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# **Motion**

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**Proposer:** Democracy & Accountability Committee (decided on:  
01/03/2026)

**Title:** Constitution

## **Motion text**

### **Constitution**

#### **Article 1. Name, Membership and Objectives**

1.1. The name of the organisation is “Young Greens of England and Wales”.

1.2. The accepted abbreviations are “Young Greens” or “YG” and in all publications this name and abbreviations shall be synonymous.

1.3. The geographical boundaries of the Young Greens are England and Wales.

1.4. The Young Greens aim to encourage young people to become active in politics and within the Green Party of England and Wales.

1.5. The Young Greens consists of all members of the Green Party of England and Wales: aged 29 years or less;

1.6. full-time and part-time students regardless of age (where a part time student is defined as a person who is studying for at least 14 hours per week (inclusive of contact and self directed study hours) at a school, college or university, and is studying on a course with a length of 3 months or more;

1.7. Membership of the Young Greens includes voting rights to all elections in accordance with this constitution.

1.8. An individual’s membership of the Young Greens can be permanently terminated by an absolute two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee with the agreement of the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability Committee. Where the individual is a member of those committees, they will not be able to vote on or be required to approve the termination and the absolute two-thirds majority will exclude that individual.

1.9. Termination of membership can only occur if their membership is considered to be detrimental to the work of the Young Greens. Prior to that, however, the Young Greens Complaints and Disputes Procedure should have been used, as outlined in Article

#### **Article 2. Organisation**

28 2.1. The Young Greens is composed of individual members, committees and  
29 Affiliated Groups, whose constitutions, aims and values should be consistent  
30 with those of the Young Greens and the Green Party of England and Wales.

31 2.2. The Young Greens will be run by an Executive Committee, defined in Byelaw 1

32 2.3. There will be a Democracy and Accountability Committee with responsibility  
33 for constitutional affairs and inclusivity, as defined in Byelaw 2

34 2.4. There will be a Green Students Committee consisting of two Co-Convenors and  
35 five Non-Portfolio Officers, defined in Byelaw 3

36 2.5. The Executive Committee, Democracy and Accountability Committee will be  
37 elected at the Young Greens Annual General Meeting according to the provisions  
38 in Section E of the Standing Orders.

39 2.6. There will be two Safeguarding Officers with responsibility for the  
40 safeguarding and wellbeing of members, as defined in Byelaw 9.

41 2.7. Subcommittees may be formed by the Executive Committee, as defined in  
42 Byelaw 7.

43 2.8. All other groups outside of the committees defined in clauses 2.2 - 2.4  
44 will be named Affiliated Groups, including Groups for the Regions of England,  
45 Wales, Local Groups, Liberation Groups, and Special Interest Groups.

46 2.9. Affiliated Group constitutions should state that they are a part of the  
47 Young Greens of England and Wales and not contradict the Young Greens  
48 constitution in any way.

49 2.10. For a group to be affiliated, they must be accepted by an absolute  
50 majority vote of the Executive Committee.

51 2.11. The Executive Committee must keep a list of affiliated groups and review  
52 it each year after Convention.

53 2.12. An affiliated group of the Young Greens can be disaffiliated by an  
54 absolute two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee if they are in  
55 violation of this constitution or if their membership is considered detrimental  
56 to the work of the Young Greens.

57 **Article 3. Amendment of the Constitution**

58 3.1. This constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a  
59 General Meeting.

60 3.2. The byelaws to this constitution which all have the status of parts of this  
61 constitution may be amended, created or revoked by a two-thirds majority vote at  
62 a General Meeting.

63 3.3. A minor change to the constitution and standing orders, for the purpose of  
64 the editing power that is held by DAC, is defined as one where the meaning of a  
65 clause, or outcome of a clause, has not been altered (although it may be  
66 clarified); and the change is for the purposes of correcting errors or  
67 inconsistencies in typography, spelling, or grammar; clarifying a meaning, or  
68 correcting the numbering of clauses.

69 **Article 4. The Standing Orders**

70 4.1. The Standing Orders govern all elections and democratic processes such as  
71 General Meetings within the Young Greens.

72 4.2. The Standing Orders must be followed at all times. They can be amended by a  
73 two-thirds majority at a General Meeting.

74 4.3. Where there is a perceived contradiction between the Constitution and  
75 Standing Orders, the Democracy and Accountability Committee shall rule on the  
76 correct interpretation with precedence given to the Constitution.

77 **Article 5. Complaints and Disputes**

78 5.1. There shall be a Complaints and Disputes Subcommittee (C&D) of the  
79 Democracy and Accountability Committee.

80 5.2. C&D will be constituted of a permanent representative from the Democracy  
81 and Accountability Committee (hereby known as the DAC Rep), who will chair the  
82 group, as well as four volunteers from the Young Greens membership, to make five  
83 total members. Two of these four spaces should be advertised first to the Young  
84 Greens Liberation Group Co-Chairs, with priority given to Young Greens of Colour  
85 and Young Greens Women of Colour, before being opened to the wider membership if  
86 no volunteers step forward who are Liberation Group Co-Chairs. Where there are  
87 too many volunteers, selection will be made by DAC; candidates may be put on a

88 reserve list that would be used when other members are recused (see ). Where  
89 there are too few volunteers, the remaining membership will be drawn by lots  
90 from: Co-Convenors of Groups of the Regions of England, and Wales; Green  
91 Students Committee members; and Young Green Liberation Group Co-Chairs. At least  
92 two members of C&D should not be self-defining men.

93 5.3. C&D should have 5 participating members for every case dealt with. A  
94 reserve list of members may be created by DAC in order to ensure that this is  
95 possible, as members may be taking leave of absence. It may also be that members  
96 have personal interests in the outcome of a case, or possess personal or  
97 professional relations, amicable or otherwise, with those involved in a case.  
98 Applications for recusal may be made by members of C&D, DAC, EC any Young Green  
99 directly involved within a case, and are submitted to DAC, and may be done so by  
100 or on the behalf of a member of C&D. A majority vote from DAC determines if a  
101 member is recused. If the DAC Rep is recused, C&D is to vote on an acting Chair  
102 for a case, who must be a member of C&D. Recusal should happen before the point  
103 of formal intervention (the implementation of Section B.3).

104 5.4. C&D membership will be from its initiation until the following Young Greens  
105 Convention, after which C&D will be re-formulated following Article 5.3. It is  
106 permissible to re-volunteer. Complaints and Disputes will be dealt with by a  
107 single C&D only and will not be passed on between re-formulations (except in the  
108 case of resignations). This may lead to persons carrying out C&D duties for as  
109 long as a complaint of dispute takes to judge on.

110 5.5. Members are to submit complaints based on breaches of the Young Greens  
111 Constitution, Young Greens Standing Orders, Green Party Constitution, Green  
112 Party Standing Orders, Green Party Code of Conduct or any other organisational  
113 policies of the Green Party of England and Wales and Young Greens, including  
114 anti-harassment and Safe Space policies.

115 5.6. Any complaints about another member of the Young Greens, or disputes that a  
116 member feels they need help resolving, should go in the first instance to the  
117 C&D. If for whatever reason a member does not feel comfortable approaching any  
118 C&D member, they may go to Young Greens Staff, Young Greens Membership and  
119 Inclusion Officer or to the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

120 5.7. In the first instance when a complaint is lodged, a member of the C&D will  
121 speak to involved parties and attempt to resolve the issue informally whilst  
122 maintaining clear records, in accordance with Article

123 5.8. Where any involved parties feel that hasn't worked, or where any parties

124 refuse the informal intervention, the complaint should be made in writing. All  
125 involved parties will have equal chance to state their own case.

126 5.9. C&D Subcommittee will consider the complaint and make a judgement, in  
127 writing, to all parties. Judgements should include a ruling on whether there  
128 have been breaches of the Young Greens Constitution, Young Greens Standing  
129 Orders, Green Party Constitution, Green Party Standing Orders, Green Party Code  
130 of Conduct or any other organisational policies of the Green Party of England  
131 and Wales and Young Greens, including anti-harassment and Safe Space policies.

132 5.10. After a judgement, C&D Subcommittee will make a recommendation of action  
133 to either or both complainants. In cases where there is a need for disciplinary  
134 action, to DAC or another relevant body where appropriate. These disciplinary  
135 actions may include, but are not limited to:

136 5.10.1. Ban from Young Greens Events/Spaces, for a period of up to 12 months

137 5.10.2. Suspension of Young Greens membership, for a period of up to 12 months

138 5.10.3. Censure from holding a position within the Young Greens, for a period of  
139 up to 12 months

140 5.10.4. Permanent termination of membership, as outlined in Article 1.8

141 5.11. Where the case is deemed to be serious enough, C&D Subcommittee may  
142 recommend a suspension for the period of the investigation and which must be  
143 agreed by the Chair of the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

144 5.12. If the recommended action(s) following a judgement are not followed by the  
145 involved parties, C&D should make recommendations of action to the EC or DAC.

146 5.13. If an individual; wishes to appeal a judgement made by C&D, they may do so  
147 by communicating to DAC. The grounds for an appeal are if new evidence emerges,  
148 or if C&D broke procedure. DAC should look over the evidence presented by the  
149 appellant and may make a ruling on whether the appeals process should be  
150 initiated. In this case, appeals will be heard by a new group formulated on the  
151 same basis as C&D in but excluding C&D members that made the original judgement.  
152 This may be drawn from the list of reserve members.

153 5.14. There should be clear minutes and records of actions kept of all C&D  
154 meetings. These may be disclosed beyond C&D at the discretion of C&D

155 Subcommittee, and a need for confidentiality and fair treatment must be  
156 considered. C&D are to submit reports of each case to DAC. DAC will then include  
157 a general, anonymous summary of these in their annual report.

158 5.15. A response to all initial complaints should be made to the initiator of  
159 the complaint within 48 hours of receiving the complaint, in which the standard  
160 process is outlined to them and how C&D intend to carry out the informal  
161 mediation.

162 5.16. Informal mediation should start within 5 days of a complaint or dispute  
163 being lodged.

164 5.17. A judgement should be made within 3 weeks of a complaint or dispute being  
165 lodged in writing following informal mediation failing or where the written  
166 statement refuses informal mediation.

167 5.18. Any requests for updates from any involved party should be responded to  
168 within 72 hours.

169 5.19. Extensions to these deadlines should be sought from DAC in extenuating  
170 circumstances

171 5.20. Malicious complaints made against a Young Greens member are serious and a  
172 breach of the principles outlined in the Constitution as well as the GPEW Code  
173 of Conduct. C&D Subcommittee will dismiss malicious complaints and may notify  
174 relevant parties that a malicious complaint has been made.

## 175 **Article 6. The Young Greens Record of Policy Statements**

176 6.1. There shall be a Young Greens Record of Policy Statements (hereafter YG  
177 RoPS) that contains contemporary policy statements from the Young Greens of  
178 England and Wales.

179 6.2. Actions from Young Green bodies should not contradict statements in the  
180 RoPS.

181 6.3. Statements may be submitted to the YG RoPS by a simple majority vote of a  
182 motion submitted to a General Meeting. Alternatively, statements may be  
183 submitted to the YG RoPS by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee,  
184 with the consent of DAC. All statements added between General Meetings are to be  
185 reported to the following Young Greens Annual General Meeting by DAC and

186 recorded in DAC quarterly reports.

187 6.4. Statements may be removed from the YG RoPS by a simple majority vote of a  
188 motion submitted to a General Meeting. Alternatively, statements may be removed  
189 from the YG RoPS by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, with the  
190 consent of DAC. All statements removed between General Meetings are to be  
191 reported to the following Young Greens Annual General Meeting by DAC and  
192 recorded in DAC monthly reports.

193 6.5. After five years of a statement being entered into the YG RoPS, it is  
194 considered to be in grace as recorded by EC. This means that it will be reported  
195 to be in grace to the following Young Greens General Meeting by EC, who will  
196 give members the chance to vote on whether it should stay in the YG RoPS, which  
197 requires a simple majority. This restarts the five-year placement of that  
198 statement into the YG RoPS.

199 6.6. The YG RoPS should be publicly available.

## 200 **Article 7. The Young Greens Record of Organisational Statements**

201 7.1. There shall be a Young Greens Record of Organisational Statements  
202 (hereafter YG RoOS) that contains organisational policies from the Young Greens  
203 of England and Wales.

204 7.2. Actions from Young Green bodies should not contradict statements in the  
205 RoOS.

206 7.3. Statements may be submitted to the YG RoOS by a simple majority vote of a  
207 motion submitted to a General Meeting. Alternatively, statements may be  
208 submitted to the YG RoOS by a simple majority vote of the EC, with the consent  
209 of DAC. All statements added between General Meetings are to be reported to the  
210 following Young Greens Annual General Meeting by DAC and recorded in DAC  
211 quarterly reports.

212 7.4. Statements may be removed from the YG RoOS by a simple majority vote of a  
213 motion submitted to a General Meeting. Alternatively, statements may be removed  
214 from the YG RoOS by a simple majority vote of the EC, with the consent of DAC.  
215 All statements removed between General Meetings are to be reported to the  
216 following Young Greens Annual General Meeting by DAC and recorded in DAC  
217 quarterly reports.

218 7.5. Each year DAC will review the RoOS and bring a list of statements they  
219 judge to be out of date to Convention for a vote of retention or removal.

220 7.6. The YG RoOS should be publicly available.

## 221 **Article 8. The Young Greens Record of Structural Procedures**

222 8.1. There shall be a Young Greens Record of Structural Procedures (hereafter YG  
223 RoSPs) that contains a record of the following:

224 8.1.1. All rulings of the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

225 8.1.2. The text of all passed Motions of Censure and Commendations, alongside  
226 accompanying vote numbers and outcomes.

227 8.1.3. All records of successful Votes of No Confidence, and motions of the same  
228 effect, anonymous vote results, and vote outcomes - all information shall be  
229 anonymous.

230 8.1.4. All records of Subcommittee formations.

231 8.2. The Democracy and Accountability Committee may add items to the YG RoSPs.

232 8.3. Entries may be removed by a simple majority vote of a motion submitted to  
233 Convention. All statements added between Conventions are to be reported to the  
234 following Young Greens Annual General Meeting by DAC and recorded in the next  
235 quarterly DAC report.

236 8.4. The YG RoSPs shall be available to all Members of the Young Greens.

## 237 **Article 9. Safeguarding and Safe Spaces Policy**

238 9.1. Safeguarding is the responsibility of every Young Green. Young Greens will  
239 follow the guidance regarding safeguarding in the RoOS.

240 9.2. The Young Greens are committed to providing an environment free of racism,  
241 sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, religious discrimination or any other  
242 types of oppression, including, but not limited to, oppression against non-  
243 binary identities and sex workers.

244 9.3. The Young Greens are committed to providing an environment free of  
245 bullying, name-calling or any forms of abusive behaviour.

246 9.4. The Young Greens are committed to challenging these types of oppression  
247 whenever they occur in Young Greens spaces.

248 9.5. The Young Greens are committed to having a victim centred approach when  
249 safe spaces are jeopardised.

250 9.6. The Young Greens will follow guidance regarding safe spaces in the RoOS.

251 9.7. When it comes from outside of the Young Greens but within the Green Party,  
252 individuals in the Young Greens are encouraged to report all forms of oppression  
253 or discrimination including hate crime to the Green Party of England and Wales  
254 through the standard complaints procedures for further investigation into these  
255 matters. Individuals may contact the Young Greens Complaints and Disputes  
256 Committee to receive support in doing so.

## 257 **Article 10. Internal Financial Policy**

258 10.1. Finances shall be managed on a bi-national scale by the Executive  
259 Committee, who shall have the power to raise, spend, and manage funds.

260 10.2. The Executive Committee will manage the finances of the Young Greens in  
261 the best interest of the organisation.

262 10.2.1. They shall make sure that the organisation's resources are only used to  
263 support or carry out its aims and strategy.

264 10.2.2. They will make balanced and adequately informed financial decisions,  
265 thinking about the short term as well as the long term.

266 10.2.3. They will avoid putting themselves in a position where their duty to the  
267 Young Greens conflicts with their personal interests or personal loyalties.

268 10.2.4. They shall not take inappropriate risks with the organisation's  
269 resources.

270 10.2.5. They shall comply with any restrictions on spending funds.

271 10.3. The Young Greens shall keep an up-to-date reserves policy in the Record of  
272 Organisational Statements (RoOS) which shall:

273 10.3.1. Fully justify and clearly explain how much we will keep in reserves

274 10.3.2. Outline how and when the reserves can be spent

275 10.3.3. Outline how often the reserves policy shall be reviewed

## 276 **Byelaws**

### 277 **Byelaw 1. The Young Greens Executive Committee**

278 1.1. There shall be an Executive Committee (hereafter referred to as “the  
279 Executive Committee” or “EC”) which shall consist of:

280 1.1.1. Two Co-Chairs, of which at least one must not be a self-defining man.

281 1.1.2. Treasurer.

282 1.1.3. The Green Students Committee Co-Convenors, of which at least one must not  
283 be a self-defining man.

284 1.1.4. Elections Officer

285 1.1.5. Digital Communications Officer

286 1.1.6. Press Officer

287 1.1.7. Campaigns Officer

288 1.1.8. Events Officer

289 1.1.9. International Officer

290 1.1.10. Membership and Inclusion Officer

291 1.1.11. Political Education and Training Officer

292 1.1.12. Liberation Officers (from each formally constituted Liberation Group)

293 1.1.13. Under 18s Officer

294 1.1.14. Wales Officer

295 1.2. EC Elections shall be carried out according to Section E of the Standing  
296 Orders, following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules described  
297 therein.

298 1.3. The aim and responsibility of the EC is to:

299 1.3.1. Provide an overall direction and strategic planning.

300 1.3.2. Support all members and bodies within the Young Greens.

301 1.3.3. Represent the Young Greens externally, including running the website and  
302 social media and representing the Young Greens at events.

303 1.4. EC members shall individually provide a quarterly report to the membership  
304 which is made available for all members. A quarterly online question and answer  
305 session hosted by DAC should follow and be promoted to all members with a call  
306 for questions.

307 1.5. EC Members shall provide an end of year report to the Young Greens Annual  
308 General Meeting.

309 1.6. Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following  
310 the procedure outlined in Section E7 of the Standing Orders.

311 1.7. The quorum for EC decisions is an absolute majority of all EC members.

312 1.8. An absolute majority of the Executive Committee may delegate authority,  
313 responsibilities, and powers over a set area to a set subset of the Executive  
314 Committee for a set period.

315 1.9. The Executive Committee shall have a handover period.

316 1.9.1. The handover period will be two weeks, counted from the last day of  
317 Convention.

318 1.9.2. The outgoing Executive Committee members shall be expected to provide a  
319 handover to the incoming Executive Committee. They shall decide what form this  
320 will take.

321 1.9.3. Throughout the handover period the outgoing Executive Committee shall be  
322 able to make decisions except monetary and expenditure decisions concerning more  
323 than 2% of Young Greens reserves or monies (where a series of decisions shall  
324 count towards this threshold) - such decisions shall require pre-approval from  
325 the incoming Executive Committee.. The incoming Executive Committee shall have  
326 the power to veto any decisions made.

327 1.9.4. The Co-Chairs shall report any decisions taken by the outgoing Executive  
328 Committee in their three month accountability report.

## 329 **Byelaw 2. The Democracy and Accountability Committee**

330 2.1. There shall be a Democracy and Accountability Committee (hereafter known as  
331 "the Democracy and Accountability Committee" or "DAC") which shall consist of:

332 2.1.1. Five members, where one member is selected within as Chair.

333 2.1.2. The Chair shall be selected at the first meeting of DAC after the Annual  
334 Ballot.

335 2.1.3. The position of Chair may also be taken as a job-share between two  
336 members of DAC who will then be Co-chairs.

337 2.1.4. If the Chair or Co-chairs resigns, DAC shall select a new Chair or Co-  
338 chairs at their next available meeting.

339 2.2. Elections will be carried out according to Section E of the Standing  
340 Orders, following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules described  
341 therein.

342 2.3. The aim and responsibility of the Democracy and Accountability Committee is  
343 to:

344 2.3.1. Uphold this Constitution, Byelaws and Standing Orders.

345 2.3.2. Oversee updates and clarifications to these, including through elections

346 and the Annual General meeting.

347 2.3.3. Make rulings on interpretations of this Constitution and to declare acts  
348 constitutional or otherwise.

349 2.3.4. Make minor changes to the Constitution and the Standing Orders to ensure  
350 it is standardised and accurate, as outlined in Article 3 of this Constitution.

351 2.3.5. As part of this role, the Democracy and Accountability Committee will run  
352 the Annual General Meeting and Winter General Meeting as described in Sections B  
353 and D of the Standing Orders.

354 2.3.6. Additionally, the Democracy and Accountability Committee is responsible  
355 for ensuring accountability of the Young Greens at large.

356 2.4. The Chair of the Democracy and Accountability Committee has the right to  
357 attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, but not vote, as a  
358 representative of the Democracy and Accountability Committee and should be  
359 consulted on major decisions.

360 2.5. The Democracy and Accountability Committee members shall individually  
361 provide a quarterly report to the membership, which is made available to all  
362 members, and an end-of-year report to the Young Greens Annual General Meeting.  
363 These shall detail any minor changes made to the constitution and standing  
364 orders.

### 365 **Byelaw 3. The Green Students Committee**

366 3.1. The Green Students Committee shall be led by two Co-Convenors.

367 3.2. The Co-convenors shall be elected in line with Section E of the Standing  
368 Orders following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules described  
369 therein.

370 3.3. The aim and responsibility of the Green Students Committee is to:

371 3.3.1. Ensure that the Executive Committee is kept up to date on issues  
372 affecting students and to lead campaigning on those issues.

373 3.3.2. Encourage Young Greens to stand for elected positions in relevant student

374 -led organisations, including but not limited to, their students unions, NUS, or  
375 UCU (if they are eligible).

376 3.3.3. Support any Young Greens holding those elected positions in relevant  
377 student-led organisations.

378 3.3.4. Ensure that the Young Greens are involved with campaigns run by the NUS,  
379 and other relevant student-led organisations.

380 3.3.5. Liaise with external bodies that are relevant to student issues and  
381 campaigning.

382 3.3.6. Promote campaigns and organisations relevant to the students movement to  
383 the Young Greens membership.

384 3.3.7. Work with the Executive Committee to support the Young Greens Students  
385 Societies and ensure their effective running.

386 3.4. Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following  
387 the procedure outlined in the standing orders.

#### 388 **Byelaw 4. The Young Greens International Committee**

389 4.1. Liberation Groups shall represent individuals who face current and historic  
390 oppression, discrimination and/or are marginalised in wider society due to a  
391 shared characteristic.

392 4.2. The Young Greens International Committee shall be led by the International  
393 Officer.

394 4.3. The International Officer shall be elected in line with Section E of the  
395 Standing Orders following the procedures, timescale and gender balance rules  
396 described therein.

397 4.4. There should be no more than 5 members of the International Committee, in  
398 addition to the International Officer.

399 4.5. The aim and the responsibility of the Young Greens International Committee  
400 is to:

401 4.5.1. Ensure that the Executive Committee is kept up to date on international  
402 issues pertaining to the Young Greens of England and Wales.

403 4.5.2. Champion the values and interests of the Young Greens of England and  
404 Wales among our international partners.

405 4.5.3. Build and maintain a network of relationships with Young Green  
406 organisations from around the world.

407 4.5.4. Communicate international participation and collaboration opportunities  
408 to both the Young Greens of England and Wales and its membership.

409 4.5.5. Plan and manage positive and active participation in the statutory events  
410 of our international partner organisations, i.e. Federation of Young European  
411 Greens General Assembly and Global Young Greens Congress.

412 4.5.6. Encourage and support any member of the Young Greens of England and Wales  
413 putting themselves forward for a role in any of our international partner  
414 organisations, i.e. Federation of Young European Greens or Global Young Greens.

415 4.6. Vacant positions may be co-opted at any time throughout the year following  
416 the procedure outlined in the standing orders

417 4.7. International Committee members shall individually provide a quarterly, six  
418 month, and annual report to the membership which is made available for all  
419 members. The International Committee Members shall not partake in the quarterly  
420 online question and answer sessions hosted by DAC but their reports shall be  
421 promoted to all members with a call for questions and answers via email.

422 4.8. International Committee Members may be removed from office via a vote of  
423 confidence of the International Committee or via a vote of confidence at an  
424 accountability session of a General Meeting.

## 425 **Byelaw 5. The Liberation Committee**

426 5.1. Liberation Groups shall represent individuals who face current and historic  
427 oppression, discrimination and/or are marginalised in wider society due to a  
428 shared characteristic.

429 5.2. Liberation Groups shall ensure that the voices and perspectives of people  
430 in marginalised groups are well represented and heard within the structures and

431 policies of the Young Greens and the wider Green Party.

432 5.3. Young Greens members are free to join any Liberation Group which they self-  
433 identify as a member of. As such, these groups shall be organised and led by  
434 self-identifying members.

435 5.4. The current list of Liberation Groups is as follows:

436 5.4.1. Disability.

437 5.4.2. LGBTIQ+.

438 5.4.3. People of Colour.

439 5.4.4. Women.

440 5.4.5. Women of Colour.

441 5.5. A new group can be set up if all the following criteria are met:

442 5.5.1. The proposed group face current and historic oppression, discrimination  
443 and/or are marginalised in wider society based around a shared characteristic.

444 5.5.2. The proposer can demonstrate that at least 5 members will actively join  
445 the group.

446 5.6. EC shall use their discretion in approving the creation of new Liberation  
447 Groups between General Meetings and shall bring a paper of ratification to the  
448 next Annual General Meeting, or to an Emergency General Meeting if this happens  
449 to occur first.

450 5.7. Each Liberation Group shall elect from their membership at least two Co-  
451 chairs, where no more than one self-defines as a man. If for any reason, the  
452 Liberation Group cannot run the election, DAC will run the election on their  
453 behalf.

454 5.7.1. Each Liberation Group will elect one Liberation officer with the  
455 exception of the LGBTQIA+ Young Greens which will have two Liberation Officers  
456 "LGBTQIA+ Officer and Trans Officer"

457 5.8. The election should be organised by said Liberation Group using a system of  
458 Single Transferable Vote, for which advice can be sought from DAC, to ensure  
459 that the rules in Byelaw 5.7 are satisfied.

460 5.9. Liberation Groups may be additionally led by a committee, with the number  
461 of positions and the election or co-option timescale at the discretion of the  
462 Liberation Group members.

463 5.10. Each Liberation Group will reserve a seat on the committee for their  
464 Liberation Group Officer.

465 5.10.1. The Liberation Group Officer will be elected through the Annual Ballot  
466 in accordance with Section E of the Standing Orders.

467 5.10.2. The Liberation Group Officer will not be able to also hold the position  
468 as Co-Chair of the Liberation Group

469 5.11. The Liberation Group Co-Chairs, or Committee where appropriate, are in  
470 charge of moderating any online spaces they group holds, organising training  
471 days and meet-ups, upholding the Safe Space policy at all times, and  
472 representing their Liberation Group concerns through the Liberation Group  
473 Officer and to the Membership and Inclusion Officer.

474 5.12. Liberation groups are required to adopt a constitution.

475 5.12.1. A Liberation Group's constitution may be amended at its Convention  
476 meeting or through additional means outlined in its constitution.

477 5.12.2. Failure to adopt a constitution shall result in adoption of a model  
478 constitution provided by the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

## 479 **Byelaw 6. International Affiliation**

480 6.1. The Young Greens of England and Wales is a full member organisation of the  
481 Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG).

482 6.2. The Young Greens of England and Wales is a member of the Global Young  
483 Greens (GYG) by virtue of its membership of FYEG.

484 6.3. As a member of both organisations, the Young Greens will endeavour to send

485 at least one delegate to the FYEG General Assembly or GYG Congress each year.

486 6.4. The first International Delegate shall be appointed by EC from the  
487 membership of either EC or the International Committee.

488 6.5. If there are to be any further delegates, they should be appointed from the  
489 general membership by EC.

490 6.6. No more than half of the total number of International Delegates shall  
491 self-define as a man.

492 6.7. Additional observers for the General Assembly may be appointed by EC.

493 6.8. In the event of the Global Young Greens Congress being held the same year  
494 as the FYEG General Assembly, this election shall occur twice - all members,  
495 despite any prior delegate status, are able to be a candidate in this election,  
496 in line with Section E of the Standing Orders.

497 6.9. At the FYEG General Assembly, the first delegate and the elected  
498 International Delegate shall be given one vote each (as permitted by the FYEG  
499 Constitution). The first delegate shall consult EC for advice on how to vote on  
500 motions, but further delegates may vote independently; they can seek advice from  
501 EC and indeed agree with the EC delegate vote.

502 6.10. If any member of the Young Greens of England and Wales wishes to run for  
503 election to any roles within FYEG or GYG, they must consult and seek the  
504 nomination of the EC.

## 505 **Byelaw 7. Special Interest Groups**

506 7.1. Members with concerns on a specific issue or set of issues may form a  
507 Special Interest Group in order to develop policy positions and pursue campaigns  
508 within the structure and strategy of the Young Greens.

509 7.2. Young Greens members are free to join any Special Interest Group, in  
510 accordance with any rules on eligibility as defined by the group.

511 7.3. The current list of Special Interest Groups is as follows:

512 7.3.1. Under 18s

513 7.4. A new group can be set up if all the following criteria is met:

514 7.4.1. The proposer can demonstrate that at least 5 members will actively join  
515 the group.

516 7.5. EC shall use their discretion in approving the creation of new Special  
517 Interest Groups between General Meetings and shall bring a paper of ratification  
518 to the next Annual General Meeting, or to an Emergency General Meeting if this  
519 happens to occur first.

520 7.6. Each Special Interest Group shall elect from their membership at least two  
521 Co-chairs, where no more than one self-defines as a man. If for any reason, the  
522 Special Interest Group cannot run the election, DAC will run the election on  
523 their behalf.

524 7.7. The election should be organised by said Special Interest Group using a  
525 system of Single Transferable Vote, for which advice can be sought from DAC, to  
526 ensure that the rules in 7.6 are satisfied.

527 7.8. Special Interest Groups may be additionally led by a committee, with the  
528 number of positions and the election or co-option timescale to be decided at the  
529 discretion of the Special Interest Group's members.

530 7.9. Special Interest Groups are required to adopt a constitution.

531 7.9.1. A Special Interest Group's constitution may be amended at its Convention  
532 meeting or through additional means outlined in its constitution.

533 7.9.2. Failure to adopt a constitution shall result in adoption of a model  
534 constitution provided by the Democracy and Accountability Committee.

## 535 **Byelaw 8. Subcommittees**

536 8.1. The formation of subcommittees is separate from the Executive Committee's  
537 power to delegate defined in Byelaw 1.8 and therefore not subject to its  
538 requirements.

539 8.2. Subcommittees may be formed where a simple majority vote of the Executive  
540 Committee has passed.

541 8.3. Subcommittees shall be formed for a specific period of time, with a  
542 specific remit, after which their mandate may be extended for a specific period  
543 of time by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

544 8.4. At least one member of the Executive Committee shall sit on a subcommittee  
545 at any given time, and subcommittees shall be chaired by a member of the  
546 Executive Committee.

547 8.5. Members who are not on the Executive Committee may also sit on a  
548 subcommittee with the discretion of the Executive Committee.

549 8.6. The Executive Committee may overrule a decision made by a subcommittee by a  
550 simple majority vote.

551 8.7. The Executive Committee may dissolve a subcommittee early by a two-thirds  
552 majority vote.

553 8.8. A General Meeting may instruct the Executive Committee to form a  
554 subcommittee by passing a resolution.

555 8.8.1. Such a resolution must provide the requirements defined in byelaw 8.3.  
556 Failure to do so will mean there shall be no requirement for the Executive  
557 Committee to form the subcommittee.

558 8.8.2. If the Executive Committee fails to form a subcommittee that has been  
559 properly mandated by a resolution within a month of its passing, this shall be  
560 recorded in the YG RoSPs.

## 561 **Byelaw 9. Safeguarding Officers**

562 9.1. There shall be two Safeguarding Officers.

563 9.2. The Safeguarding Officers shall be elected by and from the Executive  
564 Committee annually, no later than six weeks after Convention each year.

565 9.3. The Safeguarding Officers will be elected using the Single Transferable  
566 Vote (STV) system with a provision for negative voting (re-open nominations,  
567 acronym RON).

568 9.3.1. Single Transferable Vote quota for election is calculated as follows:

569 total valid vote divided by one more than the number of seats up for election  
570 plus one (or rounded up) to avoid ties:  $(TVV/(seats+1)) +1$ .

571 9.4. Voting will take place via secret, secure online ballot arranged by the  
572 Democracy and Accountability Committee (DAC).

573 9.5. DAC is responsible for counting the votes.

574 9.6. No more than one Safeguarding Officer may self-identify as a man.

575 9.7. Except in cases of resignation or removal from post, the Safeguarding  
576 Officer and their Deputy shall be in post until the next Executive Committee  
577 elects new Safeguarding Officers. The term shall not be more than fifteen  
578 months.

579 9.8. The Safeguarding Officers have the duty to:

580 9.8.1. Lead on the development of safeguards for the Young Greens.

581 9.8.2. Promote the safety and welfare of children and young people in the Young  
582 Greens.

583 9.8.3. Promote good safeguarding practice and procedure within the Young Greens.

584 9.8.4. Contribute to a review of Young Green safeguarding policy and procedure  
585 every two years, or sooner if required.

586 9.8.5. Receive and appropriately record information from anyone who has  
587 safeguarding concerns.

588 9.8.6. Assess such information promptly and carefully, clarifying or obtaining  
589 more information where necessary.

590 9.8.7. Follow Young Greens safeguarding policy and procedure in the RoOS in  
591 full, including with regard to consultation and referral.

592 9.9. It is not their job to decide whether a child or a young person has been  
593 abused or not.

594 9.10. The Safeguarding Officers may be dismissed by an absolute majority of the

595 Executive Committee.

596 9.11. The Safeguarding Officers shall have a handover period.

597 9.11.1. The handover period will be two weeks, counted from the day new  
598 Safeguarding Officers are elected.

599 9.11.2. The outgoing Safeguarding Officers shall be expected to provide a  
600 handover to the incoming Safeguarding Officers. They shall decide what form this  
601 will take.