

Deleting the Senate p1 to D1: Young Greens Constitution 2018/2019

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From line 32 to 34:

~~2.4 There will be a Senate consisting of at least two representatives from each of the groups from the Regions of England, and Wales, as outlined in Byelaw 3.~~

2.54 There will be a Green Students Committee consisting of two Co-Convenors and

In line 36:

2.65 The Executive Committee, Structures and Procedures Committee, Senate Co-

In line 40:

2.76 Subcommittees may be formed either by a member of the Executive Committee,

In line 43:

2.87 All other groups outside of the committees defined in sections 2.2-2.5 will

Delete from line 264 to 265:

~~1.1.4 Young Greens Senate Co-chairs, of which at least one must be not a self-defining man.~~

From line 324 to 328:

~~Byelaw 3: The Young Greens Senate~~

Byelaw 3: Green Students Committee

~~3.1 The Young Greens Senate shall consist of two Co-Chairs, where no more than 1 defines as a man, plus two representatives from each group from the regions of England and Wales, where no more than one defines as a man from each group.~~

3.1 The Green Students Committee shall be led by two Co-Convenors, of which at least

one must not self-define as a man.

3.2 The Co-~~Chairs~~Convenors shall be elected in line with Section D of the Standing Orders

From line 330 to 434:

3.3 The aim and responsibility of the ~~Young Greens Senate~~Green Students Committee is to:

~~3.3.1 Ensure the direction and decisions of the Young Greens are representative of the membership~~

3.3.1 Encourage Young Greens to stand for positions in their student unions, NUS, and as NUS delegates as well as support Young Greens holding those positions.

~~3.3.2 Provide an extra layer of organisation and support to help develop local groups.~~

3.3.2 Involve Young Greens in NUS campaigns and activities.

~~3.3.3 Share best practice between Groups of the Regions of England, and Wales.~~

3.3.3 Liaise with relevant external bodies.

~~3.4 The Co-Chairs of the Senate may be dismissed by a vote of no confidence where two-thirds absolute majority of the Senate or of EC have voted thus.~~

3.3.4 Direct Young Greens to chosen student campaigns and organisations.

~~3.5 If needed, EC will co-opt Senate Co-Chairs throughout the year following Section D6.4 of the Standing Orders.~~

3.4 Green Students Committee members shall provide a quarterly report to the membership, to be published on the members' website, and an end-of-year report to the Young Greens Annual General Meeting.

~~3.6 The representatives from the regions of England and Wales will be elected at the discretion of the group they represent.~~

3.5 Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following the procedure outlined in the standing orders.

~~3.7. Where there is no representative from a region of England and Wales, these may be co-opted by the Senate following Section D6.5 of the Standing Orders.~~

3.6 Green Students Campaign Committee members shall together provide a six-month progress report to the membership and take part in a face-to-face accountability session with members at the annual autumn event.

~~3.8 The Young Greens Senate must meet at least 6 times a year, where 2 meetings are in person.~~

Byelaw 4: Liberation Groups

~~3.9 The Young Greens Senate shall provide a quarterly report with a summary of activities, to be published on the members' website.~~

4.1 Liberation groups are there to represent individuals that face current and historic oppression, discrimination and/or are marginalised in wider society based around a shared characteristic.

~~3.10 Senate Co-Chairs members shall individually provide a six-month progress report to the membership and take part in a face-to-face accountability session with members at the~~

~~annual autumn event~~

4.2 The purpose of liberation groups is to ensure the voice and perspective of people in marginalised groups are well represented and heard within the structures and policies of the Green Party.

~~Byelaw 4: Green Students Committee~~

4.3 Young Greens are free to join any group where they self-define as sharing the identity of that group. As Such, these groups will be organised and be led by self-identifying members.

~~4.1 The Green Students Committee shall be led by two Co-Convenors, of which at least one must not self-define as a man.~~

4.4 The current list of liberation groups is as follows:

~~4.2 The Co-Convenors shall be elected in line with Section D of the Standing Orders following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules described therein.~~

4.4.1 Disability.

~~4.3 The aim and responsibility of the Green Students Committee is to:~~

4.4.2 LGBTIQA+.

~~4.3.1 Encourage Young Greens to stand for positions in their student unions, NUS, and as NUS delegates as well as support Young Greens holding those positions.~~

4.4.3 People of Colour.

~~4.3.2 Involve Young Greens in NUS campaigns and activities.~~

4.4.4 Sex Workers.

~~4.3.3 Liaise with relevant external bodies.~~

4.4.5 Trans.

~~4.3.4 Direct Young Greens to chosen student campaigns and organisations.~~

4.4.6 Under 18.

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4.4.7 Women.

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4.5 A new group can be set up if:

~~Byelaw 5: Liberation Groups~~

4.5.1 The proposed group face current and historic oppression, discrimination and/or are marginalised in wider society based around a shared characteristic.

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4.5.2 The proposer can demonstrate that at least 5 members will actively join the group.

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4.6 The EC will use their discretion in approving the creation of new Liberation Groups and will bring a motion of ratification to the next General Meeting.

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4.7 Each Liberation group shall elect from their membership at least two Co-chairs, where no more than one self-defines as a man.

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4.8 The election should be organised by said Liberation group using a system of Single Transferable Vote, for which advice can be sought from SPC, to ensure that the rules in 4.7 are satisfied.

~~5.4.1 Disability:~~

4.9 Liberation Groups may also be additionally led by a committee, at the discretion of the Liberation Group members.

~~5.4.2 LGBTIQ+:~~

4.10 The Liberation Group Co-Chairs, or Committee where appropriate, are in charge of moderating any online spaces they group holds, organising training days and meet-ups, upholding the safe space policy at all times, and representing their liberation group concerns to the EC member responsible for equality and diversity.

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Byelaw 5: International Affiliation

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5.1 The Young Greens of England and Wales is a full member organisation of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

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~~5.4.6 Under 18:~~

5.3 As a member both organisations, the Young Greens will endeavour to send at least one delegate to the FYEG General Assembly or GYG Congress.

~~5.4.7 Women:~~

5.4 The first international delegate shall be a member of EC.

~~5.4.8 Women of Colour:~~

5.5 If there is to be a second general assembly delegate (hereafter referred to as the elected delegate), they should be appointed by election from the general membership in line with Section D of the Standing Orders.

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5.6 Additional observers for the general assembly may be appointed by EC.

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5.7 In the event of the Global Young Greens Congress being held the same year as the FYEG General Assembly, this election will occur twice. All members, despite any prior delegate status, will be able to be a candidate in this election, in line with Section D of the Standing Orders.

~~5.5.2 The proposer can demonstrate that at least 5 members will actively join the group.~~

5.8 At the general assembly the first delegate and the elected international delegate shall be given one vote each (as permitted by the FYEG constitution). The first delegate will consult EC for advice on how to vote on motions, the elected international delegate will vote independently as part of their elected mandate. They can seek advice from EC and indeed agree with the EC delegate vote.

~~5.6 The EC will use their discretion in approving the creation of new Liberation Groups and will bring a motion of ratification to the next General Meeting.~~

5.9 If any member of Young Greens of England and Wales wishes to run for election to any roles within the FYEG or GYG, they must consult and seek the nomination of the EC.

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Reason

Part one of amendments to remove the Young Greens Senate, a body which unfortunately does not work.

Supporters

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