



Scottish Greens Autumn Conference 2024

26-27 OCTOBER, BEACON ARTS CENTRE, GREENOCK



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Welcome to Greenock!

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Branch are delighted to welcome you to the Autumn Conference 2024 at Beacon Arts Centre, Greenock.

Having re-started the Branch in March 2024 we were proud to stand candidates in all three of our Westminster seats. Including for the first time a candidate in Inverclyde.

Our branch is focused on the Inverclyde by-election which will be taking place on 7th November and at the time of writing this introduction we are in the process of selecting our candidate in the by-election.

We hope to be able to do a campaign session during conference and welcome any help from members.

We are looking forward to working closely with our colleagues in Ayrshire, Dumbarton and East Renfrewshire Branch for the West of Scotland region to elect our next Scottish Green MSP, and Glasgow Branch for the new proposed seat of Erskine and Inchinnan which also covers part of the Govan and Cardonald wards.



Transport to the venue

You can find useful links and further information in the members hub:
members.greens.scot/2525-transport-conference-venue



Bus

The venue is well connected to Glasgow by McGills buses.

The nearest bus stops to the venue are both on Rue End Street:

- Arriving from Glasgow, the "Cathcart Street (before)"
- Departing for Glasgow, the "Dalrymple Street (opp)"

These stops are served by a number of local routes as well as regular services into Buchanan Street Bus Station, Glasgow. The bus numbers that serve Greenock are: 901, 906 & 906X

Train

Greenock Central station is around 0.2 miles from the Beacon Arts Centre. There is a regular direct service on the Glasgow Central - Gourock line. This is a Category B Station with level access on platform 1 and ramp access on platform 2.

From the station there is approximately a 7 minute walk to the Beacon Arts Centre, on arrival you will need to cross the track, there is a wheelchair ramp or steps to the service road which has a

steep decline towards the station entrance. The return journey is relatively flat, as you do not need to cross the tracks.

Taxis

For local travel you can book online at Inverclyde Taxis or call 01475 734563.

Bike

The John Muir Way and National Cycle Route 75 goes straight past the beacon building's entrance.

There are 14 uncovered and unsecure bicycle spaces on the same side of the Beacon building.

Car

From Glasgow, follow the M8 for Greenock. At Bishopton the M8 will turn into the A8, follow the A8 for Greenock. Turn right onto Virginia Street, there is ample parking at the rear of the Beacon Art Centre.

For Disabled Parking stay on the A8 until Brymer Street, there are 8 Disabled parking spaces at the front of the Beacon Art Centre.

Venue plan

Beacon Arts Centre, Custom House Quay, Greenock PA15 1HJ, 01475 723723

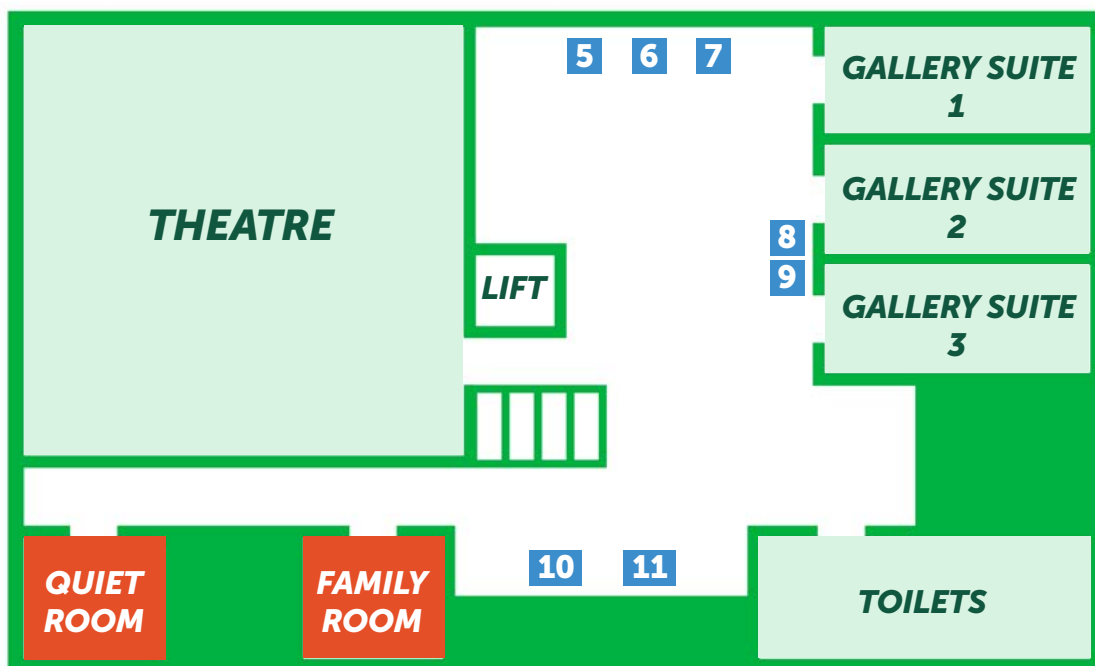
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- 1 The Scottish Rewilding Alliance
- 2 Nourish Scotland
- 3 The European Movement
- 4 WASPI Scotland

FIRST FLOOR



STALLS

- 5 Ukraine Solidarity Campaign
- 6 Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)
- 7 Green House Think Tank
- 8 Friend of the Earth Scotland
- 9 Share the World's Resources
- 10 Scottish Greens Rep Groups
- 11 Association of Green Councillors

Accessibility and inclusion

If you have any issues coming up during conference, please speak to the Events Officer - ask at the reception for her.

Venue accessibility

The Beacon Arts Centre is committed to be fully accessible to everyone who is visiting the venue. You can find the most up to date information on accessibility and visual aids on their website:

www.beaconartscentre.co.uk/accessibility

Information on the building:

- Ramp leading to the entrance
- Public lift in the main foyer
- Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities

We are only using the main theatre stalls as the publicly accessible area for all attendees. Here you can find five wheelchair spaces.

Assistive technology

During the whole conference, speech-to-text transcribers are working live online. The link will be available for online participants, posted in the pinned post above the chat.

If you would like to take advantage of the transcription as an in-person attendee, please let a member of staff

know when picking up your pass and you will receive the link to the transcription.

Rooms

All rooms are available to be used by members if they aren't in use for programmed sessions.

QUIET ROOM

The Quiet Room will be available for all members to take a break, recharge and get away from the busy conference floor. Please be aware of others using this room and don't use it to do work.

FAMILY ROOM

The Family Room is a space for parents to follow conference in a more relaxed atmosphere. A live-stream to the main hall will be available as well as comfortable seating and toys to keep children entertained.

THE STUDIO

The Studio on the ground floor will transform into a networking space for everyone with seating and a live-stream to the theatre.

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

The Studio - Doors open at 6pm - Food served at 7:15pm

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Greens are delighted to be hosting this year's Autumn Conference Social in the Beacon Arts Centre.

You can look forward to an evening of music, good food, a raffle and get excited for the Special Edition Conference Quiz!

A cash bar will be providing drinks all night long. You can also enjoy three dinner options: three bean vegan chilli, vegetarian pasta and veggie wraps. Gluten and legume free options will be available.



TICKETS

You can get tickets online (using QR code link), at the Scottish Greens reception, or on the door.

Minors at conference

The Scottish Greens have appropriate child protection policies in places for events such as party conference.

Therefore, anyone under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you see anything of concern, please get in touch with a staff member.

First time at conference?

There is a special session for people new to conference happening on Saturday, 26 October at 9:15am in Gallery Suite 3.

A GREEN SUCCESS STORY IN THE WEST

No Flamingo Land Ross Greer MSP

Soon after I was first elected in 2016, constituents started contacting me about a potentially disastrous mega-resort development at Loch Lomond.

A government agency, Scottish Enterprise, had signed an agreement to sell land at Balloch to the Yorkshire theme-park operator Flamingo Land - if they could secure planning permission for a sprawling holiday resort.

Balloch is a really special place. It's the gateway to Loch Lomond from the central belt and easy to access by public transport. For generations it has allowed families from Glasgow in particular an affordable day out in nature.

situated in the ancient woodland close to the lochshore at Drumkinnon Wood.

Their own Environmental Impact Assessment could hardly have been worse, warning of destruction of that ancient woodland, threats to otters, red squirrels and other wildlife, pollution of running & standing water and more.

My team threw ourselves into helping residents to resist the plans. By 2019 we had hired a legal advisor, collected a record 60,000 objections and been joined by the Woodland Trust and Ramblers Scotland.

The National Park is the planning authority here rather than West Dunbartonshire Council, though as the major statutory consultee the council lodged their own blistering objection. This was shortly followed by the report from the Park's own planning officers, which recommended that their board refuse the application. So, with just days to go before near-certain defeat, Flamingo Land withdrew their plans.

We then pivoted our campaign to pressure Scottish Enterprise to end their exclusivity agreement with Flamingo Land and allow alternative applications to come forward. Outrageously, in 2020 they instead chose to renew the



Scottish Green members out campaigning

Flamingo Land's enclosed plans would have swept all of that away. Two hotels, a waterpark, monorail, shops, restaurants, 372 parking spaces and in its centre, over one hundred lodges



Ross Greer MSP and campaigners celebrate after their win against Flamingo Land

agreement. And to little surprise but much frustration, Flamingo Land lodged a fresh application in 2022.

The new proposals were for a resort on the same scale, though we had won one important victory by forcing their lodges out of the ancient woodland, even if that part of the site would still be sold to them.

Once again their own impact assessments were damning. Over 250 additional cars an hour would be on local roads at peak times. Anyone who has been on the A82 knows how chronically congested it already is and when transport is Scotland's number one source of emissions, a car-centric development was clearly a nonsense.

This time we collected an incredible 150,000 objections. We also were joined by the National Trust For Scotland and crucially, SEPA.

SEPA's objection carried huge weight. Both it and the Park officers' report were also clear examples of the impact of our time in government.

Their grounds for rejection were based directly on protections our MSPs secured in the new national planning framework, NPF4.

Fast forward to September of this year and the board of the National Park met for a public hearing in Balloch, listening to presentations from myself and others before unanimously rejecting the plans on the basis of flood risk and net loss to nature.

We were the only party to stand with the community from start to finish, supporting the campaign, raising funds, collecting objections, providing advice and working at national level to ensure that any planning application on this scale is subject to strict conditions which reflect the scale of the climate and biodiversity crises.

At time of writing, we still don't know whether Flamingo Land will appeal, try to lodge a fresh application or finally give up and go. Whatever they decide, the Scottish Greens will be ready to continue the fight for people and planet.

Saturday workshops

GROW

Public Speaking Training

13:15 - 14:15

Theatre



Scottish Greens Women's Network

Join the Women's Network for our in-person training as part of the GROW programme. We will continue the work together to improve our public speaking skills and confidence.

The room is a safe space with no shame, no blame and no pressure. This session is only open to members of the Women's Network. Membership is open to all women, and those who have lived experience or identify in part as a woman.

Reviewing our time in government

13:15 - 14:15

Gallery Suite 1



Scottish Greens Council

An opportunity for members and activists to contribute to the Party's review of its time in Government and the end of the Bute House Agreement. Facilitated by Council Co-Convenors Kate Nevens and Laura Moodie, the session will examine what we've learned from the first Green experience of being in Government, how we can improve our party processes and strengthen our hand in future negotiations, what we've achieved and the opportunities we might want to seize.

Fringe events

A Fair Energy Deal for Scotland's Communities

Saturday

10:15 - 11:15

Theatre



Scottish Community Coalition on Energy

Community Energy Scotland, Community Land Scotland, Development Trusts Association Scotland and Scottish Communities Finance have joined together to set out how Scotland can build enduring community wealth from the current expansion of renewable energy.

This session will focus on four key proposals to ensure communities can secure long-term development opportunities from the renewable sector:

- Accelerating growth in the community-owned energy sector
- The creation of a Scottish Community Wealth Fund
- Increasing uptake of shared ownership opportunities between communities and developer
- Reform of the existing community benefit model for onshore and offshore developments

Speakers

- Zoe Holliday, CEO Community Energy Scotland
- Pauline Smith, CEO Development Trust Association Scotland
- Josh Doble, Policy Manager, Community Land Scotland
- Patrick Harvie MSP

The Big Land Question

Saturday
15:45 - 16:45
Theatre



REVIVE

This land is your land but huge swathes of Scotland has been dominated by large landowners and sport shooting interests - enabling unequal land ownership models to persist. With a new land reform bill progressing through parliament, now is the time to discuss ambitious ways to achieve transformational land reform.

How we manage our land directly affects our wildlife, and one solution to ensuring better protections is to adopt the international consensus principles for ethical wildlife control.

Join us and the Scottish Greens to discuss how land reform can help shape a more sustainable future for Scotland's people and wildlife together.

Speakers

- Eliza Chiswell, Chair and Campaigner for REVIVE
- Kirsty Jenkins, Director of Policy for OneKind
- Josh Doble, Policy Manager for Community Land Scotland
- Ariane Burgess MSP

A Right to Palliative Care

Saturday
15:45 - 16:45
Gallery Suite 1



Marie Curie

Too many people die without the palliative care and support they need. Terminal illness can exacerbate existing inequity and the most vulnerable lose out. With an ageing population, more people living with multi morbidities and less resource to go round, the number of people missing out on vital palliative support could increase.

Join Marie Curie, sector colleagues and Gillian MacKay MSP to discuss how we can do that by establishing a "Right to Palliative Care" and ensure everyone has access to appropriate care and support at the end of life.

Speakers

- Amy Dalrymple, Associate Director for Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie Scotland
- Aileen Morton, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer at Hospice UK
- Gillian Mackay MSP

Our Space Not Ad Space

Reclaiming public space from harmful advertising

Saturday

15:45 - 16:45

Online - with livestream in Gallery Suite 3



AdFree Cities

Billboards and digital ad screens are unavoidable, and everywhere - and more concentrated in areas of greater deprivation and air pollution.

Glossy adverts for polluting cars, junk food and fast fashion are driving overconsumption and climate breakdown, while undermining our health, wellbeing, communities and local economies.

But Edinburgh City Council led the way this year with a groundbreaking new policy against advertising for fossil fuels and climate-wrecking products. We'll hear how they did it, and how you can:

- Stop digital advertising screens where you live
- Fight greenwash and end harmful advertising including for cars, airlines, meat and gambling
- Repurpose ad space for art and nature

Speakers

- Robbie Gillett, Chair and Badvertising Campaigner at climate charity Possible
- Nicola Round, Co-Director at Adfree Cities
- Chloe Naldrett, Big Oil Arts Organiser, Adfree Cities
- Councillor Ben Parker



Creating the Rewilding Nation

Sustainable funding for nature

Saturday
17:00 - 18:00
Theatre



**THE SCOTTISH
REWILDING ALLIANCE**

The Scottish Rewilding Alliance

Despite Scotland's ambitions to tackle the climate and nature emergencies, funding for nature is inadequate and at risk. We live in one of the world's most nature-depleted countries. But there is hope and we can pull things back from the brink. We need to commit to nature recovery across 30% of our land and seas - and fund vital nature restoration efforts.

Join Mark Ruskell MSP and the Scottish Rewilding Alliance to hear from rewilding projects that have benefited from the Nature Restoration Fund and discuss how to achieve sustainable funding for nature.

Speakers

- Karen Blackport, CEO Bright Green Nature and Co-Convenor Scottish Rewilding Alliance
- Seawilding speaker
- Kinkell speaker
- City of Edinburgh Council speaker
- Mark Ruskell MSP

25 Years of Devolution

What next for Scottish democracy?

Saturday
17:00 - 18:00
Gallery Suite 1



**Electoral
Reform
Society**

Electoral Reform Society

After 25 years of devolution, there is much to discuss and debate. Come to this fringe to explore the impact of the Scottish Parliament, and what the future for democracy in Scotland might look like. We will explore themes around local democracy, new democratic innovations such as Citizens' Assemblies and the constitution. There will be time for your own reflections and contributions.

Speakers

- Electoral Reform Society speaker
- Building A Local Scotland speakers
- Maggie Chapman MSP

Tackling the housing emergency

Saturday
17:00 - 18:00
Gallery Suite 3



Scottish Federation of Housing Associations

With a nationwide housing emergency declared, we now need urgent action. Record levels of homelessness, including over 10,000 children living in temporary accommodation simply isn't right. However we're not building the homes we need.

Join SFHA and high-profile speakers to discuss what needs to happen to tackle not just real housing need but poverty, and how we deliver a safe, warm and affordable home for everybody in Scotland.

Speakers

- Carolyn Lochhead, Director of External Affairs, SFHA
- Alana Durnin, CEO, Cloch Housing Association
- Chloe Campbell, Poverty Alliance
- Ariane Burgess MSP

Public Diners

The idea whose time has come

Sunday
14:00 - 15:00
Theatre



Nourish Scotland

We have public infrastructure for transport, learning, sports and leisure- why not for food? Join Nourish Scotland to explore the concept of public diners - state-supported restaurants serving good quality food at affordable prices.

We'll discuss historical and contemporary examples of public diners, what role they could play in contemporary Scotland and how we can make them a reality.

Speakers

- Pete Ritchie, Director of Nourish Scotland
- Anna Chworow, Deputy Director of Nourish Scotland
- Gillian Mackay MSP

ANOTHER GREEN WIN

Buffer zones go live!

For far too long, patients and medical staff have faced intimidation and harassment whilst accessing NHS sites which offer abortion services.

Nobody should have to pass graphic banners or protesters when accessing healthcare. That is why the Scottish Greens jumped into action.

Gillian Mackay, the first ever Scottish Green MSP for Central Scotland, introduced a landmark members bill to create 200-metre buffer zones around all NHS sites which provide abortion services. This bill was inspired by a similar bill passed in Stormont, led by former Green Party of Northern Ireland Assembly Member, Claire Bailey.

This new law, introduced by the Scottish Greens, officially came into force on September 24th and will protect patients and medical staff from harassment across Scotland today, tomorrow and for years to come.

"These buffer zones are crucial for reproductive rights and healthcare in Scotland." said Gillian Mackay MSP, who introduced the bill. "I hope that we will finally bring an end to the intimidation and harassment we have seen of people who are accessing healthcare.





"Right from the first moment I saw footage of the protests, I could see how much damage they were doing and how many people were being impacted by them. I knew that I had to do everything I could to stop them.

"I am grateful to everyone who has supported the introduction of buffer zones, whether that is MSPs and Ministers or campaign groups like Back Off Scotland. I am particularly grateful to the many people who shared what I know were often difficult and traumatic stories with me.

"I hope that this is a turning point and the beginning of the end of the protests, and that nobody else will have to endure them."

It's clear that with Scottish Greens in Parliament and city halls across the country, we are building a fairer, greener country for all.



Gillian lodges her Safe Access Zones Bill which came into law from 24 September 2024

Saturday

09.00	RECEPTION OPENS	
09.15–09.45	First time at Conference Session	Gallery Suite 3
10.00–10.15	Welcome to Greenock, Ross Greer	Theatre
10.15–11.15	FRINGE EVENT A Fair Energy Deal for Scotland's Communities - Scottish Community Coalition on Energy	Theatre
11.15–11.30	BREAK	
11.30–12.15	Co-Leader speeches	Theatre
12.15–13.15	LUNCH Association of Scottish Green Councillors AGM Scottish Greens Council & Executive Co-chairs Drop-In	Gallery Suite 1 Gallery Suite 3
13.15–14.15	WORKSHOPS GROW: Public speaking training - Women's Network Reviewing our time in government - SGP Council	Theatre Gallery Suite 1
14.15–14.30	BREAK	
14.30–15.30	Motions	
15.30–15.45	BREAK	
15.45–16.45	FRINGE EVENTS The Big Land Question - Revive A Right to Palliative Care - Marie Curie Our Space Not Ad Space - AdFree Cities	Theatre Gallery Suite 1 Online/Livestream in Gallery Suite 3
16.45–17.00	BREAK	
17.00–18.00	FRINGE EVENTS Creating the Rewilding Nation - The Scottish Rewilding Alliance 25 Years of Devolution - Electoral Reform Society Tackling the Housing emergency - Scottish Federation of Housing Associations	Theatre Gallery Suite 1 Gallery Suite 3
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TICKETS



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More info on page 5.



Sunday

IMPORTANT: The clocks are going back from Saturday to Sunday. Our Sunday times reflect this.

10:00-11:00	Motions	Theatre
11:00-11.15	BREAK	
11.15-12.15	Motions	Theatre
12.15-12.25	BREAK	
12.25-13.00	Motions	Theatre
13.00-14.00	LUNCH	
	Scottish Young Greens Emergency General Meeting	Gallery Suite 1
14.00-15.00	FRINGE EVENT, WORKSHOPS, MEET-UP	
	Public Diners - Nourish Scotland	Theatre
	Target to Win: Elections & Campaigns Workshop	Gallery Suite 1
	Manifesto and Policy Development Workshop	Gallery Suite 2
	Island & Rural Green Meet-up	Gallery Suite 3
15.00-15.15	BREAK	
15.15-16.45	Motions	Theatre
16.45-17.00	Closing Plenary	Theatre

Sunday workshops

Target to Win

14:00 - 15:00

Gallery Suite 1



Elections & Campaigns Committee

In this session, the Election and Campaigns Committee will teach the Target to Win concept.

By explaining why the Scottish Greens use it and how effective it can be, members can learn how to determine Target to Win areas in their local area, how to make the most of activists and how to get Greens elected.

Manifesto and Policy Development

14:00 - 15:00

Gallery Suite 2



Policy Committee and Manifesto Working Group

Policy Committee and the Manifesto Working Group will present this session as an opportunity for members to highlight policy areas they think we need to work on in advance of the Holyrood Manifesto. In small groups, members will brainstorm themes and policy outlines guided by the Policy Development Document.

Island & Rural Greens Meet-up

Sunday

14:00 - 15:00

Gallery Suite 3



Come along to meet fellow island and rural Greens and talk about the work done to bring the Green voice into your area.

How to join in debating and voting on motions

Background

The current versions of the Party's Constitution and Policy Reference Document (PRD) have been voted on, and amended, by a succession of Party conferences on the basis of one member, one vote.

The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) are 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.

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 for further development. 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.

Members may amend a motion from the floor, however it will first be put to a vote for members to decide whether or not it should be accepted. If more than 10 members object, the amendment from the floor won't be debated or voted on.

Any member who can't attend conference may choose another member to vote on their behalf. This is called a proxy vote, and has to be requested in advance. The maximum number of proxy votes one member can hold on behalf of other people is 8. Please email help@scottishgreens.org.uk if you would like to assign someone as your proxy to vote on your behalf.

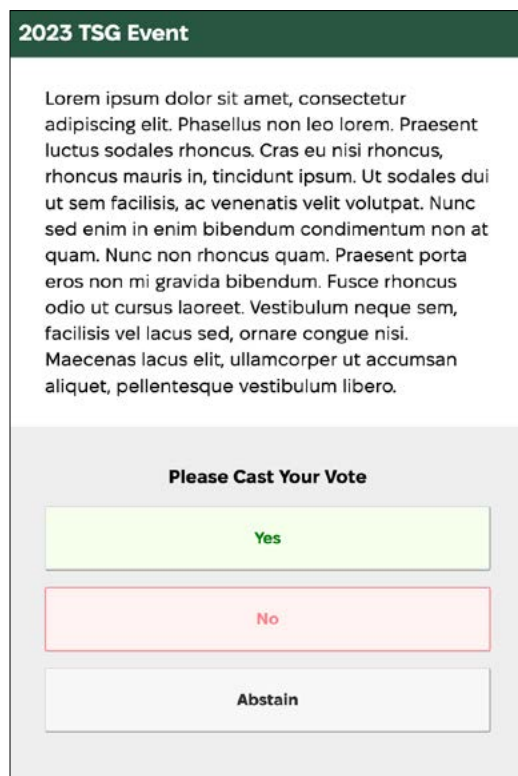
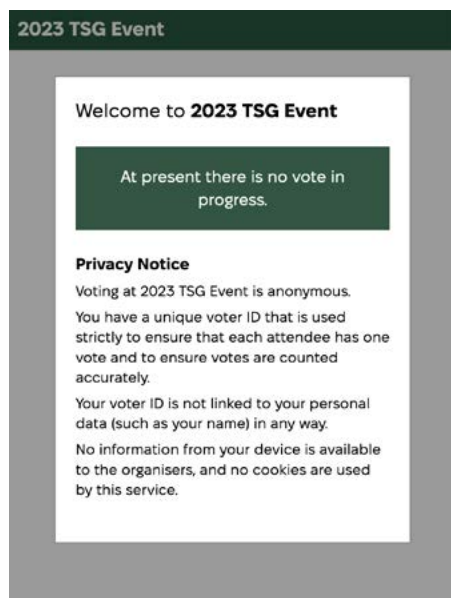
Left: Screen of voting platform when no voting is taking place.

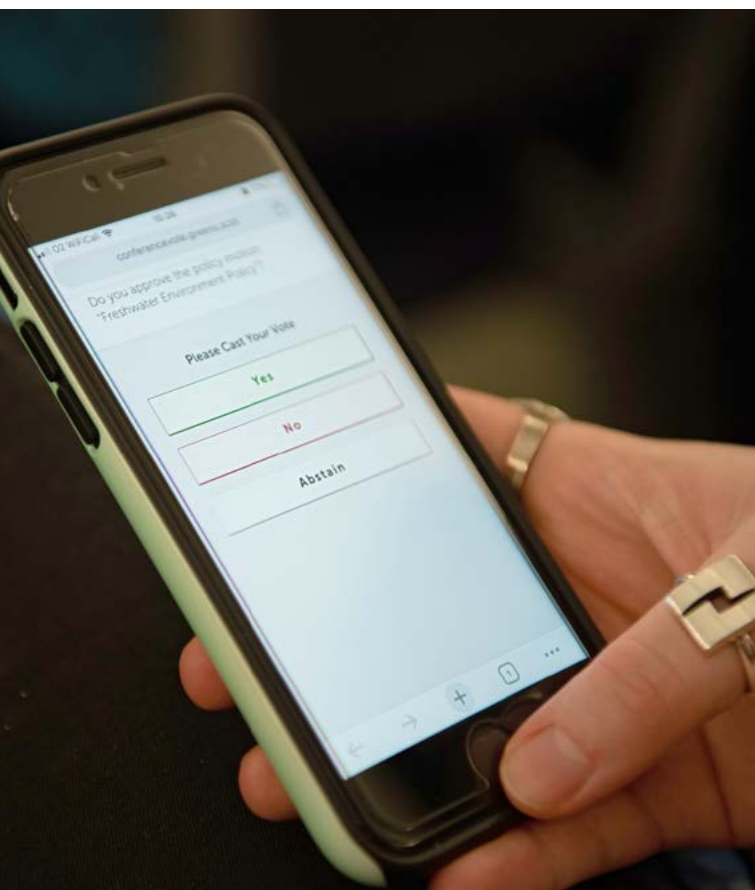
Right: Example of the screen when a vote is going on.

How do we vote?

To make our voting smooth and quick, we will be using an online voting platform which counts both online and in-person votes. Each attendee who signed up for conference will receive a link and QR code to access the platform. These codes are unique to you. Please don't share them with anyone else and make sure to save the email somewhere you can access easily.

During voting sessions, you will receive a prompt to vote. The platform will show the question and three voting options. "Yes" in green. "No" in red and "Abstain" in grey. You can only cast your vote once. If you press the wrong button and wish to change your vote, please alert the Standing Orders Committee urgently, during the time that vote is open.





Speaking

Any member may request to speak during a debate. The Chair of each session will determine who can speak to keep a balance of speakers for and against a motion, and will call upon members when it is their turn.

- The Chair will give you a time limit.
- Always begin by introducing yourself with your name and branch. If comfortable, you can also share your pronouns.
- Priority will be given to people with knowledge and experience on a subject as well as people who haven't spoken already.
- You may ask a short question of the motion proposer.

If you know in advance that you'd like to speak, please fill in a request-to-speak slip (known as a Pink Slip) and hand it in to the Chair's Assistant or a Member of Standing Orders Committee as soon as possible, giving a note of any expertise or special interest you have in the topic, as well as whether you wish to speak in favour or against the motion or amendment. 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.

Please do not speak unless called upon and until you have the microphone. Because of the size of the auditorium and the number of people attending, there may be little time for speakers who have not filled in a request-to-speak slip, so please complete a form to avoid disappointment.

First time at conference?

There is a special session for people new to conference happening on Saturday, 26 October at 9:15am in Gallery Suite 3.

Motions

Please be aware that you have to log into the Members Hub to access the QR code links below. Texts of emergency motions can also be found on the Members Hub. The order of debate is determined by the final agenda which you can access from the QR code link to the right.

Constitutional motions



Creating a second Clerk role



Changing the number of proxy votes one person can have

Amendments to the Standing Orders for General Meetings



Amendments from the floor



Option to refer back



Preventing entry-ism at EGMs

Conference motions



Renewed call for Gender Affirming Care



Pressure the UK Government to ban the shipping of Russian Liquefied Natural Gas



Support for the Our Republic Campaign



Opposition to SSE's plans for Peterhead Power Station



Final Agenda

Policy motions



**Ensuring the standards in
new-build homes**



Unpaid trial shifts



Justice Policy



**Peace with nature in a
written constitution for
Scotland**



Ban imitation plant plastics



**Make companies & directors
liable**



Public health levy



Animals in science



Automatic uprating of MUP



**Scotland must keep the
promise to the Care
Experienced Community**



**Public Transport
Accessibility & Rail Policy**

A day in the life?

Cllr Kirsten Robb

I love being a councillor and hope this article may inspire you to stand for council too.

It's a very flexible job, you can make it your own and combine it with other work or caring responsibilities.

It's a great chance to make real improvements to your community that local people can feel, touch and see the difference that talking to their local councillor makes. I can't write an article about a 'day in the life' because really, it's true that no two days are the same and every day is most certainly a school day.

Every one of our Scottish Green councillors are an inspiration with different councillors doing it their own

way, shaping it to their life and interests. They are a great source of knowledge, inspiration and experience I regularly call on, particularly as a new and lone councillor.

Huge thanks also to my local branch for their support. Practical support like canva images, leafleting, asking great questions and being a superb sounding board for controversial decisions.

Thank you to Gillian Mackay and her team for their support too.

Elected in 2022, I sit on about eight different South Lanarkshire Council committees, including the Climate and Sustainability committee. As Deputy Chair of the climate committee I get to see the papers early and spot any issues, get involved in policy issues, work closely with the officer team, stand in for the Chair and help make links across the council and community to further this area of work.

I'm still learning the politics of it all and try and work with any party or councillor who shares a desire to move forward an issue Greens also care about.

Even when budgets are tight (and Greens know it doesn't have to be this way), there is room for joined up,

Interested?

If you'd like to chat to someone about standing for election to become a councillor, head along to the Association of Scottish Green Councillors (ASGC) stall on the first floor.

ASGC are also having their AGM at conference which you're welcome to attend. It's on Saturday 12.15 in Gallery Suite 1.

Kirsten Robb is the Green
councillor for East Kilbride East
on South Lanarkshire Council



creative, more sustainable ways of doing things – that’s why we need more Greens in the room, raising things no other party will and spotting opportunities to do things differently. In the last year, I have secured an energy demand reduction plan, £500k for energy saving work putting more solar panels on council buildings and boosted the energy saving budget using heat incentive payments.

On the community side, I love getting results for people’s individual issues but have also acted on the issues people on the doorsteps told us they are bothered about – better maintenance, more things for young people to do and

improving streets and greenspaces. I’ve got more multi-use games areas opened up, improved parks and got paths better maintained, not to mention reporting several tonnes of fly tipping. And I’m particularly keen to work with our voluntary sector, joining forces and working on projects to improve the area and people’s lives.

The advantage of being a councillor is that you get (mostly) quick answers to emails and a (mostly) open door to officials. At the same time, I like to be steeped in the community, they ensure that there’s always a challenge to take up, everyday I learn something new and really, no two days are ever the same.

Exhibitor stalls

Find out more about our exhibiting organisations with a visit to their stalls.

The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)

EIS is Scotland's largest teaching trade union with almost 65,000 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.



The Educational
Institute of Scotland

European Movement in Scotland

The European Movement in Scotland (EMiS) is Scotland's leading, largest and oldest pro-EU, pro-Europe, non-party political campaigning organisation. Our goal is membership of the European Union. We campaign to promote the European Union and Scotland's fullest possible participation now and in the future. We act as the voice for all those who are active in promoting and maintaining Scotland's connection with Europe and the EU.

For more information or to join the movement visit
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GREENHOUSE
THINK TANK

Friends of the Earth Scotland

Friends of the Earth Scotland are part of the largest grassroots climate organisation in the world. We're campaigning to prevent a new gas fired power plant at Peterhead.

Come learn how we can stop this potentially devastating development.

Green House Think Tank

Politics, they say, is the art of the possible. But the possibility is not fixed. What we believe is possible depends on our knowledge and beliefs about the world.

Ideas can change the world, and Green House is about challenging the ideas that have created the world we live in now, and offering positive alternatives.



REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

Get to know the Representative Groups of the Scottish Greens!

Women's Network - Rainbow Greens - Scottish Young Greens
Disabled Greens - Greens of Colour

Have a chat about their work and campaigns and find out how to join them.



Nourish Scotland: Public diners campaign

Nourish Scotland works towards creating a fair, healthy and sustainable food system. Our most recent campaign focuses on public diners - state-supported, affordable restaurants offering nutritious, tasty meals to the general public.

Public diners are a way for the state to progress the right to food. A way of making it easy for people to eat the food that keeps them nourished. A way for strengthening our social fabric and connection to place. They are an investment that can help us deliver the social, environmental and health outcomes we seek. Public diners are an idea whose time has come.



The Scottish Rewilding Alliance

Despite growing praise for its rewilding progress, Scotland is one of the most nature-depleted countries on Earth. But it's not too late and there is hope – Scotland can lead the way as a Rewilding Nation, tackling the nature and climate crises, and creating a cascade of benefits for people.

The Scottish Rewilding Alliance has spent 2024 reaching out to people across Scotland to ask: what does a Rewilding Nation mean to you? Hear from some of the thousands of people who have signed the Rewilding Nation Charter and pledge your support for rewilding - for nature, climate and people.



THE ASSOCIATION OF
**SCOTTISH GREEN
COUNCILLORS**

Meet your local councillors and hear about their work around Scotland.

You'll have the opportunity to learn more about what being a councillor is like and how you can become a councillor looking towards the Local Elections 2027.



Share the World's Resources

STWR is a not-for-profit civil society organisation founded in 2003, with Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Through our research and activities, we aim to educate the public about the need for sharing the world's resources as a pragmatic solution to the interconnected crises that governments are failing to sufficiently address – including hunger, poverty, climate change, environmental degradation, and resource-driven conflict.



Ukraine Solidarity Campaign

Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland supports the Ukrainian people in defending Ukraine's independence and territorial integrity, and aims to raise money for Ukrainian civil society organisations promoting social justice, environmental protection, and democratic rights. We consider that it must be for Ukrainians to decide how to resist the invasion, when to make peace, and where to seek help, but we remain critical of the neoliberal policies of successive Ukrainian governments, and of NATO.



WASPI Scotland

WASPI Scotland was formed in 2017 to highlight the injustices suffered by 50's born women as a result of State Pension Acts 1995 & 2011, enforcing State Pension age delays of up to 6 years, with little or no notice, affecting 345,000 in Scotland.

IndyRef 10 years on



2014 (left to right) - Patrick in Inverness, Glasgow's Green Yes launch, stall at the Tardis on Leith Walk, Edinburgh

18th September 2014 was a day that will be long remembered by people across Scotland, but none more so than those involved in the campaign to build a greener, independent Scotland.

For many, it was the first real time that we had the power to take our future into our own hands, to rebuild our country and choose to do something different and better.

The referendum was the greatest opportunity we've ever had to build the fairer Scotland that Scottish Greens dream of. A country where power rests with the people rather than a government we can't remove, an unelected monarchy, or a House of Lords stuffed full of cronies and donors.

It was an opportunity to remove Trident nuclear submarines from the Clyde and finally have all of the levers available to tackle the climate and nature emergencies.

But on that day in 2014, that golden opportunity passed, and now we're stuck in a broken Westminster system that refuses to allow Scotland to have our say on where power should lie or a disastrous Brexit that Scotland did not vote for.

It's time to change the tune on the Independence debate; the Yes campaign has witnessed a decade of internal discussion about the process of the next referendum instead of actually making the case for an independent Scotland.

Those last months of the campaign, when people across the country were full of hope and optimism, taking the chance to believe that we could build a better country, was what really began turn the tide in Scotland's favour. That's a spirit of hope that we must rejuvenate.

But we also need to listen to those people's concerns if we are to earn their trust. With the huge constraints of devolution, there are no shortcuts, that is the only way that we can build a solid majority for change and deliver a referendum.

Scottish Green MSPs have been working to prove that when power lies in Scotland we can be better than the archaic Westminster system. We can use the limited powers our devolved parliament has to make a difference for people and planet.

A lot of the memories of a decade ago still feel very real, and the loss can still feel raw for those who campaigned, but



Green Yes: Independent Scotland in Europe Rally, February 2020

for many, they haven't had the chance to have their say; there are hundreds of thousands of young people who couldn't vote in the referendum but are now living with the consequences.

The independence movement carries on and, whilst polling has reached a deadlock, the Scottish Greens have a prime opportunity to make the case for our progressive vision so we can ensure that when the 20th anniversary of the day comes around, we are celebrating it in a fairer, greener and independent Scotland.



Greens at March and Rally for an Independent Scotland in the EU in Edinburgh, September 2023



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