

C2 Widening Convention Participation and Accessibility

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Agenda item: C Resolutions of Executive Committee Priorities (Closed 18th July)

Summary

Throughout the pandemic the Young Greens have had to adapt to the challenges of lockdown, having to move most of its activity online. Despite the challenges, this has shown us the potential of online organising and how this could help us engage more members in both the short term and long term. This is a resolution to explore how we can make convention more accessible and engage more members in years to come.

1 The Young Greens notes:

- 2 • That the executive committee is already elected through online voting.
- 3 • That due to exceptional circumstances 2020 convention is already using
- 4 digital participation in full for convention using discuss.green.

5 The Young Greens believes:

- 6 • That face to face events are crucial to the democratic running and
- 7 accountability of the young greens, but that digital participation is a
- 8 necessary addition to these events to ensure participation is available to
- 9 those who are limited by economic status, geography, or accessibility
- 10 needs.
- 11 • That all voices should be given equal opportunity to be heard and that
- 12 this needs to be reflected in the way convention is run.
- 13 • That any solution needs to facilitate debate and voting for in-person and
- 14 digital attendees without preference for either.

15 The Young Greens resolves:

- 16 • That the Executive Committee explores the possibility of using digital
- 17 participation in future exercises of internal democracy.
- 18 • That the Executive Committee presents amendments to the constitution and
- 19 standing orders that would allow for digital participation in all future
- 20 Conventions proceeding the passage of the submitted amendments.
- 21 • That the Executive Committee submit the required amendments to the
- 22 constitution and standing orders no later than 2021 Convention and
- 23 (subject to passage) digital participation is implemented in time for 2022
- 24 convention.
- 25 • That a cost assessment should be produced that considers the balance of
- 26 increased costs with greater democratic participation.

Supporters

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