TRE1 Rowan Munson

Agenda item: F.1 Treasurer (x1)

Which role are you applying for?:
Treasurer



Local Party:
Oxfordshire

Candidate Statement

The Young Greens have the foundations to be a disruptive and creative force in UK Politics. We have a platform to influence the Green Party and the left more broadly.

To realise this potential, my priorities as treasurer would be twofold:

1. To make best use of existing funding.
I want to:

- Invest in the priorities of the membership – when it comes to creating budgets and spending plans. We are a democratic organisation.
- Prioritise accessibility – I do not believe that personal financial circumstances should limit the ability of Young Greens to fully participate in our programmes and projects.
- Ensure our strategy is lived out in our spending – I will create a carefully considered budget that reflects our aims, priorities and strategy.
- Keep a steady hand on the purse strings – I will be a critical friend to the executive on financial matters, and will constructively challenge when there is a better way for our resources to be utilised.
- Be accountable to you – Through quarterly reports and Q&A sessions.

2. To grow our funding and assure its sustainability.
I want to:

- Put together a clear fundraising proposition – This would be used in fundraising appeals and phone rounds to finance our programmes.
- Experiment with funding messages and means – Helping me to find out how we can attract greater donations from our membership, in a way that works for you.
- Create a way for Young Green Alumni to give back – after they leave the Young Greens. Usually older people have more money, and like to fund what got them where they are.
- Prioritise regular funding – Security in our income will allow us to plan bigger and better campaigns, events, and promotion; further into the future.
- Attract funding from a diversity of people – So that if unexpected things happen which mean that many people (or the party!) can no longer afford to contribute, we still have some income.

These priorities are achievable, if you elect me as your treasurer.

I am a recent graduate of Oxford University with a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics; taking most of my modules in Economics.

I have,
Helped organisations make best use of their existing funding

- Managed the budget of my local youth council – I served on the executive committee of Surrey Youth Collective (now Surrey Youth Cabinet) which managed a budget of approx £35,000 (including staffing costs) to achieve our campaigning objectives and to support young people having a voice in council decisions that mattered to them.
- Been a trustee of a small charity (local community centre). I helped develop our long-term strategy and direct the spending of £100,000/yr income, understanding service users needs and wants, and adapting to changes in the local community.
- Sat on public sector grant giving and contract tendering panels – I voted on who should get contracts and grants, and invested thousands of pounds of Council and NHS money where I thought it had the greatest positive impact for communities.

Grown funding and assured its sustainability

- Lobbied organisations for funding youth politics – I put together a business case and securing over £45,000 from my County Council and community grants for a youth council and voter registration drive.
- Worked as a telephone fundraiser for my Oxford college – As part of a successful £1 million funding drive, I put together a fundraising proposition and asked ex-students to contribute regularly to fund student welfare and support, and other college projects.
- Co-authored a bid securing a £1.5 millon grant– For a public health research project I undertook with London South Bank University.

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