

A1 - Liberation Group Support

Motion

Proposer: Jenny Knight (Green Party)

Title: **A1 - Liberation Group Support to D1:
Constitution**

Title

Change to:

The Liberation Committee

Motion text

From line 35 to 37:

2.5. There will be a Liberation Committee, defined in Byelaw 5.

2.56. The Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee, and Liberation Committee will be elected at the Young Greens Annual General Meeting according to the provisions

From line 39 to 44:

2.67. There will be two Safeguarding Officers with responsibility for the safeguarding and wellbeing of members, as defined in Byelaw 9.

2.78. Subcommittees may be formed by the Executive Committee, as defined in Byelaw 7.

2.89. All other groups outside of the committees defined in clauses 2.2 - 2.4 will be named Affiliated Groups, including Groups for the Regions of England,

From line 46 to 47:

2.910. Affiliated Group constitutions should state that they are a part of the Young Greens of England and Wales and not contradict the Young Greens

From line 49 to 54:

2.4011. For a group to be affiliated, they must be accepted by an absolute majority vote of the Executive Committee.

2.4112. The Executive Committee must keep a list of affiliated groups and review it each year after Convention.

2.4213. An affiliated group of the Young Greens can be disaffiliated by an absolute two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee if they are in

From line 82 to 92:

group, as well as four volunteers from the Young Greens membership, to make five total members. Two of these four spaces should be advertised first to the ~~Young Greens~~ unelected Liberation Group Co-Chairs Officer candidates, with priority given to candidates for Young Greens of Colour Officer and Young Greens Women of Colour Officer, before being opened to the wider membership if no volunteers step forward who ~~are~~ were Liberation ~~Group Co-Chairs Officer candidates~~. Where there are too many volunteers, selection will be made by DAC; candidates may be put on a reserve list that would be used when other members are recused (see ~~5.3~~). Where there are too few volunteers, the remaining membership will be drawn by lots from: Co-Convenors of Groups of the Regions of England, and Wales; Green Students Committee members; and Young Green Liberation ~~Group~~ Committee Co-Chairs and Liberation Officers. At least two members of C&D should not be self-defining men.

Insert from line 430 to 431:

in marginalised groups are well represented and heard within the structures and policies

of the Young Greens and the wider Green Party[Space]through their Liberation Officer representatives on the Liberation and Executive committees.

5.2.1. The Liberation Committee shall work towards intersectional liberation for all and offer support to marginalised young green candidates.

5.2.2. The Liberation Committee is to be chaired by the Membership and Inclusions officer, who does not have a vote on the committee except for a tie break.

5.2.3. The Liberation Committee shall work with Campaigns, Elections and Digital Comms officers to ensure that marginalised groups have easier access to support in these portfolios.

From line 450 to 455:

5.7. Each Liberation Group ~~shall~~may elect from their membership at least two Co-chairs, where no more than one self-defines as a man. If for any reason, the Liberation Group cannot run the election, DAC will run the election on their behalf.

5.7.1. Liberation Groups may be additionally led by a committee, with the number of positions and the election or co-option timescale at the discretion of the Liberation Group members.

5.7.~~4~~2. Each Liberation Group will elect one Liberation officer with the exception of the LGBTQIA+ Young Greens which will have two Liberation Officers

From line 457 to 458:

5.8. ~~The election~~These elections should be organised by said Liberation Group using a system of Single Transferable Vote, for which advice can be sought from DAC, to ensure

Delete from line 460 to 462:

~~5.9. Liberation Groups may be additionally led by a committee, with the number of positions and the election or co-option timescale at the discretion of the Liberation Group members.~~

Reason

Liberation Groups need more support to succeed.

This amendment creates an intersectional space to give liberation officers access to that support by adding further clarification to the role of the membership and inclusions officer. The membership and inclusions officer role is currently extremely broad, making it a clear supportive role will allow for the young greens to identify areas of intersectional campaigning where liberation groups can work together. It also allows liberation groups more freedom to structure themselves and their committees in the way that they want by removing the necessity of co-chairs. This would allow a liberation group to co-opt a full committee with distinct roles and allow the liberation groups to decide how they delegate official responsibilities. At the heart of this motion is empowering liberation groups and their officers to work collaboratively and create the best outcomes for their members.

Supporters

Haydn Osborne-Brookes (Green Party), Tia Edden (Green Party)

A4 - Membership and Inclusions Officers

Motion

Proposer: Jenny Knight (Green Party)

Title: **A4 - Membership and Inclusions Officers to D1:
Constitution**

Motion text

From line 117 to 119:

C&D. If for whatever reason a member does not feel comfortable approaching any C&D member, they may go to Young Greens Staff, Young Greens ~~Membership and Inclusion~~Inclusions Officer or to the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

Delete in line 290:

1.1.10. Membership ~~and Inclusion~~ Officer

Insert in line 294:

1.1.14. Wales Officer

1.1.15. Inclusions Officer

From line 472 to 473:

representing their Liberation Group concerns through the Liberation Group Officer and to the ~~Membership and Inclusion~~Inclusions Officer.

Reason

The Membership and Inclusion Officer is a large role, encompassing responsibilities from internal communications and onboarding to organising liberation groups and the complaints process. As such, even competent Membership and Inclusion Officers can struggle to fulfil the full extent of the role.

This amendment fixes this issue by splitting the role into two, and expanding the responsibilities of each.

The Membership officer becomes responsible for internal party communications, onboarding, and coordinating regional and local Young Green groups. This fixes an issue where regional and local groups had little communication from the Young Green Executive, and allows for a more contained but important role.

The Inclusion Officer is not in charge of Liberation Officers, but is instead a role designed around supporting their work. Our Liberations groups have often been dormant, and so having a dedicated officer to coordinate between liberation groups, sharing ideas and plans (such as the Amelia Womack Mentorship scheme) across the liberation groups more easily.

This split fixes multiple of the issues the Young Greens have faced, such as dormant liberation groups and local groups. As such, it is an efficient way to solve many problems at once.

Supporters

James Mitchell (Green Party), Charlie Aldous (Green Party)

A7 - Updating Terminology

Motion

Proposer: Fanxi Liu (Green Party)

Title: A7 - Updating Terminology to D1: Constitution

Title

Change to:

Update the terminology of the Young Greens Constitution and Liberation Groups to replace 'People of Colour' with 'Global Majority'.

Motion text

From line 83 to 86:

total members. Two of these four spaces should be advertised first to the Young Greens Liberation Group Co-Chairs, with priority given to Young Global Majority Greens ~~of Colour~~ and Young ~~Greens Women of Colour~~ Global Majority Women, before being opened to the wider membership if no volunteers step forward who are Liberation Group Co-Chairs. Where there are

In line 438:

~~5.4.3. People of Colour.~~

5.4.3. Global Majority.

In line 440:

~~5.4.5. Women of Colour.~~

5.4.5. Global Majority Women.

Reason

This amendment updates the Young Greens Constitution to include terminology that reflects a current understanding of the role of language in reference to racialised communities. This also brings the name, roles, and terminology of the 'Young Greens of Colour' and 'Young Greens Women of Colour' Liberation Groups in line with the Global Majority Greens Special Interest Group.

Supporters

Ciara Alleyne, Sade Bello

A2 - Liberation Group Support

Motion

Proposer: Jenny Knight (Green Party)

Title: **A2 - Liberation Group Support to D2: Standing Orders**

Title

Change to:

Liberation Committee Part 2: Electric Boogaloo

Motion text

Insert from line 20 to 22:

prior to convention where they will provide a report to its membership on activities undertaken since last convention, [what their Liberation Officer has worked on with the liberation committee](#) and for any other purpose the group sees fit. Liberation Groups may request a slot at convention, and the Young

Reason

This continues on from the Liberation Committee amendment to the constitution, this part ensures that liberation officers report on how the liberation committee has benefited their liberation groups and members and is essential to monitoring the success of the liberation committee from each liberation groups perspective.

Much like the expression none of us are free until all of us are, the Liberation Committee works for none of us unless it works for all of us - I believe this small

addition will help us reach that goal.

Supporters

Haydn Osborne-Brookes (Green Party), Tia Edden (Green Party)

A3 - Expanding eligibility of Wales Officer

Motion

Proposer: Charlie Aldous (Green Party)

Title: **A3 - Expanding eligibility of Wales Officer to D2:
Standing Orders**

Title

Change to:

Expanding the eligibility to be Wales Officer

Motion text

From line 212 to 215:

~~E.1.2.1. Only Young Greens who are members of Wales Green Party may stand to be the Wales Officer.~~

E.1.3. To stand to be the Wales officer, one or more of the following conditions must be met:

- The candidate identifies as Welsh.
- The candidate is a member of the Wales Young Greens as defined by their constitution.

E.1.~~3~~4. Members who hold a position on the Democracy and Accountability Committee who stand as a candidate for any role in the Annual Ballot, other than a

From line 219 to 220:

E.1.~~4~~5. DAC Members must in every case recuse themselves or be recused from all

business involving an Affiliated Group in which they hold or play an active

From line 222 to 223:

E.1.56. The Electoral Returning Officer and the Deputy shall assume the role of the Democracy and Accountability Committee in the case that all Members are

From line 225 to 226:

E.1.67. Candidates must have two nominees, who are members of the Young Greens in accordance with Article 1 of the constitution, and may provide a candidate

From line 228 to 229:

E.1.78. Members of the Young Greens may not: be a nominee for more than one of the following positions at any one time; nor hold more than one of the following

From line 231 to 260:

E.1.78.1. Any EC role.

E.1.78.2. Democracy and Accountability Committee.

E.1.78.3. Green Students Committee Co-Convenor.

E.1.89. Members of the Young Greens may put themselves forward as a job share for any of the following posts within the Young Greens annual ballot:

E.1.89.1. Treasurer.

E.1.89.2. Elections Officer.

E.1.89.3. Digital Communications Officer.

E.1.89.4. Press Officer.

E.1.89.5. Campaigns Officer.

E.1.89.6. Events Officer.

E.1.89.7. International Officer.

E.1.89.8. Membership and Inclusion Officer.

- E.1.89.9. Political Education and Training Officer.
- E.1.89.10. Liberation Officers (from each formally constituted Liberation Group).
- E.1.89.11. Under 18s Officer.
- E.1.89.12. Wales Officer
- E.1.89.13. Member of the Democracy and Accountability Committee.
- E.1.89.14. Member of the International Committee
- E.1.910. Should one part of the job share resign or be removed from their position for whatever reason, their counterpart(s) will be able to either:
 - E.1.910.1. Advertise to co-opt a replacement for the existing part of the job share.
 - E.1.910.2. Continue to carry out their role without the existing part of the job share, without replacing them.
 - E.1.910.3. Resign from their role.
- E.1.4011. No member may sit on the same body for more than 5 terms consecutively, irrespective of election or co-option.
- E.1.4412. No member may hold the same post for more than 3 terms, irrespective of election or co-option.

Supporters

Rowan Stanger (Cardiff Vale and Valleys Green Party), Amber fae lewis (Ceredigion Green Party), Kian Issacs (Cardiff Vale and Valleys Green Party), Gabriel Harris (Camarthen Green Party), Aiden Dempsey (Gwent Green Party), Takunda Chinowona (Cardiff Vale and Valleys Green Party)

A5 - Membership and Inclusions Officers

Motion

Proposer: Jenny Knight (Green Party)

Title: **A5 - Membership and Inclusions Officers to D2:
Standing Orders**

Title

Change to:

Membership and Inclusions Officers: part 2

Motion text

Delete in line 179:

D.2.1.9. Membership ~~and Inclusion~~-Officer.

Insert in line 183:

D.2.1.13. Green Students Committee Co-convenors.

D.2.1.14. Inclusions Officer

Delete in line 243:

E.1.8.8. Membership ~~and Inclusion~~-Officer.

Insert in line 249:

E.1.8.14. Member of the International Committee

[E.1.9.14 Inclusions Officer](#)

Reason

This amends the standing orders in line with the

Supporters

James Mitchell (Green Party), Charlie Aldous (Green Party)

A6 - Banning Incumbent Endorsements

Motion

Proposer: James Mitchell (Green Party)

Title: **A6 - Banning Incumbent Endorsements to D2:
Standing Orders**

Motion text

From line 454 to 457:

production and/or distribution of false or misleading campaign materials, and mistreating of members.

E.6.9. An incumbent member of the executive committee, incumbent student co-convener, or incumbent member of the Democracy and Accountability Committee must remain neutral during the election of, and may not campaign or offer public support for, any candidate running for their current position, except advocacy for themselves in the case of seeking re-election.

E.6.9.1. Co-Chairs of the Young Greens must remain neutral during the campaign period and may not campaign for or offer public support for any candidate running for the executive committee, student co-convener roles, or Democracy and Accountability Committee, except advocacy for themselves or an opponent in the case of seeking re-election.

E.6.910. Candidates or Proposers with Young Greens email addresses, admin rights, or other privileges due to their role may not use these unduly during the

From line 466 to 467:

E.6.~~40~~11. The Electoral Returning Officer may, from time to time and with the express consent of the Democracy and Accountability Committee, implement

From line 473 to 474:

E.6.~~41~~12. Any member, regardless of candidate status, can report a suspected breach of these rules to the Electoral Returning Officer in the case of

From line 478 to 479:

E.6.~~42~~13. Any suspected electoral breach of these rules shall be investigated by the Electoral Returning Officer and the Democracy and Accountability Committee

From line 481 to 482:

E.6.~~42~~13.1. Suspension of a candidate from the current election, who is suspected to have breached these rules, pending investigation by the Electoral Returning

From line 485 to 486:

E.6.~~42~~13.2. Expulsion from the current election of a candidate found to be in breach of these rules, by the Electoral Returning Officer and the Democracy and

From line 488 to 491:

E.6.~~42~~13.3. Expulsion from the current election of a candidate where it has been found that person(s) acting on their behalf have breached these rules.

E.6.~~42~~13.4. Additionally, Candidates removed from the current election due to the actions of themselves or others will still be eligible to be a candidate for

From line 495 to 496:

E.6.~~13~~14. Any suspected non-electoral breaches, during an election and by a candidate, of the Young Greens Constitution, Young Greens Standing Orders, Green

From line 502 to 503:

E.6.~~13~~14.1. Suspension of a candidate from the current election, who is suspected to have breached these rules, pending investigation by the Democracy and

From line 506 to 509:

E.6.~~13~~14.2. Expulsion from the current election of a candidate found to have breached these rules with the election otherwise continuing as normal.

E.6.~~14~~15. Following any action as described in E6.13.1 or E6.13.2, the Democracy and Accountability Committee shall refer the case to the Complaints and Disputes

From line 512 to 513:

E.6.~~15~~16. Any suspected breach of these rules in relation to the proposal of papers will be investigated by the Democracy and Accountability Committee who

From line 515 to 516:

E.6.~~15~~16.1. Suspension of a proposer suspected of breaking these rules may be suspended from proposing the paper pending investigation by the Democracy and

From line 519 to 520:

E.6.~~15~~16.2. For serious breaches of these rules, the Democracy and Accountability Committee may rule the paper or amendment Out of Order and remove it from the

From line 522 to 523:

E.6.~~16~~17. A person is accountable to these rules from the opening of the nominations period, however, may only announce their candidacy and begin

Reason

This motion very simply prevents endorsements from positions of authority with undue influence in Young Green elections, those being the Co-Chairs or an incumbent to the role. This helps to reduce any awkwardness if an opponent to the endorsed wins, and helps make the election about the candidates and not who they know.

Supporters

Charlie Aldous (Gwent Green Party), Sam Andreotti (Ceredigion Green Party), Saahi Aroori (Portsmouth Green Party)