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New EDMs

89 **Rosslyn Chapel and Foster Care Fortnight**

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1**

Owen Thompson

That this House commends Rosslyn Chapel for donating adult visitor passes for foster and kinship carers to mark Foster Care Fortnight; recognises that Rosslyn Chapel is not only of great historical significance to Midlothian but also a source of support to its local community and provides great days out to visitors; notes that Foster Care Fortnight, which runs from 10-23 May 2021, is the Fostering Network's annual campaign to raise awareness of fostering and to celebrate the fostering community; and recognises the transformational power of fostering and the huge positive change it brings to thousands of lives across Midlothian and the UK.

90 **Retirement of the Countess of Mar as Chair of Forward-ME**

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1**

Carol Monaghan

That this House marks the retirement of the Countess of Mar as the Founding Chair of Forward-ME; congratulates her on the success of Forward-ME which was established in 2008 to promote effective joint working between charities and organisations in order to maximise impact on behalf of people with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME); acknowledges the far-reaching impact she has had in supporting, representing, and championing people with ME; recognises her work improving medical education and promoting biomedical research; notes her parliamentary advocacy which included leading a landmark House of Lords' debate on the PACE trial; commends the part she played in securing improvements to the National Institute for Health and Care draft revised guidance on ME; sincerely thanks her for her years of dedicated service to the ME patient community; and wishes the Countess of Mar the very best in her retirement.

91 Solar industry's reliance on Uyghur forced labourTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Wera Hobhouse**

That this House notes the new academic report detailing the widespread use of Uyghur forced labour within the solar industry; expresses serious concern that the Government has not addressed this humanitarian crisis as demand for renewable energy continues to grow worldwide; further notes reports from human rights groups which state that the Chinese Government is detaining over one million Uyghur people in re-education camps across the Xinjiang Autonomous Region; acknowledges reports from the camps which allege that detainees are being kept in squalid conditions and are forced to renounce their religion or face torture; and calls on the Government to automatically grant refugee status to all Uyghur people fleeing to the UK as a result of these acts, or any acts of genocide being perpetrated by the Chinese state.

92 40th anniversary of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk SubstitutesTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises that 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the 1981 International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes; believes that the Code exists to protect all babies, regardless of how they are fed; notes the Code regulates the marketing of breastmilk substitutes which includes infant formulas, follow-on formulas and any other food or drink, together with feeding bottles and teats, intended for babies and young children, sets standards for the labelling and quality of products and for how the law should be implemented and monitored within countries, and aims to ensure that choices are made based on full, impartial information, rather than misleading, inaccurate or biased marketing claims; believes that in this 40th year of the Code it would be appropriate for the UK to finally implement the Code in full; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to make a statement to set out a plan of action for so doing.

93 Maggie's Centres operations during the covid-19 pandemicTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Carol Monaghan**

That this House congratulates the work of Maggie's Glasgow in providing support to thousands of people with cancer and their loved ones from across the West of Scotland; notes that 2020 was a challenging year for all, but particularly for those suffering from or recently diagnosed with serious illnesses such as cancer; recognises the vital work of Maggie's Centres in providing financial, practical, and psychological support to people with cancer and their loved ones; commends Maggie's Glasgow for continuing to provide safe, face-to-face support for people with cancer during the covid-19 pandemic, as well as telephone, email, and digital contact with shielding individuals; further notes that Maggie's frontline staff provided support to NHS workers at Gartnavel General Hospital during the most challenging periods of the pandemic; sincerely thanks Maggie's' Glasgow staff for their continual provision of people-focused, compassionate, and holistic care to people with cancer; celebrates that Maggie's has been operating in Glasgow since 2002, and at the Gartnavel General Hospital since 2011; is concerned that the pandemic will adversely affect cancer outcomes for years to come; welcomes Maggie's ambitions to operate in the NHS' 60 Cancer

Care hospital sites across the UK; and calls on the UK Government to provide the capital costs of eight new Maggie's Centres across the UK as part of post-pandemic recovery efforts to support people with cancer and their loved ones.

94 Cancer fundraising by Sharyn McNally-Johnston, Helensburgh

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House acknowledges the extraordinarily selfless action of Helensburgh resident, Sharyn McNally-Johnston, in raising awareness of and helping to raise more than £200,000 to help Nathaniel Nabena, a nine-year-old Nigerian boy who required a life-saving stem cell transplant following the removal of his eye due to a cancerous tumour; understands that Nathaniel having travelled from Nigeria to the UK to have a prosthetic eye fitted was then diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, a cancer of the blood cells and would almost certainly have died without immediate but expensive treatment; commends Sharyn for reaching out to Nathaniel's family in Nigeria and for coordinating the fundraising efforts with such success that the money left over following Nathaniel's operation will be used to help children who find themselves in a similar position; and sends our grateful thanks to Sharyn and all those who helped in the campaign and wishes Nathaniel a full and speedy recovery.

95 University redundancies

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 10

Claudia Webbe
Kate Osborne
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley

Mary Kelly Foy
 Winter

Jeremy Corbyn
 Ian Byrne

Beth

That this House is alarmed at the proposed compulsory redundancies across England's universities including Leicester, Liverpool, Aston and Chester; is equally concerned by the dozens of additional staff at those institutions who resigned or felt compelled to accept voluntary severance or redundancy; notes that university chancellors continue to enjoy six-figure salaries up to double that of the Prime Minister; is alarmed that institutions like the University of Leicester are proceeding with redundancies during an unprecedented global pandemic and financial crisis; stands in solidarity with University College Union (UCU) members at the University of Leicester who voted overwhelmingly to take both Action Short of a Strike and strike action; recognises that UCU has announced a global boycott of the University of Leicester; notes that strike action can be avoided if the compulsory redundancies are withdrawn and urges University of Leicester management to do so to avoid industrial action that, whilst necessary, will further disrupt students after a challenging year; recognises the broader trend of university marketisation, with jobs currently threatened at universities across the country; believes that the financial pressure on universities, which have been treated as private businesses and left at the mercy of market forces while top salaries soar and students pay more for less, is indicative of the corporatisation of further education over recent decades; urges the Government to end the marketisation of higher education; and encourages universities to work constructively with trade union representatives and protect higher education livelihoods across the UK.

96 Torture and enforced disappearance of Bahraini political prisoners

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House views with serious concern the attack by Bahraini police on political prisoners in Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; condemns the enforced disappearance of over 60 inmates for a period of 19 days after the attack; notes that the attack was in response to a sit-in by inmates protesting deteriorating prison conditions and the death of political prisoner Abbas Mallallah; is aware that police officers involved in the incident were led by top prison officials, Hisham Abdulraheem and Brigadier Abdulsalam AlArifi; is deeply disturbed by first-hand accounts provided to the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy that inmates were severely beaten and subjected to torture and cruel and degrading treatment; expresses concern that Saeed Abdulemam was beaten unconscious, requiring hospitalisation; abhors reports that the attack's victims were subjected to religious discrimination and denied medical treatment; echoes the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' (OHCHR) condemnation of the use of unnecessary and disproportionate force by police; supports OHCHR's calls for a thorough and effective investigation; condemns the Bahraini Ministry of Interior's whitewash of abuses against inmates; condemns further whitewashing by UK-funded oversight bodies, including Bahrain's Ministry of Interior Ombudsman and the National Institute for Human Rights which issued false and misleading statements about the attack and subsequent abuse; urges the Government to suspend technical assistance to Bahraini oversight bodies; and calls upon the Government to oppose the criminalisation and prosecution of the attack's victims and ensure that they are not subjected to further reprisals.

97 Welcoming refugees during and post covid-19

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 6

Apsana Begum
John McDonnell
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Zarah Sultana

That this House recognises that, as the 72th anniversary of the Geneva Convention approaches, there are more refugees, approximately 80 million, than at any other time in history; that they are victims of wars, environmental disasters and climate change, human rights abuses, pandemic and poverty; resolves to frame a response to their predicament with a humanitarian-first approach and not to inflict further trauma via detention or criminalisation and thanks refugees for their contribution to the academic, business, cultural and financial fabric of society.

98 Eurovision song contest

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 1

Sir David Amess

That this House believes that, as the UK has left the European Union, the UK should now leave the Eurovision Song Contest; calls on the BBC to no longer spend licence fee money on an event designed to humiliate the UK; and notes that, if the winning song is to be broadcast on the public airwaves, it should be preceded by a public health warning.

99 7th International Yoga DayTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Bob Blackman**

That this House celebrates the 7th International Day of Yoga, on 21 June 2021, first adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 with the unprecedented support of 177 countries; and acknowledges, at a time when the world has been focussed on a global health crisis affecting every nation, the great significance of every citizens' choice of freedom in health and healthcare; accepts that yoga is an effective means of maintaining good health and preventing ill health and offers a sustainable and cost-effective means for people to take care of themselves; recognises that yoga empowers patients and restores them as agents of their own health and healing; notes that extensive medical research has shown that yoga has proven health benefits for a wide range of physical and mental disorders; urges that yoga be included in the prevention and well-being initiatives within the National Health Service for both patients and staff, along with the full range of other modalities from India's traditional sciences; and calls on the Government to introduce a chair of yoga in all medical schools so that the rising generation of medical students gain a thorough grounding in this timeless and time-tested knowledge of health and wellbeing.

100 Undisputed world champion Josh TaylorTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Kenny MacAskill**

That the Parliament congratulates East Lothian boxer Josh Taylor on his latest outstanding success in defeating US fighter Jose Ramirez to become undisputed super-lightweight champion of the world; notes that Josh has become only the fifth man, and the first UK fighter, to claim the WBO, WBA, IBF and WBC titles simultaneously since the 4-belt era officially began in 2004, and that his victory also makes him the first Scot to be undisputed world champion since Ken Buchanan some 50 years ago; believes that this achievement puts Josh firmly among the all-time greats of World Boxing; recognises the efforts of his coach Terry McCormack and the team at Lochend Boxing Club who had belief and aspirations for Josh as a youngster and who has, along with many others, contributed massively in his success; and wishes Josh Taylor and his team continuing success with his future boxing career.

101 St Johnstone FC winning the 2021 Scottish Cup FinalTabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **1****Pete Wishart**

That this House wholeheartedly congratulates St Johnstone Football Club on winning the Scottish Cup adding it to the Scottish League Cup already won earlier in the season, making it a historic cup double for the Perth side; congratulates manager Callum Davidson, all the players, Chairman Steve Brown, his fellow board members and all associated with the football club on this fantastic achievement; acknowledges that this victory makes St Johnstone F.C. the most successful Scottish team in the 2020-21 season and the second most successful Scottish team over the last decade; and looks forward to a proper celebration in Perth when covid-19 guidelines allow to mark what has been an amazing season for the club.

102 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 1

Martin Docherty-Hughes

That this House notes the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood which occurred on 24 May 1941; recognises that only three of her 1,418-strong crew survived the battle in the Denmark Strait; acknowledges that HMS Hood was constructed at John Brown and Company shipyards in Clydebank and launched in 1918 at which time it was considered to be one of the most powerful battlecruisers afloat earning the nickname Mighty Hood; and understands that the HMS Hood has a valuable connection with the industrial and shipbuilding heritage of Clydebank with commemoration events taking place to mark the launching of that vessel.

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.

1 Investment in good quality green jobs across the UK

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 43

Caroline Lucas**Clive Lewis****Wera Hobhouse****Alan Brown****Liz Saville Roberts****Claire Hanna****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Martyn Day**

That this House recognises the urgency with which the UK must act to address the climate and nature emergencies; notes the scale and ambition of US President Biden's \$2.3 trillion plan to upgrade America so that it is greener and fairer and regrets the lack of such a plan for the UK; calls on the Government to invest in a transformative Green New Deal to create over one million well-paid, good quality green jobs where everyone has a role to play from insulating homes to delivering first class public services; notes that this would replace jobs lost as a result of the covid-19 outbreak and level up the UK; considers green jobs to include low carbon jobs in care, education and health as well as in nature conservation, industry and infrastructure; welcomes data from Green New Deal UK revealing the potential for a job-rich green recovery in every constituency; further calls on the Government to significantly increase investment in training and skills as well as job-creation; urges the Government to guarantee a just transition for workers in high carbon sectors including oil, gas, steel and aviation; further 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 and quality of good green jobs and the wellbeing of people and nature are the primary measures of the health of the nations.

4 Protests in Colombia

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 62

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

Richard Burgon

Mr Virendra Sharma

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.

7 Regularisation of undocumented migrants

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 45

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

Mr Virendra Sharma

Patrick Grady

Tony Lloyd

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.

14 Deaf Awareness Week 2021

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 38

Wera Hobhouse
Tahir Ali
Andrew Gwynne
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Neale Hanvey

Drew Hendry

That this House celebrates Deaf Awareness Week, which ran from 4-9 May 2021; recognises that there are around 151,000 users of British Sign Language in the UK, about 87,000 of whom are Deaf; notes with concern that too many deaf people in the UK still face social exclusion as a direct result of linguistic exclusion, affecting employment, education and access to healthcare; further notes that it has been 18 years since the Government formally recognised British Sign Language as an official language, however, it has not yet been granted legal status; and calls on the Government to bring forward legislation giving legal status to British Sign Language.

19 Ban on trade in trophy hunting memorabilia

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 20

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

Andrew Gwynne

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.

29 Ban on advertising of free bets

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 10

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
John McDonnell
Carol Monaghan

Hywel Williams

That this House believes that free bets offered by gambling companies are designed to lock and trap people into gambling as a result of the requirement to provide deposit cash, bank and credit card details and personal details to gain access to those bets; notes that the advertising of free bets encourages people who are addicted to gambling or who cannot afford to gamble; and calls on the Government to implement a ban on the advertising of free bets, and the repetitive pop-up targeting of free bet advertisements online as a matter of urgency.

43 The right to breathe clean air campaign

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 28

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

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.

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

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 24

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

Andrew Gwynne

Stewart Hosie

Hilary Benn

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.

50 Scottish Retail Consortium charitable giving

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 18

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

Dr Lisa Cameron

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.

56 50 years of the Misuse of Drugs Act

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 31

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

Marion Fellows

Deidre Brock

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.

63 World IBD Day 2021

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 16

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

Munira Wilson

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: 20

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

Drew Hendry

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.

68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabis

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 25

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

Christina Rees

Martyn Day

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

76 Fly tipping and community payback

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 7

Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Tracey Crouch
John McDonnell
Wera Hobhouse

Paul Girvan

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: 12

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

Mick Whitley

Dan Carden

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.

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 17

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

Mick Whitley

Jon Trickett

Dan Carden

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.

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 16

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

Mick Whitley

Jon Trickett

Dan Carden

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.

82 Pregnancy and maternity discrimination at work

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 60

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

Debbie Abrahams
 Christine Jardine

Apsana Begum
 Dan Carden

Drew Hendry
 Mr Gregory Campbell

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: 7

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Wera Hobhouse
Kenny MacAskill
Mr Clive Betts

Tony Lloyd

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.

85 Fire and rehireTabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **38**

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

Mrs Sharon Hodgson
 Mr Clive Betts
 Rachael Maskell

Anneliese Dodds
 Christian Matheson
 Dan Carden

Christina Rees
 Alex Davies-Jones
 Apsana Begum

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.

86 Ban on trophy hunting importsTabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **28**

Sir David Amess
Navendu Mishra
Andrew Rosindell
Jonathan Edwards
Wera Hobhouse
Tracey Crouch

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Gavin Newlands
 Paula Barker
 Hilary Benn
 Allan Dorans
 Dr Lisa Cameron

Tommy Sheppard
 Mr Clive Betts
 Kenny MacAskill
 Zarah Sultana
 Christina Rees
 Paul Girvan

Claudia Webbe
 John Spellar
 Martyn Day
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 John Nicolson
 Kim Johnson

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.

87 North Lanarkshire Provost's Citizenship Award

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 7

Steven Bonnar
 Patrick Grady
 Owen Thompson
 Chris Law
 Allan Dorans
 Carol Monaghan

Marion Fellows

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.

88 Fire and rehire tactics (No. 2)

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 13

Jon Trickett
 Kenny MacAskill
 Claudia Webbe
 Navendu Mishra
 Paula Barker
 Jonathan Edwards

Mick Whitley

Apsana Begum

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.