the Government to implement that report's recommendations as soon as possible.

**16 UK-EU veterinary agreement**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 12

**Stephen Farry**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Claire Hanna

That this House recognises that the absence of a UK-EU veterinary agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary rules on movements of animals and food products between Great Britain and the EU and between Great Britain and Northern Ireland is creating major barriers for UK food exporters and also significantly contributes to the volume of checks in relation to the implementation of the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol; understands that a veterinary agreement can be negotiated with the EU through and building upon the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement; and calls on the Government to prioritise the negotiation of a bespoke UK-EU veterinary agreement.

**17 NHS privatisation**

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 33

**Jon Trickett**  
**Tahir Ali**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Claire Hanna

That this House expresses dismay at the Government's White Paper, The Future of Health and Care, published on 11 February 2021 which rubber stamps the US care models for the UK; notes that the Bill is a Trojan horse for deregulated privatisation and that language on integrated care championed by private health corporations is really about incentivising a reduction away from comprehensive universal provision, the NHS' very founding principles; further notes the Bill's only purpose is to expand private healthcare and that £113 billion has already been handed to non-NHS providers since 2010, mostly to profiteers; believes that removing competition regulation will worsen the cronyism that has taken place during the covid-19 outbreak and further hastens NHS privatisation by removing the requirement to open tender, allowing integrated care organisations to make unregulated mergers, closures and acquisitions as in the US; is concerned that the Bill will lead to the erosion of the NHS, fuelling the growth of a private health insurance industry, thus creating a two-tiered system which will accelerate health inequality; recognises that anything less than complete healthcare renationalisation is unacceptable; and welcomes the work of grassroots campaigners to raise awareness of such threats to the NHS.

**19 Ban on trade in trophy hunting memorabilia**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 18

**John Spellar**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Navendu Mishra**

Claire Hanna

That this House recognises the negative effect of the continued importation, sale and distribution of animal carcasses and body parts such as the head, hide or horns obtained through trophy hunting on the conservation efforts of endangered wildlife; highlights that the importation of trophies contributes to the decline of animal populations especially various species of big cat; notes that the link between the trade of trophies and illegal activities such as forgery of fraudulent licenses, money laundering and corruption and calls on the Government to make it a criminal offence to trade in trophy hunting memorabilia.

25 **East Jerusalem and Gaza**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House condemns unreservedly the Israeli brutality in East Jerusalem and Gaza; refutes entirely that there is any equivalence with actions by Palestinian demonstrators or militants; notes that there is no comparison between state orchestrated violence perpetrated by a military and civil power with legitimate protest by civilians or even retaliatory attacks by militant organisations; reaffirms its calls for peace in the area; and calls on the Government to unequivocally condemn Israeli actions and push for the upholding of international law.

31 **Giving every child the best start in life**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 12

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Kenny MacAskill

Ben Lake

That this House notes the work of WAVE Trust and its 70/30 campaign to reduce levels of child abuse, neglect and domestic abuse by 70 per cent by 2030; further notes that over two-thirds of this House have endorsed that campaign, including a majority from all parties; recognises the role that Adverse Childhood Experiences play in the entrenchment of intergenerational health and income inequalities and the loss of over £20 billion per year to the UK economy; welcomes the publication of the Early Years Review; and calls on the Government to adopt a comprehensive early years' strategy to prevent harm to children before it happens, ensuring that all parents are supported to give children the best possible start in life.

33 **Plastic waste exports**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 9

**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**John McDonnell**

Claire Hanna

That this House notes that UK exports of unsorted plastic waste to non-OECD countries are allowed when given prior informed consent; further notes that from 1 January 2021, the EU no longer allows that practice; recognises that a ban on plastic exports outside of developed countries was a commitment in the 2019 Conservative Party Manifesto; and is concerned that continuation of global



trade in plastics could mean the UK exports plastic waste to lower income countries instead of taking responsibility for its own refuse.

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### 36 Campaign for a 15 per cent pay rise for all healthcare workers

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 13

**Jon Trickett**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Ian Mearns**

Claire Hanna

That this House expresses its gratitude to all health care workers for the the work they have done throughout the pandemic; recognises their heroic and selfless actions 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; notes that NHS workers have suffered real terms pay cuts of up to 30 per cent since 2010; further notes the Government's offer of a derisory one per cent pay rise to healthcare workers announced in the Budget on 3 March; believes the proposed one per cent pay rise is an insult to healthcare workers and that their service to the nation should be recognised properly with a fair pay rise of 15 per cent; 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.

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### 38 Paid miscarriage leave

Tabled: 13/05/21 Signatories: 27

**Angela Crawley**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**John McDonnell**

Kirsten Oswald

Claire Hanna

Tommy Sheppard

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 that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that New Zealand's parliament unanimously approved legislation to give people 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 for their profound loss.

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**43 The right to breathe clean air campaign**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 22

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Hilary Benn**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Caroline Lucas

That this House acknowledges that long term exposure to air pollution causes between 28,000 and 36,000 deaths per year; expresses the belief that people across the UK and beyond should have an inalienable right to breathe clean air; notes that poor air quality is one of the greatest public health challenges that people face in the 21st century; recognises the need for a co-ordinated solution between all levels of Government and the private sector to mitigate against the negative health impacts of dangerous levels of air pollution; and further notes that the Government should make reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in any future legislative proposals.

**45 PDA Day 2021**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 12

**Angela Crawley**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Stuart C McDonald**  
**Anne McLaughlin**

David Linden

That this House welcomes PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) Day 2021 on 15 May 2021; understands that PDA is a profile within autism; recognises that PDA Day is an opportunity to raise awareness, increase acceptance and take action about the PDA profile of autism; commends the work of the PDA Society who hold that event annually to increase understanding of PDA which is widely understood to be a profile on the autism spectrum, involving the extreme avoidance of everyday demands, an anxiety-driven need to be in control and the use of social strategies as part of that avoidance; accepts that PDA can be difficult to diagnose and under the umbrella diagnosis of autism, a clear signpost to the PDA profile is needed to improve outcomes for individuals and families.

**46 Proposal to implement a full ban on importing of animal part trophies**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 17

**Dave Doogan**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Steven Bonnar**  
**Marion Fellows**

Claire Hanna

That this House notes the strong, cross-Party support for EDM 50 and 787 of the 2019-20 parliamentary session regarding the ban on trophy hunting imports; supports the need to

implement a comprehensive ban on the trade and import of such items within and to the UK without qualification or exception; and calls on the Government to implement a ban on the importation of all animal parts that form trophies into the UK as soon as possible and ensure that there are no loopholes in future legislation that would allow any such trophies to be imported or traded.

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#### 48 **Lift the Ban campaign**

Tabled: **17/05/21** Signatories: **35**

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Chris Law**  
**Tony Lloyd**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**

Caroline Lucas

Claire Hanna

Zarah Sultana

That this House recognises the injustice of preventing people seeking asylum from working; notes that the £5.66 asylum seekers receive a day is far below what is required to live on; further notes that asylum seekers can wait months for a decision on their asylum claim; supports the Lift the Ban campaign to allow asylum seekers to work whilst their claims are being processed; commends the work of Refugee Action and the non-profit organisations, think tanks, trades unions, businesses, local authorities and faith groups in their struggle to have the rule overturned that prevents people seeking asylum from working; applauds Freedom from Torture, Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit, as well as the Trades Union Congress, UNISON, NEU and NASUWT in their support for that campaign; believes that overturning that ban would improve the mental health of people in the asylum system and help to challenge forced labour, exploitation and modern slavery; acknowledges and further recognises that the journeys to safety in the UK can take months and prohibit those people rebuilding their lives; pays tribute to the work of the Lift the Ban Coalition including its research revealing that if people seeking asylum had the right to work six months after making their initial asylum claim it would lead to fewer support payments and increased income tax and National Insurance receipts of up to £100m for the public purse; and calls on the Government to lift that ban and bring forward legislative proposals to allow asylum seekers to work.

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#### 49 **Proposal to end the export of plastic waste**

Tabled: **17/05/21** Signatories: **19**

**Dave Doogan**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Caroline Lucas

Claire Hanna

That this House notes the publication of Greenpeace's report entitled Trashed - how the UK is still dumping plastic waste on the rest of the world; further notes with concern that the UK generates more plastic waste per person than any country besides the US and, in 2020, exported 40 per cent of its plastic waste - 210,000 tonnes - to Turkey where investigations have found some of that waste to have been illegally dumped and burned; understands that the UK and EU member states have rules designed to prevent the export of plastic waste unless it is to be recycled; notes its concern that those rules appear to have been broken; joins Greenpeace's calls for the Government to take control over that problem in light of what it describes as the Government's reckless decision to send

plastic waste to Turkey given that country lacks the infrastructure to cope with that waste; and calls on the Government to take urgent steps to reduce the volume of single use and mixed plastics, end the export of plastic waste and enact the Environment Bill as soon as possible.

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## 50 Scottish Retail Consortium charitable giving

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 15

**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Hannah Bardell**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Marion Fellows**

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the members of the Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC) on raising over £16 million for charity and good causes in 2020, including during the Covid pandemic, and £75 million overall since 2016, as highlighted in the SRC's trailblazing Report into Retail Charitable Giving 2021; notes that, through their shops and online operations throughout Scotland, retailers raise money and support for charity through donations, fundraising, awareness raising and community activity, including causes to do with the medical research, public health, care, food aid and the environment; and acknowledges the positive contribution that retailers make to Scottish society through their work in the community across each and every part of Scotland.

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## 53 Universal Basic Income pilot in Wales

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 35

**Beth Winter**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**  
**Apsana Begum**

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House applauds the Welsh Government for committing to a Universal Basic Income (UBI) pilot in Wales; thanks all the Senedd candidates who signed the pledge for UBI ahead of May's elections; acknowledges that the current system of social security provision in the UK is not sufficient to provide financial security, nor protect public health during the covid-19 outbreak; believes that the provision of UBI would establish a welfare system with no gaps and an income floor that nobody could fall below, with the effect of reducing poverty without lessening the incentive to work; and calls on the Government to provide co-operation through the Treasury, HMRC and the Department for Work and Pensions, in addition to financial support, to enable that pilot in Wales to take place.

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## 54 Reorganisation of the NHS and social care

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 11

**Margaret Greenwood**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Peter Dowd**

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House believes that the proposals contained within the Government's white paper entitled Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all represent a major reorganisation of the NHS; is concerned that the Government's plan to divide the NHS into local statutory Integrated Care Systems creates the potential for private companies to take key roles in developing plans to address people's health, social care and public health needs; is further concerned that such companies would then be in a position to influence decisions about the deployment of public resources, presenting the possibility for conflicts of interest; recognises concerns that local plans will differ and so embed a postcode lottery in provision of those services; expresses concern about the proposed powers to remove a profession from regulation, remove the existing legal requirement for all assessments of vulnerable patients to take place prior to hospital discharge and broaden the scope for ministerial intervention in reconfigurations and is concerned about the serious implications that those proposals will have for patients and NHS and social care staff; further believes that during a pandemic, when NHS and social care staff have been under immense pressure and are exhausted, is no time to carry out any major reorganisation of the NHS; and calls on the Government to pause that whole process until after all covid-19 restrictions have been lifted and then carry out a full public consultation so that patients, NHS staff, care workers and unpaid carers can have their say in response to those proposals.

## 55 Attacks on journalists in Gaza

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 45

**Grahame Morris**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

John Cryer

Claire Hanna

Caroline Lucas

That this House deplores the attack by the Israeli military on the building in Gaza housing media including Associated Press and Al Jazeera, which follows attacks or detentions of at least thirty journalists and two previous strikes on journalist's offices in Gaza; supports the demands of the International Federation of Journalists for an end to the deliberate and systematic targeting of media and journalists in a clear attempt to silence those reporting from on the ground in Gaza; further condemns recent attacks on Israeli journalists by settler groups in Gaza; notes that Israel is in breach of its international obligations, specifically UN Security Council Resolution 1738 which requires States to protect journalists and their support staff working in conflict environments; and calls on the UK Government to do everything in its power, including via the United Nations, to press the Israeli authorities to end the impunity for attacks on journalists in Gaza.

**56 50 years of the Misuse of Drugs Act**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 23

**Grahame Morris**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Ronnie Cowan**  
**Tommy Sheppard**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Dan Carden**

Alan Brown  
 Tonia Antoniazzi

Dr Philippa Whitford

Ed Davey

That this House acknowledges that the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is not fit for purpose; notes that for 50 years, it has failed to reduce drug consumption and that drug deaths are now at a record high; further notes that instead it has increased harm, damaged public health and exacerbated social inequalities; believes that an evidence-based approach which provides pathways for people with drug difficulties into treatment, rather than the criminal justice system, should be prioritised; urges the earliest examination of international evidence from health-led personal drug consumption regime such as Portugal, where outcomes are startlingly better against every reasonable criteria; and calls upon the Government, as a matter of urgency, to repeal and replace the Act with legislation to ensure that future drug policy protects human rights, promotes public health and ensures social justice.

**58 A People's Green New Deal**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 23

**Zarah Sultana**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Caroline Lucas

Claire Hanna

That this House believes that the government must urgently act to address unemployment, poverty, and the intensifying climate crisis; notes that the climate emergency poses a grave threat to public health and living standards in the UK and across the world; further notes that the Government is currently set to miss its Fourth and Fifth Carbon Budgets; believes that, as the host of COP26, the UK must provide leadership in tackling the climate emergency; further believes that there should be no return to the deeply unequal, pro-privatisation economic model that preceded the covid-19 pandemic; therefore urges the Government to bring forward a People's Green New Deal Bill to provide a state-led programme of economic transformation, with a green jobs revolution to create millions of well-paid, unionised jobs, including by bringing energy, water, transport and mail into public ownership, investing in green technologies, expanding and electrifying public transport and expanding international rail, retrofitting homes, creating a National Care Service, providing universal free broadband, repealing anti-trade union laws and increasing workers' rights, a just transition away from polluting industries with a comprehensive re-training programme and green jobs guarantee, and public procurement in line with global justice in supply chains; and further urges the Government to tackle inequality by raising taxes on the richest 5 per cent of earners and large corporations, while introducing a windfall tax on corporations who have made excessive profits during the covid-19 pandemic and a crackdown on tax avoidance and evasion.

**59 Job Centre safety**

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 16

**Chris Stephens**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Mick Whitley**

Rebecca Long Bailey

Navendu Mishra

Hannah Bardell

That this House notes the decision of the Department for Work and Pensions to considerably increase face-to-face services in job centres across the UK without formal consultation with trade unions; is concerned that the Department for Work and Pensions has failed to conduct adequate risk assessments in advance of the increased activity within job centres and the potential increased risk to local communities; is aware that increased face-to-face activity is being focused on certain groups including 18 to 24 year olds, many of whom are yet to receive their covid-19 vaccinations; notes that the Public and Commercial Service Union (PCS), which represents thousands of job centre staff across the UK, is currently conducting a consultative ballot regarding health and safety in the workplace; supports PCS' calls for a measured approach to the full reopening of job centres to ensure communities, staff and claimants are safe; applauds the tireless efforts of job centre staff who have done their utmost during the covid-19 outbreak to support claimants and have performed to a high standard using mainly digital means; and calls on the Government and for Work and Pensions to immediately reverse recent increases in face-to-face activity until such a time as communities can be adequately protected and the vaccination programme has been completed for all age groups.

**61 Penicuik Carbon Challenge Project**

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 9

**Owen Thompson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

Hannah Bardell

That this House congratulates the Penicuik Carbon Challenge Project on the opening of their new shop in Penicuik's John Street; notes that this has been made possible by the Penicuik Community Development Trust who achieved funding from Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) and Greener Scotland; further notes that this project will help young people, adults and families living in Penicuik and the EH26 region to work together to reduce its carbon footprint and to reach net zero emissions; recognises, that to become zero carbon, we must emit no more carbon than can be absorbed by woodland, oceans and our atmosphere, and recognises the need to reduce the amount of CO2 released by choosing how we travel, heat our homes, what to eat and to repair, upcycle, reuse or recycle rather than buy new stuff; commends the work of the project which will be responsible for supporting waste reduction of food, gadgets, tools, books, clothes and anything we can recycle, reuse, upcycle, share and repair, as well as supporting awareness of climate change and supporting individuals, households, community groups and young people towards low carbon lifestyles with a focus on food choices, and will work to engage young people in climate change through a series of workshops and youth engagement videos which will be used to speak to local school students

and businesses; and wishes the project, its volunteers, organisers and all involved every success for the future.

### 63 World IBD Day 2021

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 10

Daisy Cooper  
Colum Eastwood  
Paula Barker  
Neale Hanvey  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine

Layla Moran  
Sarah Olney

Ed Davey

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House welcomes World IBD Day; appreciates the work by Crohn's & Colitis UK in producing their new report, Crohn's and Colitis Care in the UK: The Hidden Cost and a Vision for Change; notes with concern the findings of that report that more than a quarter of people wait longer than one year for a diagnosis of Crohn's disease or Colitis, with many people having had to visit A&E departments for emergency treatment; regrets that symptoms of IBD such as fatigue, emotional well-being and pain are often overlooked, with 91 per cent of patients not receiving a personalised care plan; notes the profound effect of the covid-19 pandemic on diagnosis, access to specialist advice, investigations and surgery for people with Crohn's disease and Colitis; further regrets that less than half of patients feel their care is appropriately coordinated with the required specialist services; calls on healthcare professional associations, training bodies and patient organisations to work together to upskill community healthcare professionals in recognising potential IBD; and urges the Government to make IBD a priority by communicating a clear strategy on improving care over the next five years.

### 64 12th anniversary of the end of the Sri Lankan civil war

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 16

Anne McLaughlin  
Navendu Mishra  
Jonathan Edwards  
Chris Law  
Claudia Webbe  
Margaret Ferrier

Stuart C McDonald

Hannah Bardell

That this house recognises that 12 years on from the end of the Sri Lankan civil war, most alleged human rights abuses primarily against Tamil people are yet to be investigated; acknowledges that those allegations include indiscriminate bombing in no-fire zones, summary executions of surrenderers, torture, sexual violence and abductions; appreciates the UK Government has played a vital role as leaders of the core group on Sri Lanka within the Human Rights Council; remains deeply concerned that despite various international resolutions and the establishment in 2015 of institutions in Sri Lanka to investigate the impact of the war, very little investigation has taken place and some of those facing investigation hold powerful positions in Sri Lanka today; is further concerned that in recent months the independence of the judiciary has been undermined by amendments to the Sri Lankan constitution and has little confidence any further investigations will take place; calls on the UK government to take action as laid out by various hon. Members in recent debates; and urges the Government to mark the 12th anniversary by following the equivalent actions of the US in adding General Shavendra Silva, Acting Chief of Defence Staff



and the Commander of the Sri Lankan Army to the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, thus demonstrating the UK's commitment to international human rights obligations and that international action is the only way that accountability, reconciliation and peace will come to the beautiful island of Sri Lanka and all of its people across the world.

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## 65 Somaliland Declaration of Independence

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 6

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House joins the people of Somaliland in celebrating thirty years since its declaration of independence from the Somali Democratic Republic; recognises and supports that de facto state's commitment to human rights and free elections; notes that the Unrepresented Nations and People's Organisation regards Somaliland as a defined territory with a permanent population and capacity to enter into relations with other states; further notes that that state in waiting possesses its own currency, flag, parliament and national identity; and calls on the Government to respect Somaliland's demand for self-determination and recognise its independence.

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## 68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabis

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 16

**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**

Tonia Antoniazzi  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Tommy Sheppard

Jeremy Wright  
 Alan Brown  
 Sir Desmond Swayne

Claire Hanna  
 Tony Lloyd

That this House recognises the benefits of prescribed medical cannabis by a specialist consultant for people suffering with chronic pain, epilepsy and a variety of other conditions; welcomes the legalisation around the use of prescribed medical cannabis on 1 November 2018; but regrets the difficulties that patients and their families continue to face in accessing prescribed medical cannabis that their consultants have prescribed through the NHS; further regrets the restrictive NHS guidelines that prevent most patients from accessing it and deter specialist consultants from prescribing it; condemns the two-tier system that this has created where only people who can afford to pay for the prescription have easy and ready access to prescribed medical cannabis; and calls on the Government to use every means necessary to ensure that NHS patients have easy access to prescribed medical cannabis should their specialist consultant prescribe it for them

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**72 Recognition of Dunbar Lifeboat Crew and their May Day Appeal**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House pays tribute to the bravery, courage and dedication of Dunbar's Lifeboat Crew; recognises the incredible work of the team of volunteers who throughout the covid pandemic launched the lifeboats 28 times spending 186 hours at sea including during the hours of darkness; commends the crew for their continued hard work and service to their community battling against severe weather conditions to save lives on the East Coast of Scotland; and further notes that normal fundraising had been curtailed during the covid-19 pandemic and that a Mayday appeal has been launched to help fund their lifesaving work.

**73 East Lothian company wins Scottish Food and Drink Award**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates Haddington business, Spice Pots, on winning the spice mixes category at the Scottish Retail Food and Drink Awards; notes, having lived for a time in India, business owner, Melanie Auld, brought the secrets of creating an authentic curry back home to East Lothian; and further notes that Mel and her team of talented mums goal is to simplify cooking curries without compromising on flavour, so that busy families can enjoy healthy and delicious curries cooked at home.

**74 Hometown Heroes**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**John Spellar**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House congratulates the 14 Hometown Heroes who were nominated by the public and selected by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games as inspiring local champions of community sport; commends Haseebah Abdullah, Naseem Akhtar BEM, Salma Bi BEM, Jeevan Chagger, Ricardo D'Alva, Kirsty Davie, Kevin Dillon, Dave Heeley OBE, Joan Hunter, Steve Mroso, Yasmin Nessa, Kevin Redmond, Sarah Scanlon and Ranjit Singh; and thanks them for their dedication to grassroots sport in the West Midlands.

**75 Rise in child poverty**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House notes the shameful rise in child poverty across Scotland in new research findings from Loughborough University; calls on the Government to abandon proposals to end the uplift to universal credit, calls on the Scottish Government to increase the proposed amount of the Scottish child payment; and further calls for local authorities in Scotland to prioritise tackling child poverty.

**76 Fly tipping and community payback**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House calls on the Secretary of State for Justice to introduce regulations to simplify the court process for the prosecution of fly-tippers; and to introduce community payback sentencing alongside other penalties for fly-tippers to help address the increase in illegal fly tipping.

**77 Proposal for a proportional property tax to replace council tax**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 7

**Grahame Morris**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**

Zarah Sultana

That this House supports the Government's proposals to rebalance the economy and promote the levelling up agenda; recognises the urgent need to reform the outdated system of council tax which is almost 30 years old and bears no resemblance to the current disparities of house prices; believes that council tax is an effective wealth tax for people living in modest homes placing the heaviest tax burden on young people, low-earners, and those living in less prosperous regions; supports the Fairer Share campaign to replace council tax and stamp duty with a progressive proportional property tax; notes that that campaign's proposed policy would be revenue neutral while lowering property taxes for 19 million households; welcomes that proposed policy's option of a deferral mechanism for a small minority of households who are asset rich but cash poor, allowing the tax to be paid upon a change of ownership; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the need for reform and to begin the preparations for a transition from council tax to a fair and progressive proportional property tax.

**78 Epilepsy Action and improvements to Personal Independence Payments processes**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House supports Epilepsy Action's Personal Independence Payments (PIP) Pledge calling for improvements in the PIP assessment process for those with epilepsy; highlights the need for the Government to review the assessment process that currently sees people with epilepsy experiencing some of the highest initial rates of refusal for PIP, with around 66 per cent of new claims being refused, and over 70 per cent of those refusals being overturned on appeal; calls for better epilepsy training for PIP assessors to give them a good working knowledge of epilepsy and to be able to understand and take account of some of the debilitating and fluctuating conditions associated with it, the possible side effects of epilepsy medication, and the impact seizures can have on the

individual and family members; and urges the Government to rapidly implement that training and reforms to the assessment process to make it fit for purpose for those with epilepsy.

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## 79 Turkish military action in Iraqi territory

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 3

**Chris Stephens**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House notes the current Turkish military action in Iraqi territory against Kurdish forces, launched on 24 April 2021, the Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; believes that the assault is part of the genocidal policies of the Turkish State against the Kurdish people; is deeply concerned that the military aggression is accelerating with airstrikes against civilian targets in border villages in recent days; notes the plan to build Turkish military bases in Zap, Metina and Avashin in Iraqi Kurdish majority areas; understands that the aim of the military campaign is to return to the borders set out in the National Pact at the end of the Ottoman Empire under which areas of Iraq and Syria would be annexed; calls on the United Nations, the European Union, NATO and other international institutions to take action immediately to stop an imminent massacre and genocide; and further calls on the Foreign Secretary to raise these concerns with his Turkish counterparts as a matter of urgency.

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## 80 Sharing covid-19 vaccine resources equitably to create a people's vaccine

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 8

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Jim Shannon**

Claire Hanna

Paula Barker

That this House notes that the ability to vaccinate sections of their population against the covid-19 virus has generally only been open to some of the richest countries in the world and many other poorer countries have little or no access to vaccines; further notes that the latest data from UNICEF shows that just 45 million doses have been delivered globally and the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned of a catastrophic moral failure if vaccine inequality is maintained; and calls on the Government to use its best endeavours to end this situation; further calls on the Government to support the call of the Indian and South African governments for the waiver of vaccine patents so that far cheaper, generic vaccines can be made available internationally; urges the Government to commit to reversing its vote at the World Trade Organisation and support such a proposal; and further urges the Government to work with others to secure the greatest possible supply of vaccines and ensure that these are distributed evenly throughout all countries where the number of covid-19 cases is rising rapidly.

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**81      The global spread of covid-19 and reductions in the international aid budget**

Tabled: 19/05/21      Signatories: 7

**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claire Hanna**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Paula Barker

That this House notes that the covid-19 virus and various mutations are now ravaging a number of poorer countries, attention has been focused on the appalling situation in India and there are concerns that other countries might follow suit; further notes the Government's decision to reduce the international aid budget, citing the impact of the virus in this country on public finances; but believes that people's lives must always come first, that we have an international obligation to help the poorest countries and that it is in our own self-interest to reduce the scale of the pandemic internationally because no-one is safe until we are all safe; and therefore calls on the government to restore the cuts it has previously made to the international aid budget, at least for the duration of the global pandemic, and specifically directs those funds towards providing the medical equipment, oxygen, and other materials as necessary in the worst-affected countries.