

Policies for deletion

The UK needs an Environmental Protection Act

Propose to GPRC for deletion as **OUTDATED AND SUPERSEDED BY W&H POLICY CHAPTER AND GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Many of the UK's environmental protections derive from EU legislation and leaving the EU will jeopardise these protections. Earlier this week Theresa May triggered article 50 beginning the process of the UK leaving the EU. Today the government set out plans for a Great Repeal Bill which seeks to enshrine all existing EU legislation into UK law, where appropriate. These measures are not enough to preserve existing environmental protections or the right to environmental justice. Defra has noted that at least one third of EU environmental legislation will be difficult to transpose into UK law. In the years ahead we must ensure that leaving the European Union does not result in weaker environmental protections for the UK.

Conference instructs the campaigns team and elected representatives (where possible) to campaign for a new Environmental Protection Act which both safeguards and extends our environmental protections and the right to environmental justice.

Passed Spring 2017

NHS - Accountable Care

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this refers to a 5 Year Forward View which will be superseded.

With the publication of "Next Steps of the NHS Five Year Forward View" on 31st March by NHS England, conference:

1. Condemns government for failing to fund properly the NHS and failing to ensure there are enough staff being trained.
2. Calls on Campaigns Committee to continue campaigning for proper funding for the NHS rather than continuing with the present plan for 20% cuts.
3. Calls on government at all levels to properly engage with the public and health professionals to develop plans rather than simply

forcing change.
Passed Spring 2017

House of Lords Reform

Propose to GPRC for for deletion, as this requests GPEX to support a Bill that went through the Lords in 2016

REPEATING PSS POLICIES

This Conference supports the House of Lords Reform Bill introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb (Jenny Jones) on 26th May 2016, and (whilst recognising that the Bill may be subject to amendment during its parliamentary stages) instructs GPEX to fully support this Bill for as long as it continues to provide that voting in an eventual reformed House of Lords will be by elected members only and that those members will have been elected by an acceptably fair method of proportional representation.

Passed Autumn 2016 (as part of motion C8)

Nature and Wellbeing Act

The Green Party of England and Wales, in response to the Wildlife Trusts and the RSPB, commits to including a promise of a new Nature and Wellbeing Act in our General Election manifesto. We call on all other political parties to do the same.

This bill should include:

A long-term commitment to specific targets for nature's recovery
The establishment of the Natural Capital Committee in law, to scrutinise the environmental impact of new laws, and propose new policies for incorporating the value (not just financial) of nature in decision-making.

An effective mechanism for creating a national ecological network – composed of numerous local ecological networks developed locally and to include the seas within UK jurisdiction, but to a high common standard

A system to encourage the local support for and targeting of action to recover nationally threatened species

Specific targets to ensure that people and especially children are able to connect to nature where they live

An amendment to Section 78 of the Education Act to include care for the natural environment in the curriculum.

Passed Autumn 2014

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as much of this has been superseded with the new W&H chapter, adopted in 2021

Rail and Public Ownership

The Green Party reiterates its long standing commitment to bringing our rail system, including track and operators, back into public ownership. Our policy also recognises the need to ensure our rail services are more democratically accountable at local and regional levels. As such, we believe an easy and quick win in the process of bringing our rail network back into public ownership is for the Government to transfer local commuter services which predominantly serve London, over to Transport for London when the current franchises end; rather than handing them to another private rail operator. The interests of passengers outside London should be safeguarded by ensuring that there is a mechanism for their representatives to be involved in decision making. The Green Party notes the significant improvements in reliability, frequency, trains and stations for those services that have already been transferred to Transport for London as part of the London Overground network.

Passed Autumn 2013

RPAG: to propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is out of date

Publicly Owned NHS

Conference notes that this month secondary legislation introduced into the parliament by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt will effectively force GPs responsible for commissioning health services to open them all to competition, leaving the way clear for widespread privatisation of the NHS in England. It notes that these regulations contradict assurances given by the Coalition government during the passing of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It notes that international evidence suggests that a market in healthcare leads

to worse outcomes for patients, and that the stability and financial base of traditional NHS

services will be put at-risk by private providers “cherrypicking” the most lucrative patients and services.

We direct our elected representatives and the Green Party executive to campaign to ensure that the NHS Competition regulations (SI 257) under the Act are subject to full debate and vote in Parliament, and to work for their defeat or withdrawal. And it further calls upon them to highlight the strong Green Party position in favour of a publicly owned and publicly run NHS.

Passed Spring 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this refers to a campaign against a Statutory Instrument that was made in 2013

International Law of Ecocide

REPETITIVE W&H CHAPTER

The Green Party of England and Wales gives its wholehearted support for an international law of Ecocide - a crime against nature, humanity and future generations – to be established and recognised as an International Crime Against Peace.

Passed Autumn 2012

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this has been superseded by the W&H chapter adopted in 2021

Availability for Work

The Green Party has a commitment to the introduction of a Citizens Income which will mean that the need to test "availability for work" is no longer required. In the meantime we believe that decisions about whether someone is healthy enough to be required to be "available for work" should be made within the NHS rather than by a "capability assessment" carried out by the DWP.

Passed Spring 2012

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as uses outdated terminology and ideas

Immigration Cap

The Green Party reaffirms its commitment to a liberal immigration policy. Everyone is equal no matter what the colour of their passport. The Coalition's policy of introducing an immigration cap restricts people's rights based purely on their nationality, harms the economy and is not conducive to a free and happy society. The Green Party is in favour of a real review of border controls that takes in the full benefits of immigration and stops treating those who are not native to the UK as a problem.

Passed Autumn Conference Sheffield 2011

[Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this refers to the Coalition Government](#)

One Million Jobs (currently archived)

Conference calls on the Green party to support the "One Million Jobs" pamphlet and petition produced by the Campaign Against Climate Change by encouraging sales of the pamphlet and signatures for the petition.

Passed Autumn Conference Sheffield 2011

[Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this refers to a campaign that took place in 2011](#)

Welfare Reform (currently archived)

1 Conference notes that the Green Party's Citizen's Income policy sets us apart from other political parties. Successive governments' oppressive use of coercion and privatisation of public services which diminish the bargaining power of ordinary citizens

makes implementing our Citizen's Income policy more urgent, yet also a potentially great electoral opportunity

2 Conference regards the Government's planned changes to the benefits system as incoherent, poorly thought through and an unjustified attack on the benefit incomes of the poor and not so poor. Whilst welcoming attempts to simplify the benefits system and allow some groups to earn more before losing benefits, conference draws attention to an inherent contradiction. Whilst the proposal to standardise the withdrawal rate at 65% recognizes the fact that the withdrawal of means tested benefits has the same effect as a tax on low incomes, that rate is effectively 76% when

National Insurance deductions are taken into account. Set against this, it is unacceptable that the top rate of income tax is only 50%.

3. We find the following elements of the government proposals unacceptable:-

- 1) their emphasis, like their predecessors, on conditionality and the condemnation of benefit claimants
- 2) their reliance on profit-making providers in the back-to-work and medical testing industries
- 3) their proposals for massive cuts in housing benefit and tax credits
- 4) their cuts in the benefit rights of sick people, disabled people and those looking after children
- 5) their changes to the rules around pension age and
- 6) their changes to uprating rules to reduce the real rates of benefit on into the future.

4. We urge local Green Parties to campaign against the Government's proposals. We urge them to lobby their MPs against the cuts and to ally with local groups campaigning against particular aspects of the cuts, including, but not limited to:

- Campaigns against cuts in DLA mobility element for people in care homes
- Campaigns against the private providers of the back to work and medical industries We also urge local parties to support:
- Campaigns for better rights, job opportunities and in-work support for all those wishing

to work

- Campaigns for better benefit rights for carers.

5 We ask our MP and other parliamentary campaigners to bring forward amendments which both highlight the confused and incoherent nature of the current proposals as well as also criticising the most obvious and unpleasant aspects of these cuts.

Passed Spring 2011

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as uses outdated terminology and references to the Benefits system.

Equality and Diversity

The human rights struggles of LGBTI movements in oppressive states such as Jamaica, Iran, Uganda, Malawi, Iraq, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Russia will be supported, and the criminalisation of LGBTI people will be strongly opposed. Visas for 'murder music' singers and others who incite homophobic and transphobic violence will be refused. Passed Autumn 2010

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an old motion and looks as if it refers to a specific contemporaneous event.

The Landfill Communities Fund

The Green Party believes it is unacceptable for companies who have to pay Landfill Tax because of their impact on local communities, to be able promote themselves in a positive light using their role as Landfill Tax fund holders and distributors (through linked trusts) to gain PR.

The Green Party shares the opinion of many communities, who are impacted by these companies, that no polluter should be seen to gain positive PR from administering these funds.

The Green Party further believes that communities should not have to go effectively cap in hand to these companies for funds - instead the administration of Land Fill Tax funds should be given to one independent funding organisation – absolutely separate from the companies paying Landfill Tax. Landfill Tax is a tax and it should not be seen as a way for a polluter to gain positive publicity. Distribution of Landfill Tax funds should be taken away from polluters directly or indirectly including the control of where the funds are allocated. This decision must be based on an independent assessment of need in the community in respect of bids for funding.

The Green Party further believes that the present constraints placed on projects that Landfill Tax presently fund are too restrictive and believes that any project (Capital and Revenue) that could be seen to benefit the community, should be able to apply to the Landfill Communities Fund (LFC)

This Conference therefore calls (through our elected representatives) upon Government to take action to remove the Landfill Communities Fund administration and allocation (directly or

indirectly) from Landfill Operators and allow grants to be seen and used to be operating in the interests of local communities rather than positive PR for a Landfill Operator.

Passed Autumn 2010

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as it is outdated

National rape crisis hotline

The Green Party calls on the government to fund a national rape and sexual abuse crisis hotline, to be operated by specialist NGO's, to provide 24-hour, seven day access to immediate support and referral for All (female and male) victims of sexual crimes. This would direct callers to local services, including local phone lines.

Passed Autumn 2009

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as there is now a national rape crisis hotline

Women in employment and business, currently archived

The Green Party calls for the forthcoming Equality bill and Act to include the following provisions

- * Medium and large-sized companies be required to undertake equal pay audits that compare the earnings of their employees and to take action to redress inequalities.

- * Legal changes to make it much easier for women to take equal pay cases to court, and to allow women to take such cases as a group, with the support of the unions.

- * Significant funding is put into encouraging girls and women to consider a broader range of careers.

- * The law to follow Norway's in requiring that companies listed on the Stock Exchange have 40% of their board members being female within five years of the date of the passing of the legislation.

Passed Spring 2009

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as likely to be outdated after this length of time

Minimum/Maximum Wage (currently archived)

British people work some of the longest hours in Europe, with some 3.6 million people regularly working more than 48 hours a week, yet 7 out of 10 people working over 48 hours per week say they would like to work fewer hours. For many however this is impossible, as they simply cannot afford to do so. Overwork is forcing workers into

unhealthy lifestyles as they attempt to reconcile long working hours and family responsibilities, according to a report from the charity Working Families. Half of the parents surveyed with unhappy with their work and family balance. A majority reported that work dominated their lives, and family life suffered as a result. Working long hours also led to increased levels of stress, resulting in irritability, exhaustion and depression. At the same time, the gap between the most prosperous and the poorest in society has not been as great since the nineteen thirties. In 2006, around 4 million adult employees were paid less than £6.50 per hour. Two-thirds were women. 3.8 million children in Britain live in poverty. Since 1980 the poorest quintile of the population has experienced no growth in real earnings. Nearly twice as many people have relatively low incomes as 25 years ago. The average total earnings of FTSE 100 chief executives have doubled over the last five years to a new record of £3.2 million. The top three per cent of the population own three times as much as the whole of the bottom half of the population.

Therefore, the Green Party will campaign:

A. for the immediate ending of the British opt-out of the European Working Time Directive; B. for the National Minimum Wage level to be increased to come in line with the Council of Europe Decency Threshold, which is set at 60% of net national average earnings (this would currently mean a minimum wage of £8.17 per hour); C. a new top rate of income tax to be levied on incomes over 10 times the National Minimum Wage

Passed Autumn 2008

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as outdated after this length of time

State Funding Political Parties (currently archived)

In 2006 the Green Party of England and Wales made a detailed submission to the Phillips Review on political party funding, the review set up in the wake of the cash for honours scandal. In

March 2007, the review published its conclusions, noting that in some areas agreement had not been possible. The review then continued with talks between the three “main” parties at Westminster and a further “compromise paper” prepared in August. However, in October 2007 the talks were suspended.

In light of this stalemate, Conference:

Re-affirms its support for public funding of political parties as a way of taking politics out of the hands of big business and the influence of the super-rich;

Welcomes the recognition in the Phillips review of the importance of representation at devolved or European levels; and of the greater diversity of current UK politics;

Deplores the UK Government’s failure to extend the Policy Development Grant regime to smaller parties – as recommended by the Electoral Commission in 2004 – using the excuse that the Phillips Review had overtaken this recommendation;

Laments the fact that the Phillips Review recommendations will not be implemented until at least 2012, if at all, and that this means that establishment political parties will continue to receive millions of pounds of public subsidy while smaller parties are frozen out; and Instructs the relevant body of the party to make further representation to the UK Government and to the Phillips Review in light of the failures of political vision which have led to this.

Passed Autumn 2008

[Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this refers to a specific report published in 2008](#)

Afghan Opium (currently archived)

Recognising that Afghanistan supplies more than 90% of the world's opium, generating about €2.1 billion in revenues a year for that country, which amounts to about 50% of Afghanistan's economic activity, recognising that NATO soldiers are unlikely to win the battle for “hearts and minds” while they are trying to destroy the opium trade, and recognising that the military effort is immensely costly, recognising that the illegal opium trade sustains the Taleban, and various terrorists and criminals, recognising that illegal opium, morphine and heroin cause major medical, social and criminal problems in many nations due to addiction to opium products,

recognising that the incidence of cancer in Africa is rising, and that patients are dying in unbearable pain due to the lack of morphine and heroin, recognising that, viewed holistically, it will be far cheaper for concerned nations to purchase the opium crop from Afghan farmers, to process it into morphine and heroin and to distribute it free or at low cost to medical services in developing countries for use in relief of terminal pain, HIV AIDS and all other medically approved purposes, than to attempt to suppress the opium trade by force, recognising that the central objection to this proposal from governments, namely that some of the product so obtained might leak back to the street, is so weak as to lack any degree of serious credibility, since, although a small percentage may indeed leak through corrupt officials, at present the rate of leakage is 100%, recognising that the European Parliament, the Senlis Council, the Italian Red Cross and the Afghan Red Crescent already back this course of action, this Conference of Green Party in England and Wales resolves to ask our Leader/Deputy Leader to initiate and continue a correspondence with the UK Government, pressing it to plan for the licensing and purchase of the Afghan opium crop as a matter of urgency.

This should be implemented by a special agency set up by the UN, which will coordinate action with the Afghan Government, and other players, including the World Health Organisation, which would oversee the task of distributing the refined opium products to medical services in developing countries. Given the present unmet needs of terminally ill patients (some six million people die of cancer each year in Africa alone, mostly without the benefit of opiates) it is likely that all the present Afghan crop can be converted to good use.

The problem of leakage to the black market must be addressed by short, tightly controlled supply chains, and high standards of anti-corruption practice. The UN has effective models for inhibiting corruption, and this new process can prove to be the proving ground for these models.

Passed Autumn 2008

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as the situation in Afghanistan has changed

Building Regs/Climate Change (currently archived)

Buildings account for a substantial proportion of CO2 emissions. In view of the urgent need to reduce the production of climate changing gases, the contribution of new buildings to the problem must be minimised.

Conference therefore instructs GPEX to write to the Government demanding that:

a) Building Regulations be amended immediately so that, for domestic buildings, they are in line with the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 with immediate effect, progressing to levels 4,5 and 6 on an annual basis so that all new dwellings are zero-carbon by 2012; and similarly all other new buildings should be zerocarbon by 2012

b) any conversion or change of use of a domestic building and any extension to a domestic property will require an Energy Performance Assessment and all appropriate recommendations must be carried out.

c) the Government provide sufficient funding for the training of architects and builders to enable these standards to be achieved

Passed Autumn 2008

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as superseded by changes to the Local Planning and Built Environment chapter made in 2021

Keep the East Coast Rail Franchise in the Public Sector (currently archived)

The government proposes to re-privatise this franchise before the next general election. The Green Party opposes this and believes that the East Coast rail franchise should be kept in the public sector.

Passed Autumn 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as the East Coast rail franchise is in the public sector

First Past the Post and Proportional Representation

GPEX and the leaders of the Green Party will work with other interested parties to replace the First Past the Post voting system with Proportional Representation as soon as possible, and to call a new PR election as soon as possible to more fairly reflect the opinion of the electorate.

Passed Spring 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is now in PSS as policy (PA255)

Extending the HPV vaccination, currently archived

Green Party conference notes:

The move to vaccinate adult men who have sex with men by the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisation is a welcome step in the right direction. However we join campaigners, including the British Medical Association, in calling for the HPV vaccine to be extended to all school age boys.

Passed Spring 2016 (see also PSS [HE402](#))

RPAG: to propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is now in PSS as policy ([HE402](#))

Emergency Brexit policy statement

While the Green Party deplores the Conservatives' irresponsible behaviour in calling a referendum without proper safeguards and without undertaking any prior planning for a Leave vote, we believe that the clear majority for a Leave position must be respected and that it is almost inevitable that Article 50 will be triggered.

We believe that a Parliamentary vote is necessary before Article 50 is triggered and acknowledge that MPs whose constituencies voted to Remain have a local mandate to oppose the triggering of Article 50 in any parliamentary vote.

The Green Party restates its commitment to direct democracy and sovereignty of the people, but we believe that to be effective and to avoid division and confusion direct democracy needs to be based on a participatory and deliberative process.

We believe that our future is best served by staying as close as possible to the European Union;

We strongly resist attempts to push the country towards a so-

called hard Brexit which is little more than cover for those in the Tory party who desire a free market without any protective regulation. We will resist any attempt to race to the bottom on social or environmental standards, or to turn the country into a tax haven.

The Green Party commits to working with environmental NGOs to protect and enhance existing UK legislation in the areas of environmental protection, climate change, and energy efficiency. We will seek improvements to areas of EU and Government policy where we have long been critical of EU policy, especially in the area of farm support.

We support calls for a second referendum once it is clear what the outcome of the Brexit negotiations is and when the British people are in a position to compare two real and possible futures for their country.

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is stated as being replaced in and by “Brexit, a People’s Vote and Article 50 policy statement

Living Within Our Means (currently archived)

LWM1 The Green Party restates its commitment to developing an economic policy that is compatible with ecological sustainability and ‘recognises the limits of . . . the natural systems of the planet’ (EC100).

LWM2 In this context it is important that we recognise the current fiscal deficit as a consequence of a policy based on monetary inflation without respect to ecological limits; for our policy to be consistent we cannot rely on growing our way out of debt, as many conventional economists propose.

LWM3 The unprecedented level of public deficit means that a significant restructuring of our economy is inevitable. The Green Party would use this opportunity to achieve the managed descent from overconsumption that our commitment to sustainability requires, while simultaneously addressing the rapid rise in inequality that has occurred in the past 30 years. We could consider this to be a domestic equivalent of our global policy for Contraction and Convergence.

LWM4 Conference instructs the policy co-ordinator, the economics policy working group, and the Party's media team to work together to find ways to exploit the opportunity offered by the fiscal crunch to publicise the Green Party's unique commitment to steady- state economics.

LWM5 The policy co-ordinators are instructed to begin a process that will bring to spring conference proposals that will, in the context of the current public spending position, explore the synergies and conflicts between: The Green New Deal proposals that were passed as a fast-tracked policy motion in Autumn 2008; The proposals for implementing our economic vision included in the 2010 election manifesto; The commitment to building an economy within ecological limits included in the first paragraphs of our economic policy.

Passed Autumn 2010

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an very outdated statement

Ending the Long-Term Stigmatisation of Sex Workers and Former Sex Workers

The Green Party calls for the ending of the classification of the offences of "Loitering or Soliciting for the Purpose of Prostitution" and "Brothelkeeping" as sexual offences. We recognise that the permanent retention of sexual offences on an individual's record, through the enhanced criminal records bureau check, can be a significant barrier to people who wish to leave sex work but are prevented from entering many jobs as a result of this record, and may also have severe and unwarranted consequences for family life. Passed Spring 2012

Superseded by RR554 "all aspects of sex work involving consenting adults should be decriminalised"

Occupy Movement

The Green Party supports the global occupy movement: Since the financial crisis began there has been a widespread recognition that our economic system is not working. Whether it be reversing the deregulation of the financial services,

wealth inequality, privatisation or tax injustice there is a deep desire to see real change.

The Occupy Movement that began in Wall Street and spread to hundreds of cities across the world represents the clearest expression of that desire for change.

The Green Party applauds the audacity of this movement that has made our failing economic system a daily topic of discussion in the media and in our communities.

The Green Party seeks to learn from this movement with which we have so much in common.

We can only gain by debating, working with and befriending those in this and other new movements whose fresh approach to politics has reignited hope for the future in so many. We seek to take the inspiration they have given us and use it to inform our work in our communities, on the streets and at the ballot box.

Passed Spring 2012

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

The ILO Convention on Domestic Workers

The Green Party calls on the UK government to sign and ratify the ILO Convention on Domestic Workers. It recognises domestic workers are an important part of the workforce and should be entitled to the same rights as any other worker, including pay, working hours and safety. We call on the government to particularly recognise the vulnerability of migrant domestic workers and act to ensure their protection and provision of safe, appropriate working conditions for them.

Passed Spring 2012

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

EDF, currently archived

Conference notes that, this week, EDF energy have announced their plans to sue climate change activists No Dash For Gas for £5million.

These activists shut down West Burton gas-fired power station for

a week – stopping the power station emitting over 19000 tonnes of CO2 and highlighting the government's attempts to deliver a new dash for gas.

Conference condemns EDF energy for this attack on the right to protest, which could leave these activists paying off the debt for the rest of their lives.

Conference also notes that the police - who normally should have no role in a civil case - have assisted EDF energy in pursuing the activists, and condemns them for doing so. Conference regards this action as a direct threat to the right to protest and a clear effort to prevent any stand on environmental, human rights or any other issues in the future. Conference calls on our elected representatives and the Green Party executive to highlight EDF's assault on the right to peaceful protest, and to take all possible steps to encourage investigation of the links between police officers and the EDF in collecting intelligence on and policing these and similar protests.

Conference instructs GPEX to contact No Dash For Gas to offer the Green Party's support, and to ask how best we can help.

Passed Spring 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

Mental Health Services, currently archived

During this conference, Natalie Bennett signed the Time To Change pledge on behalf of the party. The pledge means that the Green Party is joining many other organisations in raising awareness of mental health problems and tackling discrimination.

Time to Change has highlighted that:

- One in four adults suffers from mental health problems in any one year
- One in six British workers is experiencing depression, anxiety or stress

- 10% of children are suffering from a mental health problem. In November, MIND published the results of three surveys showing that mental health services in the UK are overstretched, that people are not being assessed quickly enough and many people needing treatment are not getting access to services at all. Conference notes with deep concern that funding for mental health services is being cut further by many local councils and health bodies around the country this month. Conference notes that Brighton and Hove City Council has protected its funding for mental health services and supports the work of Green Councillors, Caroline Lucas MP and other Green campaigners in opposing cuts to services that support mental health sufferers. Conference asks the Green Party Executive to promote the party's support for the Time to Change campaign and our opposition to cuts to mental health services through a press release, e-mail bulletins and other campaigning opportunities.
Passed Spring 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

Occupy Democracy (currently archived)

Green Party Conference pledges support for Occupy Democracy. Occupy democracy is a campaign for real democracy, to be launched by a 9 day occupation of parliament square between 17th October and Sunday 26th of October.

The purpose of the camp is to create a space that allows different groups and campaigns to make common cause.

The camp will be outward facing and solutions focused. Each day of the occupation will cover different themes, and provide a platform for prominent voices to broadcast an inspiring vision of the real alternatives to the current downward spiral of the politics of vested interests – the 1% - that have bought off our political system.

Passed Autumn 2014

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

Retain the Independent Living Fund (ILF), currently archived

The Green Party notes with regret the High Court ruling (8th Dec 2014) that closure of the Independent Living Fund (ILF) was lawful. 18,000 disabled people stand to lose funding that enables them to live and work independently in our communities.

The Green Party resolves to support the retention of the ILF and implores all Green Party MPS elected in May 2015 to work to reinstate the ILF if it is officially closed on 30th June. The Green Party resolves that all devolved funding should be ring-fenced and maintained at existing levels (as a minimum) to allow for an easier transition back to ILF as it currently exists.

Conference tasks the national party with creating a **basic briefing for candidates** in order that they can raise this issue as part of the 2015 General Election campaign.

Passed Spring 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

Make Anti Counterfeit Trade Agreement History (currently archived)

The Green Party notes the statement, below, adopted by the Council of the European Green Party in May 2012 and the near identical statement adopted at the Global Greens Congress in March 2012.

TEXT OF EGP RESOLUTION

Make ACTA history

ACTA is not transparent, non-democratic and exclusive

The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) was negotiated by the EU, the USA and a small group of other states supported by industry lobby groups behind closed doors without the participation of parliaments and civil society. As the attempt to push for stricter enforcement rules of intellectual property rights failed in multilateral fora like the WTO and the WIPO, the states pushing for ACTA, decided to negotiate in an exclusive group without developing countries. We as European Greens strongly oppose this move away from international fora and to start a policy of closed shops and not- transparent processes.

ACTA threatens the freedom of information in the Internet

Although ACTA does not (anymore) oblige the treaty parties to control and inflict ISP infringement, it still lists these provisions as goals to be reached. The signatories shall, for example, work towards a stronger cooperation between Internet Service Providers and ISP right holders. This would lead to more stringent rights' enforcement by the ISPs for fear of responsibility for alleged Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) infringement by their customers and give matter to the notion of privatised rights' enforcement outside of regular formal legal procedures.

ACTA endangers the access to medicine

Patients all over the globe, but especially in developing countries depend to a large extent on the affordable generics – often produced in other developing countries like India but shipped through the EU. As ACTA also covers trademarks, customs' officers will become entitled to seize generics in transit if they as much as resemble patented medicine by their packaging. ACTA will facilitate the destruction of confiscated medicine – now only possible in very limited circumstances. Forced information disclosure in the production chain will be made easier for right holders and thus cause a chilling effect for producers of generic medicine that means out of fear for punishment decrease or stop production. All these measures go beyond TRIPS, curb the developing countries' TRIPS flexibilities and threaten the trade with legitimate generic medicine.

ACTA paves a wrong way of how to deal with copyright

A more and more rigid way of copyright and IPR infringement became more dominant in the last years. We saw TRIPS that made life difficult for developing countries. Companies can patent new forms of broccoli or Amazonas plants. Pharmaceutical companies patent every tiny change of a medicine. We Greens want a reform of the IPR system so that it is based on a fair balance of right holders and users. We Greens are discussing therefor the best ways to modernize and reform copyright and IPR legislation to each these goals. ACTA however would cement the old, rigid approach for the years to come.

ACTA does not even hold what it promises

The Commission and other ACTA proponents claim that ACTA wants to fight counterfeit products. In reality, ACTA is useless in preventing the production of faked Gucci sun glasses counterfeit products, China, is not even part of ACTA. ACTA cannot prevent

the trade with faked, dangerous medicine.

The people do not want ACTA

The big protest movement all over the world, especially Europe showed that European citizens do not want ACTA. The pressure from the streets showed already its impact. The European Commission itself is starting to doubt and decided to refer ACTA to the

European Court of Justice. Other political groups in the European Parliament woke up and started critical debates – also after having received thousands of e-mails from concerned citizens. There is a political momentum for making ACTA history.

Therefore, we, as European Greens:

1. Strictly oppose ACTA;
2. Support the protest movement all over the world;
3. Urge the European Parliament and ACTA signatories' national parliaments to refuse consent on ACTA;
4. Conduct ex-ante and ex-post human rights impact assessments with every trade agreement.
5. We are aware of the fact, that ACTA is not an isolated attempt to reduce the freedom of Internet or access to medicines. The European Greens call upon the European Parliament and the EU Commission that they should consistently support and fight for net neutrality and an open and free Internet, and access to medicines and against reducing Internet freedom as in IPRED or other upcoming international negotiations.

TEXT OF EGP RESOLUTION ENDS

The Green Party welcomes and supports this statement and congratulates the Greens in the European Parliament for leading the campaign against ACTA.

The Green Party further notes that ACTA is part of a series of attempts to change national and international regulation around intellectual property and copyright in favour of corporate profit and to the detriment of human rights and consumer protection.

Passed Autumn 2012

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

National Security Agency (NSA) and Snowden, Whistle Blowing and Surveillance

The Green Party of England and Wales believes that illegal mass surveillance must be opposed. The Green Party will campaign against such surveillance and will act to protect whistle blowers such as Snowden who oppose illegal intrusion by the state. The Green Party of England and Wales believes Edward Snowden should be granted political asylum in a European Union (EU) state of his choice. The United Kingdom (UK) government must take joint action with other states to protect its citizens and companies from espionage and mass surveillance including a parliamentary inquiry into the national security measures that abuse the privacy of the public.

The EU must press for the immediate completion of negotiations on a data protection framework agreement for the law enforcement sector between the EU and the US, before considering future trade and security treaties.

The current Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), Passenger Name Record (PNR) and Safe Harbour agreements between the US and the European Union should be suspended and then renegotiated. The European Court of Human Rights should check the alleged actions of intelligence services to determine if they are in breach of article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Passed Spring 2014

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

On Land Grabs

Background

With rising commodity prices and concerns over climate change, land has become increasingly valuable. Across the globe a new round of enclosure has resulted. Indigenous people and small farmers are often removed from land that they either own privately or via customary communal right have access to. Seized land often benefits corporations, sovereign and pension funds and

multinationals, which produce on large- scale agrofuels and other agricultural commodities for export instead of food for the local population.

There is a long history of commons being enclosed and taken from commoners both within Europe and as a result of European colonialism across the world. Millions of native Americans, Asians, and Africans were dispossessed of their lands and resources. Land grabbing has been justified by notions such as the 'tragedy of the commons' and ignorance of alternative systems of property rights. The work of the late Professor Elinor Ostrom, who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in economics, for her research into common pool property, has shown that common pool property can be managed sustainably and fairly.

Green Party of England and Wales notes that there is a long history of environmental degradation and social injustice fuelled by large scale land seizures. Affirms its support for indigenous peoples, peasants and their social movement allies in opposing land seizures.

Emphasizes that customary land rights include collective ownership and access rights which provide environmentally sustainable and equitable forms of ownership. Furthermore we note that trade agreements that do not acknowledge the variety of such property rights can act to dispossess communities from land. We oppose institutional support for land seizures both from the UK, European Union and other bodies.

In case of land-market free market mechanisms should always be overruled by the principles of sustainability and social justice. In addition, we oppose efforts at conservation or commercial land development that exclude the participation of local people.

We propose the following specific measures.

1. The UK government must adhere to the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests, adopted in May 2012 by the 128 countries of the UN Committee on World Food Security as a first small step in a good direction. But, together with most NGOs and farmers' organisations, they underscore the voluntary nature of these guidelines as governments do not guarantee the cancellation of past land concessions and the continuation of such land grabs. The United Nations International convention on economic and

social rights calls for protection from forced eviction regardless of person's land tenure status - whether it is formal or informal. States have to eliminate discrimination related to informal tenure and to prevent, prohibit and eliminate discriminatory practices.

2. The UK government must oppose the sourcing of imported biofuels from crops. Biofuels often come from land which has been seized from local people as is the case in countries such as Colombia and Indonesia. Biofuels are environmentally destructive and drive up food prices.

3. The UK should activate the 2004 EU Land Policy Guidelines which at present it largely ignores.

4. UK trade policy should provide concrete guidelines to avoid activities which lead to the dispossession of developing country communities of their farm or collectively held lands, and upon both of which their livelihoods depend. We oppose the imposition of the EU's Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) to ACP countries, [which] must be opposed as they accelerate the dispossession of small family farmers as well as their very fragile small industries.

5. The UK should temporarily suspend trade preferences on agricultural products in cases where human rights abuses are identified in the framework of land concessions.

Passed Autumn 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is an outdated statement targeted at a particular movement of the time

Save Aderonke Apata and end discrimination of LGBTIQ asylum seekers, currently archived

As in the press this week, the recent case of Aderonke Apata shows that the UK asylum process is still systematically discriminating against LGBTIQ people. Aderonke was refused asylum because she has a child and has had a relationship with a man and therefore was seen as lying about being a lesbian.

Asylum procedures do not understand LGBTIQ lives and patronise and dehumanise asylum seekers. Aderonke was forced into submitting explicit films and photos to 'prove' her sexuality.

We call for Aderonke to be granted asylum.

We also call for GPEX to call for an immediate moratorium on the deportation of LGBTIQ refugees until the recommendations of John Vine, Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration, and

his report are properly acted upon.

Passed Spring 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Solar Photovoltaic Feed In Tariff cuts, currently archived

Green Party Conference notes the Conservative Government proposals to cut the Feed In Tariff for Solar Photovoltaics by 87%. These cuts will mean a catastrophic reduction in the amount of solar panels being installed, leading to significant job losses and putting our modest 2020 EU Renewable Energy targets at risk.

Green Party Conference calls on the UK Government to enter talks with the Solar Industry to agree a plan that delivers a sustainable future for the solar industry (e.g. Solar Trade Association's Solar Independence Plan) and also puts us on a path towards 100% Renewable Energy in the UK

Passed Autumn 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Plane Stupid Activists, currently archived

Plane Stupid activists occupied Heathrow Airport on 13 July 2015, less than two weeks after the Airports Commission recommended a new runway at Heathrow. Heathrow Airport is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. The science confirms that greenhouse gases must be dramatically reduced from present levels to tackle climate change. In addition, Heathrow Airport is a major cause of illegal and deadly levels of air pollution in London. Local residents also suffer serious health impacts as a result of noise pollution and sleep disturbance.

Conference instructs GPEX to include and publicise an item on the Green Party website supporting the 13 Plane Stupid climate activists who on 13 July 2015 took non violent direct action at Heathrow Airport. Their trial is from 18 - 29 January 2016 at Willesden Magistrates Court.

Passed Autumn 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Liverpool activists, currently archived

The Green Party condemns the custodial sentences given to 5 political activists in Liverpool on 17/09/2015 for the occupation of the old Bank of England Building, and calls for the immediate release of the 4 still in prison. The 5 were part of a larger group (The Love Activists Merseyside) who occupied the long-empty building in April of this year, opening it up to feed and shelter the homeless. All 5 were given 10 weeks for the charge of "breach of an interim possession order," (Trespass) with one receiving a further 3 weeks for obstruction. (One of the 5 activists has had her sentence overturned on appeal.) Of the 4 still inside, 2 have no previous convictions, and 1 was homeless before entering the occupation. 2 of those sentenced are in young offenders institutions. At the time of the protest, both Liverpool Green Party and Natalie Bennett came out in support. The Green Party recognizes that these sentences are completely disproportionate, and set a very dangerous precedent for any who would protest against the austerity policies of the current government. We note the similarities in the recent treatment of those evicted from the Ark Homeless Camp in Manchester, who could also face custodial sentences, and the Sweetsway housing occupation. We reiterate the support for Non Violent Direct Action outlined in our Policies for a Sustainable Society.

This motion binds the Green Party to release a press statement against the custodial sentences given to these 5 activists, and in support of all those being criminalized for being homeless, and being involved in activism to highlight the plight of the homeless.

Passed Autumn 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Car maker cheating

Call for criminal prosecutions, an independent inquiry and maximum compensation to be sought from car makers for cheating on diesel emissions tests

Conference is outraged by the revelations about the secret

software installed in diesel cars by Volkswagen, intended to deceive regulators and give lower results during air pollution emissions tests than when the cars are driven in the real world.

The Transport and Environment organisation in Brussels has described this scandal as 'the tip of the iceberg as similar disparities exist for other manufacturers. For new diesel cars real emissions of nitrogen dioxide are now typically five times higher than during tests.

The potential effects on public health of this deception are shocking. In the UK, as many as 60,000 early deaths, and in London nearly 10,000, each year are caused by air pollution. [2] Conference applauds Client Earth for taking legal action that has meant the Government has had to make new air pollution plans. The long-term work of Green Assembly Members in London has also led to plans for a new Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for the city, which is due to start in 2020.

However, the new revelations mean the effectiveness of these plans are in doubt, as vehicles that claim to meet the standards clearly do not. Many of the assumptions behind new policies have been made a mockery of by cheating car makers.

Conference calls on our Leader and candidate for London Mayor to call for :

- a) criminal prosecutions of those involved in a fraud which has undoubtedly cost lives.
- b) a genuinely independent inquiry, ideally a Royal Commission, to be set up immediately, to test all vehicles, investigate and report within two months on the scale and extent of the deception and the difference in emissions from those reported across all models sold in recent years,
- c) an independent testing process to be set up for all ongoing vehicle testing,
- d) the Government and Mayor of London to immediately reassess plans for the ULEZ and the new national Air Quality Plan, adding new measures to reduce traffic and pollution to within legal limits as soon as possible, as required by law, and
- e) the Government and Mayor of London to seek maximum compensation from car makers to cover the cost of making new

plans, these new measures, lost tax revenue, and the cost to public health.

1. <http://www.transportenvironment.org/publications/vw%E2%80%99s-cheating-just-tip-iceberg>

2. <http://healthyair.org.uk/twice-as-many-deaths-caused-by-air-pollution-in-london/> Passed Autumn 2015

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Forced Academies, currently archived

Conference recognises that Michael Gove has recently escalated his policy of forcing primary schools to become academies so that now only one poor Ofsted report is required to trigger such a move. This has currently resulted in several strong parent-led campaigns in defence of community schools.

The Green Party believes forced academisation:

- Undermines the role of local authorities and school governing bodies in school improvement

- Undermines local democratic accountability of schools

- Ignores the wishes of major stakeholders including governors and parents

- Hands over local assets to an external provider without recompense

- Opens the school to eventually being run on a profit-making basis

Conference therefore instructs the GPEX campaigns coordinator to facilitate a campaign against this policy at national level over the next 6 months and calls on local parties to take up the issue where appropriate.

Passed Spring 2013

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Citizens' Income, Benefit Sanctions, Workfare, and the Living Wage

a) The GPEW expresses support for the TUC's 2016 Welfare Charter which demands an end to the benefit sanctions regime, an end to Work Capacity Assessments, an end to compulsory work for-benefit-programmes (workfare), together with a high legal minimum wage, and 'a non-means tested, non-discriminatory benefit payable to all, with housing costs met, allied with extensive provision of low-cost housing'.

b) The GPEW applauds the statement in the National Welfare Charter brochure promoted by UNITE Community, London Unemployed Strategies and the Unemployed Combine in 2015 which says; 'We must explore ways of growing the numbers of people who support the principle of a minimum Citizens Income for all.'

c) The GPEW welcomes the intentions of motion C13 – 68/69 passed at the TUC in 2016, proposed by UNITE and seconded by USDAW, which opposed benefits cuts, sanctions and the system of Universal Credit and stated:-
Congress believes that the TUC should acknowledge Universal Basic Income and argue for a progressive system that would be easier to administer, easier for people to navigate, paid individually and that is complementary to comprehensive public services and childcare provision. The transition from our current system to any new system that incorporates these principles should always leave people with lower incomes better off.'

d) The GPEW encourages local parties to:-

i) work with campaigns run by UNITE and other trade unions to challenge benefit sanctions;

ii) promote understanding and appreciation of the idea of Citizen's Income amongst our membership and the general public by working with trade unions and with campaigns or think tanks that have put forward Citizen's Income proposals, like the Citizens' Income Trust, Royal Society of Arts, and Compass, and drawing attention to their web sites and literature.

- e) The GPEW's living wage target, currently £10 per hour by 2020, should be updated annually by the same percentage as the Living Wage calculated by the Living Wage Foundation (LWF).
- f) The GPEW recognises the importance of the Living Wage as a long term policy which should be in place as long as it is necessary to supplement the important role of collective bargaining and to reduce the risk of employers keeping wages low in the knowledge that their employees would depend partly on state funds. We also recognise that a high legal Living Wage could enhance one ecologically important effect of a CI, that is the effect of encouraging a voluntary movement towards shorter working hours; the higher the hourly wage level, the fewer hours people need to work to achieve their desired income level, so that work-sharing through a shorter working week reduces the political pressure to ensure more jobs through resource-using economic growth.
- g) The GPEW, however, recognises the urgent need for greater public funding to sustain adequate wage levels in socially important sectors which are under pressure from austerity budgets, such as social care work, cleaning in public sector buildings and various community services provided by the voluntary sector.

Passed Spring 2017

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Solidarity with Leeds UCU

Conference supports the Leeds University and Colleges Union (UCU) in their strike action on the 11th-13th October and calls on the Trade Union Liaison Officer on GPEX to send a message of support for their continued fight against changes by management. Leeds University UCU voted for three days of strike action and to ask the national union to trigger the process of censure, then academic boycott of the University of Leeds. This is crucial in protecting academic freedom and the rights of workers, many of which are party members.

If you can please donate to their strike fund.

Passed Autumn 2017

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Nobel Peace Prize and nuclear weapons

Conference applauds the decision of the Nobel Peace Prize committee to make its 2017 award to International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons. It notes that 122 states have supported the treaty to ban nuclear weapons, following on the model of bans on biological and chemical weapons.

Conference deplores Britain's boycotting of the talks for the treaty and calls on the British government to join these talks as a matter of urgency, as the only way to ensure future security from the threat of the use of these hideous weapons of mass destruction. Further, conference notes that Britain is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, but is failing to live up to its obligations under that to work to rid the world of nuclear weapons. With the replacement of Trident now beginning, this is an ideal time for Britain to take the global lead in not replacing its nuclear weapons.

It acknowledges that some communities are heavily economically dependent on jobs from our nuclear weapons programme, and acknowledges that they need assistance to

convert to useful, safe industries, so backs the proposal for a Defence Diversification Agency to work on an arms conversion strategy.

Passed Autumn 2017

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Stop HS2

Given CH2M have withdrawn their contract bid and there have been a number of high level resignations in HS2, Conference calls on the campaigns team and (where possible) elected representatives to re-double campaigning and to unite campaigning of affected local parties in particular to halt HS2 and wanton destruction of precious habitat and biodiversity that it poses.

Passed Spring 2017

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Defending Democracy

POSSIBLY SUPERSEDED BY REFERENDA AND EXPENSES POLICIES PASSED 2021/22 Following the decision of the Electoral Commission on 16 March 2017, which confirmed the rumours about election expense irregularities in the 2015 general election, this conference now urges the Green Party leadership as a matter of some urgency to initiate talks with opposition parties and radical organisations such as the People's Assembly to defend democracy by organising a national campaign to demand by-elections in all constituencies where, according to the Electoral Commission these irregularities gave material advantages over other candidates.

Passed Spring 2017

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Support for Solar

The below is a letter to the Minister for Energy and Clean Growth to which Caroline Lucas wanted to put her name as co-leader of the party, rather than as an MP. Therefore it is considered a policy statement of the Green Party of England and Wales.

Dear Minister

Following the Government's proposal to close the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) for all new solar installations we ask you to confirm at the earliest opportunity that the fair payment for surplus electricity exported to the grid will continue to be available to new solar homes, small businesses & community energy projects in its current form.

This certainty is needed as a matter of urgency to safeguard the confidence of everyday investors in solar and related 'smart' technologies, and of the UK solar industry. The Environmental Audit Committee has recently warned about the 'alarming collapse' in clean energy investment since 2016 & the lack of new enabling policies. Removing the fair export for solar power risks

compounding this, with further loss of skills & cost efficiencies in the rooftop solar industry.

Naturally we welcome your Department's commitment to a smart energy system and we share your vision of developing competitive markets into which smart homes, businesses, farmers & communities will be able to offer their services. However, whilst the technology is ready, very complex regulatory issues (for example in relation to export metering & new market creation) must first be resolved before there is a viable route-to-market for domestic households and a fair reward for their offer. Substantial work is underway across the industry to overcome the many issues, but the timetables involved mean that there will be a gap, most likely of several years, before their resolution. Meanwhile your FIT consultation proposes removal of the export tariff in just eight months time.

If the export tariff is removed next April, householders & SMEs investing in solar & smart technologies will encounter very nascent markets that currently lack regulatory foundations. They would therefore potentially have to spill their power onto the grid for free, effectively subsidising the commercial electricity sector. Domestic households, communities, farmers & small businesses with solar would be the only generators not paid for their exported power. We hope you agree that this wouldn't be acceptable. Such negative treatment will stifle the market, put off early adopters and give the wrong signals about grid interaction to consumers, thus slowing down UK progress towards a smart and flexible energy system.

Instead, we urge you to ensure pioneering citizens have a positive experience of interaction with the grid so that public trust in a smart energy pathway can be firmly fostered. We would therefore also welcome;

an interim incentive from next April for metered settlement from smart homes & SMEs with the ability to offer flexibility services, in anticipation of new flexibility markets and modernised regulation to come. This should ensure local capacity is developed for wider system evolution towards a smarter grid while industry works to resolve the barriers, some of which are costly.

removal of current policy barriers that could discourage over 800,000 existing solar homes from installing battery storage & smart meters.

The rights of 'prosumers' will shortly be enshrined in new European law, requiring Member States to ensure that self-generators are fairly remunerated for their surplus power. This provides a baseline of fair treatment for consumers so they can invest with confidence and around which market innovation can blossom. If that were to happen across the rest of Europe, but not here, then Britain risks quickly losing its position as market leader in smart power, along with all the associated economic benefits and export opportunities.

We urge you to safeguard the rights of UK prosumers and to confirm the secure continuation of the export tariff as soon as possible. We also urge you to positively support the growth of smart homes, businesses & communities across the UK. Agreed by GPRC September 2018

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Letter to Penny Mordaunt re Women's Suffrage Centenary Action Group

The below is a letter to the Minister for Women and Equalities, Penny Mordaunt, from the Women's Suffrage Centenary Action Group. The Green Party's Regional Council endorsed this letter, and therefore this is considered a policy statement of the Green Party of England and Wales.

Dear Minister,

Re: Building a lasting legacy to the UK Women's Suffrage Centenary for women's rights across the world

Congratulations from the Centenary Action Group on your appointment to Minister for Women and Equalities. This role alongside your responsibility as Secretary of State for International Development represents a unique opportunity to progress the rights of women and girls in the UK and worldwide.

As one of the UK's largest coalitions of women's rights activists and organisations, the Centenary Action Group represents both

sides of your portfolio and a global feminist voice. We are a new cross-party campaigning coalition convened by Helen Pankhurst to build a lasting legacy for the 2018 centenary of the first women's votes in the UK. We have over 100 members and represent activists, cross party politicians (from both Houses) and women's rights organisations from across the political spectrum, with a combined Twitter following of over (to add) and an extensive reach through our memberships of over (to add).

We are writing to ask you to meet with representatives of the group and discuss our shared priorities which you have a record in supporting, including: greater women's political participation and leadership, especially in local and national politics; an end to the violence, harassment and abuse of women, and targeted efforts to address economic inequalities that prevent women engaging in politics and decision-making.

Together, we have already achieved so much. On 6 February at 8pm, the exact moment the first women gained the right to vote 100 years ago, we reached over 9 million people to ask why they are #StillMarching in 2018. #StillMarching was used by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. In March, we demonstrated our collective force at March4Women, calling for global gender equality and an end to harassment and violence at work. In June, we again took to the streets and galvanised women and women's organisations from across the four nations to take part in Processions, celebrating how far we have come, whilst acknowledging how far we still have to go. And we do have far to go.

As you know, in this centenary year of the first women gaining the vote, only 32% of MPs and 33% of local councillors in the UK are women. Globally, fewer than 23% of parliamentarians are women. We can and we must do better. That is why in July, we launched our campaign to support and encourage the Government to enact Section 106 of the Equality Act 2010, gaining cross-party support from MPs and significant media coverage.

This year's suffrage centenary celebrations must not be a flash in the pan, but the start of a decade of action until the anniversary of full suffrage in 2028. We are keen to work with you to achieve this.

In March you said, "without women's rights, there are no human rights". We could not agree more, and we would like to invite you to meet with Centenary Action Group members to discuss how we can build on our successes so far and work together to ensure that women everywhere have the right to participate in the decisions that affect their lives.

We look forward to working with you and liaising with your office to arrange a suitable date.

Yours sincerely

Agreed by GPRC July 2018

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time

Anti-Semitism

Members should at all times, including when proposing and implementing policy, be sensitive to the fact that the Green Party does not and will not endorse or tolerate antisemitism, or discrimination of any form.

Passed Autumn 2008

Propose to GPRC for deletion as this is now in the Framework of Ethics

Women in employment and business, currently archived

The Green Party calls for the forthcoming Equality bill and Act to include the following provisions

- * Medium and large-sized companies be required to undertake equal pay audits that compare the earnings of their employees and to take action to redress inequalities.
- * Legal changes to make it much easier for women to take equal pay cases to court, and to allow women to take such cases as a group, with the support of the unions.
- * Significant funding is put into encouraging girls and women to consider a broader range of careers.

* The law to follow Norway's in requiring that companies listed on the Stock Exchange have 40% of their board members being female within five years of the date of the passing of the legislation.

Passed Spring 2009

Propose to GPRC for deletion, as likely to be outdated after this length of time

E3 Atonement and Reparative justice for the transatlantic traffic in enslaved Africans – page 82

Greens of Colour and Young Greens: Cleo Lake*, Alexandra Phillips, Alexander Nettle, Andrew Gray, Andy Hunter-Rossall, Arran Rangi, Benali Hamdache, Benjamin, Blake Roberts, Carmen Legarda, Charles Gillott, Charlie Button, Daniel Duffy, Daniel Johnston, Daniel Key, Ellie Chowns, Emma Edwards, George Morris, Gina Dowding, Ian Hunt, James Braun, Jay Ginn, Jean Lambert, Jeffrey Scott Spragg, Joe Lever, Joe Levy, Kate Benson, Kathryn Bristow, Kefentse Dennis, Lee-Anne Lawrance, Lewis Williams, Lucy Madeley, Lynn Haanen, Matthew Hull, Nannette Youssef, Natalie Bennett, Nick Humberstone, Nicola Frith, Paddy Moran, Rakesh Prashara, Robin Brabham, Sam Murray, Satnam Deuchhakar, Scott Ainslie, Sean Mulcahy, Simon Stafford-Townsend, Stephen Lloyd, Timothy Priest, Tyrone Scott, Wesley Walton.

Synopsis

This motion asks the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) to call on the UK government to establish an All-Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth & Reparatory Justice to address reparations needed to redress global inequalities caused by the Trans-Atlantic Trafficking of Enslaved Africans (TTEA); these include, but [Excessive length, cut by SOC].

Motion

To be added to the Record of Policy Statements: Conference:

Calls for the UK government to establish an All-Party Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry for Truth and Reparatory Justice. (1)

Supports the calls from campaigners for the Government to commit to a holistic process of atonement and reparations, which

adequately addresses Planet Repairs solutions to the ecocide arising from the climate and ecological crises, taking into consideration various proposals for reparation in accordance with the United Nations Framework on Reparations. (2)

Instructs the campaigns and external communications coordinators to prioritise advocacy in pursuit of these two calls
Propose to GPRC for deletion, as this is a statement targeted for the time (and needs to be updated if still relevant)