



THE GREEN PARTY AUTUMN CONFERENCE 22-24 OCTOBER 2021

TIMETABLE

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STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE



Top left to bottom right: Claire Nash and Martin Hemingway, Co-Convenors, Tim Kiely, Alan Borgars, Brig Oubridge.

Standing Orders Committee (SOC) will have a stall in the exhibition area where you will be able to speak to them. SOC will endeavour to ensure there is someone available at the table at all times, and in particular for the 30 minutes prior to and after each plenary session.

At the SOC stall you will be able to:

- Ask questions about the process of passing motions at conference and the order of the agenda.
- Get advice on the content of an emergency motion (noting the instructions in the SOC report in the Agenda).
- Pick up speaker slips, nomination papers for [committee elections](#), [emergency motion](#) forms
- Arrange to give your vote to a proxy if you have to leave conference early.

Speaker slips:

Members wishing to speak on a motion or amendment should submit a speaker slip as far in advance of the relevant plenary session as possible. This does not guarantee that you will be called. The Chair will use the information on the forms to ensure a good range of speakers, eg for/against, gender balance. You can [submit your speaker slip online here](#).

We prefer that slips are submitted online if possible, but if you are unable to do this you can obtain a paper slip from the SOC stall in the exhibition area or at the SOC table in the main hall.

Chairs will choose fairly between those who have submitted speaker slips and those who raise their hand in the conference hall. This will ensure that there are responses to the points raised as well as pre-planned responses.

If you wish to put a [procedural motion](#), particularly one which will potentially curtail the debate, it is also advisable to put in a speaker slip to allow the chair to call you at the appropriate point in the debate.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Left to right: Vix Lowthion, Convenor, Edward Gildea, Nick Cox

Policy Development Committee (PDC) will have a table near the stage during all plenary debates, where they will be able to access the full current wording of Policies for a Sustainable Society and offer advice in relation to queries about potential policy conflicts. They will also have a presence at each policy motion workshop. Any members who would like to speak to Policy Development Committee outside of workshops and plenary debates is encouraged to leave a note with contact details (including a mobile phone number for preference) on the Policy Development Committee table, which includes a brief comment on the enquiry.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMETABLE

Abbreviations used:

DVP – Draft Voting Paper

VP – Voting Paper

DRC – Disputes Resolution Committee

GPEX – Green Party Executive

GPRC – Green Party Regional Council

SOC – Standing Orders Committee

Types of session:

- Workshop: Motions proposed are explained and discussed in advance of the plenary
- Plenary: Voting session dedicated to one or more sections of the agenda
- Training: A session dedicated to training/skill sharing
- Fringe: Any other session on a range of subjects from external and/or internal organisers
- Panel discussion: A panel of speakers – often external – debating a particular topic, usually followed by questions from the floor and open to the public.
- Meetings: Business meetings of special interest groups and policy working groups.
- Hustings: Where conference attendees can ask questions of candidates for those Committee positions which are elected at Conference.

Sections in the agenda

Please see the [Final Agenda](#) document, particularly the SOC report, for a detailed explanation of how many motions of each type are being brought to this Conference.

Section	Contains
A	Reports from Party bodies plus motions required by the constitution or a previous conference resolution.
B	Voting Papers (A voting paper usually equates to a chapter of the Policies for a Sustainable Society)
C	Policy motions accredited by Policy Development Committee
D	Organisational motions, and motions that don't fit into the other categories
E	Policy motions not accredited by Policy Development Committee
F	Draft Voting Papers (discussed in workshops but not in plenary sessions)

Each motion is given workshop time where detail is discussed before the plenary debate and vote.

MONDAY 18-WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER: PRE-CONFERENCE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 18 OCTOBER, 18.30-20.00

Workshop 1

A05 Party Treasurer and GPEX Finance Coordinator Report (15 mins)

A06 Green Party Executive Report (GPEX) (30 mins)

A07 Equalities & Diversity Committee Report (15 mins)

Workshop 2

E01 Enabling Motion for Revising the Europe Chapter of Policies for a Sustainable Society (10 mins)

E03 Enabling Motion for Rights & Responsibilities Chapter (10 mins)

E10 Enabling Motion for updated Gypsy, Traveller and Roma policies (10 mins)

E11 Adopt a working definition of Anti Gypsy Roma Travellerism (15 mins)

E16 Motion on Solidarity with Kashmiri people (15 mins)

Workshop 3

D04 Prioritisation Ballot for Conference Motions (10 mins)

A02 Policy Development Committee (PDC) Report (10 mins)

A01 Standing Orders Committee (SOC) Report (50 mins)

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 18.30-20.00

Workshop 1

A04 Green Party Regional Council (GPRC) Report (25 mins)

A09 Complaints Manager Report (10 mins)

D02 Dispute Resolution Committee to withdraw from Framework Oversight Body (10 mins)

A14 Framework Development Group Report (10 mins)

A15 Framework Oversight Body Report (5 mins)

Workshop 2

D12 Stonewall and Disaffiliation from Diversity Champions Scheme (30 mins)

D09 Diversity in Target Seats (15 mins)

D13 Consultation and Right of Reply for Liberation Groups (15 mins)

Workshop 3

C03 Amending Tax Policy to add a Wealth Tax and make it consistent with our Monetary Policy (25 mins)

E07 Enabling Motion for a New Taxation and Public Finance Chapter in Policies for a Sustainable Society (15 mins)

E13 Regulation of Referenda (10 mins)

E08 Strengthening the Regulation of Election Spending (10 mins)

WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER, 18.30-20.00

Workshop 1

A10 Changes to Standing Orders for Party Discipline (25 mins)

A11 Disputes Resolution Committee (15 mins)

D03 Changes to Standing Orders for Party Discipline to Strengthen Mediation (10 mins)

D01 Constitution Changes to Section 4 and Section 18 (10 mins)

Workshop 2

D08 BDS Campaign Versus IHRA Example (20 mins)

D07 Antisemitism, Palestine and Free Speech: Endorsing Jerusalem Declaration instead of IHRA (20 mins)

D06 Antisemitism Guidance to be added to the Framework for Ethics and Conduct (20 mins)

Workshop 3

A12 Conferences Committee Report (5 mins)

D11 Reforming the Process for Holding the Party's AGM (25 mins)

D14 Let's Fix Our Internal Democracy (15 mins)

D10 Amend Leadership Gender Balancing (15 mins)

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

EASTSIDE ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM AND ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN FROM 11.00

Time	Room	Description
10.00–11.00	Off site	<p>European Bioenergy Research Institute tour</p> <p>An opportunity to visit a local bioenergy and bioproducts research institute, hearing from academics about what they do and how they engage with local businesses, national government and global communities, before touring the labs and the on-site power plant.</p> <p>Max 20 participants, please email conference@greenparty.org.uk to book a place</p>
12.00–13.15	Room 5	<p>Fringe:</p> <p>Biomass for net zero?</p>
	Room 11	<p>Training (members only):</p> <p>Safeguarding</p>
	Room 4	<p>Training (members only):</p> <p>Recruiting Volunteers to your Campaign</p>
	Ashtead 1+2	<p>Workshop 1</p> <p>A13 Climate Emergency Policy Working Group (20 mins)</p> <p>C02 Green Hydrogen (15 mins)</p> <p>E02 Enabling Motion for Climate Emergency Changes to Multiple Chapters of Policies for a Sustainable Society (10 mins)</p>
	Room 8	<p>Workshop 2 (35 mins)</p> <p>E09 Government to Halt HS2</p> <p>D15 Engage Positively with HS2 Ltd and the DfT</p>
	Room 7	<p>Workshop 3</p> <p>E04 Free social care and support for disabled adults (20 mins)</p> <p>D05 Amend the Philosophical Basis PB303 to cover disability (15 mins)</p>
	Room 6	<p>Meeting: Asylum & Migration Policy Working Group</p> <p>An update on current activities including the voting paper and planning our work on revising the Migration Policy. All welcome.</p>
	Room 2	<p>Meeting: Universal Basic Income (UBI) Policy Working Group</p> <p>All welcome. AGM. We will consider the outcome of the recent BIEN Congress and whether existing Party policy on UBI requires amendment.</p>
13.30–15.00	Main Hall	<p>Welcome to Conference</p> <p>14.00–14.30 Co-Leaders' speech</p> <p>14.30–15.00 Greens of Colour speech</p>

15.15–16.30	Main Hall	Panel discussion: Greens in Power – Making a Difference
	Ashtead 3	Fringe: From Vaccine Apartheid to a People’s Vaccine: How the campaign for vaccine justice can help us build a fairer economy – Global Justice Now and Stop Aids
	Ashtead 1+2	Fringe: United Nations: 21st Century Global Challenges and Prospects for Peace – Uniting for Peace
	Room 4	Fringe: Farming for the Future: Why GMOs aren’t Green
	Room 2	Training: How to win a local election (members only)
	Room 7	Meeting: Green Seniors Discussion around topics of interest to seniors with time to socialise as well. Open to all.
	Room 11	Meeting: Public Administration and Governance Policy Working Group A meeting to formally inaugurate the group and discuss rewriting the policy chapter. Open to all interested members.
	Room 8	Meeting: Housing Policy Working Group – A meeting to hold a formal AGM and establish some areas of focus for the next year.
16.45–18.45	Main Hall	PLENARY: Section A reports
19.00 onwards	Off site	Smaller member led evening socials off site (contact conference@greenparty.org.uk if you would like to advertise one)
20.00		NB Committee nominations close Find out more here

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER -

EASTSIDE ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM AND ONLINE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN FROM 08.30

Time	Room	Description
09.00–10.15	Main Hall	Fringe: How Bristol Greens Won BIG in May
	Room 4	Fringe: Update from the House of Lords
	Ashtead 1+2	Workshop 1: B03 Voting Paper on Changes to the Local Planning and Built Environment and Housing Chapters (35 mins) C01 International Aid and the Climate and Ecological Emergency (30 mins)
	Room 5	Workshop 2: B01 Voting Paper on Revised Refugees and Asylum Chapter (35 mins) E15 Delivery of Public Services (30 mins)
	Room 2	How we work: Green Party Digital platforms
	Ashtead 3	Training: How to create effective and impactful posts on Social Media
	Room 8	Meeting: Green Party Trade Union Group – an ordinary meeting for members
	Room 7	Meeting: Education Policy Working Group – Open to all party members
	Room 11	Meeting: Science and Technology Policy Working Group – Meeting open to all
10.30–12.30	Main Hall	Deputy Leader's Speech PLENARY: Section A reports continued

12.30–13.30 Lunch break	Belmont	NB Food will be available in the catering area from 11.00–15.00. This is to enable members to choose a quieter time to eat if they prefer. Or you can grab a sandwich and take it to one of the lunchtime sessions below.
	Off site	Walking Tour: Urban Regeneration in Birmingham
	Room 5	Lunchtime fringe: Taking down harmful ads: Safeguarding our health and climate from the pressures of advertising – Ad Free Cities and Badvertising
	Room 2	Meeting: Green Left A regular discussion meeting of Green Left – the group for Green Party ecosocialists. Open to all. Come and say hello!
	Ashtead 1+2	Meeting: Green Party Women You are invited to the Green Party Women Annual General Meeting. All members of the Green Party are welcome to attend.
	Room 8	Climate Emergency Working Group AGM and discussion of future policy work. Open to all party members.
	Room 7	Rights and Responsibilities Policy Working Group The inaugural meeting to introduce the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct for the R&RPWG. Open to everyone.
	Room 4	Hustings 1: Meet the candidates for committee positions
	Room 11	Hustings 2: Meet the candidates for committee positions

13.30–14.45	Room 8	Fringe: Is our exam system setting up millions to fail? Is it time for a new era for education? – National Education Union
	Room 7	Fringe: Right to roam in England: the public health, environmental and social justice benefits.
	Ashtead 1+2	Fringe: Campaigning to close the gap between hot air and climate action
	Room 5	Workshop 1 B02 Voting Paper for Insertion of a New Wildlife & Habitats Chapter (45 mins) E14 Expansion of AR423 Wildlife Control (15 mins)
	Room 4	Training (members only): Innovate your local election campaigns
	Main Hall	Strategy (members only): How do Greens communicate to win over more voters?
	Room 10	Meeting: Young Greens An opportunity for Young Greens (Green Party members under 30 or in full-time education) to socialise, and to hear from the Executive Committee about what the Young Greens are up to this year.
	Room 11	Meeting: Greens of Colour Safe space for people in the party from diverse communities across the world. E.g Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Gypsy Roma and Traveller
	Room 2	Meeting: Tax & Fiscal Policy Working Group This is the AGM for the Tax & Fiscal Policy Working Group, and will include a discussion on the activities of the group over the next 6 months. The meeting is open to all.
Room 6	Food and Agriculture Policy Working Group It is a year since the new F&A policy was passed. Opportunity to take stock and also to elect a new convenor.	
15.00–17.15	Main Hall	PLENARY: B Motions, Emergency motions

17.30–19.00	Main Hall	PANEL: The Forgotten 70%: the crucial place of oceans in climate and biodiversity
	Room 8	Fringe: Greens, Councillors and Climate Change
	Room 5	Fringe: Climate Justice and Reparations
	Room 4	Fringe: Getting transport to zero carbon – where policy meets practice
	Room 7	Training (members only): How to make the most of writing and targeting emails in Action Network
	Room 2	Strategy (members only): Where next for elections in the Green Party
	Ashtead 1+2	Meeting: LGBTIQA+ Greens – join us for a round-up of our work, Q&A and help us decide next year’s priorities!
	Room 11	Meeting: Wildlife and Habitats Policy Working Group – Open to all. AGM and election of a new convener. Discussion on the future role of the group.
Evening sessions and socials	Room 10	19.15–20.15 Election Co-ordinators Meet up Are you involved in a priority or development ward election campaign for 2022 or 2023? Then come along to a session designed to get you to meet other campaigners and share your experience and top tips. Field Organisers will be there to facilitate discussion. We are all looking forward to seeing you for a very informal session. Book your place here.
	Ashtead 1+2	19.15–20.15 Tribute to Penny Kemp An informal session where members, activists and elected representatives will share their memories of and tributes to longstanding activist Penny Kemp who died earlier this year. All welcome. https://greenworld.org.uk/article/obituary-penny-kemp-1949-2021
	Breakout area, 2 nd floor	19.15–20.15 Association of Green Councillors Reception (by invitation, councillors only)
	Off site	LGBTIQA+ social LGBTIQA+ Greens are going to be heading over to Birmingham’s Gay Village for a bar crawl. We’re asking for donations of £2 for LGBTIQA+ people and £5 for allies. For more details sign up to the LGBTIQA+ mailing list, see us at our stall or come along to our meeting from 17.30
	Off site	Greens of Colour social Details not confirmed at time of going to print. Meet at the Conference Registration desk at 19.15 to find out the plans.

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

EASTSIDE ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM AND ONLINE REGISTRATION DESK OPEN FROM 08.30

Time	Room	Description
09.00–10.15	Room 6	Fringe: The Truth about Zane – climate change, accountability and social justice
	Main hall	Fringe: Leaders' Q&A A chance to ask the new Leadership team your questions.
	Room 11	Workshop 1: F01 Draft Voting Paper for Revised Land Chapter of Policies for a Sustainable Society
	Room 2	Workshop 2: E05 Close the Carbon Accounting Loophole in The Kyoto Protocol (20 mins) E06 Personal Carbon Allowances (20 mins) E12 Enabling Motion to Remove the Policy Chapter on Population (30 mins)
	Room 4	Training (members only): How to campaign and win local elections in rural areas
	Room 8	How we work (members only): The GPEW Disputes, Complaints and Disciplinary System
	Room 5	Meeting: Energy Policy Working Group – Energy Policy Working Group AGM – primarily for members of the group but open to all party members
	Room 7	Quaker meeting for worship
10.30–12.30	Main hall	PLENARY: Section C and D motions
12.30–13.30 Lunch break	Belmont	NB Food will be available in the catering area from 11.30–14.00. This is to enable members to choose a quieter time to eat if they prefer. Or you can grab a sandwich and take it to one of the lunchtime sessions below.
	Ashtead 1+2	Lunchtime fringe: Deciding our next steps to real democracy Unlock Democracy and Make Votes Matter
	Room 4	Meeting: European Policy Working Group We are still Europeans. Bring your own lunch social. Open to everyone.
	Room 2	Land Use Policy Working Group Our AGM, followed by a recap of our work since last year. Open to all.
13.30–15.30	Main hall	PLENARY: Section D and E motions, Emergency motions Close of Conference

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY 12.00-13.15

FRINGE:

Biomass for net zero?

Presentations, panel discussion and Q&A giving an introduction to bioenergy systems and bioproducts, and exploring public perceptions on the use of biomass. Delivered by academics from the Energy and Bioproducts Research Institute and SuperGen Bioenergy Hub at Aston University.

supergen-bioenergy.net

TRAINING:

Safeguarding

Stephanie Nissen, Governance Officer

Members are invited to hear about the Party's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and talk through when and how they should take action regarding Safeguarding Concerns with the party's Safeguarding team.

TRAINING:

Recruiting volunteers to your campaigns

Helen Heathfield, Local Party support Officer for Herefordshire

Thanks to all the hard work of our campaigners, the Green Party has seen its electoral wins increase exponentially. If we want to keep on growing and make our work sustainable, we need to engage more volunteers. We need to recruit the Green councillors and campaign organisers of tomorrow, right now. Come along to the session to find out how to recruit more volunteers for your election campaigns.

FRIDAY 15.15-16.30

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Greens in Power – Making a Difference

From Lancaster to Brighton, from York to Stroud, Green Councillors are holding positions of power. In the face of chronic under-funding they are innovating to tackle the climate emergency and social injustice. The panel will present on Green achievements, the challenges we face in power, and the opportunities to make a difference.

FRINGE:

United Nations: 21st Century Global Challenges and Prospects for Peace

Uniting for Peace

The world is in the grip of new cold war between US, West, China and Russia threatening the peace and security of the world. The wars in Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Libya continue with untold suffering and increasing the already high military spending. The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed vast humanitarian hunger and health crisis. Unprecedented wildfires from Siberia to California signal runaway global warming. To alleviate the above problems, distinguished speakers will explore how a UN globally coordinated response based on equity and justice can tackle the above crisis.

Speakers:

Fabian Hamilton, Shadow Minister for Peace

Molly Scott-Cato former MEP

Vijay Mehta, Chair, Uniting for Peace.



FRINGE:

Farming for the Future: Why GMOs aren't Green

New gene editing techniques are being hailed as the solution to problems ranging from world hunger and climate change to burnt toast. Green Party policy urges caution but Boris Johnson is keen to remove regulatory safeguards and has made plain his intention to open the UK's door to 'new GMOs' as quickly as possible. Green peer Natalie Bennett chairs a discussion that will explain the basics of what's happening and why it matters before inviting you to 'ask us anything' about GMOs in food and farming.

Speakers include Liz O'Neill (GM Freeze) and Steven Jacobs (Organic Farmers & Growers)

TRAINING:

How to win a local election

*Elaine Francis, Field Organiser
Yorkshire & Humberside, Dez Dell and
Emily Fedorowycz, Kettering Green Party members*

How did we manage to elect 459 councillors on 145 principal authority councils in England and Wales, control one council (Brighton & Hove) and form part of the ruling administration in 14 Principal authority councils within a few years? Come along to find out how to run winning campaigns and hear from activists about their recent experience of winning elections.

SATURDAY 09.00-10.15

FRINGE:

How Bristol Greens Won BIG in May

Bristol Greens made historic gains, doubling our seats for a party record—high 24 councillors, topping the polls city—wide and making national headlines. Plus, for the first time in the party's history, a Green candidate for Mayor contested the election run—off, narrowly missing out. Our Metro Mayor and PCC results broke records too. Focused, committed, long—term organising was key across so many campaigns. We'll share how Bristol Greens achieved this, including stepping up Target—to—Win campaigning, cross—campaign decision—making, media and more. Plus — get the inside track on our exciting plans to win control of the Council, and elect our next Green MP.

FRINGE:

Update from the House of Lords

From the Agriculture Act to the Policing Bill: find out about the Green Party's work in the House of Lords and how to engage with it.

HOW WE WORK:

GP Digital platforms

We currently run many of our party processes (elections, conference agenda setting and bookings, etc) via the members website and spaces, and as we all know there are limitations to what we can do with this technology.

Our new Head of Technology, Jon Evans will be leading this session in which members can discuss the kinds of barriers or problems they find with the current systems.

CONFERENCE FRINGE

From Vaccine Apartheid to a People's Vaccine

How the campaign for vaccine justice can help us build a fairer economy

3.15pm-4.30pm FRIDAY in ASHSTEAD 3

Caroline Lucas MP
Nick Dearden Global Justice Now
Saoirse Fitzpatrick Stop AIDS
Fatima Hassan Health Justice Initiative
(South Africa)

Vaccine apartheid is a shocking symbol of global inequality — and will itself foster deeper inequality for a generation unless we challenge it. At the heart of the problem is a global economy which puts corporate interests ahead of human life. A new international economy is possible and necessary. Come along and find out how.



TRAINING:

How to create effective and impactful posts on Social Media

Lauren James, Social Media Officer

Social media can be an effective way to communicate with activists and the public at large; if used to its full potential. Come along to find out how to put together persuasive and effective posts.

SATURDAY 12.30-13.30 (LUNCHTIME SESSIONS)

WALKING TOUR:

Urban Regeneration in Birmingham

Dr Austin Barber, local member and Senior Lecturer in Urban Development and Planning at the University of Birmingham, will lead this guided tour focussing on the Digbeth area and the challenges/opportunities for sustainable regeneration in the context of HS2 arriving in close proximity.

Digbeth is an historic, gritty and characterful city centre fringe district. It is a conservation area with

some great historic buildings and features. The tour will touch on transport, public realm, green infrastructure and biodiversity.

Meet at the registration desks at 12.25.

FRINGE:

Taking down harmful ads: Safeguarding our health and climate from the pressures of advertising

Adfree Cities/Badvertising

We live in the age of greenwash – advertising is a huge driver of overconsumption and climate change. Local Green Councillors have been leading the way in introducing local policies to restrict harmful advertising. Hear from councillors and campaigners in this practical session on how you can do this in your local area too.

Speakers: Norwich Councillor Jamie Osborne, Bristol Councillor Carla Denyer (invited) as well as speakers from Adfree Cities and Badvertising.



SATURDAY 13.30-14.45

FRINGE:

Right to roam in England: the public health, environmental and social justice benefits.

Addressing the growing movement to bring rights in England in line with those in Scotland.

Chair: Natalie Bennett

Speakers: Guy Shrubsole, campaigner, and Nick Hayes, author of The Book of Trespass.

FRINGE:

Is our exam system setting up millions to fail? Is it time for a new era for education?

National Education Union

This session will discuss whether the current education system fails too many pupils, teachers and schools. There are concerns that it places undue demands on young people – risking their mental health – and is creating a new generation who leave school scarred by their experience of the exam

system. Join the debate and discuss the changes that are needed to fashion an assessment system fit for the 21st Century.

FRINGE:

Campaigning to close the gap between hot air and climate action

Greta is right: we hear a lot of blah blah blah but we don't hear politicians proposing policies that would rapidly reduce CO2 emissions. A high and rising carbon tax is the policy that would achieve that. It would be a powerful lever to drive fossil fuels out of our economy and close the gap between climate rhetoric and real CO2 reductions. It would be paid by the fossil fuel companies, and we would ensure that the money yielded would be used to fund retrofit and support the incomes of those facing higher fuel costs. How can we campaign for such a powerful carbon tax in the run-up to COP26? Join our panel of experts to find out!

Speakers:

Jude Walker, who walked from his home in Hebden Bridge to Parliament to make sure that MPs would debate the carbon tax

David Flint, convener of the Green Party's Climate Emergency Policy Working Group, co-chair of the Party's COP26 Steering Group

Molly Scott Cato, green economist and the Party's speaker on Economy and Finance

Tom Scott, the Party's Campaign Coordinator

TRAINING:

Innovate your local election campaigns (members only)

Zoe Nicholson, Local Election Manager and Cllr Kai Taylor, GPEX Election Co-Ordinator

Winning more and more elections means we find ourselves having to run multiple campaigns all at once. This is a good problem to have but nevertheless quite challenging. Join us for a session facilitated by local election experts. We will be exchanging top tips and ways to innovate our campaigns.

Please note that to attend this session, you will need to book. [Reserve your place here.](#)

STRATEGY:

How do Greens communicate to win over more voters? (members only)

Polling shows that there is a large number of voters looking for a new home and many are open to voting Green at the next General Election. But how do we communicate if we are to win over those ‘Green considerers’?

This session, run by our Chief Executive and Senior Managers, will explain how all this links to our political strategy, what the research says and how we can act on it.

SATURDAY 17.30-19.00

PANEL DISCUSSION:

The Forgotten 70%: the crucial place of oceans in climate and biodiversity

With deep sea mining threatening to destroy parts of this planet of which we are entirely ignorant, growing understanding of the many other threats of environmental destruction, and so many beautiful and amazing creatures from which we could learn, the Green Party needs to take a leading role in protecting our oceans. Learn about what you can do.

Since 1980, we’ve lost over 35% of our seagrass meadows – 2 football fields each hour, a rate of loss is equal to that of coral reefs and rainforests. In less than two years uncontrolled seabed mining could begin, and the UK government recently abstained from voting at the IUCN World Conservation Congress on the motion for a moratorium on deep-sea mining. Yet there’s a big greenwashing effort on to claim this extractive destruction is needed for renewable energy installations. Get the facts.

Speakers: Marine biologist Dr Helen Scales, broadcaster and author of The Brilliant Abyss; Sian Owen, Director of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, an alliance of civil society organizations collaborating to protect the biodiversity of the deep ocean; and Dr Richard Lilley, CEO of Project Seagrass, chaired by Green peer Natalie Bennett.

FRINGE:

Greens, Councillors and Climate Change

For Green Councillors and local party activists to share experiences of working to push councils on climate action.

FRINGE:

Climate Justice and Reparations Greens of Colour

‘Stop the Maangamizi’ campaigners along with activists and academics from around the world will share their thoughts on how and why planet repairs should be central to the narrative when trying to tackle the climate emergency if we are to be successful.

FRINGE:

Getting transport to zero carbon – where policy meets practice

The session will look at putting policy into practice with real examples of elected Greens and campaigners getting transport to zero carbon. We’ll look at:

- Responding to the local challenges of embedding walking and cycling measures introduced during the pandemic.
- Campaigning for a reset of the £100bn roads programme – the carbon case for a radical shift in longer-distance travel (speaker: Ralph Smyth)
- Exposing the gaps in government’s aviation and freight decarbonisation plans

Chair: Caroline Russell. Caroline is an Islington councillor, London Assembly member, City Hall Greens spokesperson on Policing and Health and National Transport spokesperson.

Gina Dowding is a former MEP, Lancashire County Councillor, Lancaster City Councillor, cabinet member Strategic Planning and Place.

Ellie Chowns is a former MEP, and a Herefordshire Councillor, cabinet member economy and environment

Ralph Smyth manages Transport Action Network’s legal challenges against the roads programme and Possible’s work on decarbonising longer distance traffic.

Jonathan Essex is a Surrey County Councillor, and a councillor on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Green House author and cyclist campaigning against Gatwick expansion.

TRAINING:

How to make the most of writing and targeting emails in Action Network (members only)

Norm Cassidy, Senior Digital Support Officer and Julie Dahle, Development Officer

The Green Party has invested in Action Network, a tool that enables us to run campaign in ways we were not able to do before. Norm and Julie will explain how to target your emails effectively so the right message goes to the right person. They will also provide top tips to compose emails your readers will want to read. Note that this session is for members who have access to Action Network and either write emails regularly or would like to do so.

STRATEGY:

Where next for elections in the Green Party?

(members only)

The new co-leaders have made winning elections a priority for the party. But what do we do now? Chris Williams, Paul Steedman and Zoe Nicholson will share what the party needs and intends to do to deliver on our electoral ambitions and seek your input on how you can be part of our next steps as a party.

SUNDAY 09.00-10.15

FRINGE:

The Truth about Zane – climate change, accountability and social justice

Seven year old Zane's tragic story holds within it the burning issues of our time... Climate change and its devastating impact on peoples' lives on the one hand; malfeasance, cover up and abnegation of social responsibility by our elected representatives on the other. Hear from our panel: Kye Gbangbola and Nicole Lawler (Zane's Mummy and Daddy); Natalie Bennett; Paul Mobbs (Environmentalist and regular contributor to The Ecologist); Tina Rothery; Elizabeth Mansfield (Lewes District GP). truthaboutzane.com

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Lewes District Green Party*

TRAINING:

How to campaign and win local elections in rural areas (members only)

Ed Fraser, Field Organiser for the Eastern Region and Cllr Ellie Chowns, Green Group leader on Herefordshire Council

Isn't it impossible to win elections in rural areas because the electorate is so spread out? No! Certainly, it makes it difficult to deliver regular newsletters and speak to people on their doorstep but we have had some excellent results in (generally Conservative) rural areas. Ed will cover the practical aspects of campaigning. Ellie will give a first-hand account of how she successfully campaigned. Her ward went from electing a Conservative Cllr with 80% of the vote cast to an 80% Green majority!

HOW WE WORK:

The GPEW Disputes, Complaints and Disciplinary System (members only)

An opportunity to hear from members of the Green Party Regional Council, Disputes Resolution Committee, Disciplinary Committee, and Appeals Committee how they currently manage disputes and complaints brought to the national party. They will also share developments in how disputes and complaints might be managed in the future.

MEETING:

Quaker Meeting for Worship

All conference delegates are invited to join a period of stillness, sitting together (physically or online) in silence to listen the promptings of truth and love in our hearts. The Religious Society of Friends (more commonly known as Quakers) is a faith group guided by the testimonies of equality, peace, truth, simplicity and sustainability. People of all faiths and none are warmly invited to share in what we hope will be an uplifting and welcoming experience.

SUNDAY 12.30-13.30

LUNCHTIME FRINGE:

Our next steps to real democracy

Most people want to take urgent action on the climate and ecological emergencies. But we're hurtling towards tipping points that could lock us into the worst-case scenarios because the political system is stacked against us. Without Proportional Representation (PR) our survival is at risk – along with the planet, equality and peace. Despite 80% of the Labour membership voting for the party to support PR at conference, the vote fell.

What do we in the Green Party want to do next to make sure we get equal votes and real democracy in time to survive?



MEETING:

**“We’re still Europeans”:
bring your own lunch social**

An opportunity for all pro-European Greens, or those interested in why a Green Party is a pro-Europe party, to gather and meet like-minded friends and colleagues, and to discuss the way forward in an informal way. There will be an opportunity to meet a few of the existing core members of the new EU policy working group, and to find out about ways in which you could get involved in its activities or as an adviser on some particular area where you have expertise (e.g. trade, human rights, international affairs, research and knowledge exchange, freedom of movement, regulation in agriculture and environment, Northern Ireland protocol etc.). Bring your lunch. We'll mainly have informal time to meet each other over a bite to eat and drink. You can sign up to be included in future work on this project. (If you can't come, but would like to be involved, please contact catherine.rowett@greenparty.org.uk).

AGC COUNCILLOR-ONLY EVENTS IN THE AGC MEETING SPACE

Room 9 has been set aside for Councillors to use in throughout Conference. If you'd like to get together with other cllrs in your region, feel free to use it. The room has capacity of 34 and there is a screen which you can connect to from your own device using AirMedia (instructions in room) or via the HDMI cable provided.

Friday 5pm–6pm **How Green councillors can be part of the Healthy Homes Act campaign to transform the quality of the built environment**

Jack Dangerfield and Daniel Slade, Town and Country Planning Association

Are you concerned about councils' loss of control over the quality of new homes and neighbourhoods? Join this session to learn about the Town and Country Planning Association's national and local campaigns to end developments that undermine residents' health and wellbeing.



Friday 7.30–8.30pm **Greens in Power**

A closed meeting for councillors who are part of their council's ruling Administration (Leaders, Cabinet members, committee chairs).

Saturday 2–2.45pm **How to introduce policies to restrict harmful advertising in your area**

Come and talk to representatives of Adfree Cities and the Badvertising campaign about how your council can restrict harmful advertising in your local area.

Sunday 10.30 – 11.30 **“My Chief Exec Doesn't understand me” Green Peer Mentors**

Andrew Cooper and Zoe Nicholson will share stories of the councillor/ CEO relationship through the eyes of Green Peer Mentors and discuss how to create the most effective officer / councillor relationship.

Sunday 1.30 – 2.30pm **AGC Board**

A closed meeting for the AGC Board members to discuss AGC priorities for the coming year.

Peer Mentors

Our Green Peer Mentors will be available for one-to-one conversations at various times during the Conference. If you need a bit of advice or a chance to talk through what's going on for you, come to the AGC stall for more information or you can contact them directly during the Conference on:

Zoe Nicholson
07748 966527

Andrew Cooper
07721 348619



Local Government Association Independent Group Drinks Reception

Saturday 19.15–20.15
2nd Floor Breakout Area

As usual the Local Government Association Independent Group will be hosting a Drinks Reception for Principal Authority Councillors. Come along for a drink and a chat and to hear more about how the LGAI can support and represent you.

EXHIBITOR LIST

ADFREE CITIES/BADVERTISING

Adfree Cities are concerned about the impacts of corporate advertising on our health, wellbeing, environment, climate, communities and the local economy and are lobbying for policy change at national and local levels.

'Badvertising' campaigns to stop adverts fuelling the climate emergency including ads for cars, airline flights and fossil fuels.

adfreecities.org.uk

badverts.org

Twitter/Instagram: @adfreecities / @badvertising1



ASSOCIATION OF GREEN COUNCILLORS



The AGC supports Green Party Councillors at every level of government. We provide support and guidance, mentoring for new councillors, opportunities to share ideas, training and a range of publications and resources.

We represent the interests of Green Party Councillors within the Green Party and to the Local Government Association.

agc.greenparty.org.uk

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BRISTOL GREEN PARTY

Bristol Greens made historic gains, doubling our seats for a party record—high 24 councillors, topping the polls city—wide and making national headlines. Green Co—leader Carla Denyer is set to get elected as our second Green MP in Bristol. Come chat to us about you can get involved.

EBRI

The Energy and Bioproducts Research Institute at Aston University carries out world—leading research into new and innovative ways of converting biomass into sources of sustainable energy, using thermochemical, biological and catalytic processes. We aim to use sustainable resources to achieve an affordable, resilient and low carbon energy future.



GREEN PARTY EXECUTIVE (GPEX) / GREEN PARTY REGIONAL COUNCIL (GPRC)

The Green Party Executive is responsible for the overall and day— to—day direction of the Party. Responsibilities include ensuring the proper expenditure, administration, and raising of the funds of the Party; acting as the Green Party's employer of staff; implementing the decisions of the Annual Conference; and being liable for the governance and smooth functioning of the organisation. GPEX fulfils its responsibilities through the Chief Executive Officer, being ready, able and encouraged to challenge and test proposals and plans, and to provide independent insight and scrutiny.

Executive members are accountable in varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders, including: members, GPRC, and each other.

GREEN HOUSE THINK TANK

Green House is a think tank established in 2011. It publishes reports and organises events to promote the development of green thinking in the UK.

greenhousethinktank.org

info@greenhousethinktank.org

Twitter: @GreenHouse_UK

facebook.com/Green-House-177021765708915



GREEN LEFT

An Ecosocialist current within the Green Party that hopes 'to raise Green Party politics to meet the demands of its radical policies. Green Left is based on the assertion that capitalism is a system that wrecks the planet and promotes war. Membership is open to Green Party members only.

greenleftblog.blogspot.com

Contact: Peter Murry (secretary):
yrrumuk@googlemail.com

GREEN PARTY TRADE UNION GROUP

The Green Party Trade Union Group are Green Party members who are Trade Unionists and supporters of the labour movement, working to bring the Green Party and the Trade Union movement closer together, and we believe the Trade Union movement is central to the kind of society we want to see.

facebook.com/GreenPartyTradeUnionGroup
gptu.greenparty.org.uk
greentulondon.blogspot.com

GREEN PARTY WOMEN

Green Party Women aims to represent the needs and rights of women in GPEW. We try to ensure that the needs and rights of women and girls are properly considered in all policy, and campaign on matters that affect the lives of women and girls.

facebook.com/greenpartywomen
Twitter: [@GreenPartyWomen](https://twitter.com/GreenPartyWomen)



GREEN SENIORS

Green Seniors voting members and Committee postholders must be aged 55 and above, but membership is open to all members of GPEW who share our aims. We exist for networking, information sharing and social events and to promote understanding on matters affecting Senior Citizens within and outside the Green Party.

seniors.greenparty.org.uk
facebook.com/GreenPartySeniors
twitter.com/seniors_uk

LGBTIQA+ GREENS

LGBTIQA+ Greens are a liberation group for LGBTIQA+ people. We aim to increase awareness and understanding of LGBTIQA+ issues within the Green Party, progressive movements and in society as a whole, as well as campaigning for a fairer and more just society. We also aim to increase awareness and understanding of Green and progressive values among LGBTIQA+ people

lgbtqiqa.greenparty.org.uk
twitter.com/LGBTIQAGreens
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MAKE VOTES MATTER / UNLOCK DEMOCRACY

Make Votes Matter is the national movement for Proportional Representation, grassroots groups, parties, organisations and celebrities.

makevotesmatter.org.uk



Unlock Democracy campaigns to defend our democracy and build a vibrant, inclusive democracy that puts power in the hands of the people.

unlockdemocracy.org.uk

NATIONAL EDUCATION UNION

The National Education Union brings together more than 450,000 teachers, lecturers, support staff and leaders, to form the largest education union in Europe. Visit our stand to find out about our No Child Left Behind campaign and why it is time for a new era of equitable, reliable assessment.

neu.org.uk
facebook.com/nationaleducationunion
twitter.com/neunion

FIRST BASE

First Base is a developer of mixed–use places. We anticipate the socio–economic trends that impact how we live, work and travel. We use this as the catalyst to create and reshape places.

firstbase.com



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UNITING FOR PEACE

Uniting for Peace is a non–profit organisation devoted to creating and promoting a global culture of peace, non–violence, poverty reduction and tackling climate change. UfP’s activity includes UN reforms, campaigning and educating leaders and general public, holding conferences, publications including newsletters, working for building a peaceful, safer and sustainable world.

twitter.com/unitingforpeace

facebook.com/unitingforpeace



THE VEGAN SOCIETY

The Vegan Society is the world’s oldest vegan organisation, whose founders coined the word ‘vegan’ in 1944. We are an educational charity that provides information and guidance on veganism to our members, policymakers and the media amongst others. Become a member of The Vegan Society to support our work.

0121 523 1739

membership@vegansociety.com

vegansociety.com/get-involved/join

Instagram: [@theoriginalvegansociety](https://www.instagram.com/theoriginalvegansociety)

Twitter & Facebook: [@TheVeganSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TheVeganSociety)

LinkedIn: The Vegan Society



WOODLAND TRUST

Founded in 1972 the Woodland Trust is the largest woodland conservation charity and a leading voice in bringing the UK’s trees and woodlands to the attention of Government, land owners and the public. With a supporter base of half a million they were the first and remain the most significant contributor to woodland protections, restoration and creation in the UK.

Our representative will be talking to interested members of our work in the UK and local area specifically, offering people the chance to understand more about the charity and find out how they can get involved.

woodlandtrust.org.uk



YOUNG GREENS

Young Greens are the youth and student branch of the Green Party. We aim to harness the energy and ideas of young people, and campaign for a sustainable and just future. Visit our stall to find out more about what we do and how you can get involved.

younggreens.org.uk

Twitter: [@younggreenparty](https://twitter.com/younggreenparty)

facebook.com/younggreens



Is our exam system setting up millions to fail?

Is it time for a new era for education?



Saturday 23 October
1.30pm to 2.45pm

Room 8
Eastside Rooms

Speakers

Vix Lowthion, Green Party Education Spokesperson

Dr Louise Hayward, University of Glasgow & Chair of the Independent Assessment Commission

Kevin Courtney, Joint General Secretary, National Education Union

NEU Councillors Network

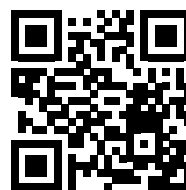
Help us shape the future of education: be part of the National Education Union Councillor network.

Being a member of our network will give you:

- > Access to written briefings.
- > Regular information about education issues.
- > Access to our events for councillors.

The NEU Councillors Network is open to councillors from all political parties. The Network is now over 4,000 members strong.

Join our Network at
neu.org.uk/councillors-network
or by scanning the QR code



cllrs@neu.org.uk

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PARTY HELP DESKS

Green party membership team and Green shop

The Green Party Membership Team provide support and information to Green Party members. During conference we can provide members with information, help and guidance related to membership queries and answer any FAQs. The Green Shop will have a select range of items available for sale, with all proceeds directly funding the work of the Green Party. To help keep staff and visitors as safe as possible we will only be accepting card payments. Stock will also be available to purchase online during and after the conference.

Members log in:

<https://members.greenparty.org.uk/>

Green Party online shop:

<https://greenparty.teemill.com/>

Help with powerpoint

feel like throwing your computer through the window every time you use powerpoint? Are you a competent user looking for some top tips to work through your newsletters and other election literature quicker and better? Then book a slot with Laura Miller, a brilliant activist from the Lake District who produces excellent literature! Laura is experienced in giving confidence to Local Parties to use and adapt the literature templates.

Available:

Friday 22nd 3 to 5pm

Saturday 23rd 11am to 1pm

Sunday 24th 12 to 2pm

[Book your slot here](#)

Drop in elections surgery

elections enquiries? Campaigns conundrums? Come and speak to a Field Organiser for all your election questions.

The stall will be open:

Friday 10.00 to 13.15

Saturday 9.00 to 10.30 and 12.30 to 19.00

Sunday 09.00 to 12.30

Just turn up!

Drop in desk for party treasurers

a drop-in desk to enable Treasurers to meet members of the Central Finance Team who are responsible for coordinating the Party's overall compliance with our legal requirements to file financial returns to two key regulators – HMRC (for VAT returns) and the Electoral Commission (for reports of donations and loans, and general election income and expenditure). These returns include income and expenditure from Local, Regional, Wales national GP and Liberation Group parties, and therefore we need to collect and collate this information on a quarterly basis from Treasurers.

Drop in to ask us any issues or questions you might have about the financial reporting process – or anything else about being a Treasurer and we'll do our best to help.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AT CONFERENCE

Elections are being held at Conference for five places on each of the following committees:

- Campaigns Committee
- Standing Orders Committee
- International Committee
- Disputes Resolution Committee
- Equality & Diversity Committee
- Conferences Committee
- Green World Editorial Board

In addition, there is one place available on Disciplinary Committee for a two-year term.

Job descriptions for these committees can be found in the relevant sections of the Constitution or the Standing Orders for the Conduct of Conference. The relevant texts are also reproduced in the nomination form which you can download here or pick up a paper version from the SOC desk.

Rules and deadlines

- Candidates need two proposers
- Candidates and proposers must be current members of the Party

Proposers should have been members for at least one year and must either complete the relevant section of the form or e-mail the ERO to confirm their support

indicating postcode and local party.

Complete and return the nomination form by close of nominations at 20.00 on Friday 22 October 2021.

Nominations can be submitted by email: ero@greenparty.org.uk or in person at Conference to the SOC desk.

The supporting statement on the second page has a 300-word limit and should fit into the space given and be in 14pt whether typed or handwritten. Statements will be made available to members both electronically and on the information board at Conference on Saturday prior to hustings.

Hustings

Hustings will be held at the venue (but with an option to view and take part online) on Saturday 23 October at lunchtime.

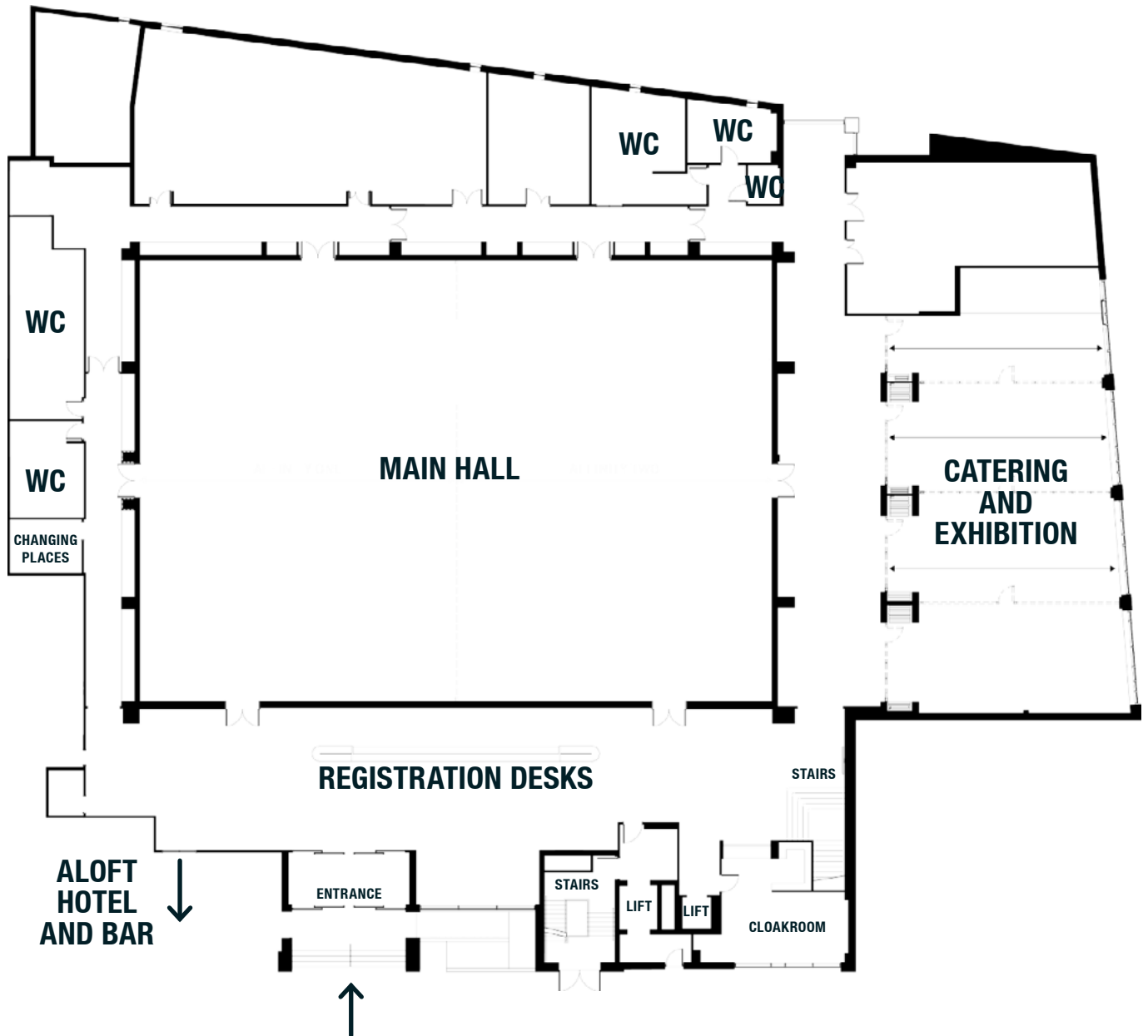
Voting

Voting will open after the hustings and will be open to all those registered for conference. Voting can be done online or in person at the SOC desk at Conference (until 19.00 on Saturday, and from 10.00–13.30 on Sunday).

Voting will close at 13.30 on Sunday 24 October.

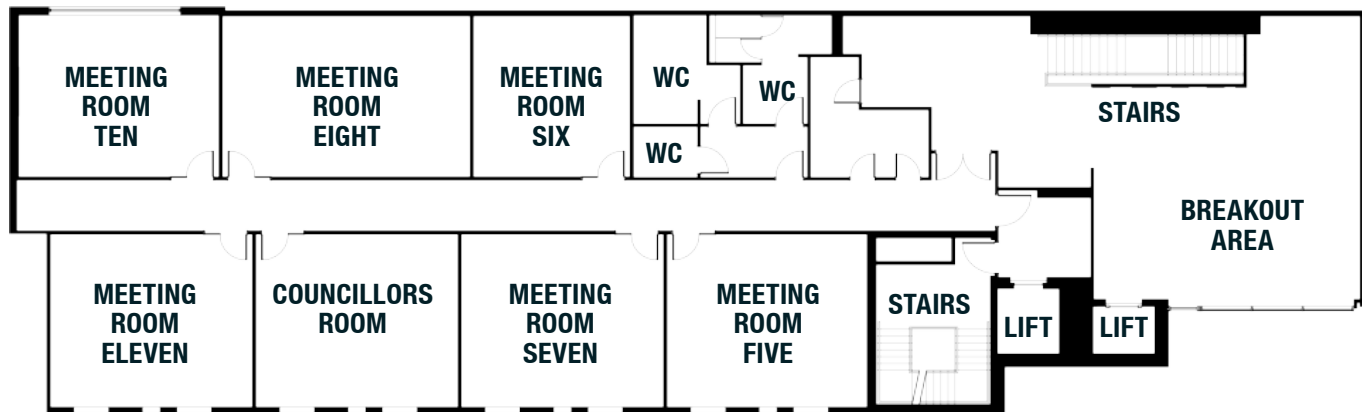
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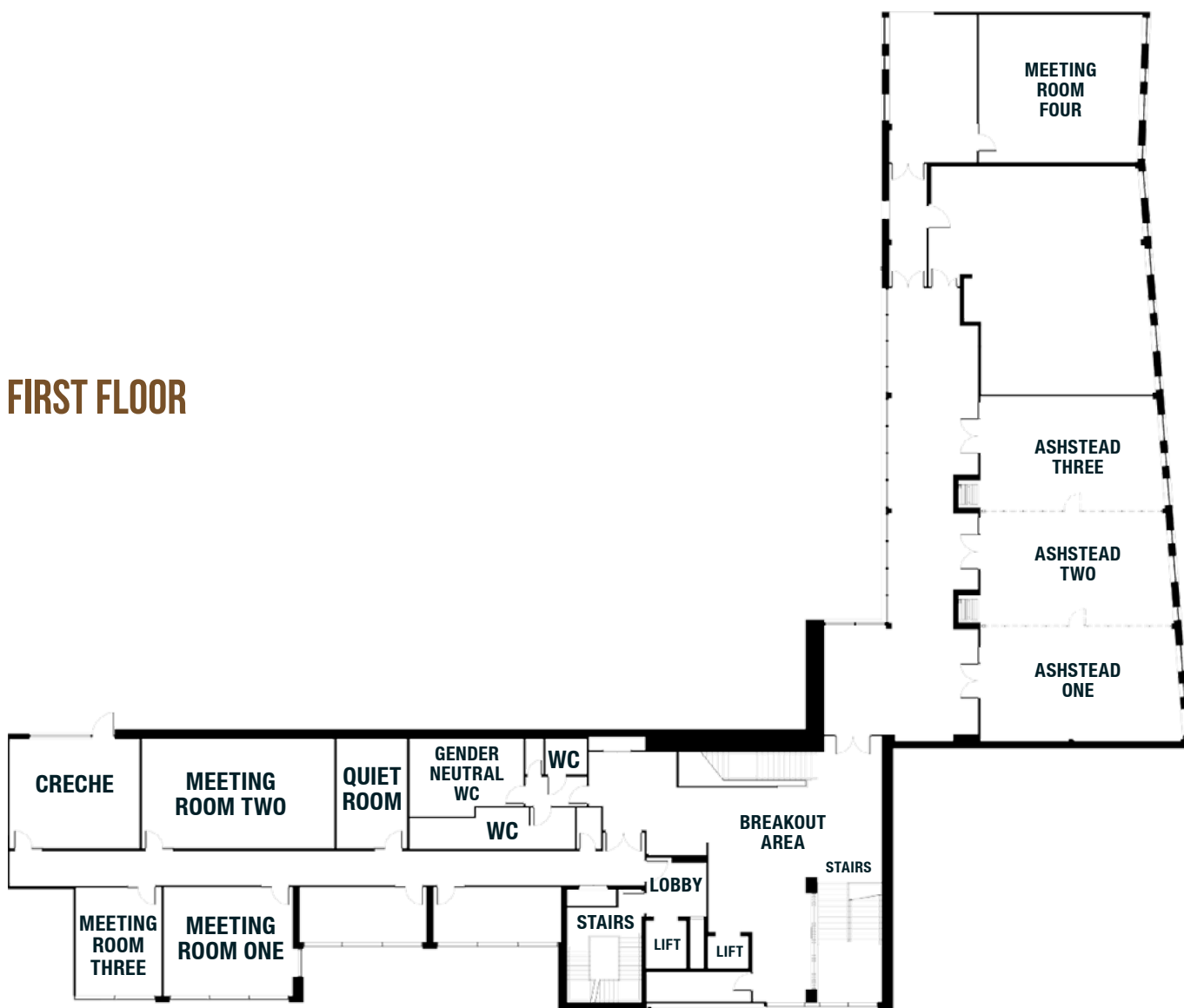


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FIRST FLOOR





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