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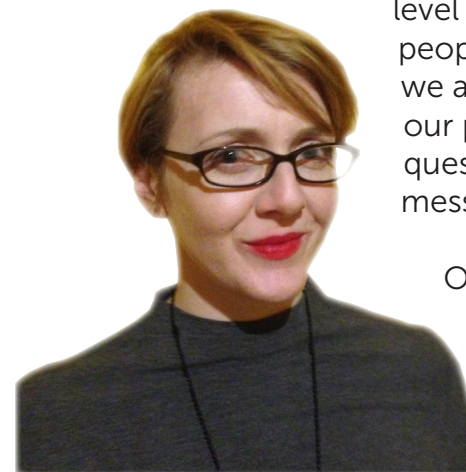


Welcome to Edinburgh!

I am pleased to be able to welcome you to the beautiful City of Edinburgh for the Scottish Green Party Autumn Conference.

It's been a challenging and busy year: firstly the very successful Local Council Elections, and then the snap General Election to test us even further. A big thank you to everyone involved. And congratulations – we have made record gains across the country electing more councillors than ever before!

It is wonderful to see that Green Party policies have resonated with so many people across Scotland. We now have an opportunity to effect real change at a local level and make a tangible difference to people's lives. At our annual conference we are able to further develop and shape our policies and debate the important questions that form our Green Party message.



On behalf of the Edinburgh Greens, welcome to the Edinburgh Conference.

**Evelyn Weston, Co-convenor
Edinburgh Greens**

Welcome to our 2017 Autumn Conference!

Welcome! We had a lot to celebrate at last year's conference, with our best Holyrood election in more than a decade. This year we've gone even further, with the best council election in our party's history. More councillors than ever, on more councils than ever, and a real opportunity to shape politics both locally and nationally.



It's also a time of challenge, with the urgent environmental and social crises we face being met with complacency; and a chaotic and destructive Brexit process threatening to fundamentally undermine Scotland's right to govern itself.

But Greens in Scotland and around the world are showing the ability to inspire change.

We're already making progress,

pushing for a ban on fracking, better support for young carers and protection from sanctions, and more attention than ever for Green ideas like net-zero carbon emissions, safer streets, and universal basic income.

That change begins with you, gathering together to debate the issues, learn from one another, and decide the way forward.

Thanks so much for being here, and have a great weekend.

Maggie Chapman and Patrick Harvie, Scottish Greens Co-convenors

Guest Speakers

CLARE BAILEY

We warmly welcome Clare Bailey to conference this year. She was deputy leader of the Green Party in Northern Ireland from 2014-17 and was elected as an MLA for South Belfast in May 2016 and March 2017. She was the driving force behind Green Party NI becoming the first pro-choice party in the Assembly, and previously worked for Nexus, a charity supporting those who have experienced sexual abuse and violence.

Growing up during the conflict has given her a commitment to human rights and equality. She remains an active campaigner on a range of equality issues.



PER BOLUND

We're also delighted that Per Bolund, Swedish minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs will be joining us. Minister Bolund has been at the forefront of designing Sweden's economic path away from fossil fuels, delivering significant social and infrastructural improvements along the way. Come and hear him speak about being a Green in government and how we can learn from Sweden's innovative approach to low-carbon economics.



HOW CONFERENCE WORKS

The Party's Constitution and Policy Reference Document (PRD) have been voted in, and amended, by a succession of Party conferences on the basis of one member, one vote. The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) is responsible for ensuring conference rules are upheld, and for guaranteeing its smooth and democratic running. If you have an issue relating to conference procedures, please raise it with a member of SOC. SOC reports directly to conference, and its annual report – given during the AGM – must be approved by conference. SOC has a table in front of the stage throughout conference should you have any queries.

MOTIONS

Motions have to be submitted 11 weeks before conference, amendments five weeks before. The intention is that branches can debate them and, if wished, agree proxy votes or branch amendments.

Emergency Motions are intended to allow conference to debate issues that have arisen since then, and should be sent to soc@notices.scottishgreens.org.uk seven days before the start of conference, signed by two members.

An Emergency Motion relating to events that have arisen since then can be submitted to SOC any time up until noon on the first day of conference (also signed by two members). Emergency Motions will be rejected if they could have been submitted in time for the first agenda, or are not concise and focused.

OFFICE BEARER REPORTS

There is a folder containing reference copies of office-bearers' reports and accounts at the registration desk. Digital copies are also available.

LANYARDS / VOTING CARDS

Please keep close watch over your voting cards. Please also wear your lanyard at all times and remember to hand them back at the end of conference.

DEBATES AND VOTING

Motions are debated and voted on as follows:

- There is a short debate on the motion itself.
- Each amendment is then debated and voted on in turn. You have the choice of voting for, against or abstain.
- The final stage is a vote on the full motion, as amended (or not amended), and again the choice is between for, against or abstain.

At any point in the debate a member may ask (from the floor) to vote on referring a motion back to the relevant committee. That member would have to explain their reasons and another member would have to second that proposal. The chair may refuse that proposal or may put it to a vote, at their discretion.

Amendments will not be accepted from the floor if more than ten members object, or if the chair refuses to allow them. It is unusual for all other members to agree to hear a

proposed amendment from the floor, as this has not proved to be an effective way of deciding party policy.

Yes

As a member you may vote at conference providing that you have the red, green and white voting cards you were given at registration. Please don't lose them! They are colour-coded, like traffic lights.

Any member who can't attend Conference may delegate another member to vote on their behalf. This is called a proxy vote. No member may have more than eight proxy votes.

No

SPEAKING

Any member may speak during a debate. If you think in advance that you'd like to speak, please fill in a speaking slip and hand it in to the SOC table as soon as possible, giving a note of any expertise or special interest you have in the topic.

Abstain

This will allow the chair to ensure an equal number of speeches for and against, and to give priority to those with background knowledge of the subject, rather than just those who are better at catching the chair's eye.

If you wish to respond to a point made during the debate, raise your hand and you will be called if there's time. Please do not speak unless called upon and you have the microphone. Because of the size of the auditorium and the number of people attending, there will be very little time for speakers who have not filled in a request-to-speak slip. You may ask a short question of the motion proposer – but this must be just that – a short question. The chair is there to ensure fair and smooth running of the session – please respect their authority.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

This year council agreed to experiment with running workshops during the voting sessions. If you would like to attend a workshop but are also waiting for a specific motion to come up, please check [#SGPConf](#) on Twitter or the whatsapp group can be joined by sending **CONF** as a whatsapp message to **07999 496 980**, as there will be alerts a couple of minutes in advance of each motion being called. If you don't have access to either of these, please ask another member to help, or flag up to

your workshop leader that you would like to hear when the alert for your motion comes up. We think this will give conference attendees more options and a better experience of conference. You can let us know whether it worked in the post-conference feedback form – or the feedback session (Sunday 2-3pm, Room 2D07).

FRINGES

Conference is not just the main sessions organised by the SGP. It is also the fringe meetings and stalls organised by outside groups, where new ideas flourish and where party members listen to the concerns of campaigning and representative groups. Please take part in them. They are as much a part of conference as the main sessions.

VENUE ACCESSIBILITY

There are lifts and accessible toilets on all levels of the venue. The main and lower entrances both have accessible doors. The main entrance is accessed by a long, shallow ramp and the rear is at lower ground level, close to disabled parking bays. All plenary sessions will have BSL interpretation.

Please speak to the conference organiser if you would like BSL interpretation in any of the breakout sessions, as this may be possible to arrange. **Room 3D12** is a quiet room.

FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE?

There is a special session for people new to Conference, which will be held at 9am on Saturday in Room 2D04.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information about conference, please ask at the registration desk.



Universities Scotland

GOING FOR GROWTH

FRINGE EVENT: The importance of funding higher education in Scotland

12.15 - 1.15pm on Saturday, 21 October in Room 2.D.05

Join Universities Scotland to find out why it's crucial that both teaching and research at Scotland's 19 higher education institutions are funded sustainably. With **Ross Greer MSP**.

Buffet with fruit juice and hot drinks will be available.

Running Order: Saturday

8am-9am **Registration, crèche and children's activities open**

9am-10.15am **Group sessions**

1D04 International Committee
2D04 New to conference?
2D05 Disabled Greens
2D07 Highlands & Islands and Rural Greens
3D05 Green Councillors

10.30am-Noon **Opening Plenary, Main Hall 1D02**

Mary Campbell & Susan Rae
Emergency motions
Per Bolund
Patrick Harvie

12.15pm-1.15pm **External Fringe sessions**

1D02 British Heart Foundation
1D04 UNISON
2D04 Smart Energy
2D05 Universities Scotland
2D07 Law Society
3D04 Scottish Association for Mental Health
3D05 Nourish

1.15pm-2.15pm **Lunch**

Also: Policy groups

3D04 Turning Scotland into an active nation
3D05 Discussion of the "Energy" policy motion

2.15pm-3.45pm **Plenary, Main Hall 1D0**

Clare Bailey
Breakthrough Campaigns: Ross Greer, Bryan Quinn,
Kim Long, Pippa Hadley
Maggie Chapman

3.45pm-5.30pm

Voting, Main Hall 1D02

Adoption of the agenda
Changes to General Meeting Standing Orders
Policy motions 1

4pm-5.30pm

Parallel sessions (see page 8)

1D04 Meet your Green MSPs
2D04 Building a campaign from scratch
2D05 Training Civi CRM
2D07 Training: Working with the press
3D04 Campaigning for change
3D05 Council election campaign

5.30pm-6pm

Break

6pm-7pm

Fringe Sessions

1D02 Educational Institute of Scotland
1D04 Business Scotland
2D04 Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary
Sector Organisations
2D05 Planning Democracy
2D07 SCND
3D04 Scottish Young Greens

7.15pm-8.30pm

Workshops 1

1D02 Clare Bailey on Europe and Brexit
1D04 The Green Economy of Tomorrow
2D04 Hustings for internal positions
2D05 Trade Union Group
2D07 Women's Network

8.30pm

Close

Social event: Ghost Tour
Social event: Pub Quiz

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 12, 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 make sure you date the note;
- 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 the Child Rights Volunteer;
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child, contact the police.

Saturday Fringe events & workshops

Full timetable on centre pages

9.00am-10.15am

CHALLENGING THE FAR RIGHT International Group

Hall 1D04

The Far Right, including fascism and neo-Nazism, has been making gains across the world, combining racism with nationalism, religious fundamentalism and totalitarianism. The response of some centrist and even leftist parties has been to adopt some of the same racist and anti-immigrant language. However there have also been strong voices challenging the rise of the Far Right, from popular mobilisations and from Green and Left parties. In the Netherlands, GroenLinks took on the Far Right and more than tripled its seats in the House of Representatives. What can we learn in Scotland from what is happening throughout the world to tackle the Far Right? *This is a participatory workshop facilitated by members of the international committee.*

NEW TO CONFERENCE? SGP

Room 2D04

If this is your first time at conference then it can be a bit bewildering! Come along, get a crash course in how conference works and meet other first-timers.

Hosted by John Nichol, Membership Secretary.

DISABLED GREENS DISCUSSION GROUP AND AGM

Disabled Greens

Room 2D05

If you experience barriers to participation relating to a physical or mental impairment or difference, please come along and join us to discuss cross-party campaigning on disability, new devolved benefits, and more. We will also be holding the AGM to elect a new committee. Remote participation available.

Phyl Meyer, Co-Convenor, Disabled Greens group

WINNING RURALLY Highlands & Islands Greens

Room 2D07

Fresh from two successful election campaigns, Highlands & Islands Branch want to share

Saturday 9.00am-10.15am continued

our reflections and work with other Rural Greens to develop best practice. We'll tell the stories behind our winning campaigns, draw out common factors and take questions. Afterwards there will be a networking session for those interested in connecting with Rural Greens.

Chairs: Sheila Currie and James MacKessack-Leitch (H&I co-convenors)

Panel: Cllr Pippa Hadley, co-campaign manager Roy Brown and Cllr Steve Sankey (via Skype)

GREEN COUNCILLORS

Green Councillors

Room 3D05

We now have our biggest ever group of Green Councillors, including eight in our host city of Edinburgh. Come along and meet some of our councillors and the organisers who got them elected. This informal drop-in session is a chance to grab a coffee, say hello and have a chat. Find out what councillors do, how they work, and what they've been doing. Are you interested in organising a campaign, standing for election in the future, or just

wondering how to raise a local issue with your local councillor? This is your chance to ask questions and get involved.

12.15pm-1.15pm

SOCIAL SCIENCE: WHY PARTICULATE MATTER PARTICULARLY MATTERS British Heart Foundation

Main Hall 1D02

Join British Heart Foundation funded researchers from the BHF Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Edinburgh as they discuss their world-leading research into air pollution and heart disease. Refreshments will be provided.
Speakers: David McColgan BHF Policy and Public Affairs Manager; Kylie Barclay, BHF Policy and Public Affairs Officer.

PUBLIC SERVICES, POVERTY AND PAY UNISON

Hall 1D04

Fighting poverty through high-quality public services, an effective welfare system and fair working conditions. Talk with Q&A session
Speakers: Trisha Hamilton; Kay Sillars; Dave Watson

HOW CAN SMART TECHNOLOGY HELP EMPOWER SCOTLAND'S COMMUNITIES?

Smart Energy

Room 2D04

Scotland's energy transformation is well under way, and the smart meter rollout will open up a new range of possibilities for innovation. Join us to hear from several of Scotland's most exciting urban and rural energy projects, and discuss the opportunities and challenges that smart technology offers our communities.

Speakers: Ben Miller, Policy and Communications Manager, Smart Energy GB; Gordon Cowtan, Smart Fintry; Georgy Davis, Community Energy Scotland

GOING FOR GROWTH Universities Scotland

Room 2D05

Ahead of the Scottish Government's Spending Review, Universities Scotland are making the case for funding for the sector that is sustainable and will continue to keep the higher education sector in Scotland as one of the best in the world.

Speakers: Professor Gerry McCormac, Principal of University of Stirling and Deputy Convener, Universities Scotland,

AVOIDING A CLIFF-EDGE? CITIZENS' RIGHTS POST-BREXIT

Law Society Scotland

Room 2D07

There is a pledge to safeguard the rights of EU citizens in the UK and vice versa post-Brexit, but how will these rights be enforced? And what will Brexit mean for our citizens, communities and institutions? Join John Finnie MSP, Clare Bailey MLA and experts from the legal profession to consider the impact of Brexit on citizens in Scotland and beyond.

GOING TO BE

Scottish Association for Mental Health

Room 3D04

In May, SAMH launched our new children and young people's campaign, Going to Be. Three children in every classroom will have experienced a mental health problem by the time they're 16 with thousands struggling to get the help they need. This has got to change. Our event will

Saturday 12.15pm-1.15pm continued

cover the changes SAMH wants to see to make sure Scotland's young people get the help they need, when they need it.

Speaker: Billy Watson, SAMH CEO

GOOD FOOD NATION BILL

Nourish

Room 3D05

We'll be talking about the Good Food Nation bill which will read across agriculture, health, social justice, environment, procurement and waste. It is a chance to pass truly ground-breaking legislation to repurpose the food and farming system in Scotland and establish pro-people and pro-planet governance based on the SDGs and a "right to food" approach

Speakers: Allan Faulds; Pete Ritchie, director, Nourish Scotland; Elli Kontoravdis, policy and campaigns manager, Nourish Scotland

1.15pm-1.45pm

JOB FAIR

SGP

Main Hall 1D02

The Scottish Green Party is run by volunteers and your party needs you. Drop by our "job fair" to for a chance to ask questions

about volunteering on a branch or national committee, or as part of a representative group.

1.15pm-2.15pm

TURNING SCOTLAND INTO AN ACTIVE NATION

SGP

Room 3D04

Active travel has the potential to positively impact on public health, climate change, air pollution, congestion, social and economic inequality and much more. Discuss concrete ways to increase the level of active travel across Scotland and explore how Greens can make this happen in their local areas.

Speakers: John Chivall, Caroline Thompson-Noble and Iain McLarty

DISCUSSION OF THE "ENERGY" POLICY MOTION

SGP

Room 3D05

The 2015 conference tasked a group of members to prepare a revised energy policy. The conference motion "Energy" proposes to substitute the result of their work for the current energy policy in the PRD. This workshop is an opportunity to

discuss the proposed policy before the motion is debated.

Facilitators: Susan Brush, Nick Gotts

4.00pm-5.30pm

MEET YOUR GREEN MSPS

SGP MSPs

Hall 1D04 (4.00pm-4.40pm)

Since their election in 2016 our six Scottish Green MSPs have consistently fought for a fairer economy and a cleaner Scotland. Join us as we meet some of them: find out about their day-to-day work, discuss the issues that matter to you, or just stop by for a chat.

BUILDING A CAMPAIGN FROM SCRATCH

SGP

Room 2D04

TRAINING

What does it take to run a successful election campaign in an area with almost no Green presence? Hear the story behind the election of the first Green councillor in the East End of Glasgow and explore how this might translate to your local campaigns.

Speakers: Iain McLarty and Kim Long

CIVICRM FOR BRANCHES

Training Civi CRM

Room 2D05

TRAINING

CivCRM is our new membership system, come to this session to find out how to use Civi to help your branch. Learn how to:

- Organise your branch, committee or group online
- Manage your members
- Write and send emails to your members
- Learn how wards, constituencies and regions are organised online, and how to use this information effectively
- How to segment and contact members for local campaigns.

Speakers: Pete Morrison and Leckie

WORKING WITH THE PRESS

Training

ROOM 2D07

TRAINING

How do we get Green ideas and campaigns into the press? What works best for what kind of message? What are the pitfalls and opportunities in press work? Come along to this session to find out more or contribute your own experience.

Speakers: Green councillor Gavin Corbett and freelance journalist Shaun Milne.

**CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE:
WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?**

Workshop

Room 3D04

As we enter an election-free period, the party has the opportunity to campaign on a number of issues. This workshop will present the results of the recent membership survey on which issues the party should campaign on, seeking feedback and new ideas on the best way to implement them.
Speaker: John Hardy, Campaigns Officer

**THE COUNCIL ELECTION
CAMPAIGN – HOW WAS IT
FOR YOU?**

SGP

Room 3D05

Candidates, campaign organisers, and volunteers – join us to discuss how the Council election campaign went in your area. Find out what happened in other places in the country and help us learn lessons for planning future election campaigns in this lively and interactive workshop.
Chair: Morvern Rennie

6.00pm-7.00pm

**INVESTING IN TEACHERS
The Educational Institute Of
Scotland**

Main Hall 1D02

Education is a central part of the government’s plans and legislative programme, with fundamental changes in education governance and funding being proposed. The EIS believes that more must be done to support and empower teachers.
Speakers: Nicola Fisher, EIS President; Alison Thornton EIS Vice-President David Belsey, EIS Assistant Secretary

**PUTTING SUSTAINABILITY
AT THE HEART OF THE NEW
ECONOMICS
Business for Scotland**

Hall 1D04

The economic system has failed and it has failed completely – 2007 was not another cyclical economic crisis – it was the crisis of economics. Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp; economist, environmentalist, newspaper columnist and Chief Executive of Business for Scotland will outline his vision of a new economic system and challenge you in an interactive session to help answer some of

the vital questions surrounding the new economy.
Speakers: Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp, BfS Chief Executive; Katy Johnson, BfS Membership Engagement Executive; Tonie McKay, BfS Researcher

**DIVERSITY ADDS VALUE
Council of Ethnic Minority
Voluntary Sector Organisations**

Room 2D04

Scotland’s communities are growing in diversity. What are the advantages of engaging with different ethnic groups, how do we learn from each other and what are the benefits? Come hear what the members of the Ethnic Minority Environmental Network (EMEN) have to say.
Speakers: Zarina Ahmad, CEMVO Scotland, and EMEN members

**COMMUNITY RIGHTS IN
PLANNING?
Planning Democracy**

Room 2D05

What do communities stand to gain from the current reforms? In 2015 the Government began a review of Scottish planning. This is now reaching its conclusion and new legislation will be drafted and debated at the end of 2017 into 2018. What rights will communities gain

from the review process and will it lead to better community empowerment when it comes to planning? Introductory talk followed by a participatory workshop.
Speaker: Clare Symonds, Convenor of Planning Democracy

**GREEN CND & THE TREATY
TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR
WEAPONS
SCND**

Room 2D07

Janet Fenton, delegate at the UN Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) adopted in New York outlines a Scottish Greens contribution to the Treaty’s implementation, articulating global nuclear abolition as core to addressing accelerated climate change and the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

**GOING FORWARD
CAMPAIGNING
Scottish Young Greens**

Room 3D04

Join us as we discuss what issues we feel we can campaign on now that we have time to make an impact, as a group, without elections every second Thursday. With our campaign on Mental Health

Saturday 6.00pm-7.00pm continued

education under way, as well as a campaign for Fossil Fuel Divestment a possibility, help us move forward in our long-term aims for SYG.

Speakers: Allan Faulds

7.15pm-8.30pm

BREXIT – WHAT NOW FOR SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND?

Main Hall 1D02

Neither Scotland or Northern Ireland voted for Brexit but with an imminent independence referendum off the table, no Assembly or Executive at Stormont and a significant power-grab from the UK Government, where do the devolved nations go from here? Hear from MSPs Patrick Harvie & Ross Greer and MLA Clare Bailey and join the discussion on how Greens respond to the UK's leaving the European Union.
Speakers: Clare Bailey, Ross Greer, Patrick Harvie.

THE GREEN ECONOMY OF TOMORROW: CARING AND CREATING

Hall 1D04

Technological change is creating an economy where

much undesirable work can be automated. At the same time renewable energy offers us the potential of plentiful, cheap energy at little cost to the planet. This creates an opportunity for a truly Green economy, where we put caring, creating and collective decision-making at the heart of our society. Here's how.

Speaker: Maggie Chapman

HUSTINGS FOR INTERNAL COMMITTEES

Room 2D04

This will be the hustings for the internal party elections for any of the positions that are contested. Your chance to hear from the candidates before you vote.

A JUST TRANSITION TO A GREEN ECONOMY

SGP Trade Union Group

Room 2D05

Scotland's Just Transition coalition unites trades unions and environmentalists in campaigning for the transition to a fossil-fuel-free future to be socially just. Workers with jobs dependent on the oil industry need to be protected as jobs in a sustainable economy are

generated. The market alone will not deliver this: we need a political commitment so that the state, trade unions and communities can work together to protect work and working conditions as we transform the economy. This workshop will explore how this might happen and how we can influence the Scottish Government's recently announced Just Transition Commission.

Speakers from Scotland's Just Transition coalition: Matthew Crighton (Friends of the Earth's green jobs campaigner) and Stephen Smellie (Vice-Convenor Unison Scotland).

9.00pm onwards

SOCIAL EVENTS

Ghost Tour, St John's Church

Join one of Edinburgh's famous ghost tours, hosted by Councillor Alexander Staniforth. Suggested donation £10, meeting at St John's Church at the west end of Princes Street between 9-9.15pm on Saturday. Maximum 40 people. Route will be at least an hour and will attempt to avoid stairs.

MEDIA INTERVIEW SKILLS

Women's Network

2D07

TRAINING

We all live in fear of that dreaded car-crash interview. As part of the Women's Network Development Programme we are hosting a practical workshop to build confidence in live interviews and hustings. With step-by-step preparation processes and a worked example – everything you need to say YES to media opportunities!

Facilitators: Morvern Rennie & Gill MacDonald

Pub Quiz, venue TBC

Hosted by Scottish Young Greens.

Back by popular demand (we like to think so) the Scottish Young Greens return with another fun and challenging quiz. Teams are limited to six. To register your team in advance please email g.a.mackay@hotmail.com. Venue tbc but keep an eye out for the Facebook event which will be appearing shortly.

Saturday Timetable

	Main Hall 1D02	Hall 1D04	Room 2D04	Room 2D05	Room 2D07	Room 3D04	Room 3D05
8.00am-9.00am	Registration in entrance hall						
9.00am-10.15am	Set-up, no public access	International Committee: Challenging the Far Right	New to conference?	Disabled Greens: Discussion group and AGM	Highlands & Islands and Rural Greens: Winning rurally		Green Councillors
10.30am-Noon	Opening plenary with guest speaker Per Bolund, Swedish Minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs						
12.15pm-1.15pm External fringe sessions	British Heart Foundation: Social science: why particulate matter particularly matters	UNISON: Public services, poverty and pay	Smart Energy: How can smart technology help empower Scotland's communities?	Universities Scotland: Going for growth	Law Society: Avoiding a cliff-edge? Citizens' rights post-Brexit	Scottish Association for Mental Health: Going to Be	Nourish: Good food nation bill
1.15pm-2.15pm	Lunch Visit the exhibition downstairs, including the volunteer fair in Main Hall 1D02 from 1.15-1.45pm. 1.30pm-2.15pm in the exhibition area, Evan Davis will be signing his book <i>Post-Truth: Why We Have Reached Peak Bullshit and What We Can Do About It</i> .					Turning Scotland into an active nation	Discussion of the "Energy" policy motion
2.15pm-3.45pm	Plenary with guest speaker Clare Bailey MLA + Breakthrough Campaigns (ECC)						
3.45pm-5.30pm	Voting	4pm-5.30pm Parallel sessions (see page 8)					
		4pm-4.40pm Meet your Green MSPs	Building a campaign from scratch	Training: Civi CRM	Training: Working with the press	Campaigning for change: what are the issues?	The council election campaign – how was it for you?
5.30pm-6pm	Break						
6.00pm-7.00pm	Educational Institute of Scotland: Investing in teachers	Business for Scotland: Putting Sustainability at the Heart of the New Economics	Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations: Diversity Adds Value	Planning Democracy: Community rights in planning?	Green CND & the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons	Scottish Young Greens: Going forward campaigning	
7.15pm-8.30pm	Europe: Brexit – what now for Scotland & Northern Ireland?	The Green Economy of Tomorrow: caring and creating	Hustings for internal committees	Trade Union Group: A just transition to a green economy	Women's Network: Media interview skills		
8.30pm	Close. Social events from 9pm						

Sunday Timetable

9am-9.30am	Main Hall 1D02	Hall 1D04	Room 2D04	Room 2D05	Room 2D07	Room 3D04	Room 3D05
9.30am-10.30am	Registration in entrance hall						
10.30am-11.15am	AGM						
11.15am-1.00pm	Party Strategy Debate	11am-12.30pm Parallel sessions (see page 8)	Social media training	Public speaking training	Training: Working with the press	Campaigning for change: what are the issues?	The Council Election Campaign – How was it for you?
1.00pm-2.00pm	Voting	11am-11.30am Meet your Green MSPs					
2.00pm-3.00pm	Lunch	1.15pm-2.05pm: 100 Years Of Balfour, 100 Years Of Conflict	Justice in Palestine: what Greens can do	Policy Committee workshop	Green Councillors	Conference Feedback	Citizens Income - has the time finally come?
3.15pm-3.45pm	Voting						
	Closing plenary						

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EIS FRINGE MEETING

Saturday 21 October 2017, 6pm, Main Hall, Napier University, Sighthill Campus

INVESTING IN TEACHERS

Education is a central part of the government's plans and legislative programme, with fundamental changes in education governance and funding being proposed. The EIS believes that more must be done to support and empower teachers.

Speakers

Ross Greer, MSP
Nicola Fisher, EIS President

Chair

Alison Thornton
EIS Vice-President

Speakers from the EIS and the Green Party will provide their perspectives.

Sandwich Buffet and Refreshments provided.

Please Join Us.....

Running Order: Sunday

9.00am-9.30am	Registration, crèche and children's activities open
9.30am-11.15am	AGM (Main theatre 1D02) followed by
10.30am	Party Strategy Debate
11.15am-1pm	Voting Constitutional Motions Policy Motions 2
11am-12.30pm	Parallel sessions (see page 8) 1D04 Meet your Green MSPs (till 11.30am only) 2D04 Social media Training 2D05 Public Speaking Training 2D07 Training: Working with the press 3D04 Campaigning for change 3D05 The Council Election Campaign
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
1.15pm-2.05pm	1D04 Performance: 100 Years Of Balfour, 100 Years Of Conflict (see opposite)
2.00pm-3.00pm	Voting 1D02 Policy motions Conference motions
2.00pm-3.00pm	Workshops 1D04 Justice in Palestine 2D04 Policy Committee workshop 2D05 Green Councillors 2D07 Conference Feedback 3D04 Green CND 3D05 Citizens Income
3.00pm-3.30pm	Closing plenary

100 YEARS OF BALFOUR 100 YEARS OF CONFLICT

Arthur James Balfour, as Foreign Secretary in 1917, was a man of his time and class. In a dramatised reading using original texts, visuals and music, John Molleson and Colin Cooper seek to show how the British government, in advancing its empire, flattered the ambitions of two peoples and started a conflagration that burns to this day.

Hall 1D04

1.15pm



Sunday Fringe events & workshops

11.00am-12.30pm

MEET YOUR GREEN MSPS SGP MSPs

Hall 1D04 (11-11.30pm only)

Since their election in 2016 our six Scottish Green MSPs have consistently fought for a fairer economy and a cleaner Scotland. Join us as we meet some of them: find out about their day-to-day work, discuss issues that matter to you, or just stop by for a chat.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING Training: Social Media

Room 2D04

TRAINING

Learn how to use social media to maximise the impact of your branch, group or campaign.

- How to target the correct audience
- What makes a good post
- What to avoid when posting
- Dealing with trolls, abuse and questions online

This session will include case studies and examples of Green campaigns and accounts.

PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING

Training: Public Speaking

Room 2D05

TRAINING

A chance to develop your public speaking skills. If you have to speak in public on behalf of the party, or would like to, this session will help you prepare. We'll cover the basics, including research, preparation and delivery, and how to deal with questions or interruptions. There will be a couple of excellent public speakers in attendance to give advice on any area and to share how they prepare. If coming to this session please prepare a one-minute speech about yourself and a Green topic – you will only be asked to speak if you volunteer, though!

Speaker: Lorna Slater

WORKING WITH THE PRESS

Training

ROOM 2D07

TRAINING

How do we get Green ideas and campaigns into the press? What works best for what kind of message? What are the pitfalls and opportunities in press work? Come along to this session to find out more or contribute your own experience.

Speakers: Green councillor Gavin Corbett and freelance journalist Shaun Milne.

CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE: WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Workshop

Room 3D04

As we enter a election-free period, the party has the opportunity to campaign on a number of issues. This workshop will present the results of the recent membership survey on which issues the party should campaign on, seeking feedback and new ideas on the best way to implement them.

Speaker: John Hardy, Campaigns Officer

THE COUNCIL ELECTION CAMPAIGN – HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?

SGP

Room 3D05

Candidates, campaign organisers, and volunteers – join us to discuss how the Council election campaign went in your area. Find out what happened in other places in the country and help us learn lessons for planning future election campaigns in this lively and interactive workshop.

Chair: Morvern Rennie

1.15pm-2.00pm

PALESTINE: 100 YEARS OF BALFOUR 100 YEARS OF CONFLICT

Hall 1D04

Arthur James Balfour, as Foreign Secretary in 1917, was a man of his time and class. In a dramatised reading using original texts, visuals and music, we seek to show how the British government, in advancing its imperial ambitions, flattered the ambitions of two peoples and started a conflagration that burns to this day.

2.00pm-3.00pm

JUSTICE IN PALESTINE: WHAT GREENS CAN DO

Green Friends of Palestine

Hall 1D04

Following the performance of *100 years of Balfour*, Dr Issam Hijjawi, convenor of the international Balfour Declaration Centenary Campaign, will lead a discussion on what role Scottish Greens can play now in challenging the outcomes of the Declaration and expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people. Ross Greer MSP will discuss current and potential Palestine solidarity work in the parliamentary group, and the AGM of Green Friends of Palestine will take place as part of this workshop. *Speakers: Dr Issam Hijjawi; Ross Greer MSP*

POLICY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

SGP

Room 2D04

This will be a chance to start addressing any business arising out of conference, such as motions referred back, or else looking at the policy aspects of the Structural Review. The content will depend on what

happens during conference. *Chairs: Peter Ryan, Peter Mountford-Smith*

GREEN COUNCILLORS Green Councillors

Room 2D05

We now have our biggest ever group of Green Councillors, including eight in our host city of Edinburgh. Come along and meet some of our councillors and the organisers who got them elected. This informal drop-in session is a chance to grab a coffee, say hello and have a chat. Find out what councillors do, how they work, and what they've been doing. Are you interested in organising a campaign, standing for election in the future, or just wondering how to raise a local issue with your local councillor? This is your chance to ask questions and get involved.

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Room 2D07

If you'd like to share ideas on how to add to or improve conference – or want us to know about aspects you really enjoyed this time round – please come along to this informal feedback session.

GREEN CND RELAUNCH

Room 3D04

This is the year that Scottish Greens can make a contribution towards the elimination of nuclear weapons if we live up with action and ideas. Time to organise across the country, thinking global and acting local. We need officers and a membership list.

CITIZENS INCOME - HAS THE TIME FINALLY COME?

Room 3D05

With renewed political interest around the world, councils and NGOs working on it in Scotland, and a newly announced Scottish Government fund to support pilot schemes, has the moment come for this longstanding Green policy? *Speakers: Alison Johnstone MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, and Green councillors.*



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For more information visit our website smartenergyGB.org

Child Poverty Action Group



CPAG works on behalf of the one in four children in Scotland growing up in poverty. We use our understanding of what causes poverty and its impact on children's lives to campaign for policies that will help prevent and solve poverty, including the Give Me Five child benefit top-up campaign. www.cpag.org.uk

SAMH



Around since 1923, SAMH operates over 60 services in communities across Scotland providing mental health social care support, homelessness, addictions and employment services, among others. These – together with our national programme work in See Me, respectme, suicide prevention, sport and physical activity – inform our policy and campaign work to influence positive social change. www.samh.org.uk

BUSINESS FOR SCOTLAND Business for Scotland

Business for Scotland is a campaigning business network and think-tank. We are passionate about unlocking Scotland's potential by promoting policies to create sustainable business and economic growth. We support Scottish independence to deliver our goals, setting Scotland on a more inclusive, greener, confident, more equal and economically successful path. www.businessforscotland.com

RNIB Scotland



The Royal National Institute of Blind People Scotland helps blind and partially sighted people of all ages live as fully and independently as possible. It provides advice, support, training, equipment and transcribes books and other materials. It also campaigns across Scotland to improve sight loss prevention. www.rnib.org.uk/scotland

Supporting people with sight loss

Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations



CEMVO Scotland's vision is a secure and sustainable base for Scotland's ethnic minority voluntary sector and its communities. Underpinned by race equality, CEMVO Scotland's mission is to level the playing field for Scotland's ethnic minority voluntary sector and its communities. www.cemvoscotland.org.uk

John Muir Trust



A recent YouGov poll for the John Muir Trust found that 80% of Scottish people believe that Scotland's iconic Wild Land Areas should continue to be protected from large-scale infrastructure. We're calling on the Scottish Government to improve protection for Wild Land Areas in the forthcoming Planning Bill. www.johnmuirtrust.org

One Kind



OneKind is Scotland's leading animal campaigns charity. We seek to expose and end cruelty to Scotland's animals through campaigns, advocacy, investigations and research. Our current priorities include mandatory CCTV in abattoirs, greater protection of mountain hares, a ban on snares and a real ban on fox hunting. Drop by to find out more and get involved. www.onekind.scot

League Against Cruel Sports Scotland



The League campaigns against cruelty to animals in the name of "sport". Current Scottish campaigns are for a real ban on fox hunting, against driven bird shooting and for a ban on snares. See [@LeagueScotland](#) or e-mail jenniferdunn@league.org.uk for more details. www.league.org.uk/cruel-sports-in-scotland

British Heart Foundation



The British Heart Foundation is the largest independent funder of Cardiovascular research in Scotland. The BHF currently invests £70 million in world class research across Scotland. Through research we are leading the fight against Scotland's single biggest killer, developing and delivering new treatments for the people of Scotland and beyond. www.bhf.org.uk

Universities Scotland



Universities Scotland is the representative body of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions. We are a membership organisation working for the Principals and Directors of Scotland's 19 higher education institutions. We develop higher education policy and campaign on issues where our members have a shared interest. www.universities-scotland.ac.uk

Royal College of Nursing Scotland



The RCN is the world's largest professional organisation and trade union for nursing staff, with members in the NHS, independent and third sectors. The RCN promotes patient and nursing interests by campaigning on issues that affect members, shaping health policies, and representing members. The RCN is the voice of nursing. www.rcn.org.uk/scotland

National Carer Organisations



The National Carer Organisations work together to improve recognition and support for unpaid carers. It is our shared vision that all of Scotland's unpaid carers will feel valued, included and supported as equal partners in the provision of care. They are Carers Scotland, the Coalition of Carers in Scotland, Minority Ethnic Carers Project (MECOPP), Carers Trust Scotland, the Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance, Crossroads Caring Scotland and Shared Care Scotland.

UNISON Scotland



UNISON is the public services union and the largest trade union in Scotland. We represent members across local government, health, community and voluntary sector, utilities, the emergency services, housing, higher and further education and other areas like Skills Development Scotland, children reporters and regulation of care. It gives us and unparalleled overview of public services and those who deliver them. www.unison-scotland.org



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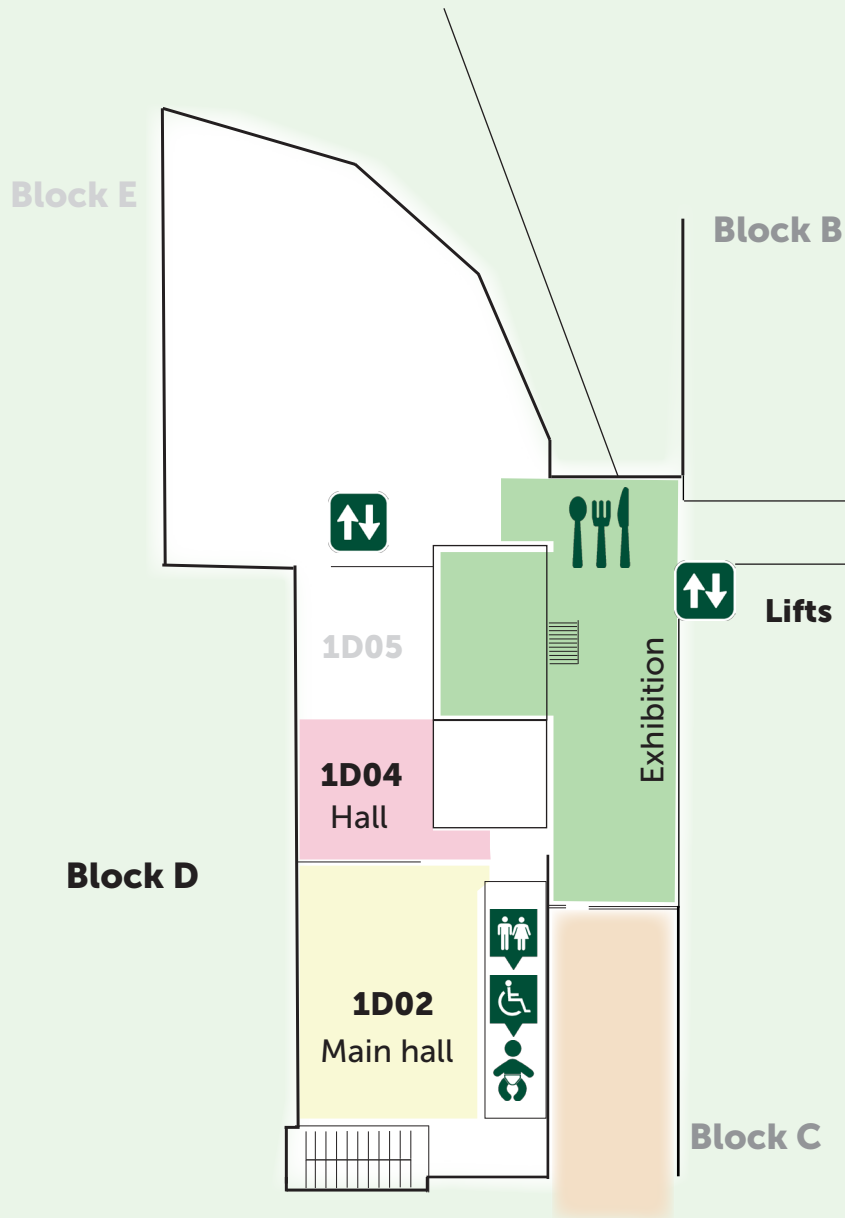
The Law Society of Scotland is the professional body for over 11,000 Scottish solicitors. We have an overarching objective of leading legal excellence, and strive to excel and to be a world-class professional body, understanding and serving the needs of our members and the public. www.lawscot.org.uk

The Educational Institute Of Scotland

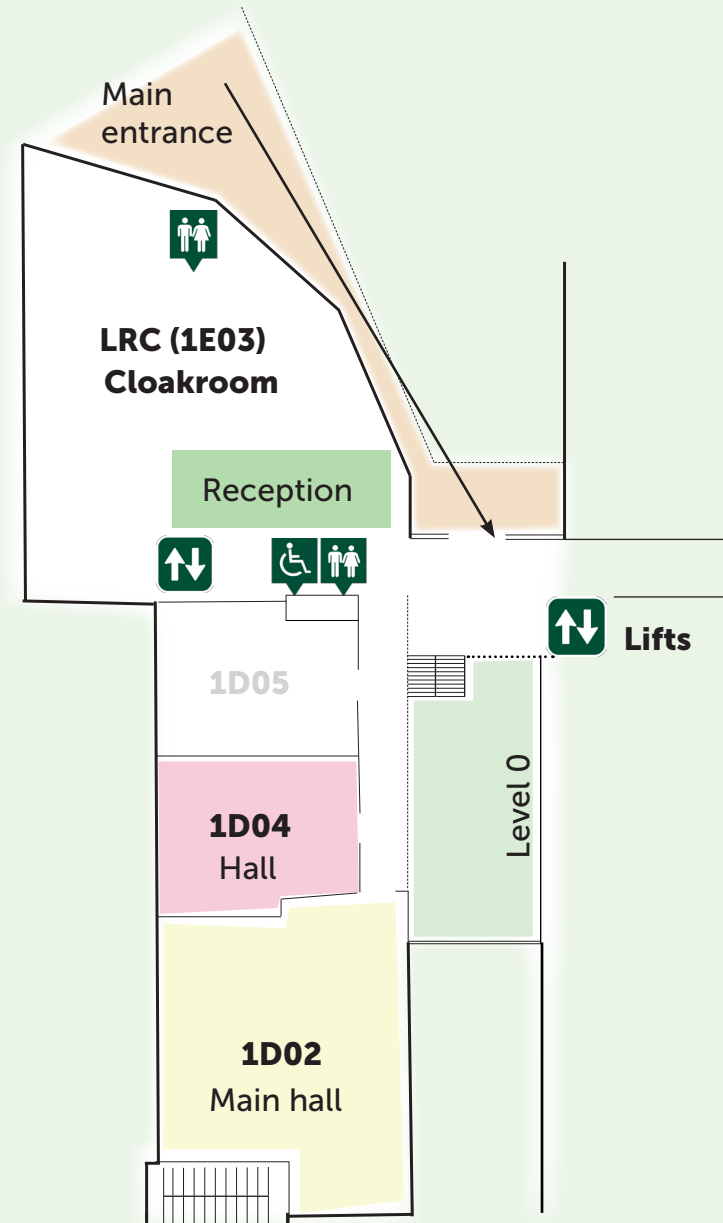


The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) is Scotland's largest teaching trade union with around 55,000 members employed in nursery, primary, special, secondary, further and higher education. The EIS represents over 80% of all teachers and lecturers in Scotland and campaigns to protect and improve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

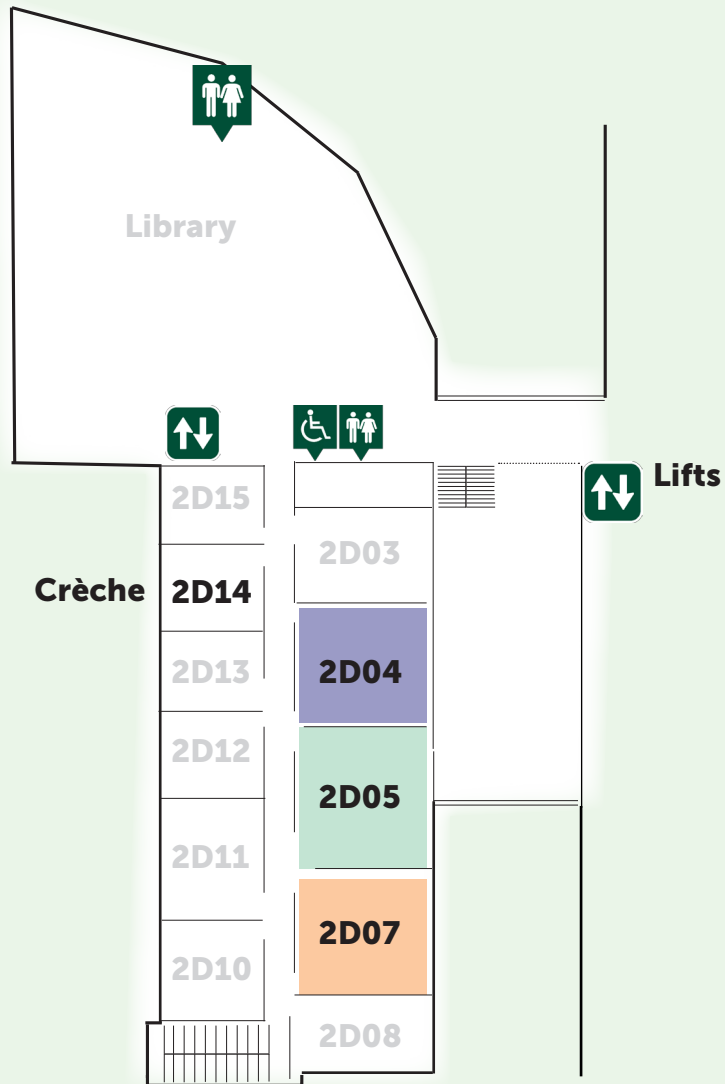
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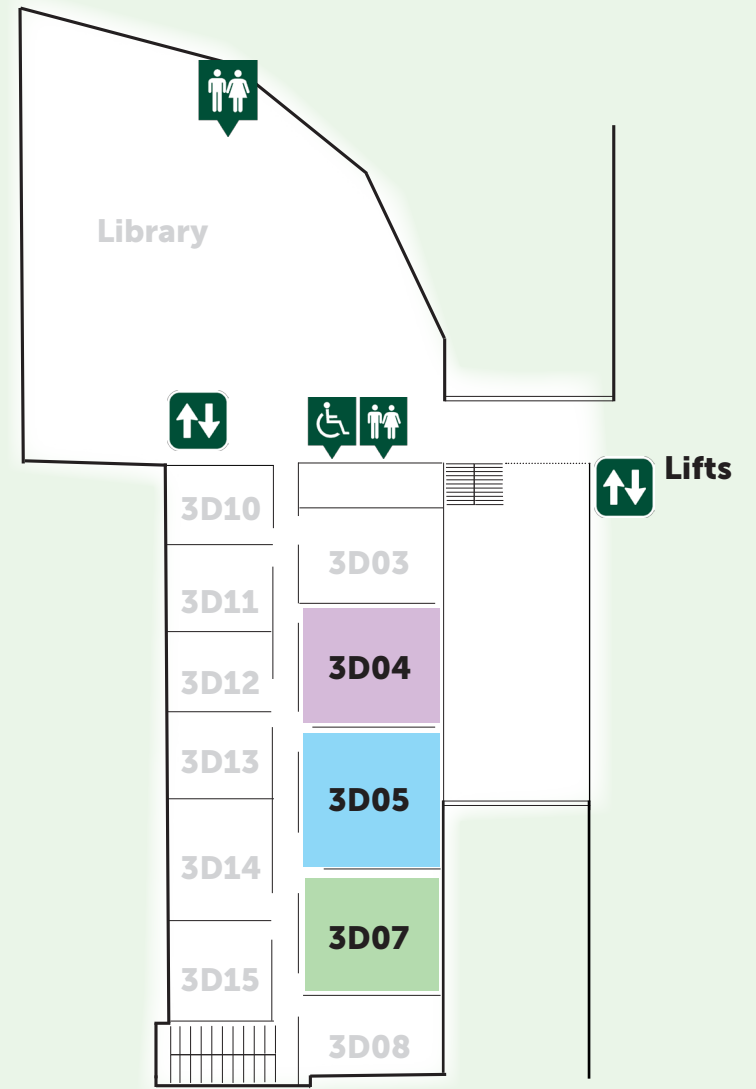
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LEVEL 2: WORKSHOPS, FRINGES, CRÈCHE



LEVEL 3: WORKSHOPS AND FRINGES



Get involved!

After our fantastic wins in Holyrood and the local authority elections over the past year we need to continue to lead the change in our communities. Here are a few ways you can get active and make a difference.

Get involved locally

Local branches are the backbone of our party. For details visit members.greens.scot or contact the SGP office (details below). Recruit other members! Invite family, friends or colleagues who might be interested in the Greens to make that next step.

Make a donation

Unlike big parties we don't get any state funding and our policies tend not to attract huge corporate donors. We rely on individuals like you. It's easy to donate to one of our crowdfunder appeals – see our newsletters or visit

greens.scot. You can also help build our national campaign fund by joining the Holyrood Club – forms can be found at the registration desk.

Make use of your skills

The party is mostly run by volunteers. Everyone has skills that the party values, either at local or national level. Whether you're professionally qualified, or simply have time to stuff envelopes, your help is invaluable!

Become a social media activist

Like and share on Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Instagram and more – or even write a blog. We'd love you to tell the world about your campaign experiences and connect with other Greens! More details are at greens.scot/get-involved. Be sure to tag any campaigning with the hashtag [#ActiveSGP](https://twitter.com/ActiveSGP)

Thank you for attending!

Please let us know what you thought of conference. Look out for our online feedback survey, which will arrive by email straight after conference. By filling it in you can help make next year's even better!

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The Freedom Come-All-Ye by Hamish Henderson

*Roch the wind in the clear day's dawnin
Blaws the clouds heelster gowdie ow'r the bay
But there's mair nor a roch wind blawin
Through the great glen o the warld the day.
It's a thocht that will gar oor rottans
A' they rogues that gang gallus, fresh and gay
Tak the road and seek ither loanins
For their ill ploys, tae sport and play*

*Nae mair will the bonnie callants
Mairch tae war when oor braggarts crouselly craw,
Nor wee weans frae pit-heid and clachan
Mourn the ships sailin doon the Broomielaw.
Broken faimlies in lands we've herriet
Will curse Scotland the Brave nae mair, nae mair;
Black and white, ane til ither mairriet
Mak the vile barracks o their maisters bare*

*So come all ye at hame wi Freedom,
Never heed whit the hoodies croak for doom
In your hoose a' the bairns o Adam
Can find breid, barley-bree and painted room
When MacLean meets wi's freens in Springburn
A' the roses and geans will turn tae bloom,
And a black lad frae yont Nyanga
Dings the fell gallows o the burghers doon.*



Equality Network and Scottish Trans Alliance

The Equality Network is a national lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and intersex (LGBTI) equality and human rights charity for Scotland. Scottish Trans is the Equality Network project to improve gender identity and gender reassignment equality, rights and inclusion in Scotland.

www.equality-network.org
www.scottishtrans.org



FBU Scotland

The Fire Brigades Union is the democratic and professional voice of firefighters across the UK. We send solidarity greetings to all Scottish Green Party delegates and wish them a successful conference.

www.fbScotland.org

Planning Democracy



Planning Democracy is a national charity established in 2009 to strengthen democracy by promoting public voices in the Scottish land-use planning system. Planning Democracy is a response to growing concerns about planning failures in Scotland where development is dictated by market forces leading to social and environmental injustices.

planningdemocracy.org.uk

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