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OUR FUTURE  
DEPENDS ON IT  
VOTE GREEN***

**CONFERENCE**  
**SPRING 2021**

**26th & 27th March**



## A very warm welcome to this year's spring conference

We had been looking forward to welcoming you all to Glasgow for Conference this spring. Unfortunately, with, well... everything... that hasn't been possible. In your absence we pondered how we could add a "hint" of Glasgow to proceedings but, disappointingly, our proposal for a traffic-cone hat-filter on

Hopin for all speakers was swiftly rejected.

Nevertheless as we lead into what should be a historic election (not only in Glasgow, but across Scotland) we are excited about Conference!

With recent polling suggesting that we should be electing a record number of MSPs across the country, we look forward to everyone in Scotland having a Green MSP!

In Scotland's largest city we have a major part to play. Not

only are we working hard to elect Patrick Harvie as our first ever constituency MSP, in Glasgow Kelvin, but also to ensure that our two magnificent lead candidates – Kim Long and Nadia Kanyange join him at Holyrood.

Support for Greens in Glasgow has been consistently (and sustainably) growing.

Our seven Glasgow Councillors continue to do excellent work. They continue to push the council on their response to the climate emergency (the minority SNP administration may talk a good game but too often forget about the delivery), as well as fighting for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, standing up for our communities against property developers, retaining and improving Glasgow's active travel infrastructure and much more.

Patrick, as our MSP, has been hard-working as ever, with a recent campaign to secure funds to save the Glasgow Subway one of many highlights.

We are also immensely proud of the campaign we recently launched to improve trans healthcare in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board area - you can check out the details for yourself [here](#).

And, not forgetting, COP26

arrives in our city later this year. We bear the huge responsibility of ensuring that any agreement reached in Glasgow is one that we will be proud to be associated with. All of us, activists across the country, in Parliament and in Council Chambers must push for action to be taken to meet the challenge ahead of us. As Greens it is our duty - we cannot rely on other parties to prioritise.

Which brings us full-circle, reinforcing the urgency with which we need to get the vote out, elect more Greens to Holyrood, and thereafter to Council Chambers across Scotland.

At Conference, let's remind ourselves how close we are to a historic result and hold that thought, taking it back to our home cities, towns and villages to deliver those outstanding candidates to Holyrood as MSPs.

It's time for Scotland to vote Green.

A very warm (virtual) welcome to Scotland's Dear Green Place -

### **Glasgow Branch**

(As is tradition, we hope to see you at Saturday's conference social).

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## Roz Foyer

**Roz Foyer is the STUC's General Secretary.**

She comes to the role with 25 years' experience in the trade union movement.

Roz began as a workplace activist in the Benefits Agency.

After leading a successful campaign against support services privatisation, she was recruited by the printer workers union as a trainee organiser, before gaining prominence in the Scottish movement as an Assistant Secretary at the STUC.

She went on to become a National Officer with the Transport and General Workers Union, later moving into Unite's National Organising Department.

Roz excelled as a strategist who delivered a series of successful membership campaigns.

Her role as General Secretary of the STUC involves representing over half a million trade unionists in Scotland, co-ordinating, developing and articulating the views and policies of the trade union movement.



Guest Speakers

## Ellie Harrison

**Ellie Harrison is an artist and activist based in Glasgow.**

Her work seeks to make visible the connections between social, environmental and economic injustices, and to actively address them.

She has been campaigning for the public ownership of our public transport since establishing the Bring Back British Rail campaign in 2009.

She is most well known for her "controversial" 2016 project *The Glasgow Effect* for which she refused to leave Glasgow's city limits, or use any vehicles except her bike for a whole calendar year.

A real-life experiment in 'thinking globally and acting locally', the project enabled her to slash her carbon

footprint for transport to zero, as well as invest her time in establishing several local projects and public transport campaigns.

Her first book, *The Glasgow Effect: A Tale of Class, Capitalism & Carbon Footprint*, builds on her research and experiences during 2016 to sketch out a manifesto for "the sustainable city of the future", with a world-class, fully

integrated regional public transport network, which is free at the point of use.



Guest Speakers

## Chloe Swarbrick

**Chlöe Swarbrick has been a law student, journalist, business owner and a community project leader.**

When interviewing politicians of all stripes on daily issues she found that too often they had become out of sync with the orbit of everyday people's lives.

So, in 2016 Chlöe did what any reasonable, disillusioned 22-year-old would do. She ran to be the Mayor of Auckland. Almost 30,000 Aucklanders gave her their vote after Chlöe and her team campaigned for just four months on a shoestring budget. They voted for her because she was talking to them, about their city and what mattered to them.

Her next step was clear. Chlöe stood as a candidate for the party whose values matched hers and was elected into Parliament as a Green Party MP in 2017 after a particularly gruelling campaign.

She is the youngest MP in Aotearoa for over 40 years. She entered parliament to show people that politicians can look a little different, sound a little different, do things a little different, and to drive home the message that politicians work for people.

She remains focused on opening up parliament and politics to all New Zealanders and to shining a light on the privilege and discrimination that has kept too many people away from politics until now.

Chlöe is the Member of the New Zealand Parliament for Auckland Central, and is the Green Party spokesperson on Mental Health, Sensible Drug Law Reform, Local Government, Arts Culture & Heritage, Small Business, Broadcasting and Youth.



Guest Speakers

## Peter Cairns

**Peter has spent almost three decades as a conservation photographer, videographer, nature tourism operator and environmental communicator.**

In 2017, he was one of the co-founders of SCOTLAND: The Big Picture, a rewilding charity that supports and enables the transformational recovery of nature across Scotland. Pete now serves as the charity's Executive Director as well as being a serving board member of Trees for Life.



## Deborah Long



**Deborah is Chief Officer at Scottish Environment LINK, the network for environmental NGOs in Scotland.**

Her role is the effective delivery of LINK's strategic vision of a strong coherent voice in pursuit of a sustainable Scotland.

Deborah has extensive senior leadership experience in natural and cultural heritage in Scotland, most recently leading a multi-partner

European consortium working with citizens, climate and soil scientists and policymakers.

Trained as a Palaeoecologist, Deborah maintains an active interest in plants and spends as much time as she can sea kayaking, cross-country skiing and hill walking.

Guest Speakers



## Friday 26th March

- 3.00pm-4.00pm** External Fringes -  
Royal Society of Edinburgh  
A Roadmap to Resilience  
RNIB Scotland  
Making Streets Accessible, Post-Pandemic
- 4.00pm-5.00pm** External Fringes -  
Asthma UK/ British Lung Foundation  
Cleaner Air, Safer Lungs  
  
**Our Voice, Our Rights Campaign**  
Time to make rights a reality for autistic people & people with a learning disability
- 5.45pm-6.30pm** **Networking Session with Holyrood 2021 Lead Candidates**  
An opportunity for Fringe Organisations and Sponsors to meet with our Lead Candidates
- 8.00pm-9.00pm** **Sustainable Apparel Workshop in association with Fashion Revolution Scotland**

## Saturday 27th March

- 9.00am- 09.55am** Networking
- 10.00am-10.05am** **Welcome to Conference**  
Nadia Kanyange, Lead Candidate, Glasgow Region
- 10.05am-10.35am** **Vote like our Future Depends on it**  
Co-Leaders Lorna Slater & Patrick Harvie

## Saturday 27th March

- 10.35am-10.50am** **Get the Vote out with our Lead Candidates**  
Video Segment
- 10.50am-11.00am** Break
- 11.00am-12.00pm** **Building Back Better - Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure:**  
Panel Discussion & Q&A with Roz Foyer, Ellie Harrison and Maggie Chapman  
Chair: Lorna Slater
- 12.00pm-1.00pm** Break
- 1.00pm-1.20pm** **Keynote Speech**  
Chlöe Swarbrick, Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand, MP for Auckland Central
- 1.20pm-2.10pm** **Growing a Green Recovery - Forestry, Agriculture & Rewilding**  
Panel Discussion & Q&A with Peter Cairns, Deborah Long, Laura Moodie & Ariane Burgess  
Chair: Mags Hall
- 2.10pm-2.30pm** Break
- 2.30pm-3.30pm** **External Fringes**  
Revive Coalition  
Our Land – A Vision for Land Reform in Scotland – and how we get there  
SAMH  
Standing Up for Scotland's Mental Health
- 3.30pm-3.45pm** **Closing Speech & Call for Action**  
Kate Nevens, Lead Candidate, Lothian Region
- 7.30pm - 10.00pm** **Post-conference social** (see next page)



# POST- CONFERENCE SOCIAL

WITH RADIO BUENA-VIDA

After a hard day of democracy, stick on your most radical threads and break out the CFC-free hairspray to join Radio Buena Vida's DJs – Susan Lee Kidd and Jamie Kidd – for a special set created just for you.

Expect to hear some totally tubular 80s classics, pop bangers and gnarly grooves that will get you in the party spirit. Join the party in your own home to listen, and dance, to the live set from 7.30pm - 10.00pm.

Please register for this session and the link for the live stream and zoom room will be sent to you in advance. Tickets are £5 and are available from the Members section of the Scottish Greens' website.

## TAKE ACTION

Show your support for our campaign by taking these actions today.

The more you do now, the more MSPs we can send to Holyrood on May 6th.

1. Follow us on social media

[Follow us on Facebook](#)

[Follow us on Twitter](#)

[Follow us on Instagram](#)

[Subscribe on Youtube](#)

2. [Add our Vote Scottish Greens frame to your Facebook profile picture](#)

3. [Share our campaign slogan on Facebook](#)

4. [Add our Vote Scottish Greens Twibbon to your Twitter profile picture](#)

5. [Retweet our campaign slogan](#)

6. [Watch and share this video on what the Scottish Greens have won in our budget deal this year](#)

7. [Fill out our three-minute supporter survey and tell us what you want to see in this campaign](#)

8. [Say you are voting Scottish Greens on May 6th](#)

9. Chip in to our campaign fund  
Every donation helps and goes to elect more Green MSPs in May

[£5](#)

[£10](#)

[£25](#)

[£50](#)

[£100](#)

## USING HOPIN - OUR ONLINE PLATFORM

Spring Conference 2021 is being held entirely online for the first time, and all sessions are taking place on the online events platform Hopin. If you plan on attending any part of conference, please take a moment to register an account with Hopin now:

[https://hopin.to/sign\\_up](https://hopin.to/sign_up)

### WHAT YOU NEED

For the best possible experience, not just for you, but for all other Conference attendees we recommend:

- Use a desktop or laptop computer. Mobiles and tablets can access Hopin but users may not be able to access all features, speak to motions, or vote.
- If you plan on speaking, please use headphones to avoid feedback.
- Use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox
- Close down other non-essential programs

### IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS

Third-party extensions can affect the Hopin experience so we also highly recommend opening the event in -

- Incognito mode (command+Shift+N on macOS or Ctrl+Shift+N on Windows) on Chrome
- Private tab (command+Shift+P for macOS or Ctrl+Shift+P for Windows) on Firefox.

If you're experiencing problems, try a refresh or reload of the browser page, this will often solve the problem!

A volunteer will be on hand at the Tech Helpdesk, however please only use after re-checking instructions as volunteer capacity is limited for this event.

The more people follow these instructions, the fewer problems we'll have during the weekend and the better the Conference experience for everyone!

### GETTING AROUND THE HOPIN CONFERENCE SPACE

Hopin has four areas – the menu bar appears on the left.

#### Reception

When you first enter the event you'll land in the Reception area, here you'll find the schedule for the event as well as announcements, updates and any links.

#### Stage

The stage is where you'll watch the speeches and keynotes. Use the event chat on the right-hand side to ask questions at appropriate points in proceedings.

#### Sessions

The Sessions element of Hopin is where you will find fringes, discussion groups, training sessions, panel sessions, breakouts and perhaps even the odd-session to catch up in a more informal manner e.g. The Coffee Stop.

### Networking

Chat with fellow Greens, selected at random, during specific times in the programme. You can leave after 30 seconds or if you have common interests chat for a maximum of 5 minutes. Press the blue "Connect" button if you wish to swap contact details. Looking for someone specific? Please click on 'people' next to the chat function and find the person you wish to connect with. Chat may be disabled during certain segments of Conference.

### FRINGES AND EXHIBITIONS

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

## 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 note the date;
- 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

### Royal Society of Edinburgh

Friday 26th March 3:00pm

#### A Roadmap to Resilience

This panel discussion from the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's National Academy, will welcome experts and practitioners from different backgrounds, including members of the RSE's Building National Resilience working group, to discuss the group's thinking to-date, including the priority actions and potential trade-offs that will be needed for building Scotland's long-term resilience. This discussion will provide participants with a direct opportunity to contribute to the work and findings of the group.

*Panel: Peter McColl; Dr Ruchika Gajwani; Alison Johnstone, MSP  
Chair: Professor Sir Ian Boyd*



### RNIB Scotland

Friday 26th March 3:00pm

#### Making Streets Accessible Post-pandemic

Street layouts can cause difficulties at the best of times for visually impaired people and COVID has made many changes to the physical environment. Our fringe will discuss the impact of Coronavirus lockdowns on blind and partially sighted people and how to make streets more accessible post-pandemic.

*Panel: Dr Catriona Burness, Parliamentary and Policy Manager, RNIB Scotland; Sandra Wilson, Chair, RNIB Scotland; Gillian MacKay, Scottish Green Lead Candidate, Central Scotland  
Chair: James Adams, Director, RNIB Scotland*





## FRINGE EVENTS

### Asthma UK with the British Lung Foundation

Friday 26th March 4:00pm

#### Cleaner Air, Safer Lungs

Join Asthma UK & British Lung Foundation Scotland as they discuss the importance of clean air in improving and protecting lung health. We will hear from: researcher Professor James Chalmers; Olivia Fulton, who lives with severe asthma; and we are also delighted to have our champion for clean air in parliament, Mark Ruskell.

*Speakers: Professor James Chalmers, British Lung Foundation Chair of Respiratory Research, University of Dundee; Olivia Fulton, Patient Advocate. Chair: Joseph Carter, Head of Devolved Nations, Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Scotland.*



### Our Voice, Our Rights

Friday 26th March 4:00pm

#### Time to make rights a reality for autistic people & people with a learning disability

ENABLE Scotland, National Autistic Society Scotland, and Scottish Autism have come together with autistic people and people with a learning disability to campaign for much-needed change in Scotland. Join our discussion about the Our Voice Our Rights campaign aiming to see the world's first Commissioner tasked with ensuring that change.

*Panel: Ross Greer MSP; Nick Ward, Director, National Autistic Society Scotland; Jasmine Ghibli, autistic campaigner; Lucy McKee, senior volunteer, ENABLE Scotland. Chair: John Hatfield, media and communications Specialist, and father of an autistic child.*



## FRINGE EVENTS

### SAMH

Saturday 27th March 2:30pm

#### Standing up for Scotland's Mental Health

There have been too many promises on mental health and not enough action. With the added pressure of coronavirus, we need a radical new plan. Join SAMH as we discuss the key areas where we must see action over the next Scottish Parliamentary term.

*Speakers: Suzanne Martin, Senior Public Affairs Officer, SAMH; Stephanie McKnight; Alison Johnstone, MSP. Chair: Craig Smith, Public Affairs Officer, SAMH.*



### Revive Coalition

Saturday 27th March 2:30pm

#### Our Land – a vision for land reform in Scotland and how we get there

Scotland has the most inequitable concentration of land ownership in the developed world and for too long not enough has been done to change it. Our Land is a landmark report commissioned by REVIVE, which outlines a practical policy roadmap of how to finally achieve real land reform in Scotland. Join us as we discuss how we can unlock our land's potential in the next term of the Scottish Parliament.

*Panel: Max Wiszniewski, Campaign Manager for REVIVE the coalition for grouse moor reform; Duncan McCann, Senior Researcher New Economics Foundation. Chair: Mark Ruskell, MSP.*



# Get involved!

We need to continue to lead the change in our communities and look ahead to next year's Scottish Parliament election. 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](https://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](https://greens.scot).

## 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!

## Be 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](https://greens.scot/get-involved). Be sure to tag any campaigning with the hashtag **#ActiveSGP**.

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