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New EDMs

604 Highland Disabled Ramblers

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 1

Drew Hendry

That this House congratulates the Highland Disables Ramblers on 20 years of activity in the Highlands; recognises that the provision of robust scoters enables those with mobility issues to access the outdoors offering guided rambles throughout various locations in the Highlands; notes the importance of the welcome return of in-person rambles in June 2021 following the covid-19 pandemic and the move to indoor services throughout the winter months to ensure those in need will still have contact; and thanks to the team of volunteers for providing safe and enjoyable outdoor activities for those with mobility issues.

605 25th Anniversary of Glasgow's West End Festival and retirement of Director Michael Dale

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates all those involved in the celebrations and events marking 25 years of Glasgow's West End Festival throughout 2021; notes that over the years the festival has attracted tens of thousands of visitors, artists and performers from across Scotland and around the world to take part in a wide range of entertainment, educational and cultural activities; further notes that for many years these included a Mardi-Gras style parade along the city's Byres Road, and that in recent years a popular Torchlight Parade has been held on St Andrew's Day; particularly congratulates the Festival's Director, Michael Dale, for his many years of dedication to the Festival as he prepares to retire; and looks forward to the community of Glasgow's West End continuing to celebrate the arts, culture and entertainment in festival formats for many years to come.

606 Support for autism diagnosis

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House has considered the Westminster Commission on Autism's third report entitled Support Surrounding Diagnosis; recognises that the period surrounding an autism diagnosis is often stressful and uncertain; notes that access to the right support is vital; further notes that many people seeking an autism diagnosis do not have their needs met; understands that focused clinical diagnostic services with a single accessible pathway to diagnosis is essential to providing those seeking an autism diagnosis with the correct support; and urges the Government to review the recommendations of the report and provide greater funding to the health services to reduce pressure on diagnostic services and waiting times.

607 UK Disability History Month

Tabled: 1/11/21 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises 18 November to 18 December is Disability History Month which is now in its 12th year of being celebrated in the UK; notes that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; further notes that this year's joint themes are Hidden Impairment and Sex and Relationships; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; recognises that more than half the 14.5 million people currently identified as disabled in the UK have hidden impairments; further recognises that due to discrimination that many who can pass as non-disabled have chosen not to identify, even though this has caused them many difficulties; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability; and urges Parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible and sustainable society for disabled people in the UK.

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.

495 Lakhvinder Ricky Reel

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 37

John McDonnell
Mr Virendra Sharma
Apsana Begum
Jeremy Corbyn
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas

Ed Davey

That this House continues to express its heartfelt sympathy with the family of the late Lakhvinder Ricky Reel who died in suspicious circumstances in 1997 after being racially attacked in Kingston, Surrey; is appalled to learn that his family were spied upon by undercover police officers; acknowledges that over 100,000 people have signed a change.org petition urging a new police investigation; urges the Home Secretary to reopen the case to examine the circumstances

surrounding Ricky's death on public interest grounds and to welcome the naming of a day in his honour as a mark of respect.

500 **Stewart Brewing and the Scottish Beer Awards 2021**

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 8

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

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Stewart Brewing on being awarded gold medal in the Best IPA category at the 2021 Scottish Beer Awards for its New Relic; thanks Stewart Brewing for its contribution to Midlothian's reputation as a prime location for SMEs in the food and drinks sector; notes that the Scottish Beer Awards is an annual independent awards programme that seeks to recognise achievement in the brewing industry across Scotland; further notes that this year marked the sixth annual Scottish Beer awards which was held in person in Glasgow; and stresses the importance of the brewing sector to Scotland's economy by creating jobs, improving Scotland's international food and drink reputation and helping SMEs to flourish.

505 **Sewage pollution in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 13

Tim Farron
Jim Shannon
Layla Moran
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Dan Carden

Sarah Olney

That this House notes the appalling levels of raw sewage contaminating the UK's inland waters; is particularly concerned that untreated sewage was pumped into Lake Windermere for 1,719 hours—or 71 days—in 2020; notes that approximately 19.8 million people visit the Lake District each year; urges the Government to categorise Windermere and the Rothay, Brathay, and Kent rivers as designated bathing sites; encourages the Government to introduce a registration scheme for septic tanks and to provide the new Office for Environmental Protection the power to regulate them; and asks the Government to confer power on the Environment Agency to ensure that water companies take all reasonable steps to avoid discharging untreated sewage into inland waters within National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

508 South Western Railway timetable

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 8

Marsha De Cordova
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Andy McDonald

Richard Burgon

That this House notes the timetable proposed by South Western Railway, due to be implemented in December 2022, would cut hundreds of peak and off-peak suburban and mainline services; further notes that the passenger surveys on which the reduced timetable is based were conducted at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic and during national lockdowns, when passengers were warned against using the railway; expresses concern that the consultation fails to reference Network Rail's South West Mainline Study in sufficient detail, which provided detailed scenario planning for the South West Mainline alongside detailed projection of passenger demand and which in every scenario proposed to increase service levels and the number of trains per hour; acknowledges that this country is facing a climate crisis, is hosting COP26 climate talks, and that railways are vital in reducing climate emissions; recognises the need for a massive investment in public transport; and calls upon the Government to intervene to protect, maintain and enhance rail services.

513 Delays in the administration of the State Pension

Tabled: 18/10/21 Signatories: 28

Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

Peter Grant

That this House is deeply concerned about the delays being experienced by new pensioners in receiving State Pension payments to which they are entitled, with many still to receive their payments over a month after reaching State Pension age; notes that pensioner poverty has recently risen to a 15-year high of 18 per cent, meaning that around 2.1 million pensioners across the UK are now living in poverty; further notes that the State Pension is a lifeline for many and any delays in receiving payments have the potential to cause severe hardship; recognises that delays are particularly upsetting for women born in the 1950s who, after being forced to wait six years for their pension, finally reach State Pension age, only to find they face unacceptable delays due to poor service from the Department for Work and Pensions; and therefore calls on the Government to urgently investigate and address the ongoing delays in State Pension payments for new pensioners.

538 Ilasco/Keela Outdoors Glenrothes contribute to fight against covid-19

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 8

Peter Grant
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Carol Monaghan

Patricia Gibson

That this House gives thanks to Ardmel Group and Ilasco/Keela Outdoors, based in Glenrothes, for their efforts over the last year in supporting Scotland's NHS in the fight against covid-19 by producing PPE gowns for use by the NHS; highlights that in doing so they created around 50 jobs for local folk whose employment was impacted by the pandemic; thanks the staff for producing 15,000 gowns per week and setting up their manufacturing for this within an extremely short three week timeframe; notes the company's innovative way of working and their manufacturing machines that have made Ilasco/Keela a world leader in design engineering and manufacture of specialist machinery for the clothing, electronics and motorcar industries; recognises the hard work of the staff during this particularly difficult time; further highlights the efforts of the company in ensuring manufacturing continues to play a huge part in present day Glenrothes; and wishes them all the best for the continued future success of the business.

539 Positive Aging Month

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 7

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Sammy Wilson
Margaret Ferrier
Sir Mike Penning
Marion Fellows

Patricia Gibson

That this House notes the Belfast Health Development Unit's Positive Aging month; highlights the aim of this month-long festival of events and activities to suit all tastes, from movies to walks, from chocolate tasting to disco dancing; further notes the emphasis on meeting safely and building up relationships; and urges each Council and public health agency in the UK to promote positive aging and the benefit of communities coming together.

543 Black History Month 2021

Tabled: 19/10/21 Signatories: 27

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that this month we celebrate Black History Month 2021 and welcomes the many events and initiatives across the UK that highlight the successes and contributions of Black

British people to British history; gives special thanks to all teachers and education staff who are taking steps to put Black history on the curriculum this month and all-year round; notes the theme of this year's Black History Month, Proud to Be; recognises the significance of such a theme and the importance of ensuring that Black and Brown people are made to feel proud of their ethnic heritage, cultural history and the language of their ancestors; and further notes that teaching about Black history is integral to this; and calls on the Government to take steps to ensure that Black history is acknowledged, taught and celebrated all year round and not restricted to just one month in the year.

545 **DVLA waiting times**

Tabled: **19/10/21** Signatories: **24**

Sarah Olney
Layla Moran
Sir Mike Penning
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill

Patricia Gibson

That this House is dismayed by the growing backlog of licence applications at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency; recognises that the ability to drive is vital to many people's capacity to work and pursue the life of their choice; understands that the pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to the work of the DVLA; notes that over 125,000 paper licence applications are waiting to be processed, while 1.4 million items of correspondence by post remain unopened; further notes the sharp increase in the size of the backlog since the beginning of the pandemic; acknowledges that licence and licence renewal applicants are currently facing processing delays of up to 10 weeks; highlights with concern the unique burden placed on those with medical conditions who require their medical forms to be physically processed, whose processing times are up to six months; calls upon the Government to mobilise the resources necessary to clear the backlog at the DVLA, and supports the return of reliable, efficient, and covid-safe services to all British drivers.

553 **Violence in Bangladesh**

Tabled: **20/10/21** Signatories: **21**

Mr Virendra Sharma
Mohammad Yasin
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Stephen Timms
Bob Blackman

Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes the concerning rise in attacks on Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh during the festival of Durga puja; is concerned by the violence that has left at least seven dead of Muslim and Hindu faith; observes the deployment of paramilitary forces to 22 districts in Bangladesh; urges the Government of Bangladesh to act to ensure religious minorities can worship safely and in peace; and calls on the Government to support the safety of religious minorities and to work with regional allies and partners to support freedom of religion for all in South Asia and the world.

558 Commemoration of John BatemanTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **10**

Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Margaret Ferrier
Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon

Patricia Gibson

That this House commemorates the work of engineer John Bateman who revolutionised the Greater Glasgow Area's water supply, ridding the city of typhoid and cholera in the 1850s; notes the campaign from East Dunbartonshire group Friends of Milngavie Reservoir and the Institution of Civil Engineers to have Mr Bateman commemorated; understands that a new plaque has been unveiled at Mugdock Reservoir in Milngavie to commemorate Mr Bateman; and thanks all those who continue to pay tribute to John Bateman and the significant contribution he made to the water industry and Greater Glasgow.

561 Cambuslang COP26 CampaignTabled: **21/10/21** Signatories: **3**

Margaret Ferrier
Chris Stephens
Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises both Cambuslang and Halfway Community Councils for their joint initiative, the Cambuslang COP26 Campaign; commends their work to clean up the local environment, collecting 26 bags of litter for 26 days in the run up to COP26; notes the importance of this work in protecting natural habitats and keeping Cambuslang and Halfway clean; and gives particular recognition to the staff and students at Cathkin High School, Trinity High School, West Coats Primary School, James Aiton Primary School, St Bride's Primary School, St Cadoc's Primary School, Cairns Primary School, Park View Primary School, Hallside Primary School, St Charles Primary School and Newton Farm Primary School.

566 Covid-19 plan B measuresTabled: **22/10/21** Signatories: **11**

Ms Diane Abbott
Richard Burgon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Apsana Begum

Jon Trickett

That this House notes that there is once more a surge in new covid-19 cases and that both hospitalisations and deaths are rising; further notes that the UK's data is currently far in excess of comparable countries in Western Europe; believes that a failure to respond to this situation is reckless and unsustainable; notes that the increase in cases presents severe challenges to the NHS even before the winter flu season has begun; notes that the Government has developed a Plan B

to put in place some preventative measures but has taken no new action in response to the current upsurge; and calls on the Government to introduce Plan B immediately.

569 Outsourced workers at City University, London

Tabled: **22/10/21** Signatories: **13**

John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Dan Carden
Claudia Webbe
Apsana Begum

Jeremy Corbyn

Jon Trickett

That this House believes that all workers in the UK's universities and colleges deserve the real Living Wage as a minimum rate and to be treated with respect and dignity at work including having access to occupational sick pay and a decent pension scheme; regrets that people employed in ancillary roles such as cleaning and catering and outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work especially when compared to directly employed colleagues in the university sector; notes that such workers are far more likely to be female and/or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic and recent migrant backgrounds; further notes that support staff employed by the French-based multinational Sodexo and Julius Rutherford & Co at City University, London are currently eligible for limited statutory sick pay and an inferior pension scheme, while City University's administration has indicated it will not insource those workers or ensure parity of such basic employment rights; and gives its full support and solidarity to the campaign by City University branch of the UNISON trade union to secure parity of terms and conditions with university employees and the transfer of those workers to direct employment by the university at the earliest opportunity.

572 Clean air action

Tabled: **25/10/21** Signatories: **23**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Carden
Paula Barker
Richard Burgon

Emma Hardy

Jon Trickett

Daisy Cooper

That this House recognises the health impacts of poor road air quality; notes that long-term exposure to air pollution can cause chronic conditions, a reduced life expectancy and contributes to 40,000 early deaths in the UK each year; further notes that nine out of ten adults and children now breathe polluted air; believes that urgent action is required to reduce the proportion of particulate matter in the air due to vehicle emissions; and calls upon the Government to invest greater resources into improving road air quality and to consider making reference to the inalienable right to breathe clean air in future legislative proposals.

573 Scottish Interfaith Week 2021 and COP26 vigil

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 21

Patrick Grady
Carol Monaghan
Kirsten Oswald
Ian Blackford
Chris Law
Jim Shannon

Patricia Gibson

That this House welcomes the range of events and activities planned to mark Scottish Interfaith Week 2021, which takes place between 31 October and 7 November 2021; notes the decision to dedicate the week, under the theme of Together for Our Planet, during the COP26 Conference being held in Glasgow, as a significant moment for people of all faiths and none in Scotland to come together to take action to protect the planet; further notes that a key event in the week's activities will be the COP26 vigil in the city's George Square, organised by Interfaith Glasgow and Interfaith Scotland with the support of the Scottish Religious Leaders Forum; notes that the vigil aims to bring together people of all backgrounds in Glasgow, and via a livestream from around the world, in a powerful, symbolic act of unity and solidarity for the planet, and that the event will be attended by religious leaders and faith community members determined to demonstrate their common commitment to climate justice; and wishes the organisers and all who take part in the vigil and the week's activities every success.

574 Aviemore Ice Rink

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 8

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates the Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust (AGCT) on their considerable efforts to re-open the Aviemore ice rink after 20 years; recognises the dedication and hard work of the community who have raised funds and assisted with the build of the 20x12 metre real ice rink; and looks forward to seeing the Aviemore Ice Rink grow in success, preserving Aviemore's reputation as a first-class winter sports destination.

575 Inverness Taxis providing a safe place for women

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 9

Drew Hendry
Chris Law
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens

Patricia Gibson

That this House recognises the team at Inverness Taxis for their ongoing commitment to the community they serve, in doing so congratulates them on their recent initiative to provide a safe place for women to wait while making their way home, welcomes this fantastic initiative which will no doubt be welcomed by women and all of those who need a safe place to wait.

578 Over 100 days of Dr AlSingace's hunger strike in Bahrain

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 17

Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Rebecca Long Bailey
Charlotte Nichols
Kim Johnson
Mick Whitley

Layla Moran

Patricia Gibson

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing hunger strike of 59-year-old human rights defender and academic Dr Abduljalil AlSingace, in Bahrain; raises alarm that his hunger strike began on 8 July 2021 and has exceeded 100 days; expresses concern that Dr AlSingace has been hospitalised since 18 July 2021 and has lost at least 20kg; notes that AlSingace is protesting Jau Prison authorities' ill-treatment and confiscation of four years' worth of his apolitical research; decries Dr AlSingace's life sentence for his peaceful leading role in Bahrain's 2011 pro-democracy uprising; unreservedly condemns Dr AlSingace's torture in 2011 by Bahraini officials, as documented by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry; further condemns that Dr AlSingace has spent over a decade unjustly imprisoned, throughout which mistreatment and medical negligence against him has been reported by UN experts; further recalls the Government's 2012 expression of deep dismay at Dr AlSingace's conviction; echoes calls from UN experts, the EU Parliament, 101 academics and 77 cross-party UK parliamentarians, trade unions, lawyers and rights groups for Dr AlSingace's release; calls upon the Government to urgently secure the return of Dr AlSingace's research, impose Magnitsky Act Sanctions on those responsible for his unlawful imprisonment; and to call for his immediate and unconditional release; and further calls upon the Government to urge for the release of all political prisoners in Bahrain, including Hassan Mushaima, Sheikh Ali Salman, Abdulhadi Alkhawaja and Ali Alhajee.

583 Proscribing of Palestinian human rights organisations

Tabled: 25/10/21 Signatories: 38

Tommy Sheppard
Apsana Begum
Alan Brown
Paul Blomfield
Julie Elliott
Dr Philippa Whitford

Ms Diane Abbott
 Andy McDonald

Ben Lake

Jon Trickett

That this House condemns the declaration of 22 October 2021 made by Israeli Minister of Defence, Benny Gantz, which designated six Palestinian civil society groups as terrorist organisations; notes that the Israeli authorities have not provided any evidence to substantiate their claims about the organisations; further notes that the targeted groups Al-Haq, Addameer, Bisan Center, Defence for Children International Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees are organisations deeply committed to protecting the human rights of Palestinian communities, highlighting Israel's illegal policies and also those of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas; further notes the statement of 22 Israeli civil society groups based in Israel in support of the six NGOs; views this as a further direct assault on Palestinian civil society in an effort to isolate and suffocate Palestinian human rights defenders; recognises the significant impact this assault has on some of the most prominent Palestinian civil society organisations including on the local and international public's right to information about the reality of human rights violations in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories; calls on the Government to demand that the Israeli Government reveal any evidence against those organisations; and further calls on the Government to reaffirm its support for Palestinian and Israeli civil society and human rights organisations as a key foundation in building a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

585 Equality Impact Assessment for Autumn Spending Review and future budgets

Tabled: 26/10/21 Signatories: 28

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana
Kate Osborne
Paula Barker
Kirsten Oswald

Allan Dorans

Jon Trickett

Daisy Cooper

That this House notes that welfare cuts, benefit changes and reductions in public services disproportionately affect women, disabled people and Black, Asian and ethnic minorities (BAME); recognises a joint consultation response from the UK Women's Budget Group, Maternity Action and the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW) which has called on the Government to commit to increase long-term public spending, which is the most effective way to level up; echoes the calls of the Women's Budget Group and others for the Government to carry out and publish equality impact assessments which should consider cumulative impact, intersectional impact, the impact on individuals as well as households, impact over a lifetime and the impact on unpaid care; therefore calls on the Government to undertake and publish a comprehensive equality impact assessment of all the Spending Review and Budget which includes an analysis of the impact of all measures, and a cumulative assessment, by gender, race, age, disability, income and region; and urges the Government to take urgent action to address structural inequalities, including structural racism.

586 Creature Comforts and Independent Pet Retailer of the YearTabled: **26/10/21** Signatories: **9**

Kirsten Oswald
Margaret Ferrier
Anum Qaisar-Javed
Peter Grant
Amy Callaghan
Chris Stephens

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates Graeme and Ann Wilson, whose business, Creature Comforts, was awarded the UK Independent Retailer of the Year for 2021 at the Pet Industry Federation Awards; notes that Creature Comforts' first shop opened in Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, in 1997 and that the company has since grown to be Scotland's largest independent pet retailer; further notes that Creature Comforts is going into its 25th year as a family owned independent business, which now operates four pet shops, having opened a second shop in Milngavie in 2002, one in Shawlands, Glasgow, in 2011, and another in Burnside, Rutherglen, in 2017; welcomes the support provided by Creature Comforts and its many loyal customers to the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, supported by Bearsden Dog Training Club; and records its appreciation for the contribution such quality independent retailers make to local communities.

590 Rail workers and the RMT in ScotlandTabled: **27/10/21** Signatories: **2**

Kenny MacAskill
Richard Burgon

That this House notes the importance of COP26 to Scotland and humanity; recognises the rights of workers and their trade unions to seek to defend their standard of living and terms and conditions of employment; and further recognises the determination and resilience of the RMT trade union and of rail workers in refusing to give in to an arbitrary deadline imposed by the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland for the RMT trade union to accept the proposed deal or the whole pay offer will be withdrawn and calls for politicians to seek and encourage a fair settlement rather than deprecating workers or trade unions defending their rights.

591 Scout District of Ross, Skye and LochalshTabled: **27/10/21** Signatories: **6**

Ian Blackford
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Kirsten Oswald
Patricia Gibson

That this House thanks the work of volunteers within the Scout Association and in particular those in the Scout District of Ross, Skye and Lochalsh; acknowledges Scouting provides a fun and safe activity, open to all our young people regardless of background and that this has been especially important to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers over the last 18 months, helping them keep in touch with friends, even if just virtually, while still taking part in scouting activities and learning vital skills for life; notes that all this would not be possible without the dedicated work of adult volunteers; and recognises Hilary Cameron, District Commissioner, and Samantha Blyth, Deputy District Commissioner, have been a huge support to leaders across the district and that their

leadership has meant groups across the area are starting to meet face to face again while putting in place COVID measures, ensuring that Scouts are firmly part of this Highland Community.

592 Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Tabled: **27/10/21** Signatories: **11**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Chris Stephens
Andrew Gwynne
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Hywel Williams

Patricia Gibson

That this House believes that there should be an urgent national all-faith delegation to Tehran to petition for the immediate release of British citizen Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and other political detainees currently being held in Iran; condemns the continued unjust detention of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and other dual citizens and political prisoners within the Islamic Republic and stands in solidarity with them and their loved ones; and urges the Government to renew its vigour in negotiating the release of Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe and to appraise all options available to ensure that she returns home as soon as possible.

594 Loanhead girl's skipping challenge for the National Deaf Children's Society

Tabled: **27/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Owen Thompson
Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Kirsten Oswald
Richard Burgon

That this House congratulates Charlotte Hinton on completing her challenge to skip 1000 times a day for 10 days to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society; understands that Charlotte, 10 years old, is a member of 1st Loanhead Brownies and devised the challenge to earn her Charities Badge; notes that Charlotte chose to raise funds for the National Deaf Children's Society because her cousin Ellen was born deaf and her family has been receiving ongoing support from the charity; commends the work done by the National Deaf Children's Society to support the UK's 50,000 deaf children and their families; congratulates Charlotte on beating her £50 target, raising a total of £275 so far; and sends its best wishes that a bright and happy future for Charlotte is no more than a hop, skip and a jump away.

595 #MyBitYourBit campaignTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **7**

John McNally [R]
Douglas Chapman
Marion Fellows
Wera Hobhouse
Chris Stephens
Kirsten Oswald

Richard Burgon

That this House urges the Government to support the APPG on Youth Action Against Climate Change and the new campaign, led by the Hedgerley Wood Trust, called #MyBitYourBit, an initiative to elevate the voices of youth ahead of the vital COP26 summit in Glasgow; further urges the Government to support open dialogue for action on climate change between those youth campaigning organisations and politicians; that the Government recognises the importance of bringing together young people from across the country to share the action they are taking on climate change and biodiversity loss; and calls on the Government to listen and respond to these challenges to our political leaders on what they hope to achieve at COP26.

596 Closing of Amnesty International's offices in Hong KongTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **5**

Andrew Rosindell
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Geraint Davies
Margaret Ferrier

That this House expresses its concern at the announcement that Amnesty International will close its two offices in Hong Kong by the end of the year; highlights that Amnesty International cites the impact of the national security law as the key factor behind the decision; acknowledges Amnesty International's statement that said that the regime is attempting to rid the city of all dissenting voices; praises Amnesty International for 40 years of determined campaigning for better human rights in Hong Kong and the region; notes that as well as Amnesty International, at least 35 civil society groups and unions have been forced to disband since the National Security Law was imposed; further notes that over 150 people have been arrested under the National Security Law; condemns the Hong Kong government for implementing the National Security Law; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to make a statement on the UK's response to the situation in Hong Kong.

597 Ministerial responses to hon. Members' correspondence on AfghanistanTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **32**

Helen Hayes
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Richard Thomson
Dan Carden
Chris Stephens

Kate Osborne
 Mick Whitley
 Andy McDonald

Jeremy Corbyn
 Munira Wilson
 Richard Burgon

Marsha De Cordova
 Emma Hardy
 Anne McLaughlin

That this House is extremely concerned by the extensive delays in hon. Members receiving responses on the resettlement of Afghan nationals to the UK; notes the Minister for Safeguarding and Afghan Resettlement's statement of 13 September 2021 on the Government's progress in providing specific updates on people within Afghanistan and is concerned that that contradicts advice given to hon. Members that they should contact the Home Office, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Ministry of Defence on any cases their constituents raise which may be eligible for support; is concerned that the Minister's statement also contradicts the Prime Minister's response of 6 September 2021 pledging that every single email from colleagues is being responded to by close of play today; and calls on the Government to ensure that substantive responses are provided to all cases raised by hon. Members in correspondence.

598 Community SponsorshipTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **22**

Helen Hayes
Mr Virendra Sharma
Wera Hobhouse
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry

Kate Osborne
 Mick Whitley

Jeremy Corbyn
 Richard Burgon

Zarah Sultana

That this House pays tribute to the hard work of over 100 community sponsorship groups who have welcomed more than 500 refugees to the UK; notes that community sponsorship has played an integral role in resettling Syrian refugees since 2016; further notes that research has found that community sponsorship creates a warmer welcome for refugees and contributes to more inclusive communities than other routes; recognises that communities across the country stand ready to support the resettlement of Afghan refugees and welcomes the Government's commitment to extend the Community Sponsorship scheme to include Afghan refugees; notes extensive delays in the processing of community sponsorship applications; and calls on the Government to provide the funding and resources to speed up the administration of that scheme.

599 Rett Syndrome Awareness MonthTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **18**

Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
Joanna Cherry
Stuart C McDonald
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams

Owen Thompson
Patricia Gibson

Munira Wilson

Anne McLaughlin

That this House recognises Rett Syndrome Awareness Month from 1-30 October; notes its importance for raising awareness of the rare genetic disorder as the second most common cause of severe disability in women and girls; commends the charitable organisation, Rett UK, for their outstanding work in providing information, support and advocacy services for people impacted by the condition across the UK; and recognises the importance of their campaign this Rett Syndrome Awareness Month to inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett Syndrome and their families.

600 National Road Safety WeekTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **10**

Mr Barry Sheerman
Wera Hobhouse
Chris Stephens
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts

Jonathan Edwards

Richard Burgon

Margaret Ferrier

That this House celebrates the tireless work of countless individuals and organisations, including community groups, schools, emergency services, businesses, fleet operators, road safety campaigners and charities, road victim support services and road safety professionals, to champion road safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads; highlights the 23,529 people killed or seriously injured on roads in Great Britain in 2020, and 6,543 in Northern Ireland, despite the pandemic reducing traffic, and the fact that no level of casualties is acceptable; welcomes Government plans to publish a Road Safety Strategic Framework; congratulates Brake, together with sponsors Arval, DHL and openreach on coordinating Road Safety Week from 15 to 21 November 2021, as a focus of community efforts to raise awareness; and notes that thousands of local groups, schools, emergency services, hospitals, voluntary sector organisations and leading companies will be holding events as part of the week to raise awareness about road safety and the steps we can take to stop these avoidable tragedies.

601 30th anniversary of Garnethill ParkTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **7**

Alison Thewliss
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That this House notes that the 26th of October marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of Garnethill Park in Glasgow; appreciates that this was a Scottish-German project initiated by the City of Glasgow and the Goethe Institute as a lasting contribution to the Glasgow 1990 European Capital of Culture celebrations; understands that the park was formed around a tiled mural created in 1978 by local artists John Kraska, Irene Keenan and Tommy Lydon, which was part of the creative renewal of the Garnethill area; welcomes the addition in 2005 by the artist Ulrike Enslein of cast concrete slabs which immortalise the memories of members of the Garnethill community; further notes that the park features a community bread oven; appreciates the ongoing work of Garnethill Community Council to maintain and champion the park they helped to create; thanks local businesses for contributing to the raffle which is part of the 30th anniversary celebrations; and hopes the park will continue to be a well cared for and integral part of community life in Garnethill for many years to come.

602 Pizza Express tips policyTabled: **28/10/21** Signatories: **22**

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Richard Burgon

This House is alarmed to hear that front-of-house staff at Pizza Express have seen a sizeable cut to their income since May 17 2021, the day restaurants reopened after lockdown; notes that the 30 per cent previously deducted from waiting staff tips for kitchen staff was increased to 50 per cent on this date; further notes that kitchen staff are on higher basic pay rates and get more guaranteed hours than waiting staff, while the back-of-house team is also significantly smaller than the front-of-house team at Pizza Express restaurants; believes this change has had a punitive effect on waiting staff – who are disproportionately female – as tips represent a significant proportion of their take-home pay; is concerned that this deduction is being used to boost the wages of kitchen staff by depriving minimum-wage waiting staff of their fair share of tips; is further concerned that staff were not properly consulted about this change; and calls on the Government to urge the company's management to negotiate in good faith with Unite the union to resolve the concerns of its members at Pizza Express.

603 Centenary of Kirkintilloch Male Voice ChoirTabled: **29/10/21** Signatories: **8**

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That this House congratulates Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir on their 100th Anniversary; understands the Choir celebrated this milestone by hosting a virtual concert in aid of the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity; commends the Choir on raising £3,821.50 through this event; recognises their efforts to adapt their performance over the course of the pandemic to ensure the safety of its members; and thanks everyone at the Choir for all they do in the wider community.