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## Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 8 June 2021

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### New EDMs

164      **Channel 4's role as a Public Service Broadcaster**

Tabled: 8/06/21      Signatories: 16

Grahame Morris  
Rebecca Long Bailey  
John McDonnell  
Richard Burgon  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Dawn Butler

Navendu Mishra  
Kate Osborne  
Claudia Webbe  
Paula Barker

Jeremy Corbyn  
Mary Kelly Foy  
Mick Whitley

Ian Lavery  
Ian Mearns  
Kim Johnson

That this House shares the concern of the National Union of Journalists that the Government is still actively considering the privatisation of Channel Four Television Corporation, a publicly owned but commercially funded company which makes a notable contribution to British broadcasting; notes that Channel 4 is not presently run for profit, but generates revenues to put back into commissioning independent producers to make distinctive content; further notes that the company is required to fulfil a public-service remit, which stipulates it must be innovative and distinctive, stimulate public debate on contemporary issues, reflect cultural diversity of the UK, champion alternative points of view, inspire change in people's lives and nurture new and existing talent; observes that proposals to privatise the company were considered and rejected just five years ago, with the then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport describing the channel as a precious public asset; recalls that the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications report entitled *A Privatised Future for Channel Four?*, published in July 2016, HL Paper 17, warned that the distinctive quality and contribution of Channel 4 News in particular could be adversely affected by privatisation; considers that any steps towards privatisation would inevitably replace Channel

4's characteristic public service ethos in favour of the narrow interests of shareholder profit; and therefore calls on the Government to commit to retaining Channel 4 in public hands.

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### 165 **MBRACE enquiry**

Tabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**David Linden**

That this House is concerned that the MBRACE: Perinatal Confidential Enquiry report on Stillbirths and neonatal deaths in twin pregnancies found twins are twice as likely to be stillborn and are three and a half times more likely to die as newborns; is further concerned that in one in two baby deaths reviewed the care was poor and that if it had been better may have prevented the baby from dying; notes inequalities in outcomes for twins is higher than all other communities; is troubled that progress in reducing twin baby deaths has stalled since 2016; acknowledges that preventing these twin baby deaths will contribute between 5 and 7 per cent towards the national ambition to halve all stillbirths and neonatal deaths by 2025; and backs Twins Trust's call for the report's recommendations to be explicitly highlighted in national policies, and for local maternity units across the UK to make improvements as a matter of urgency.

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### 166 **Achievement of Ayrshire College**

Tabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Allan Dorans**

That this House recognises and congratulates the Ayrshire College HND Coaching and Developing Sport staff and students on their outstanding achievement of winning the prestigious Times Educational Supplement Further Education best Teaching and Learning Initiative Award for their mental health campaign entitled Mental Health United which is now embedded in college culture across several departments; and further congratulates the college on its work in engaging with the local community including the Kris Boyd Foundation on mental health, promoting the benefits that physical activity can have on a person's mental health and wellbeing and encouraging those who are emotionally vulnerable to seek help and support.

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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.

**105 Music for Dementia**Tabled: **25/05/21** Signatories: **14**

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

Dr Julian Lewis

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.

**123 Human rights violations in Bahrain**Tabled: **27/05/21** Signatories: **12**

**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Paula Barker**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Dan Carden

That this House regrets the 25 May 2021 meeting between the Home Secretary and Bahraini Minister of Interior Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa; further regrets the fact that the meeting took place shortly after a violent attack against over 60 political prisoners by Bahraini police at Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; highlights other recent serious human rights abuses, including the detention of children as young as 13 years old, who were subjected to beatings and threats of rape and electric shocks to coerce confessions over charges linked to protest activity; expresses concern that Minister Al Khalifa has overseen the systematic persecution of human rights defenders, journalists, and activists in Bahrain and the terrorising of civil society since at least 2011; underlines that peaceful critics of the Bahraini Government are subjected to arbitrary imprisonment, torture and sexual assault; notes that despite ultimate responsibility for serious crimes perpetrated during the 2011 uprising, including the murder of several dissidents, Minister Al Khalifa remains in his role; expresses concern that high profile meetings between senior British Ministers and individuals deeply implicated in serial human rights abuses and violations of international law send a signal that the UK will lend unreserved support to its allies regardless of their non-compliance with international law; and calls upon the Government to apply Magnitsky Act sanctions to Minister Rashid Al Khalifa for his protracted role in overseeing a culture of abuse and a climate of impunity in Bahrain.

**138 Arms export licences for sales to the Israeli Military**

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 33

Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
 Richard Burgon  
 John McDonnell  
 Chris Stephens  
 Navendu Mishra  
 Claudia Webbe

Paula Barker  
 Sarah Olney

Kirsty Blackman  
 Owen Thompson

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern the recent granting of and use of extant UK licences for the export to the Israeli military of categories of arms and arms components including military technology and components for aircrafts, helicopters, and drones, as well as grenades, bombs, missiles, armoured vehicles, tanks, ammunition, and small arms; is therefore concerned that Ministers have not disclosed whether UK-made exports were used in the recent bombardment of the Gaza Strip and repression of civilian protests in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory; reminds the Government that criteria 2, 3 and 4, of the consolidated criteria on arms exports precludes licensing where there is a clear risk that items may be used for internal repression or in the commission of serious violations of international humanitarian law; notes the criteria precludes licensing for items which would provoke or prolong armed conflicts or aggravate existing conflicts, and precludes licensing for items when there is a clear risk that they could be used to assert by force a territorial claim; therefore calls for an investigation to determine whether UK-made arms and components have been used in the recent violence and if they are implicated in war crimes under investigation by the International Criminal Court, including settlement building in occupied territories; and calls for a suspension of UK arms sales to Israel until it can be demonstrated, subject to parliamentary scrutiny, that weapons and components imported from the UK are used solely in accordance with the consolidated criteria.

**139 Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project funding from the National Lottery**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 2

Owen Thompson  
 Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project on its award of £8,150 in National Lottery Funding this month; notes that the group will use the funding to provide support to young people at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour; recognises that Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project is a youth-led community project working with disadvantaged young people to give them a place to socially gather and call their own; and welcomes this round of £11 million in National Lottery funding aimed at helping Scottish community groups adapt and recover from the impact of the covid-19 pandemic.

**140 Reform of the Mental Health Act**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 2

Dr Lisa Cameron  
 Wera Hobhouse

That this House welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech on the 11 May 2021 to introduce a Bill to reform the Mental Health Act in recognition of the vast improvements in understanding and treatment of mental health disorders since the Act's original formulation in

1983; in particular commends the Government for signaling its intention to better the treatment and referral of those with a disability or autistic spectrum disorder in the criminal justice system and while detained; calls on the Government to heed the recommendations of the Green Paper titled Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision in that Bill and to work with local government, voluntary and childcare organizations to ensure that data and expertise is shared between relevant authorities and parties and that mental health conditions are treated at the earliest possibility in whichever setting they first present to ensure the best possible health outcomes for children and young people.

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#### 141 Covid-19 and local government funding in the Liverpool City Region

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Sir George Howarth**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Peter Dowd**  
**Dan Carden**

That this House strongly regrets the fact that local authorities in the Liverpool City Region face a funding shortfall of £59m as a result of covid-19 pressures; notes that, although recent Government announcements have softened the impact of funding reductions which have been estimated at £440m, there will still be a major and wholly unacceptable impact on local government services which are already buckling following eleven years of austerity in public finances; strongly notes that such vital services as children's and adult social care will be severely affected having a serious and unacceptable effect on some of the most vulnerable residents; and calls on the Government to fully recompense local councils for the cost of Covid-19.

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#### 142 Louise Caldwell and campaign for mothers who have experienced miscarriage

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 3

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House pays tribute to East Kilbride resident Louise Caldwell in her tireless work campaigning on behalf of mothers who have suffered a miscarriage; in particular drawing attention to her ongoing petition and campaigning on behalf of those who have had to deliver a stillborn child in a maternity ward surrounded by new and expectant mums; recognizes that this is the tragic and heart-breaking reality for thousands of mothers every year; and calls on the Government to consider whether alternative maternity wards for those who have miscarried might be implemented so as to ensure that all women receive the best care and support possible.

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#### 143 Joe Forte's retirement

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 2

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House pays tribute to Haddington businessman Joe Forte on his 36 years in business providing top class equipment to the community's sport enthusiasts; recognises Joe's important contributions in encouraging runners, footballers and all those interested in sports, young and old;

commends Joe's own sporting achievements both as a professional footballer with Hibs, Berwick Rangers, Meadowbank Thistle and Ormiston Primrose and also as chair for Haddington and East Lothian Pacemakers running club winning many a medal himself for the club; and wishes Joe and his wife Norma a long, happy and fun retirement.

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#### 144 **Father Stan Swamy**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **5**

**Neale Hanvey**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House condemns the arrest in October 2020 of Jesuit Priest Father Stan Swamy by the National Investigation Agency of India; condemns the harsh interrogation, refusal of bail, and ongoing detention of this frail 83 year-old priest; notes Father Swamy's tireless work over five decades assisting the poor and vulnerable in India; further notes the gross ambiguity of the counter-terrorism charges levied against Father Swamy; and calls on the UK Government to demonstrate its promised commitment to human rights and protecting freedom of religious belief by asking the Indian Government to both immediately safeguard Father Swamy's health and wellbeing by releasing him to his community, and to commit to protecting the rights of the activists and human rights campaigners across its country.

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#### 145 **Irish Dail policy on the the annexation of Palestinian territories**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **2**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House praises the historic decision by the Irish Dail to condemn the illegal annexation of Palestinian lands by Israel; notes that the Dail Motion condemned the recent and ongoing forced displacement of Palestinian communities in the occupied Palestinian territory and described the annexation of Palestinian territory as a violation of international law; recognises that this historic moment is a victory for justice and recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination; and calls on the UK Government and devolved legislatures to replicate said decision.

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#### 146 **The National Flagship**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **7**

**Mick Whitley**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**

Apsana Begum

That this House notes the Government's decision to commission a £200 million National Flagship to replace HMY Britannia, which was decommissioned in 1997; understands that this has caused considerable public consternation at a time when many people are experiencing immense economic hardship; recognises, however, that the project has the potential to create much-needed work and

investment in British shipbuilding; calls on the Government to make a cast-iron guarantee to design and build the flagship in the UK; welcomes the recent announcement that Cammell Laird shipyard in Birkenhead is willing and able to deliver the project on-time and on-budget; recognises that the construction of the National Flagship at said shipyard would secure and expand the number of jobs and range of training opportunities available to local people, and create economic growth in one of the country's most left-behind towns; recommends that Cammell Laird be chosen to construct the flagship; and further recognises that the commissioning of this vessel is no substitute for a long-term and well-funded shipbuilding strategy that secures the viability of the industry for generations to come and establishes the UK as a world-leader in green maritime technology.

### 147 St Ninian's High wins SSFA Senior Shield

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 4

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House congratulates St Ninian's High School senior boys football team on winning the Scottish Schools' Football Association Senior Shield for the first time in the school's history, and the first for an East Renfrewshire school; celebrates the team's brilliant performance throughout the competition including the final, which saw the team win by the only goal of the game, scored by Marc Capaldi; congratulates in particular winning Captain, Aiden McLaughlin, whose father captained the winning team in the same competition in season 1986-87, and players Rico De Marco and James Dolan who were both awarded man of the match by the opposition; notes the rich history of the Senior Shield, which started in 1904, continued through both World Wars and only once before, in 1957, was not awarded; acknowledges the fantastic work of all players and coaches during this competition, which started in September 2019, was suspended in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and resumed in May 2021; applauds all teams throughout Scotland for taking part in this competition and looks forward to the next competition, which is sure to be filled with the same passion, spirit and teamwork.

### 148 Carers Week 2021

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 18

**Ed Davey**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paul Blomfield**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Jamie Stone  
Munira Wilson  
Wera Hobhouse  
Christine Jardine

Sarah Olney  
Daisy Cooper  
Kenny MacAskill  
Dan Carden

Colum Eastwood  
Jonathan Edwards  
Kim Johnson  
Margaret Ferrier

That this House supports Carers Week which takes place on the 7th to the 13th June 2021; notes that Week's theme is Make Caring Visible and Valued; highlights the invaluable contribution that over 6.5 million unpaid carers make to their local communities across the UK; recognises that carers have been under extraordinary pressure during the Coronavirus pandemic and that many of the challenges that those carers face have intensified, meaning that 81 per cent of carers are spending more time on their caring responsibilities and two thirds of carers have not had any breaks at all

since the beginning of the pandemic; and calls on the Government to provide unpaid carers with the support services that they need, including respite care so that carers can take regular breaks.

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**149 UK representation at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **5**

**Sir Iain Duncan Smith**  
**Siobhain McDonagh**  
**Mr Alistair Carmichael**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House notes with concern that the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics will take place alongside a rapidly deteriorating human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, where Uyghurs and other minority groups are subject to widespread forced labour, sterilization, political indoctrination and arbitrary detention; reaffirms its opinion that Uyghurs and other minority groups in the Uyghur Region are victims of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity; reminds the International Olympics Committee that the Olympic Charter's principles of solidarity and non-discrimination are hard to reconcile with holding the 2022 Winter Games in a country whose Government stands credibly accused of perpetrating Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide; affirms that the International Olympic Committee's desire to stay above politics does not permit turning a blind eye to mass atrocity crimes; urges the International Olympics Committee to initiate an emergency search process for suitable replacement facilities for the 2022 Winter Games; calls on the Government to decline invitations for state officials to attend the 2022 Winter Games so long as Beijing remains the host venue; advises the Government to discourage companies operating in the UK from acting as commercial sponsors for the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics; recognises that individual athletes have the right to choose whether to participate in the Olympic Games or not and urges them to think carefully about whether they should take part; and

encourages the Chinese Government to work with international partners to take verifiable steps to improve the human rights situation of Uyghurs and other persecuted groups.

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**150 World Milk Day**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House notes the 21st birthday of World Milk Day; highlights the tremendous benefits of consuming milk for all age groups including for the production and maintenance of healthy bones and teeth; further notes the wonderful diversification taking place by the provision of automated vending machines to encourage people to purchase fresh milk such as those machines located at Streamvale Farm on the border of the Strangford constituency; and further highlights the important contribution of a milk rich diet to our health and local economy.

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**151 30th birthday of Premier Woodlands**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **2****Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**

That this House notes the 30th birthday of Premier Woodlands founded in June 1992, Northern Ireland's foremost indigenous forestry development company; further notes the tremendous work carried out across the UK and the Republic of Ireland by the planting of between 25 and 30 million trees in the past 30 years; and wishes Premier Woodlands continued success in the future as they make a positive impact on our conservation targets and environmental heritage throughout the UK.

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**155 Ratification of the Istanbul Convention**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **7****Gavin Newlands**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that 8 June 2021 will mark nine years since the UK signed the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; acknowledges the work by the former hon. Member for Banff and Buchan, Eilidh Whiteford, in securing the passage of legislation enshrining the requirement for the UK to ratify the Convention; notes that since this Act received Royal Assent four years have passed with no indication that ratification is imminent; recognises the need for both national and international action to tackle violence against women and girls; and supports the call by IC Change and other organisations for the Government to ratify the Convention by 8 June 2022.

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**156 Post-WWII forced deportation of Chinese seafarers**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **5****Kim Johnson**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Dan Carden**

That this House notes that this is the 75th anniversary of the forced deportations of thousands of Chinese seafarers after the Second World War, which left many families abandoned without support and with no idea of what had happened; notes that the restricted papers, made public after 50 years, show that decisions taken by the Home Office led to the forced deportation of over 2000 Chinese seafarers from Liverpool, many of whom put their lives on the line for the Allied war effort and who were repaid with this act; notes that this was one of the most nakedly racist incidents ever instigated by the Government, and that countless families suffered a lifetime of trauma as a result, many of whom died without ever knowing the truth about what happened to their loved ones with descendants still searching for answers and lost family members; and calls on the Government to acknowledge this atrocity and issue a full and formal apology for these grave injustices.

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**158 National Bingo Day**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **2****Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Margaret Ferrier**

That this House celebrates National Bingo Day on 27 June 2021, when operators from both land based and online bingo operators will be coming together to raise money for charity and celebrate their love of the game of Bingo and everything that makes it special including people, players, friends and community; recognises that bingo has been a mainstay of cultural life since the 1960's, welcoming thousands customers into bingo clubs every week to eat, drink and socialise over a much-loved inclusive game; notes that for many a visit to their local bingo club is the main opportunity for a fun night out in a safe environment; further notes that bingo plays a vital role in tackling social isolation within communities across the country, especially during the covid-19 pandemic through virtual events; notes with concern that bingo clubs have lost approximately £269.3 million in revenue during lockdown and 39 clubs have closed; and calls on the Government to support the long term sustainability of bingo across the UK.

**159 Child poverty**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **25****Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Ian Byrne**Andrew Gwynne  
Dan Carden

Jonathan Edwards

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes that recent End Child Poverty coalition research indicates that there were 4.3 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2019-20 and that recent Households Below Average Income figures show child poverty is likely to have significantly worsened during the covid-19 pandemic; believes the Government must prioritise expanding the safety net for struggling families and those facing housing insecurity; recognises the Government's rolling out of free school meals during school closures, the extension of free school meals to children affected by the No Recourse to Public Funds condition, the £20 a week universal credit uplift, and the Covid Winter Grant Scheme that supported families in financial crisis; and supports recent calls from the Children's Society for the Government to turn these interventions into long term sustained investment to support low-income families.

**160 Child poverty in the North West**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **24****Rebecca Long Bailey**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Ian Byrne**

Andrew Gwynne

Jonathan Edwards

Dan Carden

That this House notes that recent End Child Poverty coalition research indicates that there were 4.3 million children living in poverty in the UK in 2019-20, more than a third of children in the

North West are growing up in poverty after housing costs are factored in, child poverty levels have risen in almost every local area in the North West from 2016 to 2020, and 75 per cent of children growing up in poverty live in a household where at least one person works; recognises the serious impact that childhood poverty can have on children's physical and mental health, education and life chances; welcomes the cross-sector support for urgent and ongoing action to tackle growing levels of child poverty; further recognises the work of myriad voluntary and community sector organisations such as Greater Manchester Poverty Action, Shared Health, and Salford CVS; acknowledges the findings of the latest End Child Poverty survey that less than one in five people think the Government is doing all it can to tackle this issue; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to fully commit to fighting child poverty by removing the two-child limit and the benefit cap, retaining the £20 a week uplift to universal credit longer term, extending the uplift to families on legacy benefits, and committing to increasing child-related benefits in the near future; and supports ringfencing additional Government funding for local lifeline organisations in the voluntary and community sector.

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**161 S4C's success at the Broadcast Awards 2021**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 3

**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this house congratulates S4C for winning Best Lockdown Programme at the Broadcast awards with Dim Ysgol Maesincla; notes that the programme won the award against productions for ITV, BBC1, BBC2 and Channel 4 in the Best Lockdown Programme News, Documentary and Factual category; celebrates the programme's success in documenting the honest and heartwarming stories of the children, families and school staff of the Maesincla community during a time of great change with the judges praising the documentary for providing rare access to a community that isn't usually seen on television; and recognises that the programme has won an important award in the industry through the medium of Welsh.

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**162 Crisis of insecure work**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 8

**Jon Trickett**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Kenny MacAskill

Dan Carden

That this House expresses alarm at the £107 billion rise in wealth for those at the top; notes that the levels of insecure employment in the UK are worryingly high and that data from the Office for National Statistics published on 18 May 2021 shows unemployment at 1.6 million; further notes that 1.5 million are in temporary work and that 1 million part time workers are struggling to find a full time job; recognises that this means more than 4 million people are underemployed; also recognises that 5.5 million workers are paid below the living wage, 857,000 workers are employed on zero hours contracts and 2.2 million workers currently work fewer than 15 hours a week; believes that this is contributing to a cost of living crisis in the UK, where millions struggle to make ends meet;

expresses concern about what the future holds for the 4 million workers still on furlough, as well as the growing number of employers using fire & rehire tactics across all sectors, including Weetabix and Argos this week; acknowledges that 100 million fewer hours of work are currently being undertaken in the UK economy; and calls on the Government to radically increase investment across the UK to increase productivity, create sustainable well paid jobs of the future and to do more to help the millions workers facing a very uncertain future.

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**163 Eden Project Dundee**

Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **5**

**Stewart Hosie**  
**Chris Law**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House welcomes announcements from the Eden Project detailing their proposals to open a new facility on the site of the former Dundee Gasworks which will celebrate humanities connection to nature as well as delve into the cities historical nine trade guilds; recognises the significance of further investment into Dundee, helping to transform the city, and solidify its position as a major tourist destination; and commends all those who have worked to bring this vision closer to reality, with a scheduled opening for 2024.