

## **B1 Salvini is a Coward**

Proposer: Sam Murray (Waltham Forest & Redbridge  
Greens)  
Agenda item: B Motions

### **Synopsis**

In the period 1993-2019 at least 36,570 refugee deaths can be attributed to the Fatal Policies of Fortress Europe. People are making the perilous crossing of the mediterranean to escape conflict and to seek a better life.

Far-right politicians across Europe are dividing communities based on race, based on religion, based on birthplace, this is cowardice. In a speech to European Parliament Magid Magid MEP best articulates the sentiment of such cowardice: 'what kind of grown man watches a child drowning, gasping for breath, and turns his back?'. The far-right hide behind lies to mask their racially motivated intent.

But all hope is not lost. Brave humanitarian Europeans are carrying out rescue operations to save refugees, asylum seekers and migrants from peril by carrying out their seafaring duty under international maritime law to save those in distress in the ocean. They are being criminalised for their action by far right governments to suit the intent of their propaganda. Salvini is seeking to prosecute Carole Rackete for doing her duty by saving lives.

- 1 The Young Greens of England & Wales believe that nobody is illegal.
- 2 The Young Greens resolve that far-right politicians peddling hatred of immigrants  
3 for power, like Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, Matteo Salvini, Victor  
4 Orbán, and Marine Le Pen, and their policies are cowards.
- 5 The Young Greens support those who rescue refugees, asylum seekers and migrants  
6 from the mediterranean. Captains like Carola Rackete are heroes and  
7 humanitarians bringing hope out of fear. They are not criminals. We believe  
8 Helping asylum seekers should never be criminalised.

## **B2 Scrap the EBacc**

Proposer: Sam Murray (Waltham Forest & Redbridge Greens)  
Agenda item: B Motions

### **Synopsis**

The EBacc has placed too strict and narrow a focus on the education earning of GCSE students and has been driven by the STEM agenda which only benefits a certain type of pupil. The insistence to promote the STEM agenda in school has restricted routes for the self-expression and confidence building that creative subjects offer.

Research by UK Music found that over the past 5 years entries for A level music have declined by 30%. This decline has been facilitated by the EBACC and has mainly impacted state schools, this risks making creative subject the preserve of the elite.

With the creative industries worth over £268 billion to the UK economy, and the increasing mechanisations and robotisation of the work force young people need to be able to access a creative education to learn skills for future employment. Creative skills also offer a wide variety of transferrable skills and have a remarkably positive impact on mental health and wellbeing.

The education system should not be an experiment for the conservative government to enforce a heavy industry led agenda.

- 1 The Young Greens of England and Wales call on the government to scrap the
- 2 English Baccaluate and focus on an inclusive well rounded education that goes
- 3 beyond STEM to include creative subjects.

## **B3 Recognising the impact Colonialism has had on climate change**

Proposer: Arran Rangi  
Agenda item: B Motions

### **Synopsis**

Many former commonwealth countries such as Fiji are facing threats from the impact of climate change with rising sea levels and unpredictable weather systems bringing flooding and destruction. This motion seeks to start a conversation within the green movement about how we can ensure that steps are taken to tackle the climate emergency, such as a green new deal, recognise those nations who were subjected to colonialism must be given reparations to enable such nations to construct sustainable industry and to benefit from the opportunities a just green transition can present. This motion commits young greens to recognise the impacts of colonialism and calls for us to support reparations and to campaign for funding to enable nations to develop sustainably as part of any green new deal.

- 1 The Young Greens recognise the impact British colonialism has had in
- 2 accelerating climate change which disproportionately effects the global south
- 3 and that any green new deal should include reparations and sustainable
- 4 development funding for former British colonial territories.

## **B4 Solidarity with school strikes for climate justice**

Proposer: Thomas Hazell  
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

## B4 Solidarity with school strikes for climate justice

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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

## **B5 Language around Migration**

Proposer: Matthew Hull (Camden Green Party)  
Agenda item: B Motions

### **Synopsis**

This motion identifies and resists a specific genre of speech and argument around migration, calling on all persons and parties to resist its usage.

People defending net-inwards migration often resort to arguing from migrants' importance in various sectors of the economy, such as food supply chains, NHS staffing, care work, and many more. While generally meaning to defend migration, these arguments can often characterise migrants as an economic resource to be exploited for the comfort of domestic consumers; at other times, these arguments can speak to a fear that, without net-inward migration, British-born workers will be required to do work that is characterised as degrading, precarious, and badly-compensated. These arguments do not speak to migrants' rights to safety and security in work, nor their inalienable right to exist in this country; they do not build solidarity with migrants as fellow human beings and workers; instead, they reinforce the Right's framing of immigration as merely an economic metric to be optimised for our comfort, rather than a right of people to move across national borders.

This motion therefore calls on all in the public sphere to resist this framing of immigration, to speak for migrants' rights, and to dignify migrants, migration and the work they do as equal to that of British-born workers.

1 The Young Greens believes that language around migration should unstintingly  
2 dignify migration, migrants, and the work they do; notes that certain ostensibly  
3 pro-immigration commentators regularly characterise migrants as a resource to be  
4 exploited, especially in strategic and undersupplied areas of the labour market  
5 such as health and care work, as a tactic to support net-inward migration; notes  
6 that this tactic characterises migration as an economic metric to be optimised  
7 for the comfort of British-born individuals rather than an inalienable right to  
8 traverse national borders; notes that this reinforces a rightwing framing of the  
9 immigration debate, which depresses solidarity between workers and dehumanises  
10 migrants; calls on all in the public sphere to resist such framings of migration  
11 and to reinforce instead the equal rights of migrants to live and work in the  
12 United Kingdom.