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## Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 26 May 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 111 Justice for Reggie Campaign

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House recognises the efforts of Richard Ackers and the Justice for Reggie Campaign in seeking to protect the well-being of domestic animals; supports their call for more stringent laws on the breeding, transportation and sale of those animals, particularly with regard to unregulated puppy farming and illegal online sales of puppies by unscrupulous breeders; welcomes licensing for all sellers in order to eradicate cruel and unusual breeding methods and to eliminate such inhumane practices as ear cropping; recognises the need for host sites and seller channels to take verified and true identification of each seller prior to listing and to provide traceable provenance for each animal thus advertised and sold; believes in mandatory registration and independent regulation for all animal rescue centres so that such unchecked sales cannot take place under the guise of an animal welfare organisation; and urges the UK Government to promptly enact those necessary changes in order to significantly reduce the risk of harm for each of those living creatures.

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#### 112 Conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Helen Hayes**

That this House notes the high level of sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray, resulting in an estimated 10,000 women being raped in the four months to March; further notes the leadership role the UK government has played in global efforts to eliminate sexual violence in conflict; notes that the UN Day for the Elimination of sexual violence in conflict is on 19 June; and calls on the UK government to table a resolution at the UN Security Council setting up a tribunal to investigate

sexual violence in the conflict in Tigray as a war crime, a crime against humanity or a constitutive act of genocide.

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### 113 Cathie and Denis Curran MBE

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House pays tribute to Denis Curran MBE and his wife Cathie after they recently announced their retirement from the Loaves and Fishes foodbank in East Kilbride after nearly 30 years of service to the most vulnerable and in need in the local East Kilbride community; draws particular attention to their life's work in providing support and care for those who had nowhere else to turn and their tireless commitment to speaking truth to power on behalf of those who are voiceless; thanks all the volunteers and members of the local community who give their time and resources to support Loaves and Fishes; and calls on the Government to treat those who currently rely on foodbanks across the UK with the dignity and humanity they deserve and to ensure that future generations grow up in a place where the need for foodbanks no longer exists.

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### 114 Authoritarianism in Belarus and arbitrary detention of prisoners of conscience

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Alyn Smith**

That this House condemns the actions by the Belarusian authorities on 23 May 2021 which resulted in the forced landing of Ryanair flight FR4978 in Minsk and the subsequent arrest of journalist Roman Protasevich and his partner Sofia Sapega; notes that the actions of Belarus are a breach of international civil and aviation law under the Chicago Convention; is concerned that 33,000 civilians have been arbitrarily detained since the fraudulent presidential election of 9 August 2020; further notes that there are currently more than 3000 prisoners of conscience which include activists such as Paval Sevyarynets, Yauhen Afnabel and Iryna Shchastnaya; calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience in Belarus; notes that the UK is Belarus' third-largest trading partner and that Lukashenko's government is heavily dependent on financial flows via London; and therefore further calls on the Government to implement new sanctions against Belarus, including halting Belarus from using the London Stock Exchange and banning any UK investment into Belarus until all prisoners of conscience are released and free and fair democratic elections held in Belarus.

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### 115 Partick Thistle Football Club Returns to Scottish Championship

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 3

**Patrick Grady**  
**Mhairi Black**  
**Chris Stephens**

That this House congratulates Partick Thistle Football Club on its return to the Scottish Championship after winning the League One title with a 5-0 win over Falkirk on 29th April 2021; recognises the economic, social and cultural contribution the Club has made to communities in Glasgow North and across the city, particularly in providing a family-friendly atmosphere at their games and, through the Club's Charitable Trust, delivering tens of thousands of free meals to some of the most vulnerable members of the local community during the coronavirus pandemic; commends the hard work of manager Ian McCall, and the dedication of all the Club's players, coaches and staff in securing this victory; and wishes the Club every success in the coming season in the Scottish Championship.

**116 10th anniversary of the Language Hub in Glasgow**

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates the Language Hub, based in Partick in Glasgow, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in May 2021; notes that the Hub is a community interest company which specialises in helping Glaswegians of all ages affordably learn any of the more than 15 languages on offer; understands that the Hub is a huge asset to the community and the first language school of its kind in Glasgow, offering language and cultural learning for a range of ages all under one roof from native speakers as well as an innovative multilingual lending library; further notes that in celebration of their 10th anniversary they provided a range of free activities over three days both within the premises and online, bringing their community together to celebrate along with giving newcomers a taster; commends the Hub on its work of providing these services online during the covid-19 outbreak and working hard to start to reopen to the public; recognises the hard work of the Hub's directors Michèle Gordon and Andrea Wieler along with all involved in the Hub's success; and wishes the Language Hub well in its future ventures.

**117 20th Anniversary of the Bard in Botanics**

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates Bard in the Botanics, Glasgow's annual outdoor Shakespeare festival, which marks its 20th anniversary in 2021; notes since their first festival they have staged more than 100 productions of Shakespeare's work to audiences totalling in excess of 150,000 within Glasgow's Botanic Gardens; further notes some of the Bard in the Botanics most popular performances have revived physical performances of Shakespeare's work leading to productions touring across Scotland; recognises the dedication of Gordon Barr, the company's Artistic Director, and the rest of the casts and production teams in creating fantastic performances over the past two decades which have been much missed in the city over the course of the last year; and wishes the company well as it hopes to return to live performances with the "Lost & Found" Season in the Botanic Gardens this summer.

**118 Lady Rita Rae QC elected as Rector of Glasgow University**

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 7

**Patrick Grady****Carol Monaghan****Alison Thewliss****David Linden****Anne McLaughlin****Stewart Malcolm McDonald**

Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates Lady Rae on her election as Rector of the University of Glasgow on 21st April 2020; notes that Lady Rae is making history by becoming the University of Glasgow's first female working Rector, and only the second woman ever elected to the post after the symbolic election of Winne Mandela in 1987; further notes Lady Rae's distinguished legal career of five decades, which she began as a solicitor in Glasgow, becoming a partner in a leading criminal law practice, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992, serving as a sheriff and finally as a Senator of the College of Justice, holding a seat as an Upper Tribunal Judge presiding over immigration and asylum appeals; notes that Lady Rae was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Glasgow in 2019 in recognition of her contribution to Scots Law; notes that the role of Rector,

the ex-officio chair of the University Court and a voice and advocate for students in university management structures, has existed at Glasgow since 1542; and wishes Lady Rae all the best in her new role as Rector as she takes forward her commitments to widening participation, promoting multiculturalism, student safety, welfare and internationalism.

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## 119 Apology for Forced Adoption

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 10

**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**Sir David Amess**  
**Joanna Cherry**  
**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Debbie Abrahams**  
**Rosie Duffield**

Helen Hayes  
 Catherine McKinnell

Maria Eagle

Julie Elliott

That this House recognises the great injustice, suffering and lifetime of pain caused to mothers and their children separated by forced adoption in the UK in the three decades after the Second World War, when young unmarried mothers were coerced into handing over their new-born children, and apologises for it; recognises that it is wrong to say that those mothers chose to give up their babies for adoption, when there was no choice and they were actively pressured to do so by doctors, midwives and other professionals; deplores the shameful practices that denied those mothers their fundamental rights to love and care for their children; pays tribute to the tireless campaign for justice by the Movement for an Adoption Apology; acknowledges that the State and those acting on its behalf allowed or encouraged abuses of adoption practices; unconditionally apologises for the policies and practices that allowed this injustice to occur and for the pain that was caused; calls on the Government to issue an unconditional and comprehensive apology to all those affected and to endorse their demand for recognition and justice; calls on the Government to ensure all those affected receive the help and support they need, including specialist counselling services; and further calls on the Government to establish an inquiry so that the full truth can be told and this grave injustice can be fully recognised and understood.

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## 120 Whitekirk Hill, East Lothian, Spa of the Year in Scotland

Tabled: 26/05/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

This House welcomes the re-opening of Whitekirk Hill in East Lothian which is set in 160 acres of woodland overlooking the Firth of Forth; congratulates Whitekirk Hill on winning Health Spa of the Year in Scotland; notes the ambitious extension of their events packages to host weddings and offer new holiday luxury eco lodges to stay over in; recognises the variety of facilities on offer including high quality dining experience in the Orangery cafe and Terrace, a spa offering an array of treatments, indoor play area for children, fitness suite with swimming pool and contemporary event space; thanks the staff and owners of Whitekirk Hill for their dedicated work and vision to restoring this business and creating a unique facility which will bring business into East Lothian; acknowledges the challenging year it has been for businesses and wishes Whitekirk Hill continued success in the future.

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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.

### 35      **Securing the future of football in England**

Tabled: 12/05/21      Signatories: 37

**Kate Osborne**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Jeremy Corbyn**

Mark Tami

That this House welcomes the Government-initiated fan-led review of football governance, but insists that it is used as an opportunity to rebalance the current ownership structure in the favour of match-going supporters; notes that it is imperative that the review must be genuinely fan-led as the Government has promised, with accredited supporters' trusts at the forefront; believes that supporters must be empowered with an immediate 50 per cent plus one share law, that would require all Premier League and English Football League clubs to secure a 51 per cent majority of their registered season ticket holders on any decision that fundamentally affects the club's identity or future; acknowledges that a move towards supporter ownership of clubs cannot be achieved overnight, and that the Government and the game's authorities need to adopt that as the long-term direction by creating a legislative framework to support it; believes that accredited football supporters' trusts should have the power to be able to appoint and remove at least two club directors and be given first refusal on purchasing shares when clubs change hands; further notes that the only way to secure the overall health of English football is for the Government to ensure that there is an independent financial regulator for all professional leagues and clubs; notes that the sad demise of several much-loved football league clubs over recent years highlights the inadequacy of the current arrangements; and calls on the Government and the game's authorities to ensure the suitability of those who seek to take ownership of football clubs.

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### 37      **Recognition of Armenian massacres as genocide**

Tabled: 12/05/21      Signatories: 17

**John Spellar**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Colum Eastwood**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Carol Monaghan**

Sammy Wilson

That this House welcomes US President Biden's formal recognition of the extermination of over one million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire in 1915 as genocide; and calls on the Government to issue a similar recognition.

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**53 Universal Basic Income pilot in Wales**

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 42

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

Andrew Gwynne

Kevin Brennan

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.

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

Tabled: 17/05/21 Signatories: 35

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

Kirsty Blackman  
 Neale Hanvey

Anne McLaughlin

Alyn Smith

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.

**66 Culross community share offer to buy local pub**

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 11

**Douglas Chapman**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Chris Law**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

Joanna Cherry

That this House recognises the efforts of all involved in attempting to take the Red Lion Inn in Culross into community ownership; further recognises that, if successful, this would be the first community owned and operated pub restaurant in Fife; acknowledges the importance of supporting communities fighting to preserve valuable local assets; and wishes all involved in this endeavour the best of luck.

**68 Specialist consultant prescribed medicinal cannabis**

Tabled: 18/05/21 Signatories: 28

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

Neale Hanvey

Sammy Wilson

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

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 5

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Neale Hanvey**

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

fundraising had been curtailed during the covid-19 pandemic and that a Mayday appeal has been launched to help fund their lifesaving work.

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 4

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Neale Hanvey**

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

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 19

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

Clive Lewis

Stephen Farry

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

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

Tabled: 19/05/21 Signatories: 17

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

Stephen Farry

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.

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**82 Pregnancy and maternity discrimination at work**

Tabled: 20/05/21 Signatories: 64

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

Neale Hanvey

Kevin Brennan

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.

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**85 Fire and rehire**Tabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **40**

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

Neale Hanvey

Stephen Farry

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 imports**Tabled: **20/05/21** Signatories: **34**

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

Marion Fellows

Christine Jardine

Neale Hanvey

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: 10

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 17

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

Neale Hanvey

Clive Lewis

Richard Burgon

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.

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

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 8

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 3

**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**

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: 9

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

Joanna Cherry

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 pandemic**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 19

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

Douglas Chapman  
 Neale Hanvey

Christine Jardine  
 Brendan O'Hara

Joanna Cherry  
 Angela Crawley

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: 7

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

Neale Hanvey

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: 15

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

Paula Barker

Mohammad Yasin

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: 18

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

Andrew Gwynne  
 Christine Jardine  
 Tommy Sheppard  
 Stephen Farry

Paula Barker  
 Mick Whitley  
 Marion Fellows  
 Alan Brown

Mr Clive Betts  
 Sarah Olney  
 Tony Lloyd

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: 15

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

Paula Barker  
 Kenny MacAskill

Christine Jardine  
 Clive Lewis

Neale Hanvey  
 Stephen Farry

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.

**100 Undisputed world champion Josh Taylor**

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 6

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

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.

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

Tabled: 24/05/21 Signatories: 12

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

Christine Jardine

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: 12

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

Christine Jardine

Joanna Cherry

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.

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### 103 Shetland Pride festival

Tabled: 25/05/21 Signatories: 2

**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Christine Jardine**

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: 8

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paula Barker**

Christine Jardine

Sir Mike Penning

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: 7

**Jim Shannon**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Christine Jardine**

Sir Mike Penning

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: **2**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paula Barker**

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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## 108 **North Berwick fire fighter retires**

Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **3**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**

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.

**110 Harlow Chorus**Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **2****Robert Halfon**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.