

C1 Democracy and Accountability

Proposer: Hannah Clare (Brighton and Hove Green Party)
Agenda item: C Resolutions

Resolution Text

1 Convention notes:

- 2 • There are a number of obligations that Young Greens bodies, in particular
3 the Executive Committee have in the Young Greens Constitution and Standing
4 Orders to ensure they remain accountable. This includes monthly reports
5 and Quarterly Question and Answer Sessions.

- 6 • That traditionally the minutes of Young Greens Executive Committee
7 meetings have been published on the members website.

- 8 • That this year, the Executive Committee have not met these obligations.

- 9 • That the delay in hosting Convention this year meant that the deadlines in
10 the Standing Orders to advertise Convention were not met and as a result
11 the amount of weeks we should have had to put ourselves forward for
12 election or propose papers to the AGM was restricted.

13 Convention resolves:

- 14 • That a priority of the incoming Executive Committee is to work with the
15 Structures and Procedures Committee to ensure that democracy and
16 accountability are at the heart of decision making

- 17 • That reports will be published on schedule and advertised to the
18 membership such that members can hold our elected committees to account

- 19 • That the Executive Committee works with the Structures and Procedures
20 Committee to investigate new ways of explaining Young Greens structures to
21 members and how to engage in them in a meaningful way

C2 Requirements for Cross-Party Cooperation

Proposer: Dan Kedem (Islington Green Party)
Agenda item: C Resolutions

Synopsis

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

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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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 - 49 ◦ 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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