

A BETTER SCOTLAND **A BOLDER HOLYROOD**

Scottish Green Party
2016 Spring Conference

Paterson's Land
5th - 6th March

WELCOME to Edinburgh, and welcome to our biggest ever Spring

Conference. This is a really exciting time to be involved in politics in Scotland, and we have a huge opportunity as a Party to make an important breakthrough in May this year.

This conference is the springboard for our Holyrood campaign. In two months we hope to have our largest ever group of MSPs in the Scottish Parliament. And it is so important that the bold, radical voice of Greens is heard. We face unprecedented cuts to public services and our communities are suffering the terrible consequences of austerity. The economy is not



delivering the jobs that a sustainable Scotland needs, or providing the warm, affordable homes, or the caring society underpinned by real social security that we all deserve. Our young people are facing a future less prosperous than their parents. And our environment is facing ongoing threats like fracking.

Only with strong green voices in Parliament will we be able to transform our communities for the better. A better Scotland needs a bolder Parliament. Together, we can make this happen.

Enjoy your weekend, and all the best for the campaign ahead.

*Maggie Chapman,
Patrick Harvie,
Co-convenors*

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Programme

SATURDAY

9:45am onwards

Registration

10:00am

Welcome to conference for first timers (*Room G.42*)

10:15am

Welcome to Conference

Maggie Chapman

10:30pm

The future of the EU

Philippe Lamberts, Green MEP for Belgium (Ecolo)

10:50am

Our six campaign aims

With our lead candidates

12:10am

**A Better Scotland,
A Bolder Holyrood**

Patrick Harvie

12:30pm

Lunch plus fringe meetings

2:00pm

Building the campaign:
Internal meetings,
workshops and fringes

3:30pm

Break

4:00pm

Building the campaign (*contd*)

5:15pm

Closing speech

Alison Johnstone

SATURDAY SOCIAL

7.30-10.30pm

Ceilidh

SUNDAY

10:00am onwards

Registration

10:30am

Welcome back followed by panel discussion:

A Green Europe – The Referendum & Reform

hosted by Richard Walker

11:15am

How does SGP build internally and reach out widely for a better future?

Open space session

12:45pm

Lunch

Plus branch and committee meetings

1:45pm

Getting our message across

2:45pm

Getting our message across: workshops and canvassing experience

4:00pm

Final speech and election rally

All **main events** take place in room G1, unless otherwise indicated.

Scotland can have a bolder parliament and a better nation

WE HAVE BEFORE us an opportunity to make a great impact on future generations by choosing a Parliament that will face up to the challenges of our times.

The Holyrood election offers us the chance to transform Scotland and create the kind of society that people want to live in. Scottish Greens can deliver a bold and compelling vision that will create a better Scotland for all.

We can create a future for all our children. We can end fracking now and forever. We can create 204,000 jobs in low carbon industries, to transform our economy. We can harness the power in our land. We can create good homes for all.

With a strong team of Green MSPs transforming our politics Scotland can flourish. With new powers on the horizon we can focus on radical change. We can make sure land, energy and development is owned for good, for community good and for the good of the environment.

We can keep our ferries in public hands and bring our

railways into social ownership. We can give power to people both through renewable energy and through creating radical local democracy. Scotland can end the scourge of bad housing. We can stop runaway rent rises and we can regulate letting agents and dodgy landlords. We can build thousands of new houses. We can push for real change in who owns and controls land; in community and public ownership of energy; and giving people the same rights as developers in planning decisions.

High quality public services are the bedrock of our society and are widely supported. Scotland can fund its public services, reduce inequality and raise more revenue with fair taxes on wealth, land, and property. After eight years of the council tax freeze, it is time to be bold and tackle inequalities in wealth. With progressive local taxation we will strengthen local democracy and provide local communities with greater freedom and choice over local services. At the national level we will support progressive taxation that better reflects people's incomes.

Communities are up in arms about fracking and Greens have an impeccable track record of



opposing fracking and other dirty fossil fuel developments. We are the only party calling for an all-out ban, which can be achieved using the powers already devolved to Holyrood. The scientific evidence is compelling that fracking and unconventional gas extraction are too dangerous and that it's unnecessary and distracts from renewables investment.

We can ensure that Scotland uses its existing powers in planning to ensure that unconventional gas extraction does not take place beside our homes, our shores and vital

agricultural assets, nor anywhere in Scotland.

With a Parliament that is bold, that is prepared to be radical and that wants to transform Scotland we can begin the much-needed transition to industries that can thrive in the new economy. We can create a socially just nation. A nation fit for our children and grandchildren. Scotland can be better, but only with a bolder Parliament.

To get involved in the Holyrood 2016 election campaign, visit greens.scot

Meet our lead candidates

KIRSTEN ROBB

Central Scotland

Youth and Women's Employment



Kirsten is currently a Development Officer in community regeneration, heritage and landscape though previously ran her own carbon management business. She attended universities in Aberdeen and Stirling, completing a Masters in Environmental Management. She now works as the Grants Officer for sustainable development charity, Forward Scotland.

PATRICK HARVIE

Glasgow

Finance, Constitution & Economy



Patrick, Co-Convenor of the Scottish Green Party, has been an MSP since 2003. He is currently standing to be an MSP in the Kelvin constituency. Previously he has been a member of the Energy, Economy and Tourism Committee, the Communities Committee and the Transport,

Infrastructure and Climate Change committee. He has been involved in a range of issues, from asylum and civil liberties to sexual health and food policy.

ZARA KITSON

Glasgow

Culture
Zara grew up in an ex-mining village in



Central Scotland. She has a passion for social justice and challenging structural inequality. Zara has embraced a diverse range of jobs and volunteer roles throughout her life, working with young people and communities across the public, private and third sectors.

ISLA O'REILLY

Highlands and Islands

Education
Isla, a lifelong Highlander, cares deeply



about the land and the people of her region. Along with her brother and sister, she has an Organic farm in Ardersier. She currently lives in Inverness with her husband and three young children who attend Bun-sgoil Ghaidlig Inbhir Nis.

JOHN FINNIE
Highlands and Islands

Justice

John is a former police officer and has been a Highlands and Islands MSP since 2011. John successfully campaigned against deploying armed police to routine incidents, work for which he was awarded 'Community Politician of the Year 2014'. He has also campaigned against cuts to local education and medical services, police control rooms and Citizen's Advice Bureaus; and for public ownership of Calmac Ferries and the railways.



ALISON JOHNSTONE
Lothian

Health & Sport
Alison

Johnstone is the Scottish Green Party MSP for Lothian region and a member of the Parliament's Devolution committee, as well as a substitute member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism committee. A former East of Scotland 800 metres and 1,500 metres title holder, Alison still runs for fitness and has witnessed the ongoing loss of accessible



green space for residents, irreplaceable by developments for elite sports that exclude many.

ANDY WIGHTMAN
Lothian

Communities, Local Government & Land Reform

Andy Wightman is a writer, and campaigner on land rights, democracy and the economy. He is the author of *Who Owns Scotland* (1996), *Scotland: Land and Power* (1999), *Community Land Rights: A Citizen's Guide* (2009) and *The Poor Had No Lawyers* (2010). Andy has served as a Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee and represented the Scottish Green Party on the Commission on Local Tax Reform.



MARK RUSKELL
Mid Scotland and Fife

Rural Affairs, Food & Environment

Mark Ruskell is a councillor, having been elected as Stirling Council's first SGP representative in 2012. His second elected



office, Mark previously held the position of SGP MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife between 2003-07. During this time he was Deputy Convenor of the Parliament's Environment and Rural Affairs Committee he introduced legislative proposals on climate targets, liability for GM crops, and successfully protected the Fife coastline from oil transfers.

**MAGGIE
CHAPMAN**
**North East
Scotland**

*Social Justice,
Housing &
Welfare*



Maggie Chapman is Co-convenor of the Scottish Greens and a trade unionist. She was a member of the Smith Commission and COSLA's Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy. Maggie served as an Edinburgh councillor for eight years and was the first politician in Scotland to call for the introduction of a Living Wage. She lives in Dundee where she works for a women's charity, and is Rector of Aberdeen University.

**SARAH
BEATTIE-
SMITH**
**South of
Scotland**

*Infrastructure,
Investment & Transport*



Originally from just outside of Biggar, Sarah is a SGP activist, writer and artist. Sarah studied sculpture at the Edinburgh College of Art and went on to serve two terms as President of the Students Union before doing another degree in economics, social policy and political philosophy. She has worked in the Party's Policy Committee and is currently a contributor to the Bright Green website.

ROSS GREER
**West of
Scotland**

*Europe and
External Affairs*



Ross is currently the Scottish Greens' Development Officer. Prior to his work in the Scottish Greens, Ross was the Communities Advisor at Yes Scotland and was involved in the campaign for Scottish independence. If elected Ross will become the youngest MSP in the history of the Scottish Parliament.



Scotland's renewable energy industry is already delivering on **jobs, investment, energy** and **carbon emissions**.

To help us define the future of renewable energy **we need the next Scottish Government to...**

- Set a target for Scotland to produce the equivalent of at least **50% of all energy use** – heat, electricity and transport – from renewable sources by 2030
- Expand **community and local ownership** of renewable energy projects
- Ensure **Scotland's public sector acts as an exemplar** for the wider economy
- Develop an Energy Innovation Strategy to make Scotland a **centre of excellence in energy systems and storage**
- Support Scottish-based supply companies when bidding for **manufacturing, assembly and fabrication work**

To find out more please visit
www.scottishrenewables.com

Conference information

FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE?

We hope you'll have a great time and return for many more conferences in the future.

There's a ten minute session at 10:00am on Saturday in room G42 run by the Edinburgh Branch, that will help you get oriented.

REGISTRATION, INFORMATION AND MERCHANDISE STALL

When you register you will receive a name badge, wifi pass and a programme. There's an information desk next to registration, so head there if you have any questions or are looking for lost property.

ACCESSIBILITY

There's a lift between floors and all meeting rooms are fitted with hearing aid loops. Please see the access guide which has been emailed, or speak to Sarah, our accessibility volunteer who'll be around all weekend, if you need any further information.

CRÈCHE

We have two crèches this year. Under fours, will be in room 1.37, while fours and over will be heading up Arthur's Seat, after assembling in the downstairs social area from 9.30 each day.

All children should be suitably dressed and have a packed lunch – unless other arrangements have been made in advance with childcare workers.



How's your
Conference?
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QUIET ROOM

A room has been set aside for prayer or a quiet time out. It is in on the mezzanine floor between the lower ground and ground floors, right next to the lift.

COATS AND BAGS

There will be a coat rail at the back of the main hall. Please note that valuables are left at your own risk.

TOILETS

These are shown on the map overleaf. Gender neutral toilets will be assigned on the day. Please look for the signs.

REFRESHMENTS

Only two of the fringe meetings on Saturday will be providing lunch, so most people will need to bring a packed lunch or go to one of the many local eateries – please refer to the local knowledge sheet provided by Edinburgh Branch. If you don't have this on email, copies are available at the information desk. Teas and coffees will be on sale in the social area on the lower ground floor from 3:30-4:00pm on Saturday.

FRINGE MEETINGS

Conference is not just the main sessions organised by the Scottish Green Party, it is also the fringe meetings and stalls organised by outside groups. This is where new ideas flourish and where Party members can listen to the concerns of campaigning and representative groups

LANYARDS

Want to keep hold of your lanyard? If you'd like to keep your lanyard, they're on sale at the merchandise desk. Please either leave your lanyard or £2 payment as you leave conference.

Helping the environment and ending fuel poverty...

Making our homes more energy efficient is becoming increasingly important, but people on low incomes need support to do it.

In the bid to save carbon, let's not forget that people living in fuel poverty sometimes need more energy not less to be warm at home.

Now there are solutions... find out more from the national fuel poverty charity, Energy Action Scotland. Contact us or visit our website.

We also need members to help support our work so please join us.



...let's work together

ENERGY ACTION SCOTLAND

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Please share as much as you can from Conference.



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WIFI

Wifi passes will be given to you at registration.

CHILD PROTECTION AT CONFERENCE

SGP considers all persons under the age of 18 children for the purposes of this policy.

As an organisation that has members as young as twelve, we have a duty to inform and support all our members in upholding our child protection policy. The following will help you to know what to look for and what to do if you have any concerns during Conference.

What constitutes a risk?

- Witnessing an incident involving a child that causes you concern
- A child tells you they are being abused or neglected or are at risk of being abused or neglected
- Someone tells you that a child

is at risk of abuse or neglect, even if the child has no connection to the SGP.

What do I need to do?

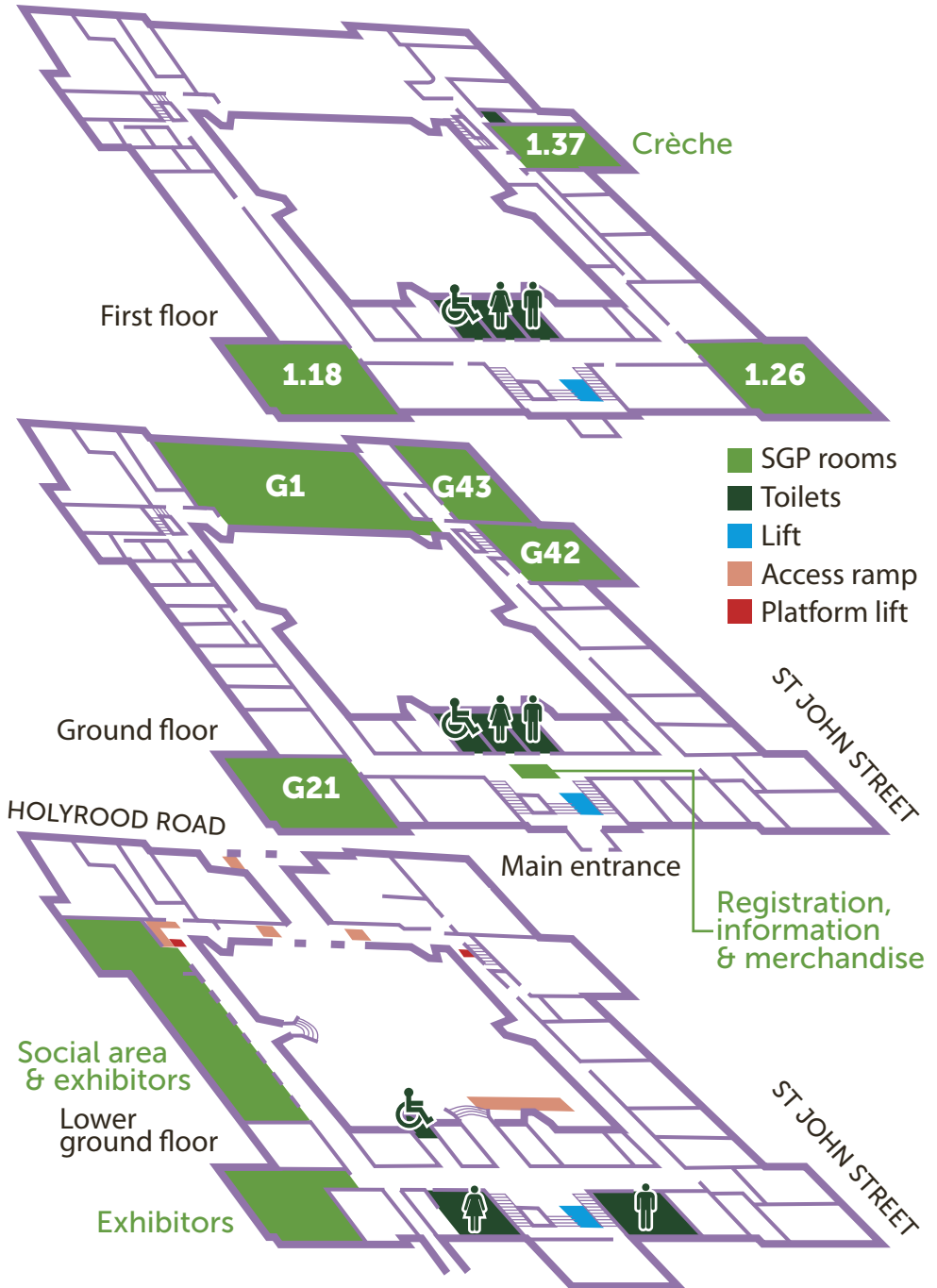
If a child tells you they are at actual or potential risk:

- Take them seriously
- Don't ask unnecessary questions
- Don't promise to keep the information confidential
- Make a note using the child's words and date them
- Contact your branch convenor, the Child Rights Volunteer or local social work department
- Don't contact the child's parents/guardian
- Don't attempt to investigate the situation
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child, contact the police.

If you suspect an adult or child is posing a risk to child protection:

- Contact your branch convenor or Elaine Davis, the Child Rights Volunteer, who can be reached through the information desk
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child, contact the police.

Map



Fringe events & workshops

Saturday 12:30pm

AIR POLLUTION: GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

**British Heart Foundation
Scotland**

Short talk with panel Q&A

ROOM: G.1

Air pollution has widely been seen through an environmental lens but thanks to over £7 million investment in research by the British Heart Foundation at the University of Edinburgh it has quickly become a public health issue in Scotland and globally. Join us to discuss the health impact in Scotland and solutions to tackle the problem.

CHAIR David McColgan, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, BHF Scotland

SPEAKERS Emilia Hanna, Air Pollution Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland; Matt MacDonald, Senior Business Development Officer, Sustrans Scotland; Alison Johnstone, SGP MSP

Refreshments provided

STAND UP FOR SCOTTISH EDUCATION

EIS

ROOM: G.42

With the forthcoming Scottish elections in view what are the issues which will dominate Scottish

Education in the months to come? Speakers from the EIS and the Scottish Green Party will provide their perspectives. Please join us!

SPEAKERS Pat Flanagan, EIS President and Isla O'Reilly, SGP
Refreshments provided

PLENTY: JOINING UP SCOTTISH FOOD POLICY

Nourish

ROOM: G.43

Elli Kontoravdis and Pete Ritchie from Nourish Scotland will outline their ideas for a just transition in the food system. Nourish has teamed up with other organisations in the Scottish Food Coalition to call for a 'Right to Food' and for a Food Health and Farming Act which draws together policy on health, environment, social justice, bioregional planning and the local food economy.

CAN'T GO TO BED YET: SOMEONE IS WRONG ON THE INTERNET

ROOM: G.21

Stephen Paton, vlogger and SGP Media Campaign Officer, will be speaking on how to use social media and new media effectively to run an online campaign. Includes how to shape and control stories, practical tips for online platforms and when to stop arguing on Twitter.

SPEAKER Stephen Paton

Saturday 2:00pm

CONFIDENCE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

Participatory workshop

ROOM: G.1

You are invited to come along and practice your confidence and public speaking skills in a safe group workshop. Confidence and public speaking are vital skills for many roles within the SGP and for standing as a candidate. The Party is keen to increase the diversity of our candidates and committees and hopes that by offering this session we can encourage wider participation of under-represented groups in all aspects of Party business.

SPEAKER Lorna Slater

DIGITAL ACTIVISM FOR HOLYROOD AND BEYOND: A PRACTICAL WORKSHOP

ROOM: G.42

The party has recently launched a new Members Area (members.greens.scot) and public website (greens.scot), and this workshop will show branch and group office bearers and volunteers how to get the most out of these new systems. Learn how to create a newsletter, upload minutes and materials, and anything else you have a question about.

SPEAKER Stuart Leckie

HEALTH INEQUALITIES REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT

University of Edinburgh

Dialogue facilitated through presentation

ROOM: G.43

This workshop builds on last year's session on held at spring conference. We commence by describing the systemic nature of health inequalities in Scotland, identify particular threats and risks to attaining health and well-being and facilitate a conversation on people's priorities for improving health. Speakers will introduce a broad and holistic understanding of health that demands addressing social, economic, political and commercial determinants of health and share their experience of movement building on health and assessments of what is being done, why isn't that enough and risks and obstacles to progress.

SPEAKER Anuj Kapilashrami

A SURVEY OF SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY MEMBERS: COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Aberdeen University

Short talk followed by Q&A/ workshop

ROOM: G.21

Lynn Bennie will talk about past surveys of the Party membership and a new survey due to take place



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following the Scottish Parliamentary elections. This is part of an academic study of post-referendum politics and increases in Party membership. The study aims to understand why so many joined the SGP in the wake of the referendum, and to develop a picture of their experiences as Party members. The session will seek views on the themes and questions to be included in the survey. Please come along and contribute your ideas.

SPEAKER Lynn Bennie

KEEPING SCOTLAND IN THE EU – LESSONS FROM THE INDYREF

ROOM: 1.18

The SGP agreed at conference to run a positive campaign to remain in the EU, while highlighting the future improvements we want. This fringe will be your opportunity to discuss how we apply the learning from the successful SGP indyref campaign and shape the messages we put to remain in the EU and to vote Green.

SPEAKERS SGP International Cmttee

HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

SGP LGBTI+ policy compared to other parties – Talk with Q&A

ROOM: 1.26

This workshop will feed into the Rainbow Greens' mini-manifesto work which is just being finalised. Participants will get an appreciation

of SGP LGBTI+ policy, how it compares with other parties' policies, and will develop an understanding of the message to take out canvassing regarding SGP LGBTI+ policy.

LED BY Dan Littauer, editor of Kaeidoscot and an authority on LGBTI+ policy in political parties and other groups.

Saturday 4:00pm

GREEN STRATEGY IN EUROPE

ROOM G.1

Philippe will discuss current Green strategy in the EU.

SPEAKER Philippe Lamberts

FORMULATING ENERGY POLICY WITHIN A FIVE CAPITALS FRAMEWORK

ROOM: G.42

This workshop introduces a policy framework based on the five capitals, Natural, Human, Social, Industrial and Financial. The focus of the session will be on exploring energy policy within the Five Capitals framework, identifying key policy measures articulated in the SGP manifesto for Holyrood 2016, and their importance in ensuring a long term commitment to improving intergenerational equity and tackling climate change is maintained by future governments at Holyrood.

SPEAKER Iain Mowat

A JUST TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE JOBS

SGP Trade Union Group

ROOM: G.43

Sustainable jobs in the new economy needs a just transition from unsustainable employment in fossil fuels, nuclear and defence. Workers and their trade unions need to be fully involved in that process. How can we turn this idea into a reality?

SPEAKER from STUC

BRANCH DEVELOPMENT – BUILDING STRONG ACTIVIST NETWORKS

ROOM: G.21

Our party is nothing without active members. SGP Development Officer Ross Greer will explore how branches can build successful networks of reliable, committed activists to take on every element of campaigning. With an election soon this is the time to building a lasting group of local volunteers who can create success for the party over the coming electoral cycle.

SPEAKER Ross Greer

TARGET TO WIN

ROOM: 1.18

‘Target to win’ is a proven method by which Green councillors have been elected. Cllr Gavin Corbett runs through the nuts and bolts of how it works and how it brings success.

SPEAKER Gavin Corbett

CAN'T GO TO BED YET: SOMEONE IS WRONG ON THE INTERNET

ROOM: 1.26

See p14 for details.

Sunday 12:45pm

FOR WOMEN STANDING IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

SGP Women's Network

Talk with Q&A and then an opportunity to talk in smaller groups

ROOM: G.1

To encourage women to think about standing in next year's local elections by: 1) Informing them about some of the positive aspects of standing as well as considering some of the issues involved. 2) Considering what practical and emotional peer support might be helpful to female candidates and how this might be provided.

SPEAKER Melanie Main is an SGP Edinburgh City councillor and has experience of working in the Scottish Parliament

HOW TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN GREEN POLITICS (WITHOUT STANDING FOR ELECTION!)

SGP Women's Network

ROOM: G.42 (BEGINS IN G.1)

For those who know that standing for office is not for them, what other ways can women get more involved in the party?

RESILIENT ECONOMIES, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

THE NEXT SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD:

- Put local economies first
- Wire Scotland for the future
- Create the right rules for small business
- Help small businesses grow
- Tax fairly and spend locally

Read the FSB's Scottish Parliament manifesto at:

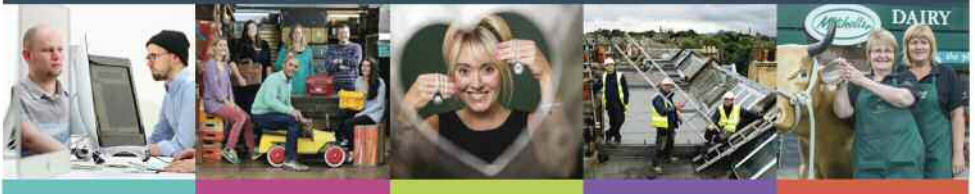
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LOTHIAN GREENS

Branch meeting

ROOM: G.43

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS MEETING

Branch meeting

ROOM: G.21

CENTRAL SCOTLAND GREENS

Meet up

ROOM: 1.18

POLICY AND SURGERY WORKSHOP

ROOM: 1.26

Everything you've ever wanted to ask about policy and surgeries, but never dared to ask... Now you can ask those daft lassie/laddie questions without feeling daft.

SPEAKER Sarah Beattie-Smith

Sunday 3pm

ACCESSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CAMPAIGNING

ROOM: G.1

How do we remove the barriers so everyone can be involved party, campaigning, elections – and everything else?

SPEAKERS Sarah Anderson, Phyl Meyer

CONTENT CREATION: IT'S A TRAP

ROOM: G.42

An introduction into creating effective content and communicating it online. We'll look at ways to funnel online users into engaging with your content and leading them to what you really want to show them.

SPEAKER Stephen Paton

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

ROOM: G.43

A fun and interactive look at how to keep volunteers enthused and engaged. Find out how a successful ward team was set up and continues to thrive, as well as how to recruit new volunteers to existing teams.

SPEAKERS Gillian Wilson

EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

How to make the most of your time and your invitation to join the Big Canvass, for a bolder Holyrood.

ROOM: G.21

Calling all members - whether the seasoned door knocker or shyest novice – to learn, support and enjoy the biggest canvass SGP has ever attempted.

Organised by Edinburgh Branch

CAMPAIGNING ON CAMPUS

ROOM: 1.18

How do we stand out from the crowd? What is the most effective

use of our time over the next eight weeks? How do we build the exciting, active and radical student campaign that we need? Co-ordinators of Glasgow's students For Patrick campaign facilitate a discussion on engagement tactics and how best to get students to register to vote and to vote Green. Folk of all ages welcome.

SPEAKERS Student Greens

DORAS

Using the Scottish Greens new canvassing system for Holyrood 2016

ROOM: 1.26

A practical workshop on canvassing covering: Why we canvass; Identifying where to canvass; How to create routes; Training volunteers; Canvass script; Prepping your pack; 'Running the Board'

SPEAKER Gordon Dickson

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland is a charity supporting:

- NHS hearing aid users via our Hear to Help services
- Deaf 16-25 year olds into employment via our Moving On service
- Hard of hearing people to improve digital skills via our Online Today! service

actiononhearingloss.org.uk/Scotland



British Heart Foundation Scotland

Heart disease is Scotland's single biggest killer. 1,250 families are devastated every month when they lose a loved one to cardiovascular disease. BHF Scotland is calling on everyone in Scotland to #BacktheBeat and help in the fight for every heartbeat.

bhf.org/backthebeat



Educational Institute of Scotland

EIS is Scotland's largest teaching trade union with around 55,000 members employed in nursery, primary, special, secondary, further and higher education. The EIS represents over 80% of all teachers and lecturers in Scotland and campaigns to protect and improve their pay and conditions of service, as well as seeking to promote 'sound learning' across all sectors.

www.eis.org.uk



The Educational
Institute of Scotland

The Equality Network

The Equality Network is a Scottish national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) equality charity. Our work includes legislative, policy and social change, advice and training, community development and involvement, and research and information provision. Within the Equality Network, the Scottish Transgender Alliance works for equality for trans people.

equality-network.org



Electoral Reform Society Scotland

The Electoral Reform Society Scotland is an independent campaigning organisation working to champion the rights of voters and build a better democracy in Scotland. We work across the political divide with all the parties, with local campaigners and with civil society to put voters at the heart of Scottish politics.

electoral-reform.org.uk



Global Justice Now

We are a democratic social justice organisation working as part of a global movement to challenge the powerful and create a more just and equal world. We mobilise people in the UK for change, and act in solidarity with those fighting injustice, particularly in the global south.

globaljustice.org.uk



Fire Brigades Union

The Fire Brigades Union is the premier trade union for the fire and rescue service. We are the democratic and professional voice of firefighters in all roles and in all duty systems across the UK.

fbu.org.uk



The National

The National is Scotland's only pro-independence daily newspaper. Founded in the wake of the referendum to reflect the many voices of the Yes movement, it takes an alternative, progressive stance on issues like fracking, land reform and climate change. The Scottish Greens' co-covenor Patrick Harvie writes a column every Friday, and has done since the newspaper's launch.

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THE NATIONAL

League Against Cruel Sport Scotland

We campaign to end cruelty to animals in the name of sport. We are currently campaigning for the legislation covering foxhunting to be strengthened, for snaring to be banned, and to highlight the environmental damage and cruelty associated with driven bird shooting. Please stop by the stall to find out more about our work.

league.org.uk



National Union of Students Scotland

NUS Scotland represents around 500,000 students in Scotland through our member college and university students' associations. NUS Scotland is helping our members across the country harness political engagement and turn it into action that achieves results. Let's give Students the support they deserve.

nus-scotland.org.uk

nusscotland
national union of students

Nourish Scotland

Nourish Scotland is reconnecting producers, growers, retailers, consumers and all who care for local, sustainable food in Scotland. It is working to create a stronger food culture to make healthy, local, seasonal, and organic food available everywhere in Scotland.

nourishscotland.org.uk



Open University

The Open University's mission is to be open to people, places, methods and ideas. Widening access to higher education and the promotion of social justice through access to learning and knowledge is central to everything we do.

open.ac.uk



RSPB Scotland

RSPB Scotland is the charity that promotes the conservation of birds and all of nature. We carry out scientific research, education, land management and policy advocacy in areas such as agriculture, marine, flooding, planning, energy, forestry, species and habitats, sustainability and climate change. Come and say hello!

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland



Save the Children

Reading is vital to give children a fair start and bright future. We want to see every child reading well by the time they leave primary school. But we can't do this without you. Visit Save the Children to find out how you can support Read On. Get On.

savethechildren.org.uk



Scottish Association for Mental Health

SAMH is Scotland's largest mental health charity, campaigning and providing services to over 2000 people every week. Our 2016 manifesto, Ask Once, Get Help Fast, recommends a transformation in Scotland's mental health landscape by promoting early intervention, choice and prevention.

samh.org.uk/askonce



Scottish CND

SCND is one of the largest and longest-running peace organisations in Scotland and works for the abolition of all nuclear weapons in Britain as a step toward the global elimination of these weapons of mass destruction. We are campaigning against the renewal of Trident, estimated to cost over £167 billion.

banthebomb.org



Scottish Environment LINK

Scottish Environment LINK is the forum for Scotland's voluntary environment organisations, with over 35 member bodies representing a range of environmental interests with the common goal of contributing to a more environmentally sustainable society.

scotlink.org



Spokes

Spokes is a voluntary organisation with 1000+ members, mainly in Edinburgh and Lothian, aiming to promote cycling for everyday transport, and to persuade councils and government to do the same. Activities include lobbying, public meetings, traffic counts, stalls, bike rides, and bike maps. Our 12,000-copy Bulletin goes to 1500 decision-makers across Scotland and is free in bike shops, libraries, etc.

spokes.org.uk



Stonewall Scotland

We're here to let all lesbian, gay, bi and trans people know they're not alone, campaigning for acceptance without exception. Come talk to us about the key LGBT issues for this election and sign up to our manifesto!

stonewall.org.uk



Word Power Books

Word Power Books, established 1994 and based in Edinburgh, is Scotland's independent and radical bookshop. Our stock includes books on environmental and sustainability issues, gardening and permaculture, green activism.

word-power.co.uk/



WWF Scotland

As part of a global network, WWF Scotland is dedicated to finding positive solutions to today's most pressing environmental challenges. Our work focuses on Scotland achieving the full benefits of its world leading climate change ambitions and of protecting our amazing seas. Pop by the stand to find out more

wwf.org.uk/scotland



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