

A1 Annual Committee Reports 2020

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Structures and Procedures Committee (Young Greens)

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There were no Green Students Committee Co-Convenors elected and thus no Committee was formed this year.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee provides overall direction of the Young Greens and leads the organisation politically.

The 2019 – 2020 Executive Committee consisted of, at the end of the term: Rosie Rawle and Tom Hazell as Co-Chairs, and Matthew Hull as Treasurer. Plus, the six Non-Portfolio Officers: Alex Nettle, Georgie Oatley, Catriona Sibert, Nannette Youssef, Tyrone Scott, and Rebecca Mulvaney.

Rosie Rawle – Co-Chair

This year has been full of many surprises, but I feel immensely proud of how our team has risen to every challenge and delivered such impact in the last 12 months. I really believe we have proven ourselves to be a highly talented, organised and politicised wing of the party, delivering impact in elections, our communities, the wider party and beyond. I'd also like to especially thank our team for being absolutely incredible comrades every step of the way. In terms of my year as co-chair, there have been a number of key projects that I have led and supported:

General Election 2020

Together with Tom Hazell, I drafted the Young Greens General Election strategy, following a workshop coordinated at our team's away day. Our top line [impact report can be found here](#).

This chiefly involved working with regional groups to mobilise Young Greens to campaign in priority seats across 12 action days within six weeks: Bristol West, Isle of Wight and Sheffield. Across these, it's estimated that we provided 103 volunteer shifts of canvassing or leaflet delivery, knocked on 2,900 doors and delivered 8,200 leaflets. On top of this we also supported regional groups to lead on action days supporting Young Green candidates in Exeter and Hackney, as well as others in London and Lewes.

All this work involved delivering some really exciting and creative forms organising:

- We coordinated centralised and localised phone rounds to members from the Green Party head office, but also mobilised Young Greens groups to lead on regional phone rounds. 950 Young Greens based near or in target seats received at least one phone call about our action days.
- We utilised digital tools and platforms to build a massive pool of activists online that we could target our key calls to action to. This involved launching an online “Get Involved” fundraiser action that saw 258 people sign up, and 122 of these join a private ‘Young Greens GE2020 Mobilising Team’ Facebook group. We also ran mass online mobilising calls (we were doing Zoom before it was cool!), and raised £1,141 in a crowdfunder campaign to make all this happen.

Alongside this work, we worked to ensure the concerns of young people were addressed in the Green Party’s election messaging. This involved a number of us featuring in the Party Political Broadcast, delivering the first ever Young Greens co-chairs plenary speech at Green Party Conference, launching our own Young Greens Political Programme and building a Youth Trans Rights pledge that gathered 120 signatures during the campaign.

Finally, following election day, we decided to immediately launch a petition calling for radical democratic reform beyond PR, and to “End the rigged system that put Boris Johnson in power.” This was shared widely on social media and gained 783 signatures, which we then used as a spring-board to call an emergency post-election mass online mobilising call. 62 members attended and we started to plan our next steps.

Staff member and negotiated a block grant

During this time, Tom and I worked hard to lobby the staff team to advertise the role of our staff member that had been promised in late June by the Green Party Executive. Nevertheless, even while there was delay upon delay, I had negotiated back in June that for every month that this staff member has not yet been hired, we receive the full amount of their salary into our account.

In January we hired the incredible Daisy Goodall as our Young Greens Admin Officer on three days a week, and now receive the remaining two days' salary as a regular monthly block grant. This has meant that this year we have operated with a budget more than four times the size of the previous year, and have substantially increased our monthly income. Nevertheless, we are acutely aware that we must absolutely increase our own regular income through regular donations in the case that this funding gets cut.

National Fightback Event - Resist Tory Rule

This event was our attempt to run our constitutionally mandated Autumn General Meeting with a national event to energise members with a plan to fight back against Tory Rule. This was framed around the need to urgently reform our broken political institutions and build a truly democratic society - starting with pushing for change at the level of local government. This will also be the public launch of our local election campaign work. My role specifically involved drafting the programme and finding the speakers, as well as doing some hosting on the day and helping with a little logistical work.

Local election planning

Together with Tom, I worked to deliver a strategy for the local elections. We planned to work with the regional groups to provide vital support to 11 Young Green candidates standing in target wards as well as to 5 other target seats, and the London Assembly Elections. We planned 28 action days aiming to contribute 150 volunteer shifts of canvassing and leafleting in these seats, but sadly, lockdown was initiated on our very first Big Weekend and these were all cancelled as a result of the crisis.

30u30

For the 30u30 programme, my role mostly involved coordinating the admin heavy application process and designing the content for the initial 30u30 long weekend - as well as playing a key role in helping to redesign the programme more generally. This new model for the programme was to include:

- A three-day intensive residential training weekend, focusing on an introduction to Green politics, history, theory and policy; an introduction to campaign strategy and building powerful movements for change in your community; an introduction to campaigning in local elections.
- Five themed training days: Digital Organiser Training, Campaign Organiser Training, Local Elections Organiser Training, Press and Public Speaker Training, and Creative Campaign Resources Training.

Strong but unsuccessful candidates were to be offered at least one reserved spot on one of five themed raining days following the official 30 under 30 3-day intensive residential. In this way, we hoped to have trained more than 100 Young Green activists throughout the programme.

We received an enormous 250 applications and are currently interviewing the top 60, and ran a very successful long weekend for 30 brilliant Young Green activists (if a little cold!) Unfortunately, the very next week, the UK entered into a period of lock-down and we had to rethink our plans.

Online Political Programme and Trainings

At the start of lockdown I facilitated a brainstorming session with our Executive to think about how we could still deliver some really powerful forms of political education, training and membership engagement in the face of the Coronavirus crisis. Together we agreed to deliver:

- A series of online political talks, in line with a core script written by Matthew - open to all
- A series of online training workshops to replace our 30u30 workshops - open to members only
- A trial of a 'Green Politics' book club with about 30 members max

For these, I worked with Catriona to coordinate and invite speakers for the political talks and helped to promote and host the events. I also co-devised and delivered the Digital Organiser and Elections training workshops.

A whopping 1087 individuals have signed up to attend our online talks and training since lockdown began and we are thrilled with the success of this work.

Other Co-Chair responsibilities

- Chaired meetings, prepared agendas and delivered some 1-2-1 calls with members of EC, and some initial or regular calls with the regions, and suggested the idea of starting up a Young Greens Slack Network in order to bring our group organisers together and improve communication
- Attended GPEx and PolComm meetings, raising concerns of the Young Greens and fighting to ensure our party operates in line with its politics
- Co-written articles, delivered quotes, media interviews, and speeches at national and local rallies on behalf of the Young Greens including at local school strikes, and kicked off the Left Bloc at the most recent national Remain demonstration.

Tom Hazell – Co-Chair

We've done a lot this year, and the monthly reports will give you the most details about my role in that, but here I'll give an overview of the work the Young Greens machine has done this year and how I've helped that.

I took up my role as co-chair after Convention 2019, in August. One of my roles as co-chair is representing the Young Greens externally as our political voice, and I started off the year doing this by giving comment for an *Independent* article on Labour's declining support among students. All through the year I (with the help of our EC comms team) did similar, not just with more comment in the media but also, for example, writing opinion pieces, appearing in the Green Party's October 2019 party political broadcast with Rosie and Tyrone, and giving speeches to other organisations (such as at climate strikes and the German Federation of Green Students).

We've had some success organizing around external organisations' events this year. The one I was most involved in was the September 2020 Global Climate Strike. I worked to ensure that our MEPs had speaking slots at local strikes and that we were promoting the strikes on our social channels, for example.

Another event early on in my tenure was the Green Party's Autumn Conference in Bristol. Here I led on the Young Greens' work, eg I wrote (with Rosie) our first conference speech in some time, co-ordinated a messenger group for Young Greens at conference, ran a panel on the future of climate striking, and organised our stall, meet-up, and social.

After the conference the next few months were pretty well dominated by the general election. I was really involved here as the co-coordinator of our election work with Rosie. The aim was to mobilise Young Greens to target seats and really push the linked issues of climate and social justice to young voters, and I think we did both these things. My work ranged from building our mobilising platforms online – like the facebook group and Zoom calls.

In the aftermath we organised our Autumn AGM/mobilising event in Manchester. Resist Tory Rule was really successful, and it was great to be a part of the team working on it and being there to give the introductory speech. I was very pleased that the whole EC earned a commendation in the accountability session!

I also worked hard on this year's really successful 30 under 30 project. Although coronavirus meant it never quite reached it's full potential (which was a shame after such a long selection process), the

initial weekend was hugely successful. I helped organise this as well as working hard with Rosie on the selection process to ensure we ended up with a diverse range of Young Greens with huge potential on the course.

As lockdown began, Rosie and I were close to finishing our plan for the local elections. We were really hoping we'd help elect a big batch of Young Greens to local councils across the country, but the work we did should lay down some foundations for next years' efforts.

Lockdown did result in our fantastic programme of online talks and training, though. I helped support these events (which had over 1000 unique sign-ups!), for example by delivering the website page, maintaining the YouTube channel, and helping fix the project's political direction.

More recently, I've led our programme of events during the 2020 Green Party internal elections. I wrote questions on youth and student issues and emailed the candidates for GPEx, and then published their responses on our websites. I planned, promoted and chaired our three hustings for leadership, deputy leadership, and House of Lords leadership, and will continue to use our channels to remind Young Greens to vote.

Stepping back from the headline stuff, being co-chair of a 6000 member youth wing entails a lot of background work. There's too much to cover here, but over this year I've:

- Helped us keep in touch with our network of groups, societies, and councillors by setting up the Young Greens Network Slack.
- Stood up for Young Greens and our party's best interests as a voting member of the Green Party Executive (GPEx) and Political Committee (PolComm). I've attended both regularly and both Rosie and I have ensured one of us is always there to represent us.
- Worked hard to make sure we regained our staff member. After GPEx finally give us the money for one, Rosie and I worked as members of the hiring time to find and select the best candidate (who's done absolute wonders for our capacity).
- Regularly wrote the agenda for and chaired our biweekly executive meetings, and done the same for the two strategy weekends that have been held over my time.
- Worked with Rosie to coordinate the work of other exec members.
- Especially before the staff member sorted, completed regular admin work such as monitoring the admin email address or updating the website.
- Filled in for members of the executive when they were too busy and taken on roles that aren't covered by other EC officers. For example, I've regularly done comms work or written emails, and have worked with Rosie as half an elections officer since we didn't have one this year.

It's been a brilliant year, and I'm proud of the work that this exec has done. I can't wait to see how next year's exec builds on it. (In the most non-cheesy way possible), I've had a great time, so thank you to all the exec, SPC, and the members who made it happen. There's power in our movement, and it's been fantastic to lead it.

Matthew Hull – Treasurer

For a more detailed and granular picture of the Executive Committee's (EC) year, check out the monthly reports on Green Spaces.

I was elected as Treasurer at the last Convention in August, and continued in the role. At the outset, I drafted the Young Greens budget in consultation with other members of the EC. Alongside other routine duties, such as approval of payments and expenses, I have led on fundraising efforts including:

- A crowdfunder ahead of and during the general election campaign in 2019, raising a total of £1,062.39 after fees.
- A regular donations drive during the early stage of lockdown, aimed at increasing our income through committed giving.

I was proud to support the Young Greens' election campaigns work during the general election period. I drafted mobilising emails, worked with co-chairs to develop our use of Action Network, and integrated it with Callhub, giving us the capacity for mass SMS campaigns. I was particularly proud to support the development of the Young Greens LGBTIQ+ rights pledge, which was launched during the campaign period. It was frustrating to see our work ahead of the local elections lost, but the preparatory work done to support candidates and grow our network will pay off in the 2021 round of elections.

After the Conservative victory at the general election, I supported the creation of our post-election messaging and an online pledge. Following this, and in reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown, I was proud to see the committee come together and produce such a clearly-defined, powerfully articulated analysis of how we got here and where we need to go from here as a society. This analysis was fleshed out in our political education calls and training sessions, and have seriously increased engagement to leave us in a strong position. It was also embodied by the event of March 1st, 'Resist Tory Rule', in Manchester, featuring several brilliant speakers and panellists.

It was frustrating to see the '30 Under 30' training scheme, well planned and well developed, cut short by the pandemic. The initial residential weekend was, however, an enormous success and it's inspiring to see so many participants getting deeply involved in our movement. The use of online training calls instead of in-person events allowed us to deliver training sessions and workshops to several times more young people than we had expected.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the EC for being fantastic comrades, all allies who contributed to our brilliant events, and most importantly members of the Young Greens. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a dynamic group of people dedicated to building a better world.

Alex Nettle – Press Officer

As has been said by others, for full details of everything that was done over this bizarre and intense year, please check our monthly reports. I will provide an overview here of my activities as Press Officer and as a general member of EC.

The year started off quickly, and from the get go a small group of us, led by me, ensured that we were able to publish multiple articles in various news sites including the New European and Bright Green, and send comments out on relevant breaking news stories. A highlight of this would be Rosie getting a comment in the Guardian livestream of the EU March in October.

This press success continued throughout the remainder of 2019, and as we approached the impending general election, I took charge of the establishment of a Speakers Network, a network of Young Green activists from across England and Wales who we could call upon should we get media requests. This was a great success and ensured that we were able to respond rapidly before and during the general election and amplify Young Green voices in an amazing way. In a similar vein, I set up a general election candidate community, where Young Green candidates could discuss strategy and preparation for the election. When the election began, this was an invaluable tool in allowing our candidates to be in close communication with us, and to get advice and support about media, hustings and general campaign issues. During the general election I helped with the wider efforts for hosting frequent campaign days in target seats, and setting up petitions on key issues during and in the aftermath of the election.

In January our focus turned more towards setting up our 30 under 30, and collectively we narrowed down our applicants to 60, and then down to 30. We had held one successful opening weekend when lockdown hit, and so we had to modify our subsequent plans to be better suited to online training. With this in mind, I led the organising of the online Press & Media training day, which was a big success and helped us with training sessions and political talks to come.

These were the biggest successes of the year for me, and the major projects I led on, but there were many smaller jobs that I carried out for EC that you can see in my monthly reports.

Georgie Oatley – Digital Comms Officer

I was co-opted in September 2019 as Digital Comms Officer, and my role has mostly been in helping the team with social media posting and content creation, writing emails and Action Network forms, and assisting with strategy. For more detail please see monthly/mid-term reports; projects I have been involved in -

- General Election; Worked with Rosie and the team to develop a calendar that ensured we hit all the key events in the election cycle and pushed as hard as possible to get Young Greens attending action days and phone bank sessions. I created content such as images and videos for social media, and crowdsourced content from our network of Young Greens. Worked with Matthew to help push the fundraiser and contact high profile contacts.
- Fightback Event; Created graphics and posts to advertise the event on social media, and wrote content for the Action Network sign up and emails.
- 30 Under 30; Helped with social media and outreach to promote the scheme to a wider pool of applicants. Took part in the shortlisting and interview process. Attended the weekend and assisted the EC team deliver a brilliant weekend of training.
- Local Elections; developed a plan for comms and outreach for the huge series of action days and events that sadly had to all be cancelled!
- Online events; worked with Catriona and Rosie to deliver an online training event on digital comms and organising. Hosted and helped moderate some of the online political education talks run during lockdown.

Throughout my term I've attended as many online calls as possible and endeavoured to help out with the EC team as much as I can, however unfortunately due to personal circumstances my involvement in the EC stopped rather abruptly in late May and I stopped fulfilling my duties - leaving the rest of the team and our staff member to do all the Comms work. I am truly sorry for abandoning

my role, and so grateful to the team for continuing to deliver such amazing comms and work around the online political education talks, internal elections and YG elections.

Catriona Sibert – Events Officer

My main projects throughout my time on the committee were:

- Co-opted to the committee in January, attending strategy away day the same weekend to feed into YGs strategy
- Did venue research, some logistics planning, and on-the-day event management for Resist Tory Rule event in Feb
- Supported shortlisting for 30 Under 30 scheme
- Led on start to end event organisation for 30 Under 30 residential weekend. Including accommodation, all catering and evening entertainment as well as daytime programming
- Co-led Digital Organiser Training with Rosie (Co-chair) and Georgie (Digital Comms Officer)
- Supported on online talks programme including inviting and liaising with speakers, hosting events, logistics, fundraising asks, creating click-to-tweets and other content
- Worked with Isaac (SPC Co-chair) and Daisy (Young Greens Admin Officer) to plan online Young Greens Convention

Nannette Youssef – International Officer

- Group call with Green Party International Officers,
- Ongoing communication with FYEG and GYG,
- Began organising for the annual FYEG conference,
- Had talks with FYEG about how best they can support us in the GE,
- Began building relationships with Scottish and Irish YG's
- Took part in February Green Late Night Talk 'Fuck Brexit' representing Young Greens of England and Wales in position of International Officer,
- Joined call with the Munich Young Greens and London Young Greens Co-Chair, Rosie Rawle and Tom Hazell to discuss new collaborative project and online talk
- Created a streamlined system for assessing candidates requiring us to supply a letter of recommendation for the FYEG EC Selection process,
- Marked the applications of candidates asking for us to supply a letter of recommendation for the FYED EC Selection Process,
- Communicated with those asking for a letter of recommendation for the FYEG EC Selection process,
- Wrote FYEG MO letters of recommendation
- Hosted 'Colonialism, Capitalism and Climate Change' as part of our series of political education talks, and contributed to the feedback session,

30U30

- Supporting 30 under 30 recruitment process including scoring applications, moderating scores, interviewing candidates and group call to make the final decision.
- Drafted Introduction to Green Party and the Young Greens document for 30 under 30,
- Began working on the new 30U30 project plan,

- Alongside the EC, helped to facilitate the 30 under 30 residential weekend in Birmingham.
- Leading various intro and changeover sessions during 30 Under 30 residential weekend
- With Rosie R. ran a session on Volunteer Mobilisation at the 30U30 residential weekend,

External Comms and Press

- Drafted Press Statement re. Sharon Galliford transphobia comments with LGBTQI+ Young Greens,
- Drafted statement on the assassination of General Sulemani in Iran,
- Drafted statement with response to the Halal meat Jonathan Bartley comments.

Online Talks and Training

- Hosted several online talks,
- Assisted with online talks admin duties, such as email writing, proofreading and promotion,
- Planned and co-hosted campaigns training webinar alongside MH and TS
- Jointly devised and hosted the Elections Campaigner webinar trainings

General

- Attended EC meetings,
- Re- established the Candidate Community,
- Had a 1-1 with Rosie discussing personal objectives and projects,
- Began formatting ideas for a new Young Candidates support group- Candidate Community,
- First Draft of Project Plan for Candidate Community,
- Constructed key influencer list,
- Participated in General Election webinars,
- Travelled to Bristol to campaign for Carla Denyer in the General Election and co co-ordinated Young Green activities on the day.
- Interviewed and decided upon candidates for NP Officer,
- Spoke at School Strikes
- Took part in discussions with other Young Green Councillors as to how they would like a closer working relationship with EC to unfold, and liaised between them and EC,
- Contributing to emergency decisions on plans for local election action days at start of coronavirus outbreak
- Contributing to contingency planning and adapting longer-term Young Greens programme as coronavirus lockdown measures began
- On-the-day assistance at the Resist Tory Rule event in Manchester, including participating in a panel discussion
- Attended AGC Meeting on behalf of the YG's.

Tyrone Scott – Campaigns Officer

I was elected into this role after a short period on EC during the previous term when I was co-opted into the role. Initially, the aim was to focus on a particular campaign issue and use the YG to campaign on something to create change. The last 12 months have however brought so many unexpected events such as the General Election and our current pandemic that I had to adapt the priorities.

What this meant is that I have focused this year in supporting existing campaigns and campaign groups, helping grow our network of activists and using all methods to promote the Young Greens in the media, across social justice movements and within GPEW (Green Party E&W) itself. I have been pleased with the exposure we have been able to attain over the year which I feel I have contributed too.

The year began with the global youth climate strike which we supported as the YGs and in my role as Campaigns officer promoted, live tweeted and helped coordinate a YG presence at the event. Also recorded a video at the event for GPEW social channels as YG EC member and appeared in the press for this also.

We then worked to plan conference and was heavily involved in coordinating our YG presence. I ran the YG session at conference to promote how we campaign, what we do at the YGs and welcoming new members which went very successfully. I also represented the YGs on Channel 4 news during conference which highlighted the impact of young people in politics and how we make change. The month also included recording the GPEW party political broadcast along with RR and TH which really solidified YG as a force within the wider party.

In November I worked closely with the London YGs on their Housing Hackathon and wider renters rights campaign. This includes webinars and helping facilitate sessions on building campaigns. I was really pleased to actively be part of this as Housing was a key campaign aim at the start of the term.

I ran for election in 2019 which took much of my time for November and December but at every turn I promoted YGs whether in national/local press, social media or at in person events. I ran as a YG candidate ensuring all knew I was a YG and about the work we do at the YGs. Whilst these 2 months were dedicated to my own campaign I wrote a housing piece for Bright Green in my YG capacity, spoke about climate change and green politics in numerous schools and worked to support other YG candidates in the General Election.

The new year brought challenges that we all had to face however we continued to find success. In January we had another away day which I helped contribute to our long term plan and wrote 2 more articles as a YG member on housing and also youth climate strikes to support their campaign. I then worked with Young Greens of Colour and wider GOC's on reparatory justice motion for spring conference (now planned for autumn)

January and February were very busy with us shortlisting for 30 under 30, interviewing and also planning our programme which was very successful in light of what came from March onwards. I continued to work on the vital motion throughout these months and held another housing campaign training for the London YGs. I also recorded videos for GPEW on housing policy with key mentions of YGs including a fundraising ask.

As the year progressed and our plans changed, I worked with the wider EC to adapt our plans for training programmes and sessions. This included adapting and running my campaigns workshop for which, we got very good feedback. I also spoke to the Guardian and was featured in there following my placement on the Climate Reframe list of 100 BAME Climate Activists in the UK. My feature on this project highlights the contribution the YGs made to my development in activism and works to promote the YGs to a new audience.

The last few months I have contributed to further GPEW videos and campaigns ensuring I am always quoted as YG campaigns officer. I wrote further media articles on housing also and whilst we may not have delivered on a ground-breaking housing campaign this term, we have provided many comment pieces on this, contributed to GPEW policy on this and ensured we are a voice in the Housing justice community.

We also ran an incredibly successful series of online political talks in which I hosted Sian Berry and in turn appeared on her show days later (again promoting YGs constantly)

I have recently been focussing on policy motions for conference, co proposing key policies on issues such as race and housing, continuing on the themes built over the last year as the YGs.

I am very proud of what the YGs and I have been able to achieve over the last year. I feel the actions I have taken have helped solidify our strength and reputation within the wider party by contributing to many wider GPEW activities, constantly with my 'YG hat' on.

Rebecca Mulvaney – Groups and Societies Officer

- No report submitted

Structures and Procedures Committee

The Structures and Procedures Committee upholds the Constitution and Standing Orders and oversees the internal democratic processes of the Young Greens.

The 2019 – 2020 Structures and Procedures Committee consisted of Co-Chairs Isaac Searle and Nick Humberstone, Alice Bennett, Jack Walker, and Pau Jimenez (who also led on Complaints and Disputes Subcommittee work).

Alice Bennett and Pau Jimenez attended a London away day chaired by Isaac Searle in early 2020, where we planned for upcoming accountability events and increased engagement in democratic processes.

The Structures and Procedures Committee made the following rulings:

- Section A, Part 1, Clause A1.1: States that “The Young Greens Convention shall be held once per year in Spring.” This has not been possible due to immense uncertainty, change and adversity faced during the Spring period, due to Coronavirus. It is therefore acceptable for Convention to take place in Summer, this year only.
- Section B, Part 3, Clause B3.6: States that “Paper copies of the Constitution, Standing Orders, Record of Policy Statements and Record of Organisational Statements must be made available for members attending the General Meeting.” As the entire AGM will be held online in 2020, paper copies will not be made available as this would create a considerable logistical difficulty. However, all of the documents mentioned in Clause B3.6 will be readily available to members online, this is permitted due to contextual factors.
- Section B, Part 4, Clause B4.3: States that “If it is unclear if there has been sufficient debate a straw poll will be taken by raising hands with the options either for more debate or move to a vote.” As the AGM will be hosted online, the straw poll will not be taken via raising hands but via another method this is permitted due to contextual factors.
- Section B, Part 4, Clauses B4.7.1 & B4.7.2: Reference “votes cast in person.” For the purposes of the 2020 AGM we allow votes to be cast online, by members of the Young Greens who are present at the online Convention, this is permitted due to contextual factors.
- Section E, Part 3, Clause 3.9: States that “A further in-person hustings shall be held at Convention; each candidate has the right to participate in these as well as to submit a statement in advance.” This second hustings must still take place; however, it will take place online rather than in person, this is permitted due to contextual factors.
- Section E, Part 3, Clause 3.10: States that “Voting shall close during Convention between the in-person hustings... and the announcement of results (the exact time to be at the discretion of SPC).” Instead, voting will close during Convention between the online hustings held during Convention and the announcement of results, this is permitted due to contextual factors.
- Liberation group elections may be held without specific consent of liberation group members, as the Constitution intends for Co-Chair elections to occur on a yearly basis. However, SPC chose not to implement full committee elections for liberation groups if there were not members of said group who requested a committee election.

Isaac Searle – Co-Chair

After taking on this role in October, I've worked closely with the Executive Committee, attending the vast majority of their fortnightly meetings, I think this is a really important thing to do in order to keep good connections between EC and SPC, so that any issues can be sorted efficiently and without concern. In the run up to the General Election I attended and helped with the tech support of the mass mobilising calls. So, I was on hand to answer any questions members had about accountability or internal democracy within the Young Greens, at the start and end of calls.

As SPC Co-Chair, I also attended the January EC away day on a Saturday in London alongside Alice Bennet and Pau Jimenez Ingles from SPC. Here, we worked on the Accountability Session of the Resist Tory Rule event, which was held on March 1st. It's essential that the constitutionally mandated sessions outlined in the Autumn Event take place so we agreed to move this to March, taking the General Election into account – here I received a Commendation from the membership.

At the EC away day, I also chaired the SPC meetings for our committee members. We looked at means to further increase accountability within the organisation in the future. We investigated ways in which we can ensure that, as a democratic and national body, we can truly represent all areas of our membership; with true representation for all regions in decision making at all levels. Some of these explorations have been brought forward to Convention.

I've also regularly uploaded all EC and SPC monthly reports as soon as is reasonably possible, after everyone who'll be filling these out has done so. As well as, this I've made sure to upload all EC meeting minutes. Plus, as the SPC representation at EC meetings, I've offered constitutional advice on various matters to the group as a whole, and to individual members. Our co-operation and mutual understanding allow us to work well to fulfil constitutional obligations.

Later in the year, I continued to regularly offer constitutional advice to EC, and other bodies, as well as regularly attending EC meetings. I also supported the LGBTIQ+ liberation group in handling a leadership change.

To prepare for Annual Convention, I re-assessed our ruling documents and Green Party Standing Orders Committee findings, to investigate the facilitation of a special digital Convention, which we are now running due to a series of SPC rulings. I met with relevant EC Officers and Co-Chairs, as well as fellow SPC members in order to put plans in place for this digital convention, with all the regular functions of a regular Convention. I also chaired an online Q&A accountability session for the members to hold our executive to account. Over the past couple of months, I have spent a really substantial amount of time planning for the digital Convention to ensure that the event is as good as possible. As part of this, I've worked with the Electoral Returning Officer to facilitate open and fair elections, with a campaign and rules support event for candidates. I've worked with the rest of SPC to implement elections and motion submission procedures and platforms.

Additionally, I led on implementing an ambitious range of liberation group committee and co-chair elections, to ensure that marginalised communities are heard within our structures.

So overall, I've regularly fulfilled the regular SPC duties, as well as attending many EC meetings to strengthen co-operation and relations to ensure that things are done as according to our ruling documents. And, in additions, I've competed additional work in supporting our other bodies to ensure that the Young Greens can be the best it can be.

Nick Humberstone – Co-Chair

- Convention work:
 - Set up and managed discuss.green (the motions/nominations platform)
 - Spoke with the German Greens, who created and run discuss.green (the name of the system it uses) to arrange for a new site to be set up for us. This site is now available at <https://younggreens.discuss.green>.
 - Configured the settings to make it consistent with the Standing Orders.
 - Set up and helped manage electrr.app (voting system)
 - Set up two elections, one for the internal elections, and one as a way to do live-voting for the democracy sessions
 - Worked with the developed to get the first voting email out and to fix an issue with the order that roles were being displayed
 - Met with SPC and members of EC to discuss planning for convention
 - Worked with Isaac on a ruling for whether we can run the Lib Group elections without any Lib Group members requesting us to do so (in the case where there are no active members)
- Helped run the co-option process for Executive Committee and SPC Committee
- Compiled and tidied minutes from Convention 2019
- Updated Constitution and Standing orders from Convention 2019
- Updated RoPS and RoOS from Convention 2019
- Attended EC away day and which included a section where I presented how our accountability procedures work in the Young Greens