

GS4 Ellen Parry

Agenda item: E.3. Green Students Co-Convenor

Status: Withdrawn

Which role are you applying for?:

Green Students Campaign Committee Co-convenor



Local Party:
North Surrey

Candidate Statement

I am running for the Green Students Co-Convenor role as I believe I have both the experience and passion to successfully organise and engage the Green Students network.

I am a second-year Politics student at the University of Surrey where I successfully set up a new Young Greens society in my first year. As a Non-Portfolio Officer for the South East Young Greens, I have gained skills in regional organising. I would love to extend this beyond the South East to our University societies.

Earlier this year I was elected as the Societies Executive Chair at the Surrey Students' Union, overseeing over 120 university societies and their members, whilst voting on Union executive decisions. I have directly experienced how empowering Students' Unions have the potential to be and I am more than willing to support any Young Green who wishes to stand for election in their SU or the NUS.

If elected I would work with the Young Greens to set up the Green Students network, linking University societies, enabling us to campaign across campuses on Green interests. The Green students network also have a vital role mobilising Young Greens to campaign during local and general elections and increasing student engagement in politics.

I would ensure we are supporting Young Green societies who are running issue-based campaigns specific to their campuses, such as reducing plastic usage. In addition, I would activate universal campaigns based on Young Green values, chosen by members. I would also look to introduce training for society members giving them the skills and confidence needed to successfully lobby University leadership to maximise the Green student voice. We could certainly revive the Fair Pay campus campaign or introduce a new grassroots campus campaign. The COVID-19 crisis has further exposed the issues in our higher education system: we must ensure we are backing students and staff throughout the crisis, recovery and beyond.

Student politics makes a difference. Elected Greens make a difference.

If elected I would ensure the Green students network is mobilised to make meaningful change to higher education campuses and beyond.

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