EL1 Daron Coaker

Agenda item: E.1.3 Elections Officer (x1)

Which role are you applying for?:
Elections Officer



Local Party:
Oxford / Brighton

Candidate Statement

I am extremely keen to take on the role of Elections Officer for the Young Greens Executive Committee so that I can continue with the work that I have been doing for the last year, both on the Green Students Committee and as coordinator for Brighton & Hove Young Green's.

Its super exciting for me to see the Young Greens having the power to influence elections all over the country and I see this role as a way that I can continue to contribute towards the organisation and mobilisation of this energy and desire among young people at the moment to get involved in green politics. If I can help in any way to harness and organise that energy then I'd love to offer my services.

Having joined only the party at the beginning of 2019, I jumped in at the deep end and become active in as many ways as possible. From canvasing in my first few weeks to representing the party at Sussex University's Student Hustings during the 2019 general election. Outside of the party, I am close to completing my master's and currently I am writing my dissertation on how we can recognise the environment as a subject of international law. I have also been working as a paralegal alongside my studies, which hopefully goes some way to demonstrating my level of organisation, management and communication ability.

On the Green Students Committee, I have gained a valuable insight into the running of the Young Greens Exec which would enable me to hit the ground running and continue the great work of the previous Exec should I be elected, as well as having a good relationship with some who may continue into next year. While on the GSC I have been involved reigniting a part of the Young Greens that had sadly become a bit inactive and have laid the foundations for green students to come together and share resources and ideas, as well as support each other. We have also spent a great deal of effort raising awareness within the party of issues that matter specifically to students through our social media presence. All work which I look forward to seeing develop with the next GSC.

As already mentioned, I have also been running Brighton & Hove Young Greens for over a year, organising our AGM, running a series of online events including one with Caroline Lucas, helping with the organisation of a recent members meeting with NUS president Larissa Kennedy, assisting the rent strikers with bringing a deputation to the local council and bringing a successful motion on behalf of our group to the B&H members meeting last July which reaffirmed the local party's commitment to putting young people first and providing them with a platform to make their voices heard. In this time I have also been our representative on the B&H Exec and chaired a B&H members meeting in which we hosted the Sussex Rent Strikers. I also assisted in campaign strategy meetings for the recent by-elections in Brighton & Hove and helped on the ground in Oxford to assist two young greens in getting elected.

I hope that this experience, as well as the desire that I have to help get more young greens elected demonstrates why I would be a great choice for Elections Officer, and I very much look forward to the opportunity. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

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