D1-DLC Altering Under 18s Officer Role Young Greens

Constitution 2020/2021

Proposer: Dylan Lewis-Creser (North Northamptonshire Green Party)

Motion Text

From line 319 to 322:

- 3.1 The Green Students Committee shall be led by two Co-Convenors, of which at least one must not self-define as a man.
- 3.2 The role of Under 18 representative will be up for election as a member of the Green Students Committee, which can only be contested by someone who is seventeen years of age or younger.
- 3.23 The Co-convenors shall be elected in line with Section E of the Standing Orders following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules described

From line 324 to 328:

- 3.34 The aim and responsibility of the Green Students Committee is to:
- 3.34.1 Ensure that the Executive Committee is kept up to date on issues effective students and to lead campaigning on those issues.
- 3.34.2 Encourage Young Greens to stand for elected positions in relevant student -led organisations, including but not limited to, their students unions, NUS, or

From line 330 to 341:

- 3.34.3 Support any Young Greens holding those elected positions in relevant student-led organisations.
- 3.34.4 Ensure that the Young Greens are involved with campaigns run by the NUS, and other relevant student-led organisations.
- 3.34.5 Liaise with external bodies that are relevant to student issues and campaigning.
- 3.34.6 Promote campaigns and organisations relevant to the students movement to the Young Greens membership.
- 3.34.7 Work with the Executive Committee to support the Young Greens Students Societies and ensure their effective running.
- 3.45 Green Students Committee Co-Convenors shall individually provide a quarterly report to the membership, to be published on the members' website, and an end-

From line 343 to 346:

- 3.56 Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following the procedure outlined in the standing orders.
- 3.67 The Green Students Co-convenors shall be members of the Executive Committee as outlined in Byelaw 1.

Reason

This is to increase the voice of Under 18s in the wider Young Greens, which the Green Students Committee is a part of. Too often, under 18 members are shut out of education debates due to the Green Students Committee being composed of only those in higher education. As such, this amendment would guarantee at least one spot on the committee for both Under 18s, preventing those in higher education from drowning the Under 18s out.

Supporters

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