

CC2 Lily Fitzgibbon

Agenda item: E.1. Co-Chair

Which role are you applying for?:

Co-Chair

Candidate Statement

My name is Lily Fitzgibbon, and I am an 18 year old Climate Activist and Young Green. I have been a member of the Bristol Green party for the past 2 years, as well as a founding member of Bristol Youth Strike 4 Climate and Bristol XR Youth. I am currently taking a gapyear to focus on environmental volunteer work before starting a politics and international relations degree at Bristol University. My main goal for the young greens would be to bring the energy and enthusiasm seen in young protest movements to the ballot box and the political stage.

Protest movements have provided me with the perfect experience to develop leadership, organisational and communication skills, as well as empowering me to create change in my local community, as well as internationally. I have direct experience with chairing meetings and creating agendas, as well as being a spokesperson for green movements I care deeply about. I am comfortable delivering speeches and appearing on live TV to deliver key messages. I represented the UK at the 2019 European Summit of Fridays for Future, which allowed me to develop international connections and build relationships across the movement.

Working together and leading a group of around 30 young people, I have successfully organised an event for over 30,000 people in just 8 days, to be attended by Greta Thunberg. This involved working closely with the police and over 80 stewards to ensure the highest levels of safety, managing sound and stage crew, a team of volunteers while engaging with national and international press (and taking my year 13 exams).

While these protests have allowed for vital local change, including the prevention of the Bristol Airport Expansion, I am most keen to bring the energy seen in the streets over the past year into mainstream politics. The Green Party is and should be the party of the youth, the party of environmental movements like Extinction Rebellion and Youth Strike, yet political dissolutionment has led to Apolitical or Non Partisan movements attracting mass attention. I want to not only bring the energy of these movements to the Young Greens (which I believe their members already posses) but I want to make us a viable, attractive alternative to mainstream political parties for these like minded groups.

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