B11 Policy and Manifesto Guidance - UN Sustainable Development Goals

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Summary

At the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are the 17 United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provide a framework for "peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future."

The SDGs are a progressive and cohesive framework which can be a useful tool in structuring, communicating, and legitimising policy.

This motion proposes that the SDGs should be used as a framework to structure and organise Young Greens Policy Statements, its Youth Manifesto and other relevant documents.

Young Greens notes:

- That the 17 SDGs provide a framework for "peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.".
- The SDGs contain Goals and specific Targets designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".
- The SDGs are a cohesive and positive set of Goals compatible with the Young Greens' values and the Green Party's Philosophical Basis.
- That the UN encourages the use of the SDGs in policy development and documents [1]
- That the SDGs run up to the year 2030, which is in line with the Green Party's time frame for achieving carbon neutrality through its climate-justice oriented Green New Deal.

Young Greens believes:

- That the Young Greens should support the principles and objectives of the SDGs.
- That specific Targets within the SDGs can give important context and legitimacy to the values, aims and policies of the Young Greens.

Young Greens resolves that:

- Where Young Greens Policy Statements and/or Young Greens Youth Manifesto policies relate to SDG Goals and/or Targets, a reference should be made to the particular Goal, such as the Logo (see Supporting Document below for visual suggestions)
- Policy Statements, Resolutions and other actions by the Young Greens should not undermine or contradict the principles or Targets contained

within the SDGs, with the exception of Target 8.1 which explicitly encourages GDP growth [2]

- The Executive Committee (EC) should consider the SDGs and relevant Targets when structuring the Young Greens' Youth Manifesto in future General Elections.

Sources

- [1] https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SDG_Guidelines_AUG_2019_Final.pdf
- [2] Goal 8 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs (un.org)

Supporting Documents

- SDG_Guidelines_AUG_2019_Final.pdf (un.org)
- UN Sustainable Development Goals - Supporting Document

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