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## Early Day Motions tabled on Monday 28 June 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 248 Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club - Club of the Year 2021

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Kirsten Oswald**

That this House congratulates Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club on winning the Club of the Year award at the 2021 Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Tennis Awards; notes that Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club beat over 2,600 other LTA registered clubs and was the only Scottish Club to make the nomination shortlist; recognises that this year the Club of the Year category focused on how clubs responded to the covid-19 pandemic and rewarded those who reacted pro-actively, demonstrated support not only to their membership but also to their local community, and when permitted, provided a safe environment in which to play; celebrates Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club's outstanding work in setting up the Giffnock Community Outreach Project to ensure members, their families and friends were supported and offered practical assistance ranging from food parcels to care packages, online social events and a telephone buddy system; commends Giffnock Tennis Squash and Hockey Club for being one of the first sports clubs in Scotland to become covid-19 compliant; and acknowledges the fantastic efforts of staff, volunteers and members in supporting those in need and playing an important role in the local community in Giffnock.

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#### 249 Preston Lodge High School under 15's football victory

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 1

**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House congratulates Preston Lodge High School on winning the boys Scottish Schools' under 15 Shield for the first time on Wednesday afternoon at the Excelsior Stadium; applauds the Scottish Schools Football Association, the Governing body for schools' football in Scotland, for their dedicated work with grassroots clubs supporting players in areas of deprivation by encouraging and facilitating boys and girls to participate in football; acknowledges the impact the covid-19 pandemic

has had on the grassroots game; and commends the work of the Preston Lodge team and their coaches on attaining their impressive victory.

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## 250 Welfare support for terminally ill people

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Drew Hendry**

That this House notes that Marie Curie and the Motor Neurone Disease Association estimate that more than 6,000 people have died waiting for a decision on their benefits claim since the Department for Work and Pensions announced its review of the benefits system for terminally ill people and the Special Rules for Terminal Illness scheme in 2019; further notes that that review has yet to be published despite the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Terminal Illness's inquiry report of 2019 revealing that the six-month rule leaves terminally ill people facing devastating and far-reaching financial hardship and crippling debt; and calls on the Government to urgently publish its report into how the benefits system treats terminally ill people and bring forward proposals to end that punitive six-month rule without further delay.

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## 251 National PTA Awards 2021

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Ian Mearns**

That this House celebrates National PTA Week, which took place from 21 to 25 June 2021 and was launched by Parentkind, the largest network of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) fundraisers in the UK; recognises the remarkable achievement of voluntary efforts that have raised over £300 million for schools over the last three years; acknowledges the dedication and determination that PTAs have shown in maintaining support for schools despite the devastating effects of the covid-19 pandemic; notes the vital role played by PTAs, not only in fundraising, but in building the school community; and congratulates the National PTA Award winners Nields Junior Infant and Nursery School PTFA for PTA Fundraising Achievement of the Year, Willesborough Junior School Fundraisers for PTA Community Initiative of the Year, The John Roan School Association as New PTA of the Year, Michelle Draper and Rachel Rodway from High Cross Primary School PTA as PTA Volunteers of the Year, Teresa Banks from Friends of Holy Trinity Primary School as PTA Hero, and Community at Linden Lodge for Changing the Life of the School and as PTA of the Year.

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## 252 Single National Curriculum in Pakistan

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Jim Shannon**

That this House is concerned with the proposed contents of the Single National Curriculum in Pakistan; notes the increase in content of Islamic education in subjects like Urdu and English in the primary school books; further notes that students from various minorities will be forced to learn about Islam involuntarily, against the provisions of Article 22 of Pakistan's Constitution; and is apprehensive that in order to meet the demand for primary school children to recite the religious knowledge by heart, increasing numbers of graduates of madrasas will be employed in schools, thus affecting the ambience of each school.

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**253 Edwardes College Peshawar, Pakistan**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1****Jim Shannon**

That this House expresses concern that the Supreme Court of Pakistan in a recent decision has declared that Edwardes College Peshawar, Pakistan, which is owned by the Church of Pakistan with official recognition by the High Court Peshawar, should be run and managed as in The Privately Managed Schools and Colleges (taking over) Regulations 1972 (Regulation No 118 of 1972); notes that this has caused deep anxiety among Pakistani Christians and that Paragraphs 12 and 12A, of the aforementioned Regulations also permit the Government to return the college back to the previous managers; and requests that the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa take this opportunity to return the Edwardes College back to the Church of Pakistan, as a gesture of goodwill towards the Pakistani Christians.

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**254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome Awareness**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1****Marion Fellows**

That this House commends Rett UK for the invaluable work they do as the only specialist charity in the UK to provide professional family support, information and advice to those affected by Rett Syndrome; recognises the need for greater awareness of Rett Syndrome as a rare neurological condition that impacts one in 10,000 girls born each year; notes their vision that everyone with Rett syndrome should be given every possible opportunity to achieve their individual potential so that they may live their life to the full; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work, particularly in their increased service support during the covid-19 outbreak and wishes them well for the future.

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**255 Death of Jim Walker MBE**Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1****Martyn Day**

That this House recognises the life and work of Jim Walker, MBE, former local councillor in his beloved Bathgate for 30 years and tireless local champion for the community of Bathgate; sends deepest condolences to his family; notes that Jim Walker was an exemplary champion of his community, serving as Bathgate Procession Secretary since 1962 at the age of 18, founder member of Newlands Brass Band, President of Bathgate Thistle Football Club, proud past Chieftain of Bathgate Highland Games and recognises his commitment to many other local organisations; further notes that he was instrumental in the forming of the Twinning Agreement between Cran Gevier in France and Bathgate; further recognises the passion he had for his work in Bathgate and the respect he gained within the local community, both as a local councillor and as a community activist; and notes the pride his family, friends and organisations he has served will have for his lifetime commitment to the community he served so well.

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**256 Government contractor Mitie Group plc and employment practices**

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 7

Paula Barker  
 John McDonnell  
 Chris Stephens  
 Kim Johnson  
 Rebecca Long Bailey  
 Navendu Mishra

Grahame Morris

That this House believes that the practice of threatening employees with being fired and rehired unless they accept inferior terms and conditions is immoral, unacceptable and should be made unlawful; notes that Government Ministers have previously condemned the use of such threats as a negotiating tactic; is concerned by reports that Mitie Group Plc, who have been awarded public contracts for Facilities Management, and are on the Government's strategic supplier list, are presently reportedly attempting to force through changes to pay arrangements which would be detrimental to staff including security guards employed on a number of central Government outsourced contracts; fears that unless the Cabinet Office makes clear to companies on its strategic supplier list that all such threats must be withdrawn, the same tactics may proliferate to further undermine the pay, terms and conditions of low paid, outsourced facilities management workers; and therefore joins the PCS union in calling on the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office to instruct Mitie to withdraw threats of fire and rehire immediately, and to demonstrate to all its strategic suppliers that such tactics will not be tolerated.

**257 Coronavirus cross-party procurement task-force**

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 1

Neale Hanvey

That this House notes the public's growing concern and alarm over the opacity of procurement contracting under emergency coronavirus powers; further notes that to date two Secretaries of State have been found to have acted unlawfully by the High Court in this regard; notes with further concern a reluctance of Government to disclose details of companies awarded contracts introduced to a high-priority lane by Ministers, hon. Members or Peers and officials; and calls for the formation of a cross party task-force to examine and reassure the House, and the wider public, of propriety in the conduct of such business.

**258 BBC Scotland Studios and broadcasting powers**

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House notes with concern findings of an investigation by The National newspaper which reported BBC Scotland senior Executives have been instructed to develop proposals to enable Studioworks, a subsidiary of the BBC to take over key parts of BBC Scotland's operation by transferring control of two studios at Pacific Quay to the BBC in London; condemns this unacceptable power grab and asset stripping of the Glasgow studios which have been identified as a commercial opportunity by BBC management in London; believes these proposals may put at risk many jobs of the 150 direct employees as well as those in the wider TV and creative sector in Scotland; is dismayed at the suggestion under this proposal that BBC Scotland would lose a lucrative income stream from the studios, as well as making BBC Scotland pay Studioworks in future for using studios that it currently owns; pays tribute to the professionalism and loyalty of the studio employees, including camera operators, vision mixers and sound engineers; notes that

the investigation reported that two senior BBC Scotland Executives have informed staff that this plan does not represent the best deal for Scotland; calls for responsibility for the regulation and licensing of broadcasting to be transferred to Holyrood to allow effective Ministerial oversight and parliamentary accountability of public sector broadcasting in Scotland; and further calls for a BBC Scotland interim board to be established, replacing the BBC Scotland Scottish Advisory Council, to be appointed by the Scottish Parliament to provide oversight and reflect Scottish views

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**259 FASS/ADAPT supporting substance misuse in Fife's communities during the covid-19 pandemic**

Tabled: **28/06/21** Signatories: **1**

**Neale Hanvey**

That this House recognises the extraordinary efforts of ADAPT workers who continued to deliver front line services across the communities of Fife throughout the covid-19 pandemic; further recognises their voluntary service in support of NHS Fife colleagues; acknowledges the delivery of 100 prescriptions daily over a four month period on behalf of NHS Fife Addiction services; further acknowledges the ADAPT Triage and Support Service delivery of 1,485 counselling appointments to 706 clients; notes that the Near Fatal Overdose Project distributed 1,800 Naloxone kits in partnership with NHS Fife Addiction services and has been recognized as the leading service for near fatal overdose prevention with its model being adopted as part of a national program; recognises the support of the STV Appeal in providing supermarket vouchers, electricity top-ups and food parcels for 84 families and 107 children throughout Fife; yet notes that while more financial support is sought by ADAPT to support Fife's communities they deeply value the ongoing support of Fife ADP and the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership.

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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.

**187 UK City of Culture changes**

Tabled: **14/06/21** Signatories: **9**

**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Gavin Robinson**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jim Shannon**

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes recent changes being introduced for future City of Culture bids; acknowledges the significant benefits that can accrue for successful Cities; recognises that previous winners such as Londonderry the first ever UK City of Culture, Hull and Coventry were all recognised as locations that raised the profile of local people, the wider area and increased a sense of pride in showcasing their districts to a much wider audience; and expresses the hope that future regions bidding for the title will be able to maximise the benefits for all their citizens.

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**194 Reductions in funding for conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts**

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 21

**Chris Law**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**

Hannah Bardell

That this House regrets the £896 million funding cut to organisations that assist the Governments work on conflict, peacebuilding and stabilisation efforts; notes that these cuts effect the most unstable and impoverished conflict zones in the world including Syria, South Sudan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Yemen; is concerned that the cuts will have a ripple effect on organisations and communities ability to address the causes and consequences of insecurity; recognises that this will ruin the chance of hundreds of thousands to live safer lives; acknowledges that these cuts go against the objective set out in the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign policy which aims to support open societies and defend human rights and tackle conflict and instability; and calls on the Government to meet its key security objectives, abide by its manifesto promise and legal commitment to spend 0.7 percent of GNI on ODA, and reverse the funding cuts to conflict zones.

**195 Royal Yacht Britannia**

Tabled: 14/06/21 Signatories: 17

**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Patrick Grady**

Hannah Bardell

That this House recognises the suffering that reductions in the UK aid budget will cause; acknowledges that the Government plans to go ahead with proposals for a new Royal Yacht despite continued controversy; further recognises that the Government confirmed they would return aid spending to the regular 0.7 per cent of GNI commitment when it was fiscally prudent to do so; is shocked to see priority being given to a vanity project whilst reducing aid spending; further acknowledges that any Official Development Assistance spent on the Royal Yacht would be depriving deserving projects of much needed funds; and urgently calls on the Government to confirm that no funding for the new Royal Yacht will come out of the international aid budget.

**200 Christian persecution in Nigeria**

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 11

**Jim Shannon**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the recent report by Intersociety Rule of Law which stated that 1,470 Christians were murdered and over 2,200 were abducted by jihadists in the first four months of 2021 in Nigeria; further notes the increase in Blasphemy cases in Northern Nigeria resulting in long prison sentences; and calls upon the Secretary of State for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to engage with the Nigerian Government to apply diplomatic pressure to acknowledge the scale of the persecution and address this persecution with definitive action.

**202 Zero-carbon domestic renewables**

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 22

**Tim Farron**  
**Layla Moran**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Claire Hanna**

Claudia Webbe

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House recognises the UK's legal commitment to reduce carbon emissions, including those from domestic dwellings, to Net Zero by 2050; further notes that 30% of UK carbon dioxide emissions are from domestic dwellings; recognises that micro-generation of home grown energy and heating is vital to reach the Net Zero target; further recognises that VAT currently imposed on domestic renewables including Solar PV, Solar Thermal, Air and Ground/Water Source Heat Pumps, and further energy efficiency measures has previously been a legal requirement stipulated by EU Regulations; considers that leaving the EU provides an opportunity to review VAT on zero-carbon domestic renewables, installations, and energy efficiency measures; and calls on the Government to rate all VAT on zero-carbon domestic renewable products, installations, associated heating systems, and retrofitting energy efficiency measures, at 0% VAT for a period of 10 years, making Zero Carbon equal Zero VAT.

**203 Australian trade deal**

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 27

Tim Farron  
 Jim Shannon  
 Wera Hobhouse  
 Andrew Gwynne  
 Kenny MacAskill  
 Jonathan Edwards

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the prospective agreement of a trade deal with Australia; expresses strong concern at the potential implications of any deal on British farmers; asks that farmers across the country are properly consulted; further asks that MPs are given the time to adequately read, scrutinise and debate the agreement; and calls on the Government to bring forward a motion to Parliament on any negotiated trade deal.

**206 Imperial War Museum redundancies**

Tabled: 15/06/21 Signatories: 18

Chris Stephens [R]  
 John McDonnell  
 Grahame Morris  
 Margaret Ferrier  
 Claudia Webbe  
 Kate Osborne

Hannah Bardell

Carla Lockhart

That this House notes the recent announcement of 49 redundancies across Visitor Services at the Imperial War Museum and its sister bodies; understands that jobs will be lost at numerous sites including the Churchill War Rooms, Imperial War Museums North and South and HMS Belfast; is aware that the contract for these roles has been outsourced since 2013 with a new contract awarded in January 2021 to ZE Global; is aware that ZE Global took over the Visitor Services contract in April 2021 and announced redundancies four weeks later on May 6th; is concerned that the loss of 49 posts across the estate will not only lead to a significant reduction in expertise and knowledge but will also pose a threat to the safety of those attending each institution; is aware that ZE Global and museum management have conducted a review and drawn up redundancy plans without consulting staff trade unions; and calls on Government to intervene to ensure jobs are retained across the estate and the safety of staff, visitors and exhibits is prioritised.

**216 Serena Baker, Britain's best amateur sewer 2021**

Tabled: 17/06/21 Signatories: 7

Kirsten Oswald  
 Marion Fellows  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Allan Dorans  
 Christine Jardine  
 Anum Qaisar-Javed

Hannah Bardell

That this House congratulates former Mearns Castle High School student Serena Baker for gaining the title of Britain's best amateur sewer by winning the Great British Sewing Bee 2021; applauds



Serena for her fantastic final garments, in particular her striking acid yellow tulle evening gown inspired by Villanelle from the BBC TV Series Killing Eve, which stole the show and garnered high praise from the judges; recognises that Serena has made history as the youngest ever champion of the Great British Sewing Bee with top fashion designer Esme Young calling Serena a "really, really, really talented sewer"; celebrates the sewing talent all over East Renfrewshire including local resident Jenn Hogg, a Great British Sewing Bee semi-finalist in 2019 with her memorable scuba fabric tracksuit; recalls the admirable work of volunteers at East Renfrewshire Nifty Home Stitchers who used their sewing skills to make scrubs and washable scrub bags for NHS Scotland keyworkers and for key workers and volunteers supporting the work of IncludeMe2club, Barrhead Rotary Club, Angelic Threads 2020, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, and Neilston Development Trust in producing low-cost face coverings; and wishes Serena every success as she finishes her studies in medicine and continues to follow her passion for sewing, knowing that her win will be celebrated at Mearns Castle High School and across East Renfrewshire.

## 217 **Bereavement support payment, widowed parent's allowance and cohabitees**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 11

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**

Caroline Lucas

John McDonnell

That this House calls for the extension of the Bereavement Support Payment and Widowed Parent's Allowance to people who were cohabiting but were not married or in a civil partnership; notes that judgments from the matter of an application by Siobhan Mclaughlin for Judicial Review (Northern Ireland) [2018] UKSC 48 and R (Jackson & Others) v SSWP [2020] EWHC 183, found that denying co-habiting parents the payments constitutes a breach of human rights and is not a proportional means of promoting marriage; further notes it has been nearly a year since the Government outlined its intention to take forward a Remedial Order to remove the incompatibilities of an extension from the legislation governing Bereavement Support Payment Widowed Parent's Allowance; and calls on the Government to swiftly fulfil the judgments of the courts to fix this manifestly unjust situation which affects some 2,000 families with children annually.

## 218 **Israel and Palestine**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 13

**Debbie Abrahams**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Andy Slaughter**  
**Owen Thompson**

Caroline Lucas

Paula Barker

John McDonnell

That this House expresses its profound concern at recent events in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel; welcomes the ceasefire which began on 21 May 2021; calls for every effort to be made to end all attacks and forms of aggression, address the underlying causes and hold those responsible fully accountable; recognises that genuine calm and de-escalation can only be achieved with the full realisation of Palestinian rights and the end of Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians

in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory; and calls on the UK Government to work to end the 54 years of occupation and 14 years of the blockade of the Gaza Strip, lift the blockade of Gaza and allow the free flow of goods both way and ensure the tunnels under the Gaza-Egyptian border are closed off permanently with international monitoring, strengthen support for UNRWA and work with international partners to put it on a sustainable long-term financial footing to ensure the dignity of Palestinian refugees until such a time as a just and sustainable solution is achieved, work to ensure the holding of free and fair Presidential and Parliamentary Palestinian elections throughout the occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, end Israel's systematic discrimination against Palestinians including its own Palestinian citizens, ensuring all mob attacks are fully investigated and use every diplomatic method to bring about a peace process that can resolve this conflict on the basis of international law, justice and the end of all discrimination to ensure a secure and lasting peace.

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## 219 Protection of seals

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 12

**Tracey Crouch**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Tonia Antoniazzi**

Caroline Lucas  
 John McDonnell

Andrew Rosindell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to amend the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 to make it an offence committed if a person (or a third party controlled by the person, including but not limited to; dogs, drones or vessels) intentionally or recklessly kills, injures, takes, disturbs or harasses a seal; recognises the importance of making legislation on disturbance of seals consistent with that for whales and dolphins; notes that seals, like nesting seabirds, are even more vulnerable to disturbance because of their need to rest, digest, moult, socialise and pup on land; further notes that disturbance includes all actions that change a seal's behaviour or its environment, affecting its wellbeing or survival prospects; understands that seals are highly mobile marine species that swim from site to site and need protection to follow them anywhere around the UK; recognises that such an amendment to existing legislation would have protected Freddie the seal in the River Thames, who regrettably died following a dog attack in 2021; further recognises that seals make a positive contribution to local economies, providing ecosystem and health and wellbeing benefits; and further calls on the Government to amend existing legislation and continue to work with local authorities and seal conservation and welfare organisations to help educate the public on the importance of protecting the UK's globally rare and native species.

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**221 Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver Shortages**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 9

**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Ian Mearns**

John McDonnell

That this House notes with concern that the transport industry currently estimates the labour shortages of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) drivers to be between 60,000 and 76,000; recognises that whilst shortages are a longstanding issue, a combination of factors have exacerbated the situation and led to the current crisis point; these factors include the increasing number of retiring drivers, restrictions to vocational driving tests during the pandemic impacting the industry's ability to train and recruit new drivers, and the loss of EU drivers due to uncertainty over their future rights to live and work in the UK; is concerned that haulage businesses have thousands of HGVs parked up because there are no drivers to drive them and that statistics released by the Road Haulage Association show that, as a result, lead times for deliveries have extended from an average of 24 hours to more than 80 hours; is further concerned about the knock on impact on supply chains; and calls on the UK Government to urgently add HGV drivers to the Shortage Occupation List.

**222 Anti-Asian hate crime**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 16

**Deidre Brock**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Navendu Mishra**

Hannah Bardell

That this House congratulates the British Born Young Talent Association (BBYTA) on holding its recent seminar on Conversations on Anti-Asian Hate; notes from the seminar that many of our Asian communities, in the wake of covid-19, have experienced an increase in hate crime; appreciates BBYTA raising awareness of such an important matter; condemns racism; and encourages people to report such incidents to the police.

**223 Apple Daily and freedom of speech in Hong Kong**

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 14

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Stewart Malcolm McDonald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Martin Docherty-Hughes**

Caroline Lucas

John McDonnell

That this House notes its concern over the recent arrests of a further five employees of Hong Kong newspaper Apple Daily on the suspicion of national security violations; recognises the importance

of a free, open and robust media for holding the powerful to account and is concerned that these arrests mean that such a media no longer exists in Hong Kong; condemns the Hong Kong authorities for using the national security law to target Hongkongers who support democracy and human rights; welcomes those Hongkongers who have arrived in the UK to make a new life for themselves and to escape the brutality of the Chinese Communist Party; and commends the bravery and resilience of those Hongkongers who continue to fight for the freedom of their homeland.

## 224 Independent Bookshop Week 2021

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 11

**Sarah Olney**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**

Caroline Lucas

John McDonnell

That this House celebrates Independent Bookshop Week 2021, which takes place from 19 to 26 June; notes the role of independent bookshops in sustaining and cultivating reading habits and enhancing literary skills; further notes the financial contribution that independent bookshops make to the UK's creative economy, and acknowledges the flexible and well-paid jobs they deliver; recognises that bricks-and-mortar booksellers are responsible for the discovery of some 21 per cent of all consumer book purchases and promote a diverse and robust publishing industry by supporting new writers and less well-known books; highlights the role that independent bookshops play in providing a safe community-filled space; believes independent bookshops generate footfall on our high streets by bringing people together through book clubs, book signings and other events; laments the danger that large online retailers pose to independent bookshops; and calls on the Government to urgently recognise the social value and cultural importance of independent bookshops.

## 225 EU Settlement Scheme

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 18

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Ben Lake**  
**Hywel Williams**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Mohammad Yasin**

Caroline Lucas  
 John McDonnell

Hannah Bardell

Wera Hobhouse

That this House is concerned that many resident EU citizens may lose their rights to live and work in the UK following the 30 June 2021 deadline of the EU Settlement Scheme; notes that over 5 million applications have been made to the Scheme, over 90,000 coming from people in Wales; further notes that as the Government does not know the precise numbers of eligible people, it is not possible to know how many have not yet registered; acknowledges the barriers that some EU citizens and non-EU family members face in obtaining settled status, including a lack of awareness or understanding, misconceptions regarding the application process, difficulties evidencing residency or identity and confusion around deadlines; recognises that eligible applicants may lose their rights if their case is unresolved beyond 30 June 2021 and that this will likely impact upon vulnerable applicants with complicated cases; and calls on the Government to extend the

application deadline beyond 30 June 2021, ensuring that nobody loses their current rights and fulfilling its commitment to fair treatment for all resident EU nationals in the UK as outlined in the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

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## 226 The protection of black bears in Asia

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 6

**Andrew Rosindell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Bob Blackman**  
**Stephen Metcalfe**  
**John McDonnell**

That this House commends the work of Animals Asia Foundation in their campaign to protect Black Bears in Asia; is horrified by the pain caused to the bears when the bile is drained from them and appalled that the bears are kept for years in rusting, cramped cages with no room to stand up or turn around; welcomes the fact that the sale of Traditional Chinese Medicines containing bile from these Bears is illegal in Britain; and calls upon the Government to ensure that the law against the sale of these medicines in the United Kingdom is properly enforced.

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## 227 Alternative student finance

Tabled: 21/06/21 Signatories: 14

**Stephen Timms**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Mohammad Yasin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

Paul Blomfield

Wera Hobhouse

John McDonnell

That this House notes that a significant number of Muslim young people do not take up a university place because the only student finance available involves payment of interest; notes that former Prime Minister David Cameron pledged in October 2013 at the World Islamic Economic Forum in London that the UK would introduce alternative student finance so that never again should a Muslim in Britain feel unable to go to university because they cannot get a loan simply because of their religion; further notes that in 2014, the Government announced following a consultation that it would provide Alternative Student Finance based on the takaful model; regrets that this commitment has still not been delivered; and calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to providing alternative student finance, and to announce a clear timetable for delivering it in time for the 2022-3 academic year.

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**229 The BBC One drama Time**Tabled: **21/06/21** Signatories: **25**

**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Dan Carden**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Chris Stephens**

Caroline Lucas

Hannah Bardell

That this House congratulates the creators, cast and crew of the BBC One drama Time for shining a much-needed spotlight on the poor conditions endured by prisoners and prison staff; praises the authenticity and originality of this mini-series and the mesmerising but distressing way it highlights the extreme challenges facing anyone living or working in a prison; welcomes the resulting increased public interest in this critical component of our criminal justice system and the growing understanding that, unlike redemption, rehabilitation is impossible within violent and squalid prisons; and urges Ministers to watch Time, available on iPlayer, and to use shifting public opinion as an opportunity to take all necessary steps to minimise violence and other harm against prisoners and prison staff, starting with urgent investment to raise the level of prison officer experience, which has fallen every year since 2012.

**230 Youth Mobility Scheme**Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **4**

**Sarah Olney**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House recognises the benefits of the Youth Mobility Scheme which allows young people to live, work and study in the UK for up to 24 months; notes the importance of that scheme to the development of young people's understanding of different countries and cultures; further notes that scheme stimulates investment in tourist activities and language schools; recognises that scheme further supports the economy by providing a route for prospective au pairs, who provide an affordable and flexible childcare solution, to come to the UK from other countries and vice versa; acknowledges that scheme is limited in scope in terms of countries that can take part and number of places available; laments that EU countries are not included in the scheme; and urges the Government to expand the scope of the Youth Mobility Scheme in recognition of the benefits it delivers to young people.

**231 Rise of anti-Indian racism**Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **22**

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Barry Gardiner**  
**Mr Virendra Sharma**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Lloyd Russell-Moyle**

Caroline Lucas

Wera Hobhouse

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises

the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

### 233 Use of restraints on children and young people

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 16

**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Kenny MacAskill**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Claudia Webbe**

Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

Wera Hobhouse

That this House believes that no child or young person who has not committed nor been suspected of committing a crime be placed in handcuffs or subject to similar forms of restraint; notes with concern the prevalence of handcuffs being used against vulnerable children in the UK's care system by independent providers of secure transportation; understands that there is currently no legal obligation for these providers to report the use of handcuffs to the appropriate authorities and that this prevents an empirical understanding of how often and why handcuffs are being used; recognises the negative impact of such practices on a child's physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that further action to protect the health and wellbeing of these vulnerable children is needed through early intervention such as mentoring; and calls on the Government to implement the recommendations of the Hope instead of Handcuffs campaign to ban the handcuffing of innocent children and young people in the UK's care system unless there is a considerable risk of the child harming themselves or others and mandate that all organisations involved in the secure transportation of children be legally obliged to report any instances of the handcuffing of these children.

### 235 Armed Forces Day 2021

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 53

**Carol Monaghan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Paula Barker**

Carla Lockhart

Wera Hobhouse

That this House notes that Armed Forces Day 2021 takes place on 26th June; welcomes this recognition and appreciation of both current and former service personnel; applauds and sincerely thanks Armed Forces personnel and veterans for their outstanding public service and personal sacrifice throughout their military careers; welcomes a national day to recognise and reflect upon the hard work, commitment, and diligence of military personnel; notes that this year's Armed Forces Day celebrations will be scaled down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; encourages Parliamentarians and members of the public to reflect on the dedication of Armed Forces personnel

and veterans whilst adhering to COVID-19 safety restrictions; calls on everyone to #SaluteOurForces on this day of reflection and appreciation; and calls on the UK Government to ensure fair and compassionate treatment and conditions for servicepeople and veterans of the Armed Forces.

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### 236 GKN Automotive alternative plan

Tabled: **22/06/21** Signatories: **58**

**Jack Dromey**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Preet Kaur Gill**  
**Zarah Sultana**

Kevin Brennan

That this House is alarmed by GKN Automotive's decision to close its Birmingham factory next year, with the loss of over 500 highly skilled jobs and work transferred to continental Europe; notes that GKN's origins trace back to the industrial revolution, with over 260 years of history that include making cannonballs for the Battle of Waterloo and parts for Spitfires in the Battle of Britain; further notes that GKN was subject to a hostile takeover in 2018 by venture capitalists Melrose Industries with promises made to rebuild the company into a British manufacturing powerhouse; is disappointed that GKN has rejected Unite the union's alternative business plan to save the factory, which is a major supplier to car plants across the West Midlands; believes that, with the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles ending in 2030, there is an urgent need to develop domestic infrastructure for producing electric vehicles; further believes that the factory can play a key role in the transition to electric vehicles by producing vital components such as the e-Drive axle, an existing GKN technology; welcomes assurances from Ministers that they are committed to doing what they can to save these high-skilled jobs, which could involve investment in capital equipment or skills to stoke the plant's competitiveness (Official Report, 28 April 2021, Cols 127WH 128WH); and calls on GKN to work with the Government and Unite to secure a viable future for the factory, and on the Government to provide whatever support is needed to achieve this.

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### 237 International Women in Engineering Day

Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **6**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Carla Lockhart**

That this House highlights International Women in Engineering Day (IWED) being celebrated on 23 June 2021; further notes the aims of IWED to support women to achieve their potential as engineers, applied scientists and leaders and to reward excellence, to encourage and promote the education, study and application of engineering and to work with organizations and influencers to promote gender diversity and equality in the workplace and sustain the historic legacy and future effectiveness of the Women's Engineering Society; and encourages schools, technical colleges and universities to engage in the promotion of International Women in Engineering Day and highlight the job opportunities and potential that exist in the sector.

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**238 World Continence Week**Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **6**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Carla Lockhart**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

That this House recognises World Continence Week, from 21 to 27 June 2021, which aims to raise awareness of incontinence related issues; observes the devastating impact that incontinence can have on quality of life; further notes that an estimated 6 million people in the UK, on average over 9,000 in each parliamentary constituency, are affected by continence problems with many relying on urology appliances every day allowing them independence and avoiding repeated medical consultation; regrets that urinary tract infections remain one of the most frequent causes of unplanned hospital admissions requiring the commitment of major NHS resources; further notes that NICE considers intermittent self-catheterisation with single use catheters as the gold standard in urine drainage and for reducing the risk of infection; acknowledges the extent to which suppliers of continence products ensured continued supply to patients throughout the pandemic; and encourages the Government to ensure that urinary device development and innovation continue to be encouraged to improve patients' quality of life and longevity, whilst further boosting the success of the important medical technology sector and its contribution to the economy.

**239 Local government workers pay rise**Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **21**

**Navendu Mishra**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Ian Mearns**

Caroline Lucas

That this House is appalled by the 1.5 per cent pay increase offered to local government workers, which amounts to as little as £1.03 per day for some workers and is in real terms a pay cut; applauds the incredible effort those workers have made during the covid-19 pandemic, continuing to deliver frontline services and to keep their communities running while many other workplaces have shut down; notes that those workers have already faced 10 years' worth of real-terms pay cuts and increased workloads as a result of the Government's policies of austerity; insists that the joint trade union claim for a 10 per cent pay rise for local government workers is justified and necessary; and calls on the Local Government Association and local government employers to negotiate in good faith with the joint trade unions to give local government workers the pay rise they deserve.

**241 General Practice Data for Planning Research**

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 24

**Dawn Butler**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Clive Lewis**  
**Mr David Davis**  
**Navendu Mishra**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

Kate Hollern

That this House is concerned with the current plans for the General Practice Data for Planning Research, while although noting the importance of data for legitimate research believes that it puts patient data and medical histories at serious risk of abuse; believes that the plans will potentially discourage sick patients from seeking support from their GP as the trust between patient and GP confidentiality may be undermined; further believes that the Government's plan is putting undue pressure on already stretched GP practices; believes the current awareness of the plan by the general public is low and bureaucratic opt-out process is designed to dissuade patients; recognises the relationship between GPs and their patients and that general practices have an important role in trust within the healthcare system; and calls on the Government to stop the plan immediately, protect trust in General Practice, protect patient confidentiality for the long term, and embark on a data protection impact assessment.

**242 John Frace, Dunoon and Scotland's award for covid-19 tracker website**

Tabled: 23/06/21 Signatories: 8

**Brendan O'Hara**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Pete Wishart**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Neale Hanvey**

Hannah Bardell

That this House congratulates Dunoon resident John Frace on being awarded outstanding contribution from a university student in the Herald Higher Education Awards 2021 for his work in establishing the Scottish and UK covid-19 tracking website; commends the remarkable work of John, a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands in collating data and statistics on coronavirus cases, including the tracking of the vaccination programme; acknowledges the contribution of the website in distributing and sharing information about the pandemic, which has led to the website receiving acclaim from both scientific experts and the wider public; acknowledges that to date the website has attracted almost 15 million views, with more than 1,000 people logging on every day to see the updates; applauds John's dedication to the tracking website, which he has continued to run alongside his university studies; thanks John for his commitment to providing up-to-date data and analysis on the pandemic and the recovery; and wishes John every success in his future studies.

**243 Learning Disability Week 2021**Tabled: **23/06/21** Signatories: **14**

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Andrew Gwynne**  
**Clive Lewis**

Hannah Bardell  
 Paul Girvan

Marion Fellows  
 Wera Hobhouse

Carla Lockhart

That this House supports Learning Disability Awareness Week which took place from 14 to 20 June 2021; notes that the Week's theme was Art and Creativity; highlights that for many people with a learning disability and their families creativity has been a way to remain connected and positive throughout the challenges of the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that for those with learning disabilities being creative through activities such as art and performing art can help with self-expression and self-confidence and improve mental health; and congratulates Mencap on their vital work delivering Learning Disability Awareness Week through arts and craft, symbolised recipes and video series and for their continued support for those with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

**244 Stadler and fair pay for keyworkers on the Tyne and Wear Metro**Tabled: **24/06/21** Signatories: **7**

**Ian Mearns [R]**  
**Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Jon Trickett**

Ian Lavery

That this House notes that staff who work to maintain the Tyne and Wear Metro's fleet have worked hard to keep the region's highly successful Metro service running throughout the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that those workers were recently transferred into the employment of Stadler Rail Services UK, a subsidiary of Stadler Rail AG; notes that, on transfer, Stadler's UK managing director said he was well aware of the critical role each and every one of them would play in the company's future success; notes that Stadler's latest financial results show a revenue of 3.1 billion Swiss francs and an eight per cent rise in net profits; notes with concern that in spite of those results, Stadler is imposing a pay freeze on the same dedicated workers who have maintained the Tyne and Wear Metro fleet at a time when inflation is rising fast; deeply regrets that Stadler's actions have resulted in RMT and Unite members voting to take strike action; believes that industrial action would be damaging to the Tyne and Wear Metro's recovery; and calls on Stadler to return to the table with a fair pay offer to resolve the dispute.

**246 East Kilbride and District Young Farmers Queens Award for Voluntary Service 2021**Tabled: **24/06/21** Signatories: **3****Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Margaret Ferrier**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates the East Kilbride and District Young Farmers on their receipt of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service; further congratulates them for continuing their commitment to the East Kilbride community during the difficulties of the last year; notes the long-standing dedication of the club and its members to supporting the local community, working with young people to realize their full potential; recognises the organisation's successful events raising funds for East Kilbride Dementia Carer's Group, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kilbryde Hospice, Maggies, Samaritans, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance; and wishes the club success with future fundraisers and endeavours.