

LB4 Kelsey Trevett

Agenda item: H.1. Disability Group

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens Disability Group Co-Chair

Local Party:
Three Rivers Green
Party

Candidate Statement

As a blind member, I have been delighted at the attitudes I have personally encountered within the Young Greens in regards to accessibility, and ensuring that my needs are met to facilitate full participation in everything the Young Greens do. However, I strongly believe that a platform to gather and channel the views of disabled Young Greens is essential; without it, it can be difficult for individuals to have their voices heard in an efficient and meaningful way, and accessibility can unintentionally be left to slide down the list of priorities. To guarantee an inclusive movement, it is crucial that the voices of disabled Young Greens are considered at every stage, so as to make sure that campaigns, events and other actions are fully open to all.

As well as this, especially in the world in which we find ourselves during and following the Coronavirus pandemic, it is more important than ever that we, as Young Greens, are a strong voice advocating and fighting for the rights of disabled young people and students. Of course, the best way to achieve this is to listen to the views and experiences of disabled people, and to allow us to lead on the relevant campaigns. Disabled people have been disproportionately affected by the economic, social and health implications of Covid-19, and have been repeatedly forgotten by the Conservative government at every turn. A clear, loud and organised voice to fight back, and to prevent the government forgetting us, or treating us as an afterthought, has never been more needed.

I believe I have the experience, drive and ability to co-chair the Young Greens Disability group: I've chaired a Student representative Group for two years, at a college for those with varying levels of visual impairment, leading on campaigns and organising events for the wider student body. In this role, I also reached out to those organising events, campaigns and so forth in the wider community, working with them to facilitate the participation of students from the college.

Alongside this, I have been active in campaigns fighting for the rights of disabled students to an equal and accessible education at all levels -- something which I think is particularly relevant to this role. Both the attitudes of educational establishments and of individuals, and increasingly the effects of government spending cuts, have led to disabled students facing barriers to education, leading to higher drop-out rates for disabled students in higher education, and an often long and stressful legal fight for an inclusive secondary and further education.

Finally, within the green Party, I have worked to raise awareness about accessible content, especially during exercises of internal democracy, to ensure that disabled people with accessibility needs online are not excluded from casting a ballot on the same footing as other members. This has enabled me to establish positive working relations with a variety of Green Party members, GPEX and Leadership candidates, and with the current Young Greens EC. This final project is very much on-going.

I also believe that it is really important to state, front and centre, that I don't know everything. The term disability covers such a vast array of conditions, needs, and most importantly individuals. I will never claim to have knowledge or experience of all aspects: listening, and gathering as broad a variety of views and experiences as possible, is absolutely essential in successfully carrying out the work of the Disability Group. As co-chair, I will ensure that this is the ethos on which we base all of our work.

Finally, I believe that the fight for climate and social justice should always be intersectional. As well as creating and maintaining positive working relations with the Young Greens EC, and with the Green Party Disability group, I believe we should look to other liberation groups at all times, both to progress in our collective aims of social justice, but also to support in facilitating accessible campaigns, events and actions across the board. If elected, I will make sure that working relations and regular contact is maintained between the Young Greens Disability group, and the other Young Greens liberation groups.

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

Yes

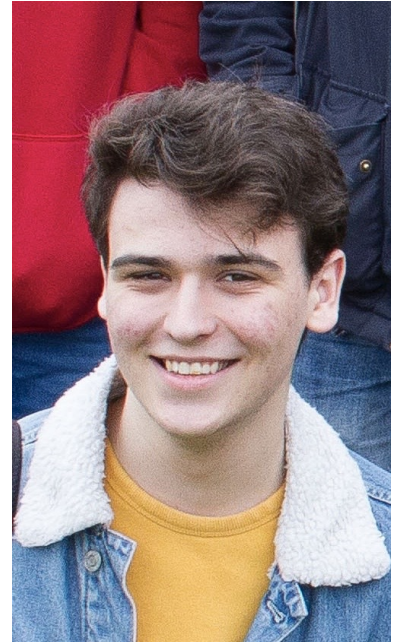
LB7 Joshua Farrell

Agenda item: H.2. LGBTQIA+

Which role are you applying for?:
LGBTQIA+ Young Greens Co-Chair

Candidate Statement

My name is Joshua Farrell, I am 18 years old. My interest in the Green Party started when I attend a hustling at my high school. Barry Broom who was running for the Ipswich seat impressed me with his calm and controlled manner of debate, his ability to be able to answer all the questions and not dodge questions as other politicians did. This prompted my own political shift from centerist to left-wing. Furthermore, thanks to conversations with my friend Thea Pettitt who organised the Ipsiwch Climate Strike, my concern for the environment has reach a peak and I have had enough of inaction of the current political establishment. Growing up as gay man in a country town has been difficult, like many members of the LGBTQIA+ community I felt a level of isolation and an inability to access resources that would help individuals who are questioning their identity. As a group we need a support network so that young LGBTQIA+ people have a party that they can align themselves with, a party that will look out for their concerns and hopefully elimanate that isolation that many young LGBTQIA+ people feel. I would really enjoy this oppertunity to be part of a wider group and movement where I will be able to put my organisational skills to good use.



Local Party:
Ipswich Green Party

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

Yes

LB8 Juan Cordero

Agenda item: H.3. YGs of Colour

Which role are you applying for?:

Young Greens of Colour Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

As non-portfolio officer I would be there to:

- support the co-chairs and fellow NPOs in their roles to amplify the voices and profile of Young Greens of Colour
- work in allyship with members of this and the other liberation groups, and be willing to involve myself with the projects that are undertaken throughout the youth wing of the wider party
- and act as an approachable and reliable point of contact for any issues and concerns within the group and party

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

Yes



Local Party:

Bath & North East Somerset

LB9 Tyrone Scott

Agenda item: H.3. YGs of Colour

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens of Colour Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

I would like to be your non portfolio officer for the YGOC, focussing on social media and promotion of our group along with assisting with any campaign plans. I have been an active green and young green for nearly 5 years and have served on 2 terms of the YG exec. I am also active in the GOC and have worked on motions important to the communities we represent such as our campaign for reparatory justice for the transatlantic slave trade

I am knowledgeable of the issues we face around race both inward in our own party and wider society and want to ensure I have a role in ensuring our young green party is inclusive, representative and diverse.

I have experience of being a liaison between GOC and YGs and GPEW and YGs on multiple occasions and can utilise the relationships I have built to ensure the growth of our liberation group.

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yes



Local Party:
Hackney

LB11 Nannette Youssef

Agenda item: H.3. YGs of Colour

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens of Colour Co-Chair

Candidate Statement

It is often claimed that tackling racism is not, and should not, be a prerogative of the environmental movement. I believe this to be inherently incorrect; good climate activism is activism which not only acknowledges the unique experiences POC have with the environment, but that also deconstructs the racist history of the environmental movement itself. Within the Green Party, we have historically struggled to engage POC. We often resort to virtue signalling in desperate attempts to appear more diverse- and this isn't good enough. If we are serious about diversifying the party and working to create an actively anti- racist society we need to see more Young Greens of Colour elected throughout the country at both a national and local level, who will be able to create radical Equality and Diversity policy.

As the only Young Green of Colour Councillor, I am well placed to lead in creating this change alongside Wesley Walton. Elected in May 2019, I am the youngest and only Person of Colour on the Norwich City Council. I have worked hard to ensure that the council is not just not- racist, but is actively anti- racist. Within my first year in the role I have written and presented a motion to council which called for greater training and support for members to eradicate discrimination and champion diversity and for greater proactive steps to be taken to create a more inclusive council. I was proud that this motion was passed with unanimous support from across the floor. If elected, I would bring my professional experience of writing policy to help other YGofC create anti- racist policy.

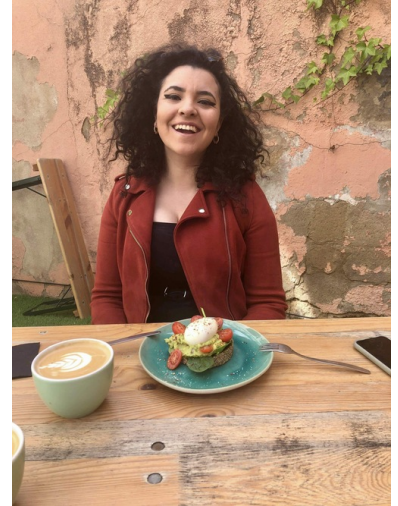
In my role as a councillor, I have appeared on regional television and radio news to discuss a range of issues, including the Black Lives Matter Movement. This has given me a strong understanding of how to communicate these issues sympathetically and accurately.

As an outgoing member of the Young Greens of England and Wales Executive Committee (2019-2020 term), I am keen to bring the skills and experiences I have gained in this role to the Young Greens of Colour. I have worked closely with the other Young Green Councillors to establish a de facto Young Green Councillor Community, and believe that these connections will be invaluable to encouraging other Young Greens of Colour to stand in elections. I have helped organise and convene online talks on a range of issues, and have helped run online training sessions on Elections and Campaigning. I believe this range of skills and valuable first hand experience place me in a strong position to co- lead the Young Greens of Colour.

The Young Greens of Colour needs to be radical, proactive and intersectional in its reach. We need to be providing not just a voice for Young Greens of Colour, but a platform from which we can create sustainable and just change.

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



Local Party:
Norwich Green Party

Yes

LB15 Wesley Walton

Agenda item: H.3. YGs of Colour

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens of Colour Co-Chair

Candidate Statement

I am putting myself forward to be your Co-chair as it becomes clear that over recent months, though it feels like a lifetime, that there is still a long way to go in the fight against systematic racism and prejudice. I think that as a political party we address these problems by not only calling out racism but also making sure that people of colour are being elected so that we are better represented at all levels of government. In short, that is why I want to take on this role to ensure that Young Greens of Colour are getting the support they need when battling a system that is ultimately stacked against them.

As a Young Green of Colour, I come with the experience of being a candidate in multiple elections and know the challenges that we face when it comes to changing the narrative that we currently face. I also currently hold the position of Midlands Young Greens and feel the skills that I have learned and am still learning will help me, alongside an experienced co-chair and passionate committee, in setting up a group that has to be started from the bottom up.

Working alongside Nannette Youssef we should be able to build a group that can effectively set about addressing the problem which is Young BAME representation in local government. As it stood in 2018 95.8% of councillors identified as non-white and only 10% of councillors being under the age of 40 which just shows how much work we as a group have to create change for the better

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Yes



Local Party:

Loughborough and North
West Leicestershire

LB1 Dylan Lewis-Creser

Agenda item: H.4. Under 18

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



Local Party:
Northamptonshire Green
Party

Candidate Statement

As under-18s, we are even more disproportionately underrepresented in our sub-party and in our party as a whole. As Under-18s Green co-chair, my aim will be to change this by engaging our young people early, and treating them as political beings that need a vehicle to have their opinions channeled through. I aim to make the Young Greens that party, as we know young people agree with us the most on the issues, as demonstrated through the recent Climate Strikes that I took part in, we need to be the effective political voice for the young people of today.

My experience in this field is through my work as head of the Green group on my school's elected parliament. When you engage with young people, and treat them as functioning people with complex opinions, you can gain their trust and gain their support, something vital for our parties' continued growth going into the future. This method is successful, we became the largest group on our school council, and we were able to get change done through our support for sustainability. This support was built on personalising politics for young people, not just mass movements; but talking to young people about the issues on their minds and the issues they face.

Even with the underrepresentation of under-18s in the party, there is an even greater underrepresentation of rural under-18s, of which I am. I'm from my beloved Northamptonshire, a primarily rural county in one of our worst performing regions of the East Midlands. As an active member of my local party, we feel that we are overlooked by the national party, and that prevents us from gaining a base of support here, feeding a cycle of poor Green results. Our young people are brought up in this environment where the only left-of-centre party option is Labour, despite the Greens being such a great choice for so many young people. As Under-18s Greens co-chair, I will push to get more attention to these overlooked regions and make sure that everyone, everywhere, has a chance to support us.

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Yes

LB2 Adefolahan Adedeji

Agenda item: H.4. Under 18

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

Candidate Statement

My reasons for wanting to be a part of this group are really quite simple. I look at the Green Party as a community of people who desire change and this change is exactly the kind that I would love to see across the country, and across the world. This includes hoping to lower carbon emissions across the country in an effort to beat climate change as it really is the biggest long-term threat to the human race at the minute. Also, the party's vehement support of electoral reform is also something I see eye to eye with completely because of the ghastly democratic deficit created by the current repugnant First Past the Post voting System. Finally, I also really admire how the Green Party look out for the human rights of those who are marginalised in our society (like the trans community and people a part of the BAME community too). Because of these reasons, I really would like to help the party in some way or another to help them be heard and I feel that this can be done from a position in the Under 18 Young Greens.

This past year I personally have tried to take action on what I believe by doing some small things –like walking and cycling to places as much as possible, and doing an assembly at my school about sustainability (where a friend and I told the rest of our Sixth Form the benefits of supporting for the Greens in terms of aiding the environment). My actions haven't all been minimal as I also have done some larger things like sharing leaflets around my town and school regarding the harrowing effects that can ensue as a result of humankind's lack of care for the earth (and her wellbeing), and how these effects can be alleviated or eradicated completely through a few changes in our quotidian lives.

While I am satisfactorily pleased my actions this past year, I am aware that they are trully quite minimal when paralleled to the action that needs to be taken in order to truly cause genuine societal alteration and if I could earn this role for which I am currently applying for, I would try and do everything I could in order to help contribute to this change whether this is by planning a plethora of events around my area and around the country to help people learn more about the party or just by using my social media presence to broadcast this message to my friends and followers alike.

This party truly is a remarkable thing and if I can do a service to it through being a part of this group, that really would be something fantastic for me, and I would ensure that of would be fantastic for the party as well.

However you respond to this statement, I'd just love to thank you for your consideration and time of my application for this role.

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Yes



Local Party:
North Surrey Green Party

LB6 Joshua Morris-Blake

Agenda item: H.4. Under 18

Which role are you applying for?:
Under 18 Young Greens Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

Hello, fellow middle-class white vegans...

I'm Josh, I live in the Green heartlands of Brighton and am running for the prestigious role of Non-Portfolio Officer for the Under 18 Liberation Group. I'll be honest, it was only last week I became aware of the existence of an Under 18 group, so I can't claim to be an expert of the structural roles it plays within the Young Greens, but perhaps the fact that I was totally unaware of the group shows that we need to reform, restructure and reinvigorate in order to more effectively represent our electorally essential demographic. Despite having the most transformative policies for young people, Greens thus far have failed to inspire enough youngsters, due to 3 main reasons which I would like us to focus on:



Local Party:
Brighton and Hove

- Labour hegemony: Labour is very, very effective at absorbing young voters from the Greens at election times. This can be attributed to their huge media presence and resources which override all the great grassroots work that Greens do. With a smaller budget, we need a smarter, long-term media strategy that inspires and clearly demonstrates to young people why they should vote Green. A step we could take is to more directly engage under 18's in our policy development on relevant issues like education; for example, the Greens' 2019 manifesto promised to "Revive the further education sector to provide a wider choice of academic and vocational learning," yet offered no detail on what these choices would be. This gives us an opportunity engage with GCSE-age students to ask them what reforms they would like to see, and we can then use this to pressure the Greens to implement an education policy for young people, made by young people. This could be an effective step towards ending the myth that Labour is the only party of the youth – whether we think they have better policy or not, this is currently the reality and therefore we need to be more proactive and innovative.
- Image: As my introductory line hinted at, this is what we are still seen as. Even here in Brighton, many non-political peers our age see us through this painful stereotype. Showing young people that this is not true is essential, and we can do this by engaging all people from a young age.
- Professionalism: Sometimes, we come across as more of a pressure group than a political party. Our campaigning sometimes looks inconsistent and lazy (not just the Young Greens - the Greens' main Twitter account needs major improvement too!) - we make massive statements like 'abolish the Home Office' but then offer no detail as to WHY. If young people develop this idea about us, then they will feel unable to vote for us. Our Under 18 group has to lead by example and display ourselves as a credible political force.

As an NPO it wouldn't be my role to dictate what the Under 18's prioritise, however, I would use my influence to ensure that we look to strategise in a meticulous and professional manner.

I currently study 4 A-Levels (Environmental Science, Geography, Politics and Sociology) and am completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, so have been forced to excel in the art of time-

management and organisation. This is a practical skill which I can transfer to the Liberation Group, ensuring I Get Brexit Stuff Done in an efficient manner. I have recently been involved with the party at the 2019 election, campaigning for the re-election of Caroline Lucas, and during the Covid-19 pandemic have engaged with the brilliant political education sessions run by the Young Greens. I'd like these talks to carry on and use them to engage with the wider youth rather than just with members.

My political areas of 'expertise' are electoral reform (I have a weird obsession with voting systems) and environmental policy. Making a more coherent argument for Proportional Representation would go a long way to tackling the problem of Labour hegemony stated above, and as climate/ecological matters are so important to youngsters, we need to articulate our policy in a clearer, professional manner.

So, if you want a Liberation Group that can liberate the Greens from perpetually frustrating results, vote for Josh Morris-Blake (maybe start a hashtag - #VoteJMB) for Under 18 NPO.

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

Yes

LB3 Amelia Harris

Agenda item: H.5. Women

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens Women Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

My name is Amelia Harris and I am currently studying BA Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London. Studying Geography has encouraged me to question the patriarchal power structures of the world, and the injustices this has created for the most oppressed members of society. It is time that those who identify as women feel truly represented in politics and positions of power, because without representation it is hard to find the confidence to speak out.

As a committee member of the Women's Young Green's Liberation Group, I would ensure the voices of women are considered with the same level of importance shown to the voices of men. I am extremely hard working, determined and persistent and I care about nothing more than creating an equal society. It could be argued that, without an equal society, it will be even more challenging to create a sustainable one. As a member of the Green Party, my biggest passion is finding climate justice for future generations of young people. I believe we can only make this possible if the voices of the most oppressed members of our society are heard because although they have had the smallest contribution to the choices made regarding the climate crisis, they will be most affected.

If I am elected for this role, I will work tirelessly to represent those who identify as female. I want to empower young women to know that our voices matter, that we are not limited to any role and that we have the power to change the world. I truly believe that the Green Party can change this nation for the better and I would be honoured to have the opportunity to be a part of this.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amelia Harris.

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



Local Party:
Plymouth (Devon) but
also North Surrey
(where I study at
university).

LB5 Seren Parri

Agenda item: H.5. Women

Which role are you applying for?:

Young Greens Women Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

Misogyny does not affect us all equally, nor in the same manner. It goes without saying that women are all manner of people, whether feminine or not, across all races and cultures, cis and trans, in poverty and in wealth. Unfortunately, much of the ways we are united are in the daily adversity we must face, from the violent to the subliminal, with the core indoctrination that our gender is limiting. We may have seen a female prime minister, and we may have a female head of state, yet our childhoods and the media still reinforce patriarchal requirements that we must be nurturing and beautiful, that the worst things we could be accused of are being “bossy” or “mean”. We have been taught to expect demeaning remarks as we walk down the street, and to be responsible for the aggression of men by restricting how we dress and behave.

For the past year I have been the Secretary for the University of York Green Party Society, and I am looking forward to continuing next year following my re-election. I’ve gained great experience as a member of a committee, particularly in discussion and organisation-based tasks, and I’ve become highly enthusiastic about sending emails, as I’m perhaps too excited with the range of formatting the green party branding allows for. Since the age of sixteen I’ve been trying to integrate awareness for the climate emergency into my surrounding communities, including my secondary school and at my local climate strikes, where I have been vocal in using my skills as well as my privileges to communicate the necessity for both social and climate justice.

A lot of my interests are in what regressive stereotypes would call “feminine spheres”, including Theatre and in my studies in English Literature, yet even here sexism excels. Our texts are, more often than not, written by men, and it is rare a female character is not a love interest or a mother. In every seminar the loudest voice is always a man’s, someone who hasn’t had the years of conditioning to keep quiet, to not seem conceited, to not take up too much space. Sexism is everywhere, most aggressively in the threats and actions against our safety and wellbeing. Beyond that it is covert and ingrained, and that’s why I believe having a women’s group in the Green Party is so important, particularly in the Young Greens. One of the worst aspects of the patriarchy is how we internalise its teachings, forcing us to become unwitting enforcers of the sexism that hurts us. In so many young women there is a systematically induced self-resentment and lack of confidence, and having a robust and active liberation group dedicated to women’s issues and representation allows us to directly combat this. As a committee member I would strive to create a safe space for women that focuses both on protection of our rights and positive reinforcement of what we are capable of, forcing the space to be made for us to take a lead in the Green Party and in the wider, patriarchal world of politics.

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

Yes



Local Party:
Birmingham

LB10 Emma Teworte

Agenda item: H.5. Women

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens Women Non-Portfolio Officer



Local Party:
Oxfordshire Green Party

Candidate Statement

I'm Emma, based in Oxford, and I'm standing to be a member of the Women Young Greens Committee.

While women- and femme-identifying people's rights continue to be under threat globally, feminism is entering - at least the Western - liberal mainstream, often divorced from an analysis of class, race and other forms of oppression. I want to help re-build the Women Young Greens group in a way that recognises intersectionality is more than a convenient buzzword. I feel it is particularly important for us to stand against transphobia not only in wider society but also the Green Party itself, so we can provide a counter-force to transphobic streams within our party. Having grown up in Germany, I'd also be keen to explore more international links and collaborations as part of the group.

About me: I've just finished my undergraduate degree in History & Politics. I specialised in gender-related issues (writing my dissertation on the history of menstruation). I'm about to start a Master's in history. During my undergrad degree, I've been involved with the Oxford Young Greens, have helped organise my college's Feminist Festival, participated in a philosophy reading group on feminism and have been involved with Turl Street Homelessness Action, a local group providing meals and support for homeless and vulnerably housed people. I've picked some things up here that I hope can be useful to the committee and wider group!

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

LB12 Emily Herbert

Agenda item: H.5. Women

Which role are you applying for?:
Young Greens Women Non-Portfolio Officer

Candidate Statement

Hi! I'm Emily, and I would love to represent young Green women this year. I have been a feminist all my life, standing as Women's Officer at my college SU, and a green bean since I was a child, too - dubbed an 'eco warrior' since primary school, I have an active role in my local XR group and a vested interest in Green Party discourse.

Currently working on my application to become a committee member of Green Party Women, I want to bring a breath of fresh air to Green feminism - creating womxn-centred conversations that are inclusive to all, especially trans women and enby people who have historically been excluded in such circles. At 19, I'm learning how to bring intersectionality into every aspect of my activism, but I am doing my research every day and I am always available to chat about how to improve myself and my work.

If elected I pledge to:-

- Provide training for young women in politics, such as increasing self-confidence in public speaking - for example, women often use more modifiers in speech ('like', 'maybe', 'does that make sense?')
- Specifically work alongside the Young Green Women of Colour to eradicate the Green Party's reputation as a party for white women, and help women of colour access resources and opportunities to move higher up in the party, for example having a larger presence in Green Party Women.
- Similarly, collaborate with the LGBTQIA+ Greens to deplatform TERFs in the party and remove such damaging messaging that does not represent us as women in the Green Party
- Encourage a regenerative culture in the Party and the Young Greens that looks after activists' wellbeing, due to the high stress nature of activism, but especially with regards to eco-anxiety - an issue that often particularly affects the younger generations
- Address classism in green rhetoric, such as shaming the working class for shopping at Primark and Shein when more expensive brands such as Urban Outfitters are often no better at sustainability. Focus on pressuring corporations to act more sustainably, and encourage slow fashion in all areas of society

I would really appreciate this opportunity to work with other amazing women on campaigns to uplift us all, in the Green Party and beyond! Please consider voting for me from the 1st of August.

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



Local Party:
Bristol

Yes

LB13 Isobel Browne-Wilkinson

Agenda item: H.5. Women

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



Local Party:
Bristol Green Party

Candidate Statement

I first became involved in the Green Party at the age of 13 during a small reconstruction of the General Election at my secondary school in 2015. I decided to attempt to run for the Green Party role at our school election, it was the peer pressure and lack of knowledge on climate change at my school that made me feel insecure about going for the role.

And it was then that I realised there would be no Climate justice, without Social Justice and began to read manifestoes, policies and understand more about the party as a whole. Over the last year I have become more involved with the Young Greens section of the party.

Having helped and gained experience in Carla Denyer's 2019 campaign in Bristol West, I learned organisation and campaigning skills, whilst also canvassing on the university campus, familiarising myself with the priorities of students in today's world. I obtained a desire to continue my enthusiasm in politics and the young green party. I feel now more than ever - I would like to help and raise awareness of Social and Environmental topics surrounding our party and our members daily lives. This is why I would be honoured to develop and learn, by taking on the role of the Women Young Green Party Co-chair.

If elected, my main focus for the Women Young Greens would be to:

Change the terminology of language used in the Young Green Party, making it more inclusive for all members, for example to change Woman to Womxn. Meaning that Woman Young Greens will be far more inclusive for all members of Young Greens.

Invite guest speakers, from inside and outside of the party, to develop women's confidence in politics and speaking. Educate on LGBTIQ+ rights and inclusivity in the party, and additionally have speakers specialising in climate refugees, and especially the impact on women and children around the world.

In addition being able to set up safe spaces to discuss increasing rates of mental health in women, and the feelings behind the eco-anxiety issues that are being raised around the world.

Educate members of the Young Greens on the use of Sanitary products, as well as where to find Environmentally friendly products.

Introduce environmentally friendly clothes, food, transport websites and shops, onto a public space, so as to make members aware of what clothes shops are emitting to the climate crisis and where to buy essentials safely without harming our environment.

Over recent months, the Green Party Women have released statements and ideologies that do not represent me, and I will be applying for a position on the Green Party Women committee, I will hopefully take over a role when the elections take place in October. I strongly disagree with many announcements the Green Party Women have made and attitude towards many members of the party. I firmly feel that if elected as Women Young Green co-chair this August, I would collaborate and

liaise with the Green Party women, and having someone on the both Committees would represent young people in our party effectively and conscientiously.

Furthermore collaborating with other liberation groups to ensure a well rounded system, while also the Young Greens Executive board, and introducing similar objectives and sharing ideas. Having to make a significant change in how we operate, due to the COVID-19 circumstances, operations inside the party have changed, and in order to keep everyone safe and contented meetings, talks and new movements will take place online, ensuring all individuals can participate. As well as this Young Green Women standing in elections around the country and internationally will not only be supported and encouraged, but also celebrated.

I would bring my enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, to the role, whilst meeting like minded people who share similar values and want to fight Climate change as well as social justice in our modern day society. I am excited to learn new skills, whilst also gaining experience from my mistakes along the way, and hope you will consider voting for me.

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

Yes

LB14 Ellie O'Sullivan

Agenda item: H.5. Women

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

Candidate Statement

Hi, I'm Ellie and I am running for the position of co-chair for Young Green Women committee. I want to represent Young green women as I am consistently inspired by the amazing young female voices I see within the climate justice movement and social justice activism and would like to provide a platform to further support and amplify these voices.

As a female neuroscience graduate, I have come to understand the importance of supporting women within industry and all the support required to encourage women entering various industries. During my time at university I worked with Women in STEM, reaching out to female students in local schools to encourage them to continue engage with subjects that have remained male dominated. I found this incredibly rewarding, talking with impressive and ambitious young women and would like to be able to continue to support women in this way.

I am a passionately intersectional feminist and environmentalist, with a good understanding of the importance of diverse viewpoints to support all people who identify as women within the green party. I am also keen to continue learning how to extend and develop my understanding of intersectionality, and the role this will play in the fight for climate justice.

I have been involved in debate within the Green Party in which I represented myself as a strong trans ally, supporting my trans siblings by voicing my views at Green talks, as well as attending trans protests and rallies in Bristol. This is a subject that is close to my heart. I believe trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary identities are valid and that these concepts should form a part of any intersectional feminists' ideologies.

I am proud to be a Green Party member because it is the only party I view as supporting women in a healthy and constructive way, meaning it is the only political party in which I could ever feel at home. I want to continue and build upon this narrative, and build a support system in which all young Green women can feel comfortable to express their views and to support other Green women, providing a home for anyone who, like me, is passionate about Green policy and proud to be a woman.

My main aim as co-chair of Young Green Women is deceptively simple. It is to reinforce the party's policies.

In the 12 months that i hope to serve as co-chair of the YGW i aim to achieve the following

- Raise the profile of influential green women both in and beyond the party. – i was originally inspired to join the green party upon listening to a talk by councillor carla denyer. Hearing from such an inspirational politician and scientist instilled me with great enthusiasm for the party. I



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would like to provide other young women with the same opportunity to be inspired in the same way.

- Provide an open forum for all people who identify as women
- Increase the accessibility of our core messages within and beyond the party
- Provide communication training for women entering public life
- Act as a sounding board for young women to ensure their voice and concerns are heard within the party
- Support local green women who are campaigning
- To contribute to the tradition of a strong female voice within the party and amplify new female voices
- Help clarify the strong connectivity between the issues of feminism and climate change

I have a good understanding of what is required to run a successful society having been part of the running of two health-care related societies within university (Bristol Donors and Alzheimer's Research UK). Working as an ARUK student ambassador I helped to set up and grow the society using social media platforms and events and hope to bring the skills I learnt through this into YGW. I had the role of sectary within Bristol Donors which gave me a good understanding of key organisational elements of a committee.

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