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Motion

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Title: Ukraine Solidarity Motion

Motion text

1 The Young Greens note that:

- 2 • Since the beginning of Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022,
3 around 7 million people have been made refugees by the Russian Federation,
4 with a further around four million being internally displaced. [1]
- 5 • Russia's war on Ukraine has resulted in widespread human rights abuses,
6 including: mass killing of civilians, deliberate ecological destruction,
7 and forceable population transfers in occupied regions. [2]
- 8 • The relocation of children (a move not disputed by Russia) from the
9 occupied regions of Ukraine has led to the sanction of the ICC
10 (International Criminal Court) on Vladimir Putin, given it is indicative
11 of Genocide under the 1948 convention. [3]
- 12 • Russia has been able to circumvent international sanctions on its oil
13 industry via UK-based companies providing shipping and selling of gas
14 internationally. [4]
- 15 • Ukraine's workers' movement, climate and ecological movement and other
16 social movements have continued to wage struggles for democracy and social
17 justice within the country, against the Ukrainian government's neoliberal
18 policies - while supporting and participating in Ukraine's defence against
19 Russian imperialism. Recent months have, despite wartime conditions, even
20 seen major and successful youth-led protests against corruption and for
21 democratic rights. [5][6]
- 22 • Various UK political parties, including Reform UK, the Conservative Party
23 and even now the Labour Party have worked to dismantle the UK's systems of
24 refugee protection and access. This includes attempts at dismantling the
25 Wales Nation of Sanctuary Scheme. [7]
- 26 • Precarious visa and asylum status creates barriers to children's and young
27 adults' access to primary, secondary and higher education. [8]

28 The Young Greens believe that:

- 29 • It is fundamentally wrong to wage wars of territorial expansion.

- 30 • The Ukrainian people, through their elected representatives, must have
31 final say on any peace deal; it is not the right of Britain, Russia, the
32 USA or other nations to dictate terms in the negotiation of a long-term
33 peace.

- 34 • Russia's actions[see above] are an extension of imperialist control,
35 denying the rights of self-determination to the Ukrainian people.

- 36 • International Law and Human rights should be enforced both by providing
37 sanctuary to those fleeing War and prosecuting War Criminals.

- 38 • The UK government should close loopholes which have allowed Russia to
39 continue supplying fossil fuels and goods seized from occupied territory
40 to international markets.

- 41 • The UK can learn valuable lessons from Ukraine and its people, both for
42 the strengthening of UK democratic practice internally and for the UK's
43 international diplomatic efforts via adapting lessons learned from the
44 conflict to aid conflict recovery elsewhere.

- 45 • The UK and other nations have a duty to provide safe and legal routes of
46 refuge to all people fleeing from conflict. They must also provide support
47 to those who have secured asylum to integrate into their place of refuge.

48 **The Young Greens resolve:**

- 49 • To call on GPC and Green Party Parliamentarians to work alongside
50 Ukrainian organisations and Trade Unions in the UK, and Green parties and
51 left-wing parties in Ukraine and other countries (including, where
52 possible, Russian anti-imperialist and progressive parties) to pressure
53 the UK government into providing further aid for Ukraine.

- 54 • To call on the government protect routes of asylum into the UK and protect
55 schemes to help asylum seekers integrate into their local areas (E.G: The
56 Nation of Sanctuary Scheme, among others), and to work to provide visa
57 stability and certainty in status to all refugees so they can gain access
58 to long term study.

- 59 • To call on the government to close sanction loopholes and impose stronger
60 sanctions on the Russian state, complicit corporate organisations and
61 individuals.

- 62 • To call on the UK government to use frozen Russian assets to fund
63 humanitarian supply provision and a just transition to Net-zero for
64 Ukraine.

- 65 • To call for the twinning between UK and Ukrainian municipalities to share
66 support, experience and expertise.

- 67 • To work with Ukrainian social movements (Climate justice, Trade Union,
68 LGBTQ+ liberation movements, etc.) to build solidarity and to develop
69 campaigns to combat inequality and environmental devastation at home and
70 abroad.

- 71 • To work with the Green Ukraine Solidarity network and with Ukraine
72 Solidarity Campaign, the left-wing, union-based UK campaign in support of
73 Ukraine and its social movements.

74 References:

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88 [8]: Summary of “Displaced Ukrainians in the UK panel” available from [here]

Reason

Building off the moral principles espoused by prior items in our record of Policy statements and the request of the Green Ukraine solidarity group I have put together this motion. It supports our long term position on the impermissability of genocide and right of self determination of all people. It also strenghtens our commitment to Refugee schemes and internationalism, alongside creating mechanisms we may use in future cases to support confiscation of funds from sanctioned individuals or firms.

Supporters

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