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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 25 May 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 103 Shetland Pride festival

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**

That this House welcomes plans for Shetland's first Pride festival in June 2022; welcomes the opportunity for Shetland to show its support for the LGBT+ community; believes that the event shows that society is increasingly open and respectful society and reflects the strength of support across the country; congratulates the dedicated organisers of the event, Shetland Pride, and pays tribute to the work of Kerrie Meyer; welcomes the support from Shetland Islands Council; and looks forward to the festival when it takes place next year.

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#### 104 National Epilepsy Week 2021

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 4

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Gavin Robinson**

That this House notes National Epilepsy Week 2021 running from 24 May to 31 May; notes the campaign #6forthe600 which highlights that every week 600 people in the UK are given the life changing news they have epilepsy; further notes Epilepsy Research UK has announced funding for a further four projects, valued at £1.25 million as part of annual research awards meaning that 15 new studies will be taking place across the country, involving over 60 researchers including collaborators in Europe, the US and Australia and funding 58 research projects nationally; and further highlights the #6forthe600 challenge in which people are asked to think of an activity based around the number 6, 60 or even 600 and raise money accordingly.

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**105 Music for Dementia**Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **4****Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**

That this House notes the wonderful work carried out by Music for Dementia with the rising number of dementia patients; highlights that there are approximately 885,000 people with dementia in the UK and that by 2040 it is predicted that this figure will almost double to 1.6 million; highlights that music therapy has been shown to be the best type of therapy for reducing the behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia and that it reduces agitation and need for medication by 67 per cent; further highlights that singing in residential homes can halve anxiety and depression levels can fall by 40 per cent; and calls on the health trusts throughout the UK to take on board this research and deliver music programmes as standard in care and residential homes with dementia patients.

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**106 Blasphemy laws in Pakistan**Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes with concern the Pakistani Government's recent public commitment to maintaining the country's blasphemy laws; expresses disappointment at the Pakistani Government's dismissal of evidence of the misuse of these laws against religious minorities; notes that false accusations of blasphemy are made with impunity and that Pakistan's own Supreme Court has observed the majority of blasphemy cases are based on false accusations stemming from personal or family vendettas; acknowledges that Pakistan's religious and belief minorities are disproportionately affected, with Pakistan's Christians making up just 1.6 per cent of the country's population but representing more than 15 per cent of those charged with blasphemy; is concerned by Amnesty International's reports of an alarming uptick in blasphemy accusations across Pakistan; denounces the vigilante violence that blasphemy accusations often incite; calls on the Governments of Pakistan, and the seven other countries in which blasphemy convictions carry death sentences, to stop the misuse of these laws; urges the Pakistani Government to release those languishing in prison held on unsubstantiated charges, including Christians Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel held since 2014 for allegedly sending blasphemous text messages; and further calls on the UK Government to follow the European Parliament's lead in re-examining trade relations with Pakistan due to that country's human rights record.

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**107 Occupation of Palestine**Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **1****Kenny MacAskill**

That this House, whilst welcoming a ceasefire in Israel, Palestine and Gaza, notes with concern the continued threat posed to Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Defence Forces; therefore regrets that the Ministry of Defence refused to publish details of the agreement strengthening military co-operation signed by the British Armed Forces with the Israeli Defence Forces on 2 December 2020; further regrets that the Department of International Trade declined to publish the names of companies granted export licences for components potentially for use by the Israeli Defence Forces; and believes that in view of past Palestinian civilian deaths and the severity of the ongoing threat

that continues to face them that normal security and commercial confidences are overridden by legitimate public interest.

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### 108 North Berwick fire fighter retires

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Dave Kerr on his retirement after 27 year service with North Berwick Fire Station; recognises his dedication to the community he has served throughout the years in this vital work; pays tribute to his incredible bravery not only in his work tackling fires but also in recently facing a significant illness; further recognises the resolute forbearance of his wife Linda for the many times she has been left to pick up the tab while Dave dashes to an emergency call out; thanks Dave for the long heroic service given in his central role of fire fighter at North Berwick Fire Station and wishes him well for the future.

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### 109 City of Dundee Palestinian recognition

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Chris Law  
Allan Dorans**

That this House notes that the city of Dundee has become the first city in Scotland to officially recognise the state of Palestine; further notes that this follows the 40-year anniversary of the twinning of Dundee with the Palestinian city of Nablus in 1980; commends all those involved locally in Dundee who maintain important links between the two cities; believes that a two-state solution is made more possible if both sides are treated as equals; and calls on the Government to follow the City of Dundee's lead and officially recognise Palestine as an independent and equal nation state.

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### 110 Harlow Chorus

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Robert Halfon**

That this House recognises the talent of the wonderful and highly impressive Harlow Chorus, an amateur choir group based in the Harlow constituency; further recognises that the past year has been extremely difficult for Harlow Chorus as they have had to hold their rehearsals over Zoom; understands that members of the choir are disappointed by the Government's decision to place a six-person limit upon indoor rehearsals; and calls upon the Government to review the covid-19 guidance to allow non-professional choral activities that involve more than six people to take place indoors.

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## 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: 44

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

Patrick Grady

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: 65

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

Andrew Gwynne

Ben Lake

Dave Doogan

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.

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## 7 Regularisation of undocumented migrants

Tabled: 11/05/21 Signatories: 46

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

Debbie Abrahams

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.

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## 19 Ban on trade in trophy hunting memorabilia

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 21

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

Debbie Abrahams

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.

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**22 ME Awareness Week 2021**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 22

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Christine Jardine**

Kirsty Blackman

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Week, from 10 to 16 May 2021, which aims to highlight the impact this condition has on approximately 250,000 people across the UK; commends the endless dedication of campaigners and charities working to raise awareness of ME as a serious and debilitating neurological condition; welcomes the recent publication of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence revised draft guidance on ME which has acknowledged that graded exercise therapy is harmful for people with ME and should not be offered as a treatment for the condition; and calls on the UK Government to take urgent and significant steps to improve health and social care provision for people with ME.

**24 Unrest and human rights violations in Colombia**

Tabled: 12/05/21 Signatories: 23

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Andrew Gwynne

That this House is deeply shocked and concerned about reports of significant human rights violations in Colombia and violent repression of nationwide demonstrations by Colombian authorities; understands that protests began on 28 April 2021 in response to a tax bill presented by President Ivan Duque; notes with concern reports that the country's riot police has responded to protestors with excessive force; is disturbed to learn of the deaths of dozens of people with hundreds more injured in recent unrest; has ongoing concerns about the worrying reports of the use by state authorities of arbitrary detention, acts of torture, sexual violence and forced disappearances; understands that human rights defenders have been harassed and threatened, while union leaders and indigenous activists have been targeted by authorities; calls on the Colombian Government to immediately stop the violent and militarised response to protests and to ensure that human rights, including the right to life, the right to free expression and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly are upheld; and calls on the UK Government to exert all diplomatic pressure to help ensure that the situation in Colombia reaches a peaceful resolution and human rights are upheld.

**31 Giving every child the best start in life**Tabled: **12/05/21** Signatories: **14**

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

Siobhain McDonagh

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.

**38 Paid miscarriage leave**Tabled: **13/05/21** Signatories: **29**

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

Kirsty Blackman

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.

**45 PDA Day 2021**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 17

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

Kirsty Blackman

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.

**53 Universal Basic Income pilot in Wales**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 40

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

Marion Fellows

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.



**54 Reorganisation of the NHS and social care**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 13

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

Dame Angela Eagle

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: 48

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

Brendan O'Hara

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.

**59 Job Centre safety**Tabled: **18/05/21** Signatories: **24**

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

Anne McLaughlin

David Linden

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.

**63 World IBD Day 2021**Tabled: **18/05/21** Signatories: **17**

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

Zarah Sultana

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.

**68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabis**

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 26

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

Zarah Sultana

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

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 15

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

Kirsty Blackman

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.

**79 Turkish military action in Iraqi territory**

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 10

Chris Stephens  
 Jim Shannon  
 Marion Fellows  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Owen Thompson  
 Allan Dorans

Anne McLaughlin

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.

**82 Pregnancy and maternity discrimination at work**

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 62

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

Mick Whitley

Alison Thewliss

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: 9

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

Allan Dorans

Margaret Ferrier

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: 5

**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**

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.

**86 Ban on trophy hunting imports**Tabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **30**

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

Debbie Abrahams

Alison Thewliss

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: **9**

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

Margaret Ferrier

Alison Thewliss

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: 14

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

Christina Rees

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.

**89 Rosslyn Chapel and Foster Care Fortnight**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Owen Thompson**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**

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: 7

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Allan Dorans

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.

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## 91 Solar industry's reliance on Uyghur forced labour

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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## 92 40th anniversary of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 8

**Alison Thewliss**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Kirsty Blackman**

Patrick Grady

Allan Dorans

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.

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**93 Maggie's Centres operations during the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 12

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Alan Brown**

**Kirsty Blackman**  
**Patrick Grady**

**Dave Doogan**  
**Patricia Gibson**

**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Allan Dorans**

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 McInally-Johnston, Helensburgh**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 6

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House acknowledges the extraordinarily selfless action of Helensburgh resident, Sharyn McInally-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: **13**

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

Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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: **6**

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Chris Law**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

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.

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## 97 Welcoming refugees during and post covid-19

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **9**

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

Mick Whitley

Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

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.

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## 98 Eurovision song contest

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **2**

**Sir David Amess**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

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.

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## 99 7th International Yoga Day

Tabled: **24/05/21** Signatories: **3**

**Bob Blackman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

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## 100 Undisputed world champion Josh Taylor

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**

That this House 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.

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## 101 St Johnstone FC winning the 2021 Scottish Cup Final

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 11

**Pete Wishart**  
**Gavin Newlands**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**John Nicolson**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

Brendan O'Hara  
 Alison Thewliss

Chris Law  
 Alan Brown

Patrick Grady

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.

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**102 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMS Hood**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 10

**Martin Docherty-Hughes****Jonathan Edwards****Margaret Ferrier****Jim Shannon****Brendan O'Hara****Sir Mike Penning**

Chris Law

Allan Dorans

Patrick Grady

Alison Thewliss

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.