



---

**Published:** Friday 11 June 2021

---

## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 10 June 2021

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions for which no days have been fixed.

The number of signatories includes all members who have added their names in support of the Early Day Motion (EDM), including the Member in charge of the Motion.

EDMs and added names are also published on the EDM database at [www.parliament.uk/edm](http://www.parliament.uk/edm)

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

---

### New EDMs

#### 177 End the young parent penalty

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House notes that there are 1.8 million single parents across the UK, with nearly half of all children in single parent families living in poverty; further notes the particular impact of Covid-19 on single parents who are both the carer and income generator for their family; believes that all single parent families should receive appropriate support from the UK Government; regrets that young single parent families under the age of 25 have to claim Universal Credit at a lower rate than those aged 25 or over; further notes that until the introduction of Universal Credit in 2013 young single parent families were entitled to the higher rate of standard allowance in recognition of the cost of caring for a child alone and that this exemption still exists for claimants of legacy benefits; and urges the UK Government to end this Young Parent Penalty and reinstate the exemption for all young single parent families.

---

#### 178 Celebrating the clean green status of Scotland's food and drink sector

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House celebrates the clean green status of Scotland's £14 billion food and drink sector and recognises that such high standards have been achieved by implementing key directives within an EU framework; recognises this status as a vital element which underpins the value of the provenance of Scottish food nationally and internationally; highlights that the UK Internal Market Act could threaten Scotland's ability to maintain and protect this internationally recognised and respected marque; and asserts that any UK Government attempt to undermine or impede Scottish

regulation of GM crops or editing techniques must never be allowed to destabilise the value or reputation of Scotland-branded export produce.

---

### 179 **Protect access to cash**

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House believes that the UK Government should implement legislation to protect access to cash a priority in this Parliamentary session as part of a proactive campaign to ensure that vulnerable people are not disproportionately affected by the move towards a cashless society.

---

### 180 **Pet theft reform**

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House notes with concern the recent increase in dog thefts and associated violence; acknowledges the unprecedented levels of demand for canine companionship during the covid-19 pandemic, resulting in inflated dog prices; recognises that people have an exceptionally powerful bond with their pets, regarding them as priceless, irreplaceable family members; is aware that dogs are stolen by organised gangs and opportunistic thieves, and regardless of the perpetrator, the likelihood of being caught, charged and prosecuted is very low; notes that the intrinsic value and welfare of stolen pets is not taken into account with sentencing, and pet theft is not regarded as a specific offence in current legislation; further acknowledges the campaigning work on this issue by Dr Daniel Allen, Debbie Matthews, the Stolen and Missing Pets Alliance and the Pet Theft Reform Coalition; welcomes the formation of the Pet Theft Taskforce which works with police, law enforcement, and experts to understand and tackle pet theft, considering the issue from end to end (including causes, prevention, reporting, enforcement and prosecution); urges the UK Government to make pet theft a specific offence with a sentence which is proportionate to the harm caused to pet owners and the impact on pet welfare.

---

### 181 **Best campsite in Scotland awarded to Silverburn Park Campsite**

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Wendy Chamberlain**

That this House congratulates Silverburn Park Campsite of Leven, Fife upon its recent award of Best Campsite in Scotland in the Corporate Livewire Prestige Awards; recognises the efforts of the park in demonstrating its excellence through ongoing work at the park, positive feedback from visitors, and the renovation of the flax mill; and commends its work to promote sustainable tourism in Fife.

---

### 182 **Mindfulness and mental health**

Tabled: **10/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Tracey Crouch**

That this House acknowledges the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of the UK population; notes the substantial body of research showing how mindfulness can support people

managing their mental health; and calls for mindfulness-based interventions to be available to people in all parts of the UK.

---

### 183 Billington's of Lenzie

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

#### Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Billington's of Lenzie, East Dunbartonshire, on their Silver award at the Scottish Food and Drink Awards in the gin category; recognises how difficult a time it has been for local food service and hospitality businesses during the covid-19 pandemic; further recognises the important work done by staff at Billington's to assist the wider community during the covid crisis; commends the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved at the Deli; notes that this award is a tremendous achievement given the circumstances; and further calls on the House to wish all local hospitality businesses well as restrictions lift across the UK.

---

### 184 Whitehill Welfare FC free season tickets

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

#### Owen Thompson

That this House commends Whitehill Welfare Football Club for providing 250 free season tickets to local school children; notes that the Rosewell-based club offered all pupils at Rosewell Primary School and St Matthews Primary School their very own Under 16's Season Ticket to enjoy games at Ferguson Park; understands that the club wanted to encourage the children back into outdoor activities by opening up opportunities to visit Ferguson Park to those who might have otherwise been unable to afford it; and highlights the significant mental and physical health benefits of sport during the covid-19 pandemic.

---

### 185 Skyrora and the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

#### Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Skyrora CEO Volodymyr Levykin on being nominated as a finalist for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 award; notes that this award recognises innovation and resilience among entrepreneurs from across the UK who are creating long-term value and reinventing the future; recognises Midlothian-based space launch company Skyrora as leaders in developing the next generation of launch vehicles for the burgeoning small satellite market; and wishes Volodymyr all the very best for when finalists are announced in September 2021.

---

### 186 Midlothian Volunteers Awards 2021

Tabled: 10/06/21 Signatories: 1

#### Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates the winners of the Midlothian Volunteer Awards 2021; thanks the awards' organisers for creating an annual opportunity to recognise and reward some of the volunteers and inspirational people who bring about positive change in their communities; notes that the awards ceremony was held virtually this year on the 3rd June and was attended by over 150 people; commends the people of Midlothian on their strong community spirit, selflessness and

volunteering ethos; and sends its individual congratulations to Heather Mortimore from Food Facts Friends, Outstanding New Volunteer; The Connect Project Volunteers from Volunteer Midlothian, Befriender/Mentor of the Year; Chris Boyle and Ricky Lloyd of Dalkeith Rugby Football Club, Active Volunteering; The Midlothian Breastfeeding Alliance, Health and Wellbeing Award); Colette Pye from Mayfield and District Breastfeeding Support Group, Dedicated Service; The Amazing Brains Committee at Art Club, Covid-19 Community Award; Naomi Knights from the Connect Project at Volunteer Midlothian, Volunteer Manager of the Year; Kyle Anderson, Eva Hesketh-Laird, Louise Gillespie, Melissa Reidie, Samantha Gough, Saltire Summit Award; Joseph Burke of Health in Mind, Volunteer of the Year; and Penicuik Ambassadors, Volunteering Team of the Year.

## 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.

### 123 Human rights violations in Bahrain

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 18

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

Marion Fellows

Andy Slaughter

Mr Alistair Carmichael

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.

**128 Relegation of Kilmarnock FC**

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 6

**Alan Brown**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**

That this House expresses disappointment with the relegation of Kilmarnock FC from the Premiership, ending 28 years of consecutive top-flight football; notes that only Celtic, Motherwell and Aberdeen have remained longer in the top-flight; further notes that the latter two were spared relegation due to Falkirk not having a compliant ground; notes that when the club stayed up in the first season back on the last day of season 1993-94, managed by the late Tommy Burns, no-one would have forecast how long the club would stay in top-flight football; further notes that the highlights included the Scottish Cup win in 1997, a league cup win in 2012; several trips into Europe and a lasting friendship developed between the fans of Kilmarnock FC and Kaiserslautern FC; notes that the tenure of Steve Clarke took the club from bottom of the league to finishing third, giving Killie their highest league finish since 1966, during the 150th anniversary of the club; further notes that since he left the club to manage the Scotland team, Sir Stevie Clarke has taken Scotland to their first tournament finals since 1998 and wishes Scotland well in the Euro 2020s; commends chairman Billy Bowie for maintaining the player budget for season 2021-22, and hopes that Kilmarnock FC get promoted at the first attempt, noting that being in the Premiership brings a financial boost to many businesses within the town; and hopes that the supporters are allowed to return to the ground in high numbers following the covid-19 outbreak to support the team.

**134 Dundee FC promotion to Scottish Premiership**

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 9

**Chris Law**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
  
Marion Fellows

That this House congratulates Dundee Football Club on their promotion to the Scottish Premiership following their victories home and away against Kilmarnock in the Premiership play-off final; further congratulates all at the club who contributed to this return to top-flight football, including the manager James McPake, the players and the back-room staff; recognises the important and valued work that Dundee FC carries out in local communities across the city in partnership with the Dundee FC in the Community Trust; and wishes all at the club all of the best for the coming season.

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

Tabled: 27/05/21 Signatories: 43

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

Dr Rupa Huq  
 Dave Doogan

Stephen Timms

Stephen Farry

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.

**140 Reform of the Mental Health Act**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 9

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Andrew Rosindell**

Helen Hayes

Andrew Gwynne

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

**148 Carers Week 2021**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **23**

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

Mr Alistair Carmichael                      Layla Moran

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.

**153 The role of the Lord Advocate under the Scotland Act**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **2**

**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Neale Hanvey**

That this House believes that the dual role of the Lord Advocate in Scotland, whereby they are both senior Government legal adviser and head of the prosecution service, is entirely inconsistent with the needs of a modern democracy; and therefore calls on the Government to engage with the Scottish Government as a matter of urgency to allow the relevant changes to be made to the Scotland Act 1998 and ensure that a formal separation of powers is provided.

**155 Ratification of the Istanbul Convention**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **11**

**Gavin Newlands**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

Andrew Gwynne

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.

**156 Post-WWII forced deportation of Chinese seafarers**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 9

**Kim Johnson**  
**Mick Whitley**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Jim Shannon**

Sir George Howarth

Tony Lloyd

Navendu Mishra

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.

**158 National Bingo Day**

Tabled: 7/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Allan Dorans**

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.



**161 S4C's success at the Broadcast Awards 2021**Tabled: **7/06/21** Signatories: **6**

**Hywel Williams**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Pete Wishart**  
**Marion Fellows**

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.

**164 Channel 4's role as a Public Service Broadcaster**Tabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **27**

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

John Nicolson

Alison Thewliss

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.

**165 MBRACE enquiry**Tabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **7**

**David Linden**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

Alison Thewliss

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.

**166 Achievement of Ayrshire College**Tabled: **8/06/21** Signatories: **6**

**Allan Dorans**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Alan Brown**  
**Neale Hanvey**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**

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.

**167 Kellands primary school and the Digital Schools Awards Scotland Programme**Tabled: **9/06/21** Signatories: **4**

**Richard Thomson**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Kellands primary school of Inverurie, Aberdeenshire upon its recent award from the Scotland's Digital Schools programme; recognises the efforts of the school in completing a rigorous self-evaluation process to demonstrate the school's excellence in integrating digital technology into learning and teaching; further recognises the importance of digital

competency in today's schooling; commends the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of staff at Kellends primary school on its tremendous achievement; and wishes all staff and pupils at the school well as they continue on their digital journey.

---

### 168 Mental health provision for university students

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 5

**Ed Davey**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House calls on the Government to publish clear guidance to universities on what mental health provision should be in place for university students; recognises the immense strain placed on university students during the covid-19 outbreak and the continuing assessments and exams that students have been required to undertake; stresses that students are lacking critical pastoral support during challenging periods of time; notes the concerning Global Student Survey that suggests that 70 per cent of British university students believe their mental health has suffered since the start of the pandemic; recognises the ONS Student December 2020 survey which found students to be significantly more anxious than the UK general population; urges the Government to ensure that universities have sufficient funding for mental health provision; and calls on the Government to ensure that all university students are guaranteed access to high quality mental health services.

---

### 169 Higher education funding

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 7

**Ed Davey**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Daisy Cooper**  
**Mick Whitley**

Jim Shannon

That this House calls on the Government to provide financial compensation to university students for lost teaching and rent during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that university students have not had adequate teaching or the university experience that they expected; notes that universities have worked hard to adapt to online teaching but that the higher education sector is facing financial uncertainty, meaning they cannot alone be expected to compensate students; calls on the Government to initiate an independent review into the level of compensation students should be awarded due to the effect of the pandemic on their education and to ensure proper support is available for those facing financial hardship; and urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the APPG for Students by doubling funds for students facing hardship to £700 million to bring support for English students in line with students in Wales.

---

**170 DS Business Solutions**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 4

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the fundraising efforts of DS Business Solutions in East Kilbride who have raised over £100,000 for charitable causes; pays tribute to each of their staff who have given countless hours over the last seven and a half years to raise funds for a range of local, national and international charities and causes; in particular notes their efforts to help those experiencing homelessness in the local East Kilbride area and their support for local families through their annual School Uniform Campaign; highlights DS Business Solutions and the efforts of their Managing Director Gerry Strain as an example of corporate and social responsibility for businesses across the UK and wishes them the very best in their future fundraising endeavours.

**171 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 18

**Martin Docherty-Hughes**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Andy Slaughter**

Allan Dorans  
 Richard Thomson  
 Ian Blackford  
 Tommy Sheppard

Martyn Day  
 Dr Philippa Whitford  
 Anne McLaughlin  
 Owen Thompson

Jim Shannon  
 Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Navendu Mishra

That this House notes that during the month of June 2021 it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month; understands that the theme in 2021 is Make Some Space where it is hoped that people from different backgrounds and professions will make some space in their day to day lives, from teaching school pupils on the histories, cultures or present realities of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people to governmental bodies, both local and across these islands ensuring that there is space for Gypsy, Travellers in local areas and that any services provided are inclusive to the communities; believes that the rich culture and history of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities is something that must be celebrated and protected and encourages everyone to positively engage with the communities.

**172 Heart of Wales Line**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 2

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House commends the submission by Professor Stuart Cole, emeritus professor of transport at the University of South Wales and chairman of the Heart of Wales Travellers' Association, to the Union Connectivity Review calling for a £20 million investment in the Heart of Wales Line; notes that Wales has historically only received one per cent of rail investment despite having 11 per cent of the track; is concerned that that the submission indicates that 87 per cent of all journeys in mid Wales are undertaken by car; recognises that the line passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the British Isles on its journey between Swansea and Shrewsbury and links three of the

main market towns in Carmarthenshire - Ammanford, Llandeilo and Llandovery; welcomes that, in his submission, Professor Cole outlines how the investment will enable Transport for Wales to substantially increase service provision on the line to provide two hourly services each way over a 12 hour period; further welcomes that the report outlines the substantial economic and social benefits which this investment would bring; calls on the Department for Transport to implement the infrastructure investments outlined in the submission; and urges the Welsh Government to implement Professor Cole's proposals for increased services on the Heart of Wales line.

---

**173 DVLA physical post-only forms and the consequences for disabled people**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 4

**John Nicolson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises how difficult it can be for people with disabilities to access some services, such as the post office; understands how helpful and convenient being able to complete official forms online rather than posting them physically can be for older people or those with disabilities; is therefore disappointed that the DVLA still requires some forms to be posted, which is especially difficult for people who rely heavily on the use of their vehicles.

---

**174 Radio Earn soft launch in Crieff**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 3

**John Nicolson**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House recognises the difficulty of setting up new businesses during the covid-19 outbreak; understands how useful community radio can be not only for entertaining and informing the community, but also for developing careers and giving opportunities to young people; commends Radio Earn for its successful soft launch on 6 June 2021; and wishes Radio Earn good luck going forward.

---

**175 Public scientific hearing on animal experiments**

Tabled: 9/06/21 Signatories: 3

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jim Shannon**

That this House applauds the new Animal Sentience Bill, enshrining in law the ability of animals to experience joy and feel suffering and pain; notes the science-based campaign For Life On Earth with its Beagle Ambassador, rescued laboratory dog Scarlett; is shocked to see the harrowing exposé showing thousands of laboratory dogs intensively bred in the UK and underlines the consequences of the Animal Sentience Bill regarding this; notes that scientists in the wider scientific community, outside the animal-based research sector, openly acknowledge the failure of animal testing in the search for human treatments and cures, and that those experts include scientists in the pharmaceutical industry, the Editor in Chief of the British Medical Journal, the US-based National Cancer Institute which says cures for cancer have been lost because studies in rodents were believed, and the Food and Drug Administration which states that 9 out of 10 new medicines fail to pass human trials because animals cannot predict responses in humans; notes Doctors Greek and Shanks'

Trans-Species Modelling Theory, founded upon the theory of evolution, explaining why animals fail as predictive models of humans; and urgently calls on the Government to mandate a rigorous public scientific hearing, judged by independent experts from the relevant science fields, to stop the funding of the now proven failed practice of animal experimentation and increase funding for state-of-the-art human-based research, such as human-on-a-chip and gene-based medicine, to prioritise treatments and cures for human patients and stop the suffering of laboratory dogs and other animals.

---

176      **Racism in football**

Tabled: 9/06/21      Signatories: 13

**Clive Lewis**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Ian Byrne**

Marsha De Cordova  
 Geraint Davies

Ms Lyn Brown

Jim Shannon

That this House applauds England football manager Gareth Southgate and his players for their principled opposition to racism; stands in solidarity with all football players and supporters who have been subjected to racism, while participating in the sport they love or in other areas of their life; recognises that those players and their manager are role models for the entire country and that their actions have a large impact on wider society; believes taking the knee to be an honourable and important act, worthy of such role models; thanks players, supporters and those in the wider football community and industry who have stood and will continue to stand against all forms of racism; condemns the booing by some fans of those that take the knee for the blatant racism it is and applauds the majority of fans who do not boo; calls on those in football management, media, sponsorship, breweries and pub landlords to stand up as anti-racists and take a robust approach to that behaviour; wishes Gareth Southgate and the England team every success in the upcoming UEFA Euro 2020 tournament; and calls on the Prime Minister to make a statement in support of anti-racism in football.