DAC2 Joshua Morris-Blake

Agenda item: E.2.1. Democracy and Accountability Committee Member (x5)

Which role are you applying for?:
Democracy and Accountability Committee



Local Party:
Brighton and Hove Green Party

Candidate Statement

Let's be honest. The Green Party's governance and accountability processes kind of suck. Like, seriously, they are a goddamn mess and have been detrimental to the Party developing into a radical AND serious political force that it needs to be in the 21st century. However, the Young Greens have been leading by example and continue to go from strength-to-strength, thanks in part to a dedicated Democracy and Accountability Committee (DAC) which has strengthened and maintained our Constitution and Standing Orders, enabling the EC to pursue their ambitious agendas in a democratic manner without the uncertainty and… sloppiness of the Green Party. This year I am very eager to continue the great work the DAC have done over the past 12 months and allow our exciting organisation to explode. In a good way.

This past year, I have served on the Under 18 Young Greens committee (attending weekly meetings), and from scratch I have helped us to develop some solid infrastructure for next year's committee to build on (social media accounts, a Slack channel and an Action Network mailing list) and run world-famous petitions from Votes at 16 to free bus travel for Under 18s. My proudest achievement of the year, however, was organising the Committees' first ever live event, 'Young People and COP 26' with speakers from MockCOP, FFF Digital and the UKYCC, and attendees from Canada to Turkey. These actions have been immensely rewarding and I'd love to be able to continue to provide a practical hand to the Young Greens over the next year through the DAC. My time on the Under 18 Young Greens committee has also highlighted to me the importance of Liberation and Special Interest Groups in our organisation, and so as a member of the DAC I would ensure that these Groups are always consulted fairly by the EC before key decisions are made which directly relate to their oppression as a marginalised group.

A key responsibility of the DAC is to run the internal elections of the Young Greens. That means dealing with voting systems. And I love voting systems. So much so that on the side I run a small project called Proportional Representation Now (see link below) where I make some bang-average graphics to do with different voting systems, including a comprehensive profile of every country's voting systems for their different legislatures. I hope this exemplifies the peak nerdiness that I will bring to the DAC if I'm fortunate enough to be elected!

So, if you want a DAC member to enthusiastically embrace the challenges of holding the EC to account, empowering Liberation and Special Interest Groups and running internal elections (all whilst putting the Green Party's respective processes to shame… ☺) then I hope you'll consider voting for me as your 1st preference for the DAC. Merci.

PS - I have, and I will continue to, "READ THE STANDING ORDERS".

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Other links:

Young People and COP26 - YouTube

Supporter 1 Name:

Kirsty McMillan

Supporter 1 Local Party/Affiliated Group:

Richmond Green Party

Supporter 2 Name:

Dylan Lewis-Creser

Supporter 2 Local Party/Affiliated Group:

North Northamptonshire Green Party

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