

Kirsty McMillan

Proposer: Cassius Ashcroft (Richmond and Twickenham Green Party)

Agenda item: I Nominations for Liberation Group Roles (Re-opened)

Which role are you applying for?:  
Under 18 Young Greens Co-Chair

## Candidate Statement

I am applying for the role of Under 18 Young Greens Co-Chair because I know that many under 18s, like myself, are very knowledgeable when it comes to politics, and are frustrated that we are constantly viewed as too immature or naive to vote. Because we can't vote, the issues we face or are passionate about are ignored by the majority of political parties. Many of us care about climate change, LGBT+ rights, gender equality, social inequality and tackling racism. So many under 18s believe in our Green Party policies and values, and yet they do not associate themselves with the Green Party. We are not seen as the party for young people.

By electing me as co-chair of this liberation group, we can change all that. I would ensure Young Greens activists are at as many youth-led events as possible, whether that is a climate strike, a BLM protest or a Grenfell memorial event. The climate strikers should all be Green supporters, yet most of them are not. All of those strikers will be potential voters at the next general election, and we need to make sure they to join us. By improving the Green Party's presence at these youth-led events, we can solidify our claims to be a party that supports and joins the strikers in demanding climate and social justice.

As a member of the LGBT+ community, I will strive to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere in this group. I will ensure we are doing our best to accommodate our disabled members, as well as making politics more accessible to under 18s who may not know much to begin with. I will increase the group's social media presence, as it is currently difficult to find out about the U18 Greens and any events we may be hosting.

The under 18s are a largely 'untapped market' of future voters. We must elevate our profile as a party among under 18s if we are to gain more electoral success, locally and nationally. We must spend time with under 18s, rather than ignoring them as many parties continue to do. Vote for me as Under 18 Young Greens Co-Chair to expand this incredibly important group. Thank you.

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Do you self-identify as belonging to this Liberation Group? (Yes/No/Unsure):  
Yes



Local Party:  
Richmond and  
Twickenham Greens