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CONFERENCE

**LEADING
CITY
CHANGE**



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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. Join us for our event *Greens Leading Local Democracy* on Saturday at 5.30pm in the Main Hall.
electoral-reform.org.uk

 **Electoral
Reform
Society
Scotland**

Welcome to **Glasgow,** the World's Friendliest City!



I'm delighted to welcome you all to Glasgow, and this wonderful venue, for our Autumn Conference.

When I was first elected as a councillor in 2007, I was caught up in debates about building motorways. Thankfully, conversations have moved on, to planning a network of segregated cycle lanes. Glasgow aims to become one of Europe's most sustainable cities by 2020.

During conference, I hope you discover more about the changes taking place in the Dear Green Place. People are making Glasgow. The city's population is the most ethnically diverse in Scotland and has risen after decades of decline. The city has been transformed by inward migration, and as a dispersal area for those seeking asylum.

Planning issues dominated the work of councillors. Decision-making has determined the regeneration activities reshaping the skyline of Glasgow beyond recognition. The Clyde waterfront is now a vibrant creative sector with the Digital Media Quarter and many movie-makers are choosing Glasgow for their film and TV productions.

We have ambitions to be sporting champions! The coming of the Commonwealth Games in 2014 stimulated development that included the building of the Hydro at SEC, the Emirates Indoor Arena and Velodrome, and the Athletes' Village in the East End. Glaswegians have established a track record of success in delivering world-class sporting events.

We are still facing many challenges, including poverty and income inequality. Poverty reduction is inextricably linked to the move towards a low-carbon, resource efficient, and socially inclusive green economy.

Martha Wardrop
Scottish Green Councillor for Glasgow's Hillhead



Welcome to our 2018 Autumn Conference!

Welcome to Glasgow, and the Scottish Green Party's annual conference 2018. We hope you'll have a great weekend, meeting new friends and helping to shape the direction of our party.

It can often feel as though optimism is in short supply right now. With the continuing crisis of Brexit, and the threat of a deregulated, free-market race-to-the-bottom after it; with the rise of the far right and a socially conservative backlash against equality; with Theresa May proclaiming the false dawn of the "end of austerity" while continuing to brutalise benefit claimants and asylum seekers; and with the starkest warnings yet from the scientific community about the fast-closing window of opportunity to act on climate change, while governments continue to subsidise fossil fuel ... yes, being an optimist – never mind giving hope to others – is hard work these days.

But the Green movement cannot afford to lose its belief that we can do so much better than this. Whether we focus on our local community, Scotland, the UK, Europe or the world, we are here to show that Green ideas can make a difference, and can rekindle belief in a brighter future.

The Greens don't deny the scale of the

challenges we face, but we don't embrace defeatism either. We take action!

So over this weekend you'll hear about the work Greens are doing at local level, putting energy and creativity into their communities and showing that when people feel empowered to act they can often achieve far more than they thought possible. Greens in local government here in Scotland and far beyond are doing this, and we're making the case to give communities more of the power they need.

You'll hear about – and decide about – the way we're facing challenges like Scotland's need for a transition to a post-oil economy, and the country's future relationship with the wider world including our continued commitment to a European future.

You'll have the chance to meet and talk with many of the organisations which work with us, developing the new ideas our political system needs, and to share experiences and skills with other Green activists around the country.

Let's make this a weekend to reconnect not only with each other, but also with our shared commitment to change politics and to change society for the better.

**Maggie Chapman
and Patrick Harvie,
Scottish Greens Co-Convenors**

Magid Magid Mayor of Sheffield



Born in Northern Somalia, Magid came as a child refugee to Britain in 1994. He is the youngest-ever Lord Mayor of Sheffield and the first Green Party councillor to hold the role, he studied zoology and marine biology at the University of Hull. He ran the Sheffield half-marathon dressed as a tree (pursued by a chainsaw-wielding friend), banned “wasteman” Donald Trump from the city, and used his inaugural speech at the Sheffield council to condemn racism and post-Brexit xenophobia.

Grace O’Sullivan Senator, Seanad Éireann

Grace is the Irish Green Party spokesperson for Environmental Protection, Natural Resources, and Marine & Tourism. Grace is an ecologist, environmentalist and the Green Party member of Seanad Éireann, where she is a member of the Civil Engagement Group. A former activist on Greenpeace vessels, including the Rainbow Warrior, she was Ireland’s first female Irish national surf champion, and the winner of the 2017 Green Leader Award.



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.

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.

Abstain



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.

FRINGES AND EXHIBITIONS

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 visit the stalls and take part in the sessions. They are as much a part of conference as the main sessions.

VENUE ACCESSIBILITY

The Technology & Innovation centre is fully accessible.



Law Society
of Scotland

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**With the highest standards of legal practice,
a wealth of international expertise and
an innovative approach, Scotland's
solicitors are delivering results
worldwide.**

**Join us in the main auditorium at 12.30 on
Saturday** for a panel debate featuring Andy Wightman
MSP, Irish Senator Grace O'Sullivan and immigration law
expert Andy Sirel on **Brexit: The Final Countdown.**

www.lawscot.org.uk

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FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE?

There is a special session for people new to Conference, which will be held at 9.15am in Room 3.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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.

Fringe events & workshops

Saturday

9.15am-10.30am

First Time at conference?

Room 3

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.

Food, Farming and Climate Policy Workshop

Room 4

Motions on Food and Agriculture, Climate Change and Plastics will be debated and voted on at conference this year. This is your chance to speak to those involved in drafting these motions and discuss any questions you have about the proposed policies or amendments to them.

International Committee 1 Policy Workshop

Room 5

This session includes items related to votes that will be made in plenary from 4pm.

Palestine / Gaza / Israel – Paula Benhaddad

Paula will brief us on our support for Palestinian groups in Scotland and what we can do to confront oppression in Gaza. What position should the Greens take on Israel?

Marine Life, including Whaling in Iceland and the UN Global Ocean Treaty – Andy Symons / Jeff Justice

Will the recent UN Global Ocean conference eventually lead to a treaty that will by 2020 restore the health of our global oceans? Will it really protect whales and other marine life? What can the Greens do to help make it work?

Climate Change, international aspects of – Malcolm Spaven

Climate change is something that can only really be tackled at a global level. What should the Scottish Green Party be doing internationally?

Universal Basic Income Policy Workshop

Room 6

A motion updating the Scottish Green Party's approach to the Universal Basic Income has been proposed by Policy Committee and will be voted on at conference this year. This session is a chance for you to raise and discuss any questions that you have about the motion.

Challenging the Far Right Policy Workshop

Room 7

A motion on "Challenging the Far Right", proposed by Policy Committee, will be debated and voted on at conference, along with three proposed amendments. The motion has been developed through discussion in a working group, workshops, and online, but this session provides a chance for anyone, whether previously involved or not, to raise and discuss any questions they have about the motion.

12.30am-1.30pm

Brexit – The Final Countdown? Law Society of Scotland

Main Hall

With less than six months to go before the UK is due to leave the EU, much is still to be decided. With the headlines speculating on whether a deal can be reached, what it might look like and whether a People's Vote will be held, what are the key challenges to overcome before next March and what will the impact be on Scotland? How should the Green movement tackle the constitutional issues the next six months and beyond will bring for Scotland's place within the UK and Europe? Join us to put your questions to a panel of Green politicians from Scotland and Ireland as well as legal experts on what we know, what we can guess and what surprises might be around the corner.

Speakers: Senator Grace O'Sullivan; Alison Atack, President of the Law Society of Scotland; Andy Sirel, immigration law expert; Andy Wightman MSP.

12.30pm-1.30pm continued

**VALUE EDUCATION,
VALUE TEACHERS**
EIS

Room 3

An exploration of the main issues facing the education sector and teachers in Scotland, including the reasons for current teacher recruitment and retention difficulties.

We hope to debate these matters and give attendees the opportunity to ask questions. Speakers from the EIS and the Scottish Greens will provide their perspectives.

Speakers: Alison Thornton, EIS President; Ross Greer MSP; Bill Ramsay, EIS Vice President.

Lunch will be provided

**Left Against Brexit: How
To Win A Referendum On
The Deal**
Another Europe is Possible

Room 4

The Brexit vote has left us reeling, but the Left and progressive politics are in many ways stronger than ever. How do we defend the progressive elements of EU membership and stop the the Tories' Hard

Brexit agenda? *Speakers: Becky Luff, Another Europe is Possible; Fiona Robertson, SNP National Women's & Equalities Convener; Maggie Chapman, SGP Co-Convenor.*

A Policy Workshop follows this session.

Travel in time
RNIB Scotland

Room 6

Blind and partially sighted people rely on public transport perhaps more than any other group. But despite progress, much of it remains inaccessible to them and to others with a disability. What can be done to make it not only more accessible but more connected? Come and hear what sight-loss charity RNIB Scotland proposes to open up public transport and enhance mobility for some of the people in society who need it most.

Speakers: John Finnie MSP; Councillor Martin Bartos; Dr Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland's Senior Research Officer; Sandra Wilson, RNIB Scotland Chair.

The Future of Children and Young People's Mental Health
SAMH

Room 7

Join SAMH to discuss the future of children and young people's mental health. The 2018 Programme for Government includes commitments to introduce counselling in secondary schools, and to offer all teachers training in mental health. Alongside the new Taskforce on Children and Young People's Mental Health, there is substantial momentum on this issue. Come along to discuss how we can build on this in transforming the support we provide to children and young people's mental health. *Speaker: Alison Johnstone MSP*

Brexit Policy Workshop

Room 4

Scottish Greens members will be joined by researchers from academia to explore the state of Brexit, our future relationship

with Europe and the impact on the Scottish Greens.

2.30pm-3.30pm

Building a Zero Carbon Economy
WWF Scotland

Main Hall

The world urgently needs to shift to climate-resilient, low-carbon development. Decisive action at national and local level, along with international commitments, is necessary to drive many countries and businesses to take ambitious action. Join us to discuss how we can help drive this change.

Includes a message from James Shaw, New Zealand's Climate Minister. Speakers: Alison Johnstone MSP; Senator Grace O'Sullivan; Robin Parker WWF Scotland Public Affairs Manager; Councillor Claire Miller; Ross Greer MSP.

Saturday Timetable

	Main Hall	Room 3	Room 4
8.00am onwards	Registration in entrance hall		
9.15am-10.15am	Main Hall Set-up (CLOSED)	First time at conference?	Policy: Food, Farming and Climate
10.30am-12.15pm	Opening plenary		
12.30pm-1.30pm External fringes	Law Society of Scotland: Brexit – The Final Countdown?	EIS: Value Education, Value Teachers	Another EU is Possible Against Brexit How To Win Referendum The Deal
1.30pm-2.30pm	Lunch		Policy: Brexit
2.30pm-3.30pm	Building a Zero Carbon Economy: WWF Scotland		
3.30pm-4.30pm Voting/Workshops	Voting: Conference Motions followed by Policy Motions 1.	Structural Review Drop-In Session	Norway Film Screening
4.30pm-5.30pm Voting/Workshops		In-Ward Targeting	
5.30pm-6.30pm	Electoral Reform Society Scotland: Greens Leading		
7.00pm-late	Quiz Hosted by Young Greens (Project Cafe, Renfrew)		

Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7
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Sunday Timetable

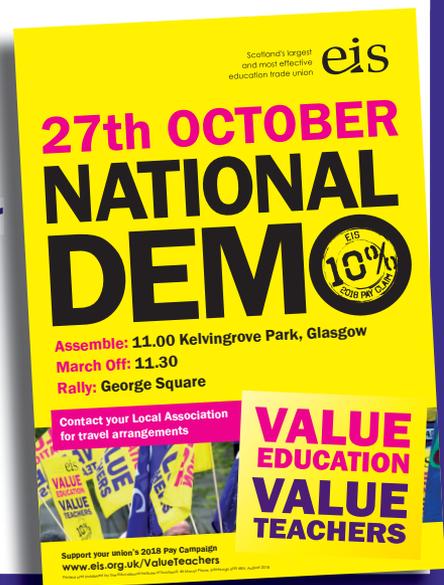
	Main Hall	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9.00am onwards	Registration in entrance hall				
9.30am-11.00am	AGM				
10.00am-Noon Workshops	SGP Strategic Plan discussion	International Committee 2	Treasurers and Xero	Demasculinisation of Politics	
Noon-1.00pm	Plenary with Magid Magid, Lord Mayor of Sheffield				
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch				
2.00pm-3.00pm Voting/Workshops	Voting: Constitutional Motions and Policy Motions 2		Being a Young Councillor	Civil Training Using Civimail Membership reporting	Producing Campaign Videos
3.00pm-4.00pm Voting/Workshops		Structural Review Drop-In Session	How to Get Your First Councillor Elected		
4.00pm-4.30pm	Closing Plenary				



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, campaigning to protect and improve their pay and conditions of service, as well as promoting "sound learning" across all sectors. Join us for our event, *Value Education, Value Teachers* on Saturday at 12.30pm in Room 3.

www.eis.org.uk



3.30pm-4.30pm

SGP Structural review Drop-In Session

Room 3

Drop in to for an update on the structural review and ask any questions that you might have.

Norway Film Screening

Room 4

NATION is a series of films about Scotland's successful European neighbours, by Phantom Power films and Lesley Riddoch. **Norway – The Twin Nation** explores what Scotland can learn from our Nordic neighbour, which shares a very similar population size, climate, landscape and resources to ours.

Campaign – The Hostile Environment Workshop

Room 5

Hear the inside story of the #DucMakesGlasgow campaign, which helped keep Duc Kein

in Glasgow against threat
d deportation. Discuss the
impact the the Conservatives'
"hostile environment" against
migrants is having, and how
people can stand up against it.

Online Campaign Handbook Workshop

Room 6

ECC are developing an online
campaign handbook to give
branches the guidance and
resources they need to plan and
run elections and issue based
campaigns. Find out what this
will look like and tell us what
you would like to see included.

4.30pm-5.30pm

In-Ward Targeting Workshop

Room 3

We have had great success with
target-to-win. In this session Iain
McLarty – who managed Kim
Long's successful campaign in
Dennistoun – will look at how
you can target in a ward to get
the best electoral results and
elect more Greens.

Norway Film Screening

Room 4

Another chance to catch a screening of **Norway – The Twin Nation** (see 3.30pm opposite).

Building a Public Media Profile Workshop

Room 6

Are you based in an area that does not have a Green MSP nor councillor? This session will give you practical advice to building a media and public profile to raise awareness of the Greens ahead of the next election cycle.

5.30pm-6.30pm

GREENS LEADING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Electoral Reform Society
Scotland

Main Hall

The Scottish Government is reviewing how people could run their own places through the Democracy Matters

consultation and there is a real chance for radical reform. What changes are necessary for local democracy in Scotland to flourish, what can the "Act As If You Own the Place" campaign show us and how can Greens ensure that they happen?
Speakers: Jonathan Shafi, Electoral Reform Society Scotland; Alice Kinghorn-Gray, Electoral Reform Society Scotland; Maggie Chapman, SGP Co-Convenor; Patrick Harvie MSP; Councillor Jon Molyneux.

Sunday

10.30am-11.30pm

SGP Strategic Plan Workshop

Main Hall

The AGM will include a discussion on the SGP Strategic Plan.

International Committee 2 Policy Workshop

Room 3

International Affairs in the Scottish Parliament – Ross Greer MSP

Ross will talk about his role as Scottish Green Party spokesperson in the Scottish Parliament and the current issues under discussion.

European Green Council, our role – Dan Hutchinson

Dan will talk about what the European Green Council does, what role the Scottish Green Party plays, and our contacts with other European Green parties.

Global Greens, our experience – Eurig Scandrett

Eurig will give an overview of what our experiences at a global level and discuss what we might do next year.

Catalonia – James Puchowski

Followers of the policy forum will know that James is developing a policy for the

Scottish Green Party position on Catalonia. What should the Greens be doing with regard to Catalonia?

Treasurers and Xero Workshop

Room 4

A information session of the new finance system in the Scottish Green Party and how it will make life easier for branches.

Demasculinisation of Politics Scottish Young Greens

Room 5

Room 6

Scottish Young Greens will present a session designed by the Federation of Young European Greens, to which everyone is invited. This session will be split between two rooms. A discussion will be held around the impact that masculinity has on politics and how this impacts on participants.

2.00pm-3.00pm

Being a Young Councillor

Room 4

A discussion with Councillors Kim Long and Allan Young which explores the experience of being a young councillor in an environment dominated by non-young people. Hosted by Scottish Young Greens Co-Convenor Dan Hutchison.

Civil Training Using Civimail Membership Reporting Training

Room 5

A session on focusing on using civimail and civicrm to help manage and communicate with the members in your branch.

Producing Campaign Videos Training

Room 6

This session will cover the practicalities of making short videos, detail low-cost equipment options to consider, and offer advice for sharing.

3.00pm-4.00pm

SGP Structural review Drop-In Session

Room 3

Drop in to for an update on the structural review and ask any questions that you might have.

How to Get Your First Councillor Elected

Room 4

How to run a successful target to win strategy, how to build local profile, and how to run a resource-efficient campaign.

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



UNISON Scotland

UNISON is the public services union, 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 an unparalleled overview of public services and those who deliver them.
www.unison-scotland.org



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



Scottish CND

The Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament works for the abolition of a nuclear weapons in Britain as a step toward the global elimination of these weapons of mass destruction. This is the 60th anniversary of the the Scottish 'Council' for Nuclear Disarmament. We want to use the occasion to showcase and celebrate our history, and to look to our future.
www.banthebomb.org

Women Against State Pension Inequality



Significant changes to the age women receive their state pension have been imposed without appropriate notification, and with little or no notice, and much faster than promised – some have been hit by more than one increase. WASPI campaigns on behalf of women, specifically those born in the 1950s, for pension justice.

www.waspi.co.uk

Inclusion Scotland



Our voices ■ Our voices

We are a registered charity governed by a board made up of a majority of disabled people. Our mission is to achieve positive changes to policy and practice, so that we disabled people are fully included throughout all Scottish society as equal citizens. We do this by influencing decision-makers, supporting disabled people to be decision-makers themselves, and developing capacity, awareness and engagement.

inclusionScotland.org

League Against Cruel Sports Scotland



LEAGUE
AGAINST CRUEL SPORTS



League Scotland campaigns against cruelty to animals in the name of “sport”, and are the foremost organisation working towards a real ban on fox hunting in Scotland. Stop by our stand to see the most recent footage from our hunt monitors, and to find out more about the [#stillhunted](https://twitter.com/stillhunted) campaign
www.league.org.uk/cruel-sports-in-scotland

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.
www.scotlink.org

WWF Scotland

With 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.

[@WWFScotland](#)
wwfscotland.org.uk



RNIB Scotland

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

Celebrating 100 years of the Fire Brigades Union



FIREFIGHTERS



FIRE BRIGADES UNION CENTENARY 1918-2018

www.fbuscotland.org

The democratic and professional voice of firefighters across the UK.

In October 1918 a small group of Firefighters, disillusioned with poor treatment at the hands of those who oversaw their service, set up the Firemen's Trade Union. The founding aim was: "... a means to reorganise the conditions of their labours and thus bring more happiness into the lives of its members." Soon renamed the Fire Brigades Union, the Union built its membership across the United Kingdom and has forged 100 years of supporting & protecting firefighters through an ethos defined in our motto:

Unity is Strength

Show your support!

Our online shop has a wide range of merchandise,
all made from certified 100% organic cotton in a
wind-powered factory.



scottishgreenparty.teemill.co.uk



Get involved!

After our fantastic wins in Holyrood, and the local authority elections last 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**.

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- [facebook.com/ScottishGreens](https://www.facebook.com/ScottishGreens)
- www.greens.scot

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.*

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