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**SCOTTISH GREENS
AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2023**



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Welcome to Dunfermline!

We are delighted to welcome you and this year's Autumn Conference to Dunfermline.

After just over two years of Scottish Greens in Government, this weekend provides an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come and how much work still needs to be done to create a country that meets the needs and ambitions of its people.

Free bus travel has broadened the horizons of our young people, the rent cap has secured the homes of tenants, and record funding for nature has started to halt the slow tide of biodiversity loss.

These successes are Scotland-wide and here in Dunfermline and West Fife we continue our fight to turn our historic mining communities Green. But this must be only the beginning.

Rising to the twin challenges of the climate and nature crises demands bold, radical politics, which does not run scared when we come under attack by those defending the status quo.

We have a long and proud tradition of radical politics here in Fife. Being nestled between the North Sea, the Highlands and the Central Belt, Fife combines rural agriculture with urban sprawl, thriving greenspaces with post-industrial communities.

Many of these rural and urban industries alike are still recovering from being abandoned by governments and corporations that cared as little about people as they did the planet.

Fifers are proud of their history of trade unionism and ardent left-wing politics, with the UK's last Communist MP Willie Gallacher representing West Fife until 1950, and communist



councillor Willie Clarke representing Ballingry until his retirement in 2016.

Dunfermline offers lessons in inheritance, from the pride of our Peacocks to the glory of our "Glen". Friendship and trade with our European neighbours put pantile roofs over homes; the sharing of wealth can turn privileges like access

to knowledge, learning and green spaces into things available to all; kingdoms have futures without kings.

The past we inherit – a fairer, greener, more democratic future we build.

Thank you

Fife Greens

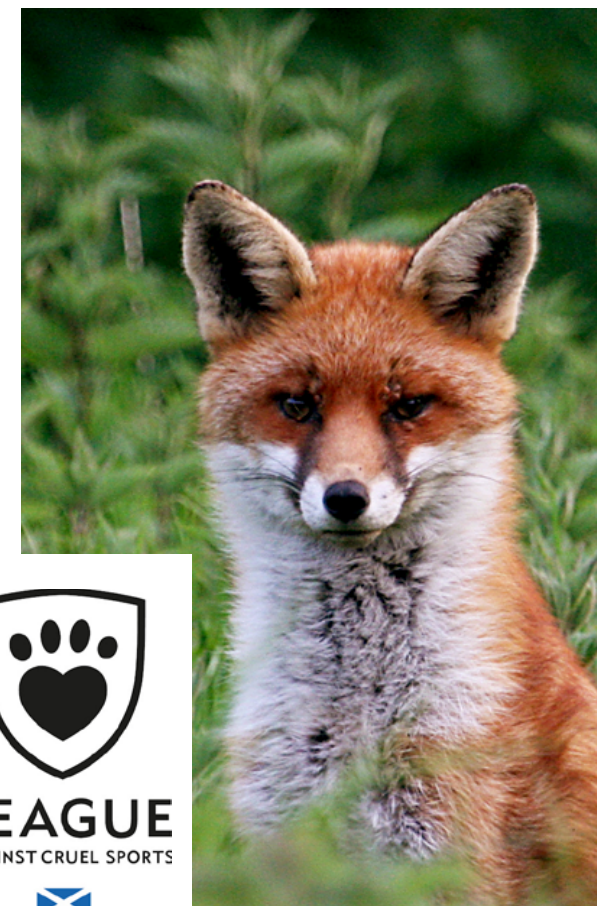
Conference schedules

Most events will be held in the Canmore Suite throughout the weekend. Other venues are **highlighted in green**.

Saturday 28th October

9.00am	Reception opens
9.00am-9.45am	First time at Conference Session (Wallace Suite 1)
10.00am-11.00pm	Opening Plenary
11.00am-11.15am	Break
11.15am-12.15pm	Big Polluters vs Scotland: an Investigation - Friends of the Earth Scotland
12.15pm-1.15pm	Lunch sponsored by Waverley Care
1.15pm-2.15pm	Emergency Motions (or Conference/Constitutional Motions)
2.15pm-2.30pm	Break
2.30pm-3.30pm	Fringe sessions
	D/deaf children can't wait for support – why we need D/deaf inclusive education in Scotland - National Deaf Children's Society
	A fairer later life: How do we address pensioner poverty? - Independent Age (Wallace Suite 1)
	Our Land: changing the balance of power with grouse moor and land reform - REVIVE (Conference Suite 6)

3.30pm-3.45pm	Break
3.45pm-4.45pm	Fringe sessions
	A Fair Farming Future for Nature & Climate - WWF Scotland
	Education Matters - EIS (Wallace Suite 1)
	Rights Now! for people with learning disabilities and autistic people - Enable (Wallace Suite 2)
	Fife Greens Canvassing (Outside)
4.45pm-5.00pm	Break
5.00pm-6.00pm	Bute House Agreement Session
6.15pm-7.30pm	Invitation Only: Exhibitor Reception sponsored by Solar Energy Scotland
7.00pm-late	Conference Social (see below) (Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries)



Conference Social sponsored by the League against Cruel Sports



The West Fife Branch are delighted to invite you to a social gathering at the superb, prizewinning Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries, kindly sponsored by the League against Cruel Sports. There will be a quiz, a ceilidh with a live band and lots of opportunities to socialise with fellow greens over a drink and a snack! The bar will be well stocked and will accept cash or card.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

When: Saturday, 28th October starting at 19:00
Where: Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries, 1 Abbot Street Dunfermline, KY12 7NL

Don't forget the clocks go back early on Sunday!

Sunday 29th October

9.00am-9.15am	Keynote Speech: Dave Moxham
9.15am-9.30am	Introduction to Motion Discussions
9.30am-10.30am	Motion Discussion
10.30am-10.45am	Break
10.45am-11.45am	Motion Discussion
11.45am-Noon	Break
Noon-1.00pm	Motion Discussion
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm-3.00pm	Fringe sessions
	Achieving a just transition for Scotland's social tenants Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
	Innovations in Local Democracy: What is the best route to powerful communities? Electoral Reform Society (Wallace Suite 2)
	Scotland's budget: Workshop on Green priorities for the 2024/25 national budget - Ross Greer MSP (Conference Suite 6)
3.00pm- 3.15pm	Break
3.15pm-4.15pm	Motion Discussions
4.15pm-4.25pm	Break
4.25pm-4.45pm	Motion Discussions
4.45pm-5.00pm	Closing Speech by Cllr Lana Reid-McConnell

Accessibility and Inclusion

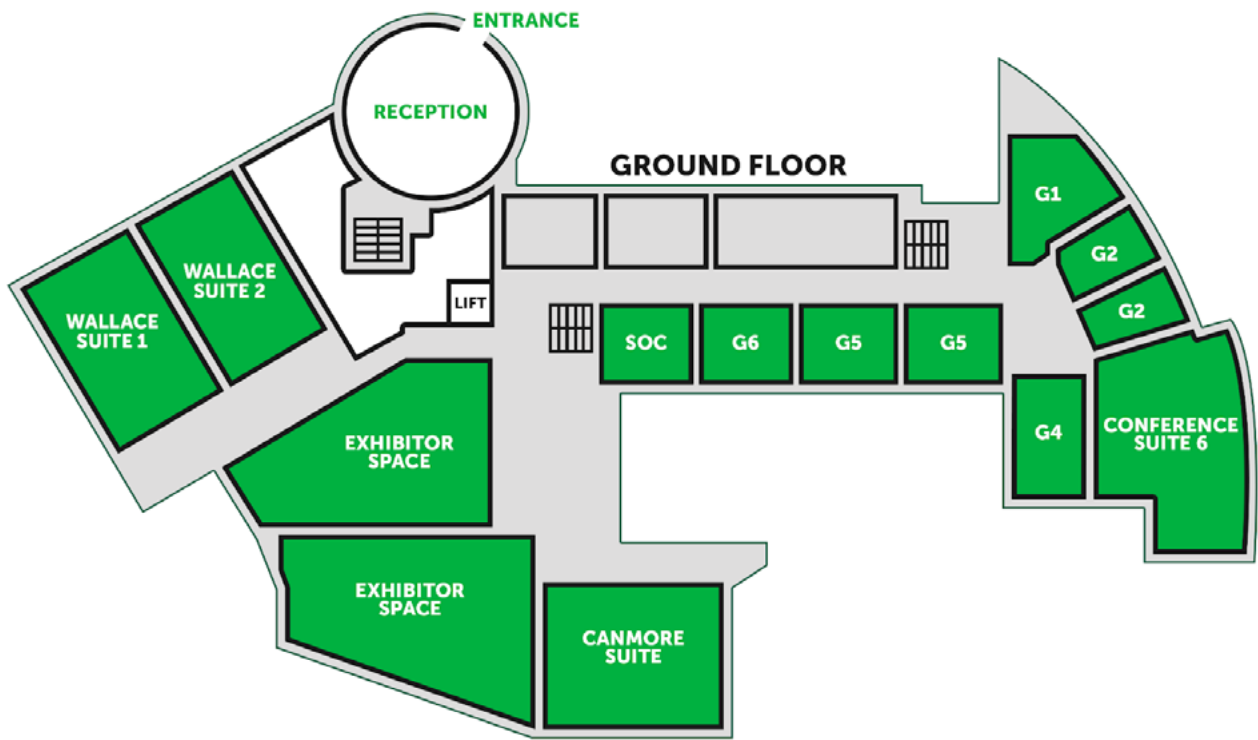
Our conference space is on the ground floor and all rooms are accessible for wheelchair users. There are a few stairs connecting the exhibitor hall and the reception area, however there is a lift for anyone who needs it.

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.

BSL Interpreters are available on Saturday in the main room.

Children are welcome in all spaces of conference and at the social.

If you have any other issues coming up during the duration of the conference, please speak to the Events Officer.



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

The Quiet Room can be found on the ground floor in the G corridor. Please use this space in mind with other members. This is a room to destress in a quiet environment.

Year in Review



Scottish Greens are leading the change across Scotland

It has been just over a year since we all gathered in Dundee for our 2022 Autumn Conference.

The past 12 months have shown Scotland the impact we can have, advancing climate action and social justice in Parliament, councils and within our communities.

While the Tories have lurched from one disaster to another, we have acted to counter their attacks on nature here in Scotland. Lorna Slater introduced the game-changing £60m Nature Restoration Fund, created as part of our co-operation agreement with the Scottish Government.

"A dark day for devolution" is how Maggie Chapman described the 16th of January, as she reflected upon Downing Street's decision to block the Gender Recognition Reform Bill (GRR) using a little known clause in the Scotland Act known as Section 35. It was a cynical push to pursue its toxic culture war and distract from its own failings.

Over 12,000 people joined us in writing to the Secretary of State for Scotland to demand he lift the block on the GRR.

Despite the challenges from Westminster, in October we delivered Scotland's Greenest-ever budget. With headline policies of scrapping peak-time rail fares and £2bn to tackle the climate and nature crises, it showed how Scottish Greens in Government are working for people and planet.

The Green bloc at September's rally for Independence in the EU was a fantastic moment for our movement. It was the first time since the pandemic began that a rally of that scale had taken place, and we couldn't have made it clearer that we are committed to delivering a fairer, greener, independent Scotland

In a crucial step, Scottish Green Minister for Tenants' Rights Patrick Harvie introduced a rent cap and extended eviction protections for private renters across Scotland. These emergency measures have protected hundreds of thousands from profiteering rent hikes.

Ross Greer's campaign to stop the garish Flamingo Land 'resort' at Loch Lomond saw a huge boost, with over 73,000 people using our portal to lodge objections, making it the most objected-to planning application in Scottish history.



Our fantastic councillors have also been working in town halls and city chambers around Scotland to tackle the cost of living crisis and climate emergency at a local level.

We have seen Councillors Holly Bruce and Kayleigh O'Neill bringing motions



on feminist town planning in their areas, supported motions across the country to ban single-use vapes and many have campaigned against dangerous climate vandalism in their wards.

There was a huge wave of support for Gillian Mackay's Safe Access Zones Bill which had cross-party support within minutes of it being published. Gillian's bill has now been officially lodged and will work its way through the legislative process in the coming months.

One of the highlights, of course, has to be the Holyrood Dog of the Year Awards, this year we had two Green contenders running to be top dog: Mark Ruskell, with a four year old three-legged Greyhound called Joy; and Gillian Mackay, who was joined by Alfie the cocker spaniel. In the end the pawbulic voted for Joy and Mark as they celebrated their win with a call to end greyhound racing in Scotland.

Another long-running animal welfare campaign from the Scottish Greens came to a jubilant end this year as Ariane Burgess welcomed the introduction of the Hunting with Dogs Act, with which Scotland has become the first part of the UK to close the loopholes and end fox hunting for good.

Scotland's transportation has felt the difference of having Scottish Greens in Government, as we've brought ScotRail and the Caledonian Sleeper into public ownership and begun a pilot project of scrapping peak rail fares. We believe public transport should be for people, not profit.



With Scottish Greens in the room we have challenged the failed drug policies of the past and supported radical reform of the Scottish Government's policies. They now closely align with our own on decriminalisation and the urgent need for safe consumption rooms.

As we meet again, it's worth reflecting on the difference that we have made, together, as a movement. Our progressive policies are lifting over 90,000 children out of poverty, making it easier, cheaper and safer to get around without a car and working to protect our planet for future generations. That is the real reason we joined this cause: to build a fairer, greener Scotland.



Merchandise

We are excited to offer an exclusive and new line of merchandise which you can only buy at Autumn Conference 2023. You can purchase these items at the merch stall in-person or email events@scottishgreens.org.uk with your order if you are online.



Three different styles of t-shirts are available for £20 each (kindly modelled by our MSP Ross Greer)

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We also have an exclusive and limited range of posters and stickers.

You can get an A3 Poster for £5. Stickers are being sold for 50p each.



Fringe events

WILDLING ALLIANCE

WOODLAND
TRUST SCOTLAND



Saturday

11.15am-12.15pm

**Big Polluters vs Scotland:
an Investigation**

Canmore Suite

Friends of the Earth Scotland

Big business is constantly hunting for ways to water down the efforts of our elected officials to address challenges like the climate crisis.



Join Friends of the Earth Scotland and investigative reporter Rachel Tansey (the Ferret, Open Democracy) as we uncover the hidden lobbying inside Westminster, the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government that's designed to undermine protection of our environment. We'll also update on how billions of pounds of public money is tied up in big polluters, slowing Scotland's efforts to transition, and exploring how we can put power back in the hands of our elected officials and the people they represent.

Speaker: Rachel Tansey (the Ferret, Open Democracy)

2.30pm - 3.30pm

**D/deaf children can't wait
for support – why we need
D/deaf inclusive education
in Scotland**

Canmore Suite

**National Deaf Children's
Society**

Join Gillian Mackay MSP and the National Deaf Children's Society to learn what needs to be done to remove the barriers which still stop too many D/deaf children reaching their full potential.



Speakers: Gillian Mackay MSP
NDCS representatives
and D/deaf young people

2.30pm - 3.30pm

A fairer later life: How do we address pensioner poverty?

Wallace Suite 1

Independent Age

Independent Age is the national charity for older people in financial hardship. We believe no one should experience poverty in later life.



For many, their later years are far from what they imagined. Living on a low, fixed income, having little or no savings and managing rising costs is the reality for 1 in 7 pensioners in poverty here in Scotland. With this number up 25% in the past decade, join us for a discussion on what can be done to halt and reverse this harmful trend.

Speakers: Debbie Horne, Independent Age
Ruth Boyle, The Poverty Alliance
Patrick Harvie MSP

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Our Land: changing the balance of power with grouse moor and land reform

Conference Suite 6

Revive

This land is your land but large landowners and sport shooting interests have dominated much of Scotland for long enough, with little challenge to their power until recent years. It's time to step things up and the Green Party is in the right place at the right time. Join us as we discuss the path to changing the balance of power in Scotland's land.



Speakers: Chaired by Eliza Chiswell, Campaigner for REVIVE
Amanda Burgauer, Director of Common Weal
Tarras Valley Nature Reserve (the Langholm community land buyout) TBC
Lorna Slater MSP

3.45pm - 4.45pm

A Fair Farming Future for Nature & Climate

Canmore Suite

WWF Scotland, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Soil Association Scotland

Scotland's land has a vital role to play in tackling climate change and nature loss. The new Agriculture Bill now presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to reform an outdated system and ensure public money



is spent fairly for climate, nature, and people. Join WWF Scotland, Soil Association

Scotland and the Scottish Wildlife Trust to discuss how this new legislation could support our climate and nature goals as well as ensuring resilient farms, sustainable food production, and improved soil health.



Speakers: Ruth Taylor, Agriculture and Land Use Policy Manager, WWF Scotland
Bruce Wilson, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Scottish Wildlife Trust
Johnnie Balfour, Balbirnie Home Farms
Arianne Burgess MSP
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity,
Lorna Slater MSP

3.45pm - 4.45pm

Education Matters

Wallace Suite 1

EIS

Paula McEwan, EIS President, Allan Crosbie, EIS Vice-President, and David Belsey, EIS Assistant Secretary, discuss the current issues in Scottish Education with Ross Greer MSP, Scottish Green Party Spokesperson for Education. Followed by a Q & A session.



Speakers: Paula McEwan, EIS President; Allan Crosbie, EIS Vice-President; David Belsey, EIS Assistant Secretary
Ross Greer MSP

3.45pm - 4.45pm

Rights Now! for people with learning disabilities and autistic people

Conference Suite 6

Enable



Enable delivers human rights-driven support for disabled people in their local communities through self-directed social care, employability services and activism. People with learning disabilities and autistic people still face barriers to realising their rights in education, employment and

social care in the community. Enable and the National Autistic Society Scotland welcome the Scottish Government's proposed Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity Bill.

Our panel will discuss the need for the Scottish Parliament to pass new legislation which protects and promotes the rights of people with learning disabilities and autistic people, with the right powers to make a real difference in breaking down barriers to inclusion and creating a fairer Scotland.

Speakers: Gillian Mackay MSP, Scottish Green Party Spokesperson for Health and Social Care;
Peter McMahon, member of Enable Scottish Council;
Rob Holland, National Autistic Society Scotland;
Chaired by Richard Baker, Head of External Affairs and Campaigns, Enable.

3.45pm - 4.45pm
Fife Greens go Canvassing
Scottish Greens Reception

Fife Greens

Join the Fife Greens for a small canvassing session around Dunfermline.
A great way to try it out, train your skills and help our host branch.



Sunday

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Scotland's budget: Workshop on Green priorities for the 2024/25 national budget
Conference Suite 6

Scottish Greens

The Scottish Government is under more financial pressure than at any point since 1999. Westminster austerity, high inflation, an ageing population, and rising demand for services have resulted in a billion-pound deficit, set to rise to two billion by 2027.



But there is an urgent need to invest in measures to tackle the climate emergency, eradicate poverty and build a fairer society. So, how do we do that whilst balancing the books?

Join party finance spokesperson Ross Greer MSP for a session explaining how the Scottish budget works and contribute your ideas on what tax and spending policies the Green MSPs should prioritise for 2024/25.

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Achieving a just transition for Scotland's social tenants
Canmore Suite

Scottish Federation of Housing Associations

Join SFHA and IPPR to discuss how delivering social homes is crucial to tackling poverty, building a fair and green economy, and improving public services. Social housing provides people with affordable rents, energy efficient homes and a tenancy for life. Housing associations and co-operatives are uniquely positioned anchor organisations embedded in communities and responsive to the needs of their tenants.



We will discuss how social homes are a key protective barrier against poverty and can help deliver sustainable and inclusive growth. Speakers will also explore what's needed to finance a just transition and further support the social housing sector to decarbonise their homes.

Speakers: Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
Sally Thomas, Chief Executive, SFHA
Dave Hawkey, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR
Nick Clark, CEO, Ore Valley Housing Association

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Innovations in Local Democracy: What is the best route to powerful communities?
Wallace Suite 2

ERS Scotland & Fife Greens

When citizens come together to make plans about the place they know best, Scotland's towns, cities and villages can flourish. But what democratic systems would allow this to happen? And is Dunfermline the right place to test-drive them?



With the relaunch of the Democracy Matters consultation, Scots are being asked where power should lie. Come to this fringe to discuss how we can transform our local democracy to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, and to hear from those already rising to them.

Speakers: Ariane Burgess MSP, Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
Gillian Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Carnegie Dunfermline & Hero Fund Trust
Lorna Anderson & Lisa Murray, Touch Community Garden
Ryan Blackadder, Fife Greens, Lead Candidate Fife Council Election 2022
Chaired by Jonathon Shafi, ERS Scotland

In Conversation with Mark Ruskell

Mark in September this year at the works for Levenmouth Rail Link



MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

Mark was born in East Anglia before moving to Scotland when he was 12, he studied at Edinburgh College before moving to Stirling University which is where his green activism began. As a student of Environmental Science, he found himself getting involved with numerous green campaign groups on campus.

Ahead of his historic election in 2003, Mark worked as a Regeneration Officer with Midlothian council before joining Soil Association Scotland to work on project to link farms with communities, this work ended abruptly in May 2003 as he was elected to be the first Scottish Green MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife.

How did you feel after your election in 2003?

Elated and excited to be part of that Green surge, I'd been an activist for a while, and helped get our first MSP elected in 1999, but 2003 saw our first group in what became known as the 'Rainbow parliament'.

The Rainbow parliament was led by a coalition of Labour and the Liberal Democrats and was still the very early days of devolution, it must have been very different to work in compared to our parliament today

It was still early days for the institution. We had to fight to get issues like climate change taken seriously and it was hard to win votes. The workload of MSPs and their teams has grown massively over the years especially as more powers have come to Holyrood.

Obviously 2007 was not the best election for the Scottish Greens – we went from a group of seven down to two MSPs following a tight squeeze at the election – but you kept going and continued to campaign for a fairer,

greener Scotland. What was your driving force through that time that helped you become a councillor and then get back into Parliament?

I was gutted to lose the seat, but felt even more committed to the party and our mission. Time away gave me more real world experience. Getting the breakthrough to win the first Green council seat in Stirling was a boost and the role taught me a huge amount.

What do you feel was the impact of the 2014 independence referendum on the party?

The 2014 referendum brought so much energy from new members who joined in the months after the result. I knew the tide was finally turning for us in 2016 but couldn't quite believe we'd taken the seat back again. The campaign team were awesome and a lot of tears flowed.

What has been your biggest take away from the first two years of Scottish Greens in Government?

Time is running out for the planet and we have to take every opportunity we can to effect change even if it feels like small steps. The Bute House Agreement has shifted the conversation in Government, I see its positive impact every day.

One of your focuses during this session has been on ending greyhound racing in Scotland, how has that work been and what can we expect from the future?

Greyhound racing is a barbaric "sport", and we've never been closer to banning it. With only one track left, the Scottish Government's now considering its position. I'm working with campaigners to ensure its days are numbered.

Exhibition Space



Advice Direct Scotland

Advice Direct Scotland is the Scottish Government's delivery partner for energy and consumer advice, and has seen huge growth in demand for its services since the pandemic and cost-of-living crisis. The organisation also provides expert advice on debt and benefits, delivering services to all of Scotland.
www.advisedirect.scot



Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

We are Scotland's largest health charity working to help people with chest, heart and stroke conditions live life to the full. Many people living with our conditions experience fear, isolation and loneliness, and struggle to cope with the impact of their health condition on their every day lives. But our amazing nurses, support workers and volunteers are here to make sure no one has to recover alone. We're campaigning for the Right to Rehab, making sure everyone has access to the rehab support and services they need.
www.chss.org.uk



Exhibitors Directory

Visit our exhibition spaces and learn more about the work of our exhibiting organisations.

Fire Brigades Union

'The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) is the democratic, professional voice of firefighters and other workers within Fire and Rescue Services across the UK, providing a leading, independent voice that helps protect the safety and interests of our members and the public. #CutsLeaveScars and #DECON are currently two leading FBU campaigns that require immediate and sustained investment from the Scottish Government to avoid putting local communities and firefighters across Scotland at risk. Come and visit our stand to find out more on how you can support these vital campaigns.'
www.fbu.org.uk



EIS

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 their pay and conditions of service as well as seeking to promote "sound learning" across all sectors.
www.eis.org.uk



The European Movement in Scotland

The European Movement in Scotland is the foremost, longest established pro-EU, pro-Europe, non-party political campaigning organisation in Scotland. Our goal is membership of the European Union. We campaign to promote the EU and Scotland's fullest possible participation now and for the future. We act as the voice for all those who are curious, concerned or active in promoting and maintaining Scotland's connection with Europe and the EU.
euromovescotland.org.uk



Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First is the charity dedicated to reducing deaths and injuries caused by electrical accidents. Our aim is to ensure everyone in the UK can use electricity safely. We campaign on behalf of consumers to improve electrical safety regulation and make sure that safety messages are appropriate, up-to-date and well communicated.
electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/scotland



RSPB Scotland

The RSPB is dedicated to creating a world richer in nature. We use our expertise in birds and nature to provide evidence-based solutions to the nature and climate emergency. We work with our partners to recover threatened species, protect and restore special places and inspire everyone to act for nature.
www.rspb.org.uk/scotland



SSEN Transmission

At SSEN Transmission, we are responsible for the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland, which covers over a quarter of the UK's land mass. We are investing over £10bn to upgrade the network infrastructure across the north of Scotland between now and 2030. Scotland's transmission network has a strategic role to play in supporting delivery of the UK and Scotland's Net Zero targets. This investment will play a vital role in helping ensure our future energy security by using affordable, home-grown, low carbon electricity while providing significant economic and employment opportunities supporting 20,000 jobs across the UK, 9,000 of which will be in Scotland.
ssen-transmission.co.uk



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.
sharing.org



Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland

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.
ukrainesolidaritycampaign.org



How Conference Works



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) 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 members.

MOTIONS

Motions have to be submitted 11 weeks before the Conference, amendments five weeks before. The intention is that branches can debate them and, if wished, agree to proxy votes or branch Amendments. Emergency Motions are intended to allow Conference to debate issues that have arisen since this deadline, and should be sent to soc@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.

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 1 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.

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. Please email soc@scottishgreens.org.uk if you would like to use your proxy vote.

HOW DO WE VOTE IN A HYBRID CONFERENCE?

To make our voting smooth and quick, we will be using a voting platform that will count 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.

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.

AMENDMENTS & DECISIONS ON THE FLOOR

Amendments and any decision the Conference is making on the floor will be held by using the voting platform.

SPEAKING

Any member may speak during a debate. The facilitators of each

session will make clear how you can request to speak and any time limits. Please when you speak always begin by saying your name and branch. Please do not speak or request to speak unless called upon by the facilitator. Because of the number of people attending, not everyone who wishes to speak will be able to. Priority will be given to people with knowledge and experience on a subject, and to people who have not already spoken. 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.

If you think in advance that you'd like to speak, please fill in a pink request-to-speak slip and hand it in to the chair's assistant 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.

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.

FIRST TIME AT CONFERENCE?

There are special sessions for people new to Conference, one session held online in the week before Conference and one session will be held in-person on Saturday morning.

The in-person session will be happening on Saturday, 28th October from 9:00am to 9:45am in Wallace Suite 1.

COVID PROTOCOL

We want to make this conference as safe as possible for everyone. Therefore please follow the following guidance:

- There is no mandatory mask requirement, however we encourage attendees to wear masks indoors.
- Please sanitise your hands regularly.
- Windows will be kept open to ensure good ventilation.
- If you have any concerns, please let the Events Officer, Marie Stadtler, know during the Conference.

We encourage you to take a lateral flow test at home in the morning before you travel to the Conference. However, we won't be checking the results at reception.

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.

HOW TO READ MOTIONS BEING DEBATED





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The full details of each motion **can be found in the members' area of the Scottish Greens website**. Scanning the QR code next to each motion (or clicking on it) will take you to the motion as well as details of any consultation undertaken on it. Please be aware that you will need to be logged in to be able to view these, so it's a good idea to do so before coming to conference in case you do not have your login details on the day.

In conference and policy motions, some motions were withdrawn by their proposers, listed on the agenda as items 1 in each case, which is why the numbering begins at 2 for the extant motions.

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Ending HIV transmission begins with you

The Scottish Government have committed to get to zero new HIV transmissions by 2030. However, Scotland is beginning to fall behind England and Wales in progress made to achieving this goal.

We need bold and ambitious policies and for everyone in Scotland to play their part!



The #GetToZero campaign is calling on the Scottish Government to:

- Introduce a pilot of opt-out BBV testing in emergency departments in areas of high HIV prevalence
- Establish a Scottish National HIV Testing Week
- Guarantee universal, barrier-free access to PrEP, a medication that can prevent HIV

**Play your part and help Scotland
#GetToZero by 2030**

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Green Rewind Nuclear Power, Nuclear Weapons: Not Needed. Not Wanted.



Green members at conference support Ban the Bomb

The Scottish Greens have a long and proud history of standing up against the nuclear weapons which are based at Faslane on the River Clyde.

These weapons are a moral disgrace and have no place in Scotland. Unfortunately, the decision isn't in our hands, and with both the Tories and Labour in full support of their presence they've remained just outside our largest city for over 50 years.

Throughout the years, Scottish Greens have taken our opposition to nukes on

to the streets, into Parliament and put it on ballot papers across the country.

We've raised the alarm about dependence on the expensive and risky nuclear power stations at Torness, Hunterston and, previously, Chapelcross.

Scottish Green MSPs in every session of Parliament have expressed concerns about nuclear weapons, so let's rewind and look at one of our longest-running campaigns.



In 2006, Scottish Green MSPs Mark Ruskell and Shona Baird held an anti-nuclear power photocall outside the Scottish Parliament

Green parties have long campaigned against nuclear energy, as these briefings and leaflets from the mid-2000s show



Nuclear Alert!

The Bad News
Tony Blair has called in under pressure from the nuclear lobby and proposed political and financial backing for up to 10 new nuclear power stations in the UK. Meanwhile, both Labour and Liberal Democrat Ministers of the Scottish Government have refused calls by Green MSPs to completely rule out new nuclear power in Scotland.

The Good News
There are strong and convincing reasons for choosing the alternatives to expensive and uneconomic nuclear power. Instead, the Government's own independent advisers have warned against nuclear new build on long safety, waste and not an answer to climate change.

Scotland's Parliament can rule out new nuclear power stations.

What the Political Parties Say
Labour passed a motion at its 2006 Scottish conference to build more nuclear power stations, although the Executive has not committed itself – yet – and said that of nuclear reactors and have consistently argued in the Scottish Parliament in favour of new nuclear power.

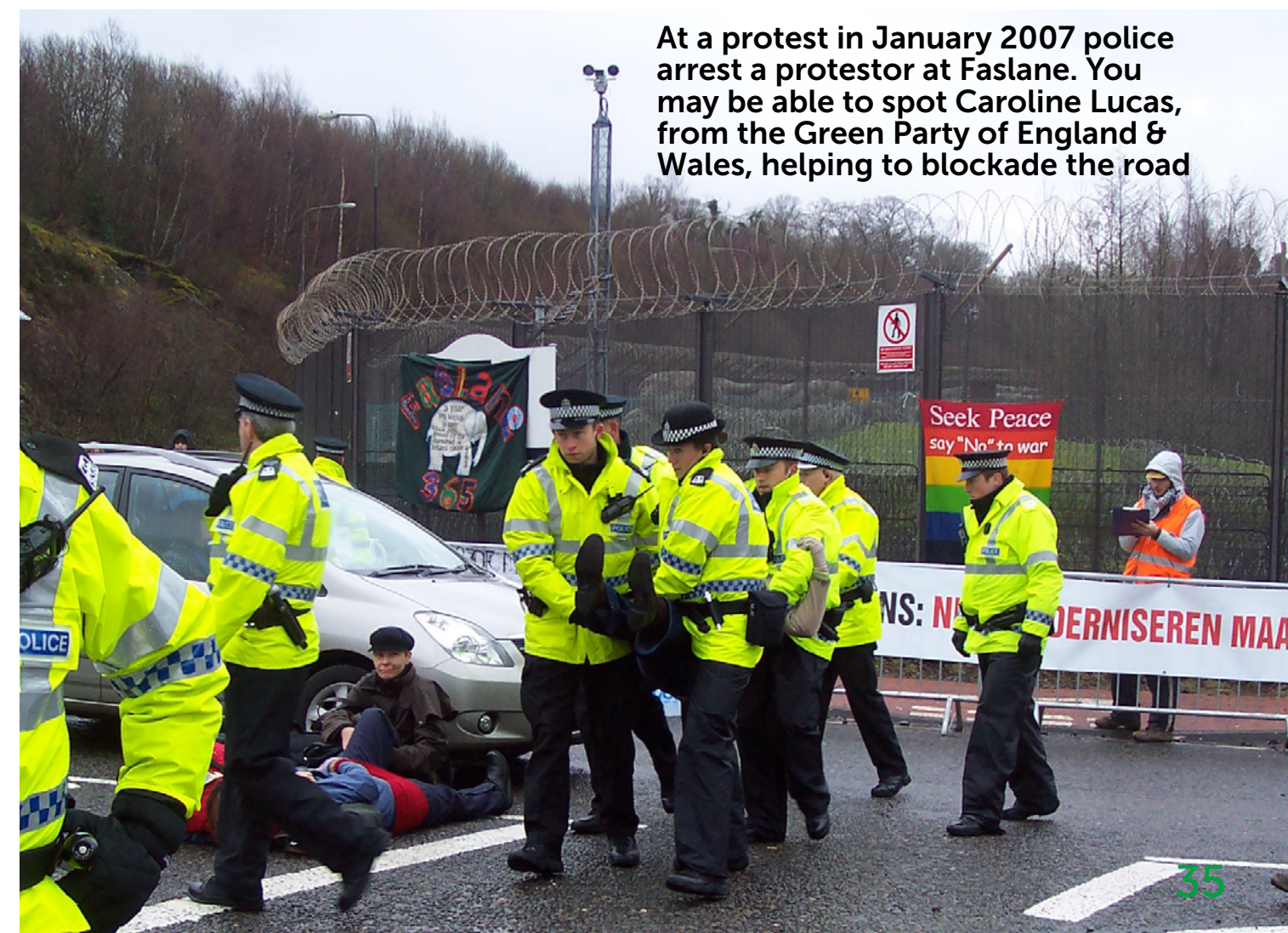
LibDems are sitting on the fence yet again, saying they won't support new nuclear until the waste problem is 'solved' – but within the Greens they support build out new nuclear completely. (Scottish LibDems were defeated by Friends of the Earth at a meeting yesterday the evening of the Scottish Parliament debate. Since Parliament began the LibDems' record has been...)

SNP
Like the Greens, oppose nuclear. But they support increasing fossil fuel burning which is the main cause of climate change.

Greens
Have consistently made the case against nuclear power and have used Parliamentary time to demand that the Executive supports renewable energy and energy efficiency – the safe and cheaper alternatives. Green MSPs have also proposed new laws to prevent Ministers to support energy efficiency and renewable energy.

People • Planet • Peace

In February 2007 Patrick Harvie joined the Greenpeace ship 'Arctic Sunrise' in the waters around Faslane.



At a protest in January 2007 police arrest a protestor at Faslane. You may be able to spot Caroline Lucas, from the Green Party of England & Wales, helping to blockade the road

Get Involved!

We've had amazing successes over the past few years, but we need your help to keep the Green wins coming - so get involved! Here are some of the ways you can take action today!

Get involved locally

Local branches are the backbone of our party. For details visit members.greens.scot or the helpdesk. Recruit other members! Invite family, friends or colleagues who might be interested in the Greens to take that next step.

Make a donation

The Scottish Greens are a people-powered campaign, and your donation will make a huge difference. We're not funded by big business or anonymous millionaires. Our movement relies upon people like you. Donate today: members.greens.scot/donate

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