EV1 Kate Benson / Charlotte Donovan JOB SHARE

Agenda item: E.1.7 Events Officer (x1)

Which role are you applying for?:
Events Officer



Local Party:
Manchester / Manchester

Candidate Statement

Coming off the back of record breaking results at the local elections, the Green Party is undergoing a huge resurgence in popularity with young people. As Young Greens, it's up to us to take advantage of this. Personally, we know some of our most inspiring interactions in the Green Party have been through meeting other passionate Young Greens in person, so after more than a year of being restricted to online activities, offline events when it is safe to hold them will be a key tool in mobilising as many people as we can.

It is this belief in the importance of events as a means of developing a thriving Young Greens community that underpins our motivation to run for Events Officer together, a role which we believe we have the necessary experience to deliver in.

Our experience

Since 2018 we've been co-chairs of Manchester Young Greens. Starting out as just the two of us, we have overseen Manchester Young Green membership and engagement grow exponentially to become a dynamic, active and sustainable group.

Delivering effective and engaging events has been crucial to our growth, and we believe our skills and experience developed through executing these events can be translated to larger, national scale events. We have organised successful talks, workshops and socials both online and offline, such as in October 2019 our in-person event with Amelia Womack at the University of Manchester which attracted more than 50 attendees, and our October 2020 online event with Sian Berry which similarly received extensive positive feedback.

We have been active members of the Young Greens nationally for a similar length of time to our Manchester involvement and have seen what great events can look like, between us having attended several online and offline conventions as well as Action Days and 30u30 training events.

We've also previously been involved with the North West Young Greens and sit on our local Manchester Green Party as Young Greens Officers.

Our priorities

- We've seen first-hand the disparity in Young Greens groups in the North West versus London and the South East, so want to work closely with existing and new contacts in regional groups to create events that are accessible and local to Young Greens who haven't had that the chance to attend them before
- We will work closely with newly elected Liberation Officers to ensure accessibility is at the heart of every event we organise, from venue and location choice, to materials and cost.
- Having both been heavily involved in the campaign to win Manchester's first Green councillor since 2008 we understand the work it takes to win elections, and would therefore collaborate

closely with the Elections Officer to ensure our Action Days are the biggest and most effective they can be

- We have both been able to attend some of the excellent 30u30 training events in-person and online this year, so we would work with the Activist Training and Political Education officer to ensure as many people as possible get to experience the training events ran online this year in person to build the next generation of Young Green leadership

- Finally, after more than a year of online events, we want to make the 2022 Convention the biggest ever, with a record number of attendees and huge range of inspiring talks and workshops.

With the Labour leadership's weak version of centrism and compromise there has never been a better time for the Young Greens to seize the chance to mobilise and engage young people across the country with our radical, socialist vision for the future. Bold, well-organised and inspiring events will be a crucial part of ensuring the growth we can have over this coming year, and with our experience we believe we are the best placed people to ensure that success.

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