

## **C2 Requirements for Cross-Party Cooperation**

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Agenda item: C Resolutions

### **Synopsis**

Formalisation of the statement made by the Young Green committee regarding cooperation with 'Remain' parties

### **Resolution Text**

1 **The Young Greens notes:**

- 2 • The recent emergence of various pressure groups advocating cross-party  
3 cooperation around the issue of Brexit, including 'Unite to Remain'
  
- 4 • The recent survey process undertaken by Green Party leadership in July  
5 2019 on the subject of cooperation with other political parties
  
- 6 • That the Green movement is pluralistic and has been open to cooperating  
7 with allies and fellow travellers on the Left at points in its history
  
- 8 • That our archaic and undemocratic electoral process actively prevents  
9 collaboration in parliament and in government
  
- 10 • That in 2017 in response to the stranglehold this undemocratic process  
11 places on progressive politics, the Green Party approached other political  
12 parties to explore the possibility of cooperation at the General Election  
13 of that year
  
- 14 • That any upcoming election will be fought in the context of a cruel  
15 Conservative government, that seeks to isolate the UK from its friends and  
16 neighbours

17 **The Young Greens believes:**

- 18 • That politics would ideally be enhanced by greater cooperation between  
19 political parties of the Left
  
- 20 • That the Green Party's experience at the General Election in 2017 should  
21 inform the party's approach to any prospective future negotiation
  
- 22 • That standing down unilaterally in constituencies is not in the interests  
23 of voters, of our party or of the UK
  
- 24 • That any decision to stand down must be part of a nationwide agreement  
25 with clear, accountable, and enforceable parameters and redlines
  
- 26 • That the political crises of austerity, constitutional gridlock, climate  
27 change, the rise of the far right, and Brexit are inextricably linked, and  
28 therefore cannot be resolved individually.
  
- 29 • That for the Green Party to assist into office any party that has not made  
30 credible and enforceable commitments to resolve each of these crises would  
31 be unacceptable, irrespective of Brexit's prominence in the national  
32 discourse
  
- 33 • Therefore, that the Green Party should not enter into an electoral  
34 agreement with any party unless and until they have made, as a minimum,  
35 the following commitments:
  - 36 ◦ To oppose Brexit, to legislate for a second referendum on any form  
37 of Brexit with Remain on the ballot, and to fundamentally reform the  
38 EU's outdated neoliberal structures alongside other progressive  
39 allies.
  
  - 40 ◦ To deliver concrete reform to the political system, including at the  
41 very least the implementation of a proportional voting system, the  
42 abolition of the House of Lords as an unelected second chamber, and  
43 the right to vote at 16.
  
  - 44 ◦ To deliver meaningful action on climate change, ensuring we meet  
45 net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 and initiate a just transition  
46 from a fossil-fuelled economy.
  
  - 47 ◦ To end austerity by reversing welfare cuts and investing properly in  
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  - 51 ◦ To reverse the privatisation of public services, including the  
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National Health Service, public transport and public utilities.

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- To end the hostile environment for migrants and repeal anti-migrant legislation, creating a just, humane and generous system of asylum.
  
- To vote against the formation of a new Conservative government and give neither confidence nor supply to any Conservative government that is formed.

56 **The Young Greens resolves:**

- That the Executive Committee not support cooperation with any political party or pressure group around elections unless and until they have made and are fully accountable to all the commitments outlined above

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