

Fair is worth Fighting For



Green Party



A Bright Green Future

For thirty years, the Green Party has been ahead of the curve.

We have led the way with policies to address challenges like climate change, to improve democracy and accountability, and to develop the cleaner, jobs-rich industries vital to the economy of the future.

We've campaigned for the protection and improvement of Britain's public services, from the NHS to your local post office. We want them to be publicly owned and publicly accountable institutions, which our communities can rely on, and of which they can be proud.

In this time of crises - social, economic and environmental - Britain needs the Green Party more than ever. So please support us in whatever way you can.

Best of all join us, and help lead Britain into a brighter, Greener future.

Caroline Lucas MEP, Leader of the Green Party



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A Living Wage for all

We think it's unfair that irresponsible bankers go on earning obscene salaries while four million UK children live in poverty. We think it's unfair that the Government has failed to do anything about the growing gap between rich and poor.

Greens demand a 'Living Wage' to ensure low paid workers earn enough to provide for themselves and their families. We will fight for a fair financial deal, with community banks, credit unions and mutuals providing realistic loans to families and small businesses.

One million new jobs

We think it's unfair that so many people are unemployed when there's vital work that needs doing. Bringing Britain's housing up to green standards would create much-needed jobs for builders, plumbers, electricians and engineers.

Greens are pressing for a free insulation scheme for every single home as part of a green package to create a million new jobs. A typical household would save around £150 per year on fuel bills.



Safeguarding our NHS

We think it's unfair that hospitals and health centres are treated like businesses rather than vital public services. We want to make sure no more public money is wasted on botched privatisation schemes.

Greens are fighting to make sure local services are easy to access and are truly local. We will oppose cuts, closures and privatisation within our NHS and protect the jobs of public sector workers.

Dealing with the Economy

The Green Party would create jobs. We would put money in your pocket and create a greener, cheaper future.

The Climate for Jobs

Hundreds of thousands of jobs are needed to prepare us for the switch from oil and coal. The Green Party will establish public building projects in every community that will employ people to:

- make all homes in Britain energy efficient
- develop more solar powered buildings
- manufacture electric cars in disused factories
- create more frequent, affordable and greener public transport.

Keeping Bills Down

As the cost of energy increases, many of us will be struggling to pay fuel bills.

Green Party councillors in Lewisham helped residents to monitor their energy use with smart meters.

We would do this and more: providing modern insulation for every hospital, school and home that needs it.

The Green Party would invest in large scale wind and tidal energy, creating 40,000 jobs in the first year.



Greens in London helped campaign to save Queen's Market from developers



Going Local

The Green Party believes that smaller businesses and local enterprises make our communities stronger.

Increasing numbers of supermarkets and shopping centres have meant fewer local shops and businesses.

In Oxford we used the planning system to favour small local enterprises. We would create community banks to help smaller traders survive the recession.

Growing Local

As well as using planning laws to create and save allotments, we'd change the rules so schools and hospitals can buy more local food.

Green Party councillors in Kirklees have provided free home insulation (worth up to £400) to 40,000 households. This means an average saving of £150 per year for each household.

Councillors have also set up a Renewable Energy Fund so buildings in Kirklees are now generating 5% of the UK's total solar electricity.

Councillor Andrew Cooper



Changing the Climate

Climate change is the biggest threat our planet faces. Only the Green Party will stop using coal, oil and nuclear power.

Public Transport and Cleaner Air

We will cancel the road building programme and instead invest in safer roads and in helping many more people to walk and cycle.

After fierce lobbying London Green Assembly members ensured that all new London buses will run on hybrid engines by 2012, creating a third less pollution.

We would repeat this success in all UK cities. We would create travel plans for workers and invest more money to promote car sharing.

Getting Back on Track

The Green Party would bring the railways back under public control. We would create more jobs by expanding rail networks.

The Government has failed to combat increasing air travel. Unlike the other political parties we would say 'no' to Heathrow and prevent the expansion of Britain's other airports.

The Green Party would invest in a better rail system and greener buses, while making fares more affordable.



Councillor Adrian Ramsay
Green Party Deputy Leader

A Fairer Deal, Fewer Weapons

You can help the Green Party create a world where a war on poverty is more important than a 'war on terror'.

Pensioners' Income

The Green Party would raise pensioners out of poverty. We would introduce a Citizens' Pension for everyone: raising the state pension for a single person from £95.25 per week to £165.00 per week.

Fair Pay

We want to end poverty in hard working households. In London, Oxford and Norwich, the Green Party made councils pay a fair wage to all staff. We want to see this happen around the country.

A Call On Arms

Green Party MEPs in Europe persuaded other MEPs to call for a ban on depleted uranium weapons and cluster munitions. We would control and reduce the sale of UK weapons around the world, and those on our streets.

No ID Cards

The Green Party would not use a 'war on terror' to destroy our rights to a private life. We would stop the ID card scheme.

Green MEP for London, Jean Lambert (right), has fought hard in the European Parliament for the rights of workers and the rights of minority groups.



Your Green London Assembly Members, Jenny Jones and Darren Johnson, campaigned against tube privatisation. They have also fought for a green homes service and cleaner public transport. They continue to defend these against cuts from the Conservative Mayor.



Services for the Public

You could change our public services by voting for a party that serves the public, not the interests of big business.

The Government treats our hospitals like businesses rather than public services. We would have more healthcare workers and equipment, not more managers. We would not waste money on private finance projects that do not work.

Tackling Crime

The Green Party would help people to be safer and feel safer by:

- having more officers on foot or on bikes
- working with communities
- creating projects for the young
- focusing on the causes of crime.

Greens fight for public services all over the country.

Green Party councillors in Stroud saved the Uplands Post Office from closure. It has served the local community for more than 150 years.

Councillor John Marjoram



Greens Achieve

When Greens get elected, people like what they get and vote for more. Here are some examples of our work:

Your Green MEPs have:

- forced a ban on dangerous chemicals in children's toys
- won parliamentary support for an investigation into supermarket monopolies
- secured better conditions for Europe's farm animals
- forced an investigation into the UK government's subsidies to nuclear power
- fought hard for the rights of minority groups
- called for recognition of the impact that long working hours have on our health.

Greens around the country:

- raised £3million for road safety in Kirklees
- provided £700,000 for energy saving in homes in Norwich
- raised £320,000 for playgrounds in Oxford.

Greens in London:

- helped to introduce a Living Wage to tackle poverty pay
- tripled the money available for improving cycling and walking around the city.

Green Party MEPs, Jean Lambert and Caroline Lucas, have won awards for their work on human rights and animal welfare. Caroline was also voted Politician of the Year in the 2009 Observer Newspaper Ethical Awards.



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