

## Building an effective EC p1 to D1: Young Greens Constitution 2018/2019

Proposers

Rosie Rawle (Oxfordshire Green Party)

### From line 34 to 37:

~~2.5 There will be a Green Students Committee consisting of two Co-Convenors and five Non-Portfolio Officers, defined in Byelaw 4.~~

2.65 The Executive Committee, Structures and Procedures Committee, and Senate Co-Chairs ~~and the Green Students Committee Co-Convenors~~ will be elected at the

### 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

### In line 263:

~~4.1.3 Six Non-Portfolio Officers.~~

1.1.3 Membership Officer

1.1.4 Elections Officer

1.1.5 Events Officer

1.1.6 Press Officer

1.1.7 Digital Communications Officer

1.1.8 International Officer

1.1.9 Groups and Societies Officer

1.1.10 Policy Officer

1.1.11 Equality and Diversity Officer

1.1.12 Campaigns Officer

1.1.13 Students Officer

From line 351 to 372:

~~Byelaw 4: Green Students Committee~~

Byelaw 4: Liberation Groups

~~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.~~

~~4.2 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.~~

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

~~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.~~

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

~~4.3.3 Liaise with relevant external bodies.~~

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

~~4.4 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.~~

~~4.5 Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following the procedure outlined in the standing orders.~~

~~4.6 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.~~

~~Byelaw 5: Liberation Groups~~

In line 410:

**Byelaw 65: International Affiliation**

Reason

**BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Summary: The Young Greens of England and Wales is growing in membership, in complexity and in ambition. However, the current structure of the Young Greens Executive is not fit for purpose, and limits the capacity of our organisation. This motion seeks to expand and clarify the roles of the Young**

**Greens Executive Committee so that it can be as effective as possible moving forward.**

**Convention notes:**

1. That currently the Young Greens Executive Committee is comprised of two co-chairs, one treasurer, six non-portfolio officers, and two senate co-chairs.
2. The roles and structures of the Young Greens Executive Committee has not substantially changed in at least the last five years
3. That since May 2019, the Young Greens has increased its membership by more than 1,000 members, bringing our total to more than 6,000.

**Convention believes:**

1. That the Young Greens has a great opportunity to expand given the current national trajectory and we should be ready to capitalise on new energy from the “Green Wave”
2. That the Young Greens should be seeking to increase opportunities for members to become involved in the Young Greens, and expanding our infrastructure of local and regional groups
3. That currently the structure and roles of the Young Greens Executive Committee limits the ability to grow and increase activity within the Young Greens
4. That since non-portfolio officers choose their roles once elected, this can lead to an imbalance of portfolios covered on the Executive Committee

**Resolves:** (via the above constitutional changes)

1. To replace the six non-portfolio officer roles on the Executive Committee with the following roles:
  1. Membership Officer
  2. Elections Officer
  3. Events Officer
  4. Press Officer
  5. Digital Comms Officer
  6. International Officer
  7. Groups and Societies Officer
  8. Policy Officer
  9. Equality and Diversity Officer
  10. Campaigns Officer
  11. Students Officer
2. To delete Green Students Committee since in the new strure, these responsibilities will be absolved into the Students Officer role.

**Supporters**

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