

B4 Solidarity with school strikes for climate justice

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Agenda item: B Motions

1 Convention notes:

2 - That the school strikes for climate is an international movement of school
3 students who are deciding not to attend classes and instead take part in
4 demonstrations to demand action to prevent climate disaster

5 - That starting in November 2018, and inspired by Greta Thunberg, school strikes
6 have galvanized students all across the world, in over 100 countries including
7 the UK, Australia, Belgium, Poland, Japan, Canada, the Netherlands, Finland,
8 Denmark, Switzerland, the USA, Colombia, New Zealand, Germany and Uganda.

9 - That on Friday 15 February 2019, more than 60 actions in towns and cities
10 within the United Kingdom took place, with an estimated 15,000 strikers taking
11 part, and this has continued to grow.

12 - That on 21 February 2019, the President of the European Commission, Jean-
13 Claude Juncker, stated his intent to spend hundreds of billions of euros on
14 climate-change mitigation, amounting to a fourth of the EU budget - which he
15 announced in a speech next to Greta Thunberg, and also credited the school-
16 strike movement with provoking the announcement.

17 - That school strikers have called for support in a Global General Strike for
18 climate justice on 20 September 2019.

19 - That many Young Greens have supported or taken part in the strikes and helped
20 to organise them or speak at them, while others have even started them in their
21 own schools.

22 Convention believes:

23 - That urgent and global action is required if we are to stop climate break-
24 down, and that world leaders are currently not doing enough to make this happen

25 - That young people are currently taking unprecedented action to bring the issue
26 of climate change onto the global agenda

27 - That the Young Greens have a vital role to play in supporting this movement

28 Convention Resolves:

29 - To call on the Young Greens Executive Committee to stand in solidarity with
30 and encourage members to get involved with the school strikes

31 - To call on the Young Greens Executive Committee to reach out to organisers of
32 the school strikes and see how they can help support the movement