

A1 - Liberation Group Support

Motion

Proposer: Jenny Knight (Green Party)

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

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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

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