



Media Highlights

Autumn Conference & AGM

Hove Town Hall, Hove

21st - 24th September 2006

(Full timetable and agenda available @
www.greenparty.org.uk/nextconference)

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NB: This is based on the latest draft timetable. Some items may be subject to alteration

Thursday 21st Focus: Education

An increasingly target driven education system in a fast-moving, competitive culture is now the norm, but what are the alternatives? Discussions covering a wide range of topics including:

- The role of 'real play' as opposed to sedentary, screen-based entertainment in current forms of schooling
- Faith schools - a debate with representatives from Muslim, Buddhist, Catholic and Jewish schools.

1135 – 1150 Emergency Motions

1300 – 1410 'What is Education For?'

Panel Debate: Kevin Aveson (Steiner Schools Fellowship), Anne Rix (Education Otherwise) and Peace Child President David Woollcombe will join Green Party Education Spokesperson Peter Reeve to discuss what the real aspirations of our education system should be.

1520 Opening remarks

Richard Mallender - Chair of the Green Party's National Executive, and local Cllr - officially opens conference. This is our first in Brighton since brilliant results in the General Election 2005, and will set the tone for what are predicted to be our most successful local elections in the area in 2007.

1525 PLENARY

Voting on natural resources policy and waste disposal

With rising public concern over incinerators, Conference today proposes a radical set of policies aimed at a comprehensive overhaul of waste management policy.

1700 - 1750 'The Education Bill and the Future of Education'

Dr Glenn Rikowski - Senior Education Lecturer and Editor of 'The Volumiser' journal, and Sheila Dainton of Human Scale Education join Green Party Education Spokesperson Rachel Fryer to discuss the government's latest offering.

2000 onwards: First UK Screening of Heavy Water – a film for Chernobyl

This film uses works from Mario Petrucci's award-winning book-length poem for Chernobyl, Heavy Water, to tell the story of the people who dealt with the disaster at ground-level: the fire-fighters, the soldiers, the 'liquidators', and their families. With an introduction from co – director Phil Grabsky.

Friday 22nd Focus: Social Enterprise

Social Enterprises are a major tool for urban and rural regeneration. Working to a social agenda, not simply to benefit shareholders, they can provide real opportunities for bottom-up regeneration - decent jobs, quality goods and services, whilst meeting community needs across a range of public and private activities.

0900 – 1000 Press Breakfast

Discuss live issues at conference with prominent Green Party politicians over a (wherever possible) locally sourced and organic breakfast.

Attendees to include:

Dr Caroline Lucas, Green MEP for the South East
Principal Speaker for the Green Party, Cllr Keith Taylor
Jean Lambert, MEP for London
Darren Johnson, Member of the London Assembly
Jenny Jones, Member of the London Assembly, former Deputy Mayor of London
Councillors and prominent Green campaigners from the area

1030 – 1050 Keynote Speech from Principal Speaker Keith Taylor

1050 – 1100 Emergency Motions

1100 – 1150 PLENARY

Voting on topics including:

- Introduction of a 'training tax' for private companies using staff trained by the NHS
- Repeal of the Anti-Trade Union Laws
- Measures to protect local shops from encroaching monopolies and 'clone towns.'
- Crises in the Middle East - energy security, economic imperialism and regional autonomy

1200 – 1250 'Avian Influenza – Time to Shut the Intensive Poultry 'Flu Factories?'

Caroline Lucas MEP launches a report into the role of factory farming and international trade in the development and spread of deadly bird 'flu.'

Friday 22nd continued

1400 – 1410 'Social Enterprises – what are the benefits?'

Chaired by Keith Taylor, speakers include Andrew Robinson - Head of Community Development Banking, NatWest & The Royal Bank of Scotland and Stephen Sears – Chief Executive, Ealing Community Transport, who will provide hands-on insights into the practice and potentials of social enterprise.

1700 – 1750 'The Future of Public Services'

Chaired by Jean Lambert MEP with Brian Synnott. European Federation of Public Service Unions, Ray Phillips of the European Anti- Poverty Network, and Cllr Richard Mallender, this panel will focus on what is happening at EU level.

1800 - 1850 'Living in the South East'

Presentation by Keith Taylor and Caroline Lucas on regional economics, discussing the pitfalls of pursuing economic growth at all costs - decreasing happiness, increasing inequality, all at a cost of well being.

1900 - 1950 'One Planet Living'

Public Meeting hosted by Green Party Principal Speaker Keith Taylor with Pooran Desai, Director of Bioregional, and a speaker from WWF

If everyone in the world lived as we do in Europe we would need three planets to support us. How can people everywhere enjoy a high quality of life, within the carrying capacity of one planet?

2000 'Peak Oil and Climate change'

Public meeting chaired by Caroline Lucas, with speakers Stephen Watson of Power Switch, and Chris Skrabowski, editor of Petroleum Review (tbc)

Saturday 23rd

1030 – 1050 Keynote Speech from Dr. Caroline Lucas MEP

1400 – 1510 Middle East update

With ongoing chaos in Iraq, where 46 000 civilians have already died, and more UK troops set for Afghanistan, Caroline Lucas MEP and Jean Lambert MEP (recently named MEP 2005 for Justice and Human Rights) discuss the ongoing situation in the Middle East

1400 – 1510 Faslane 365 **Photo Call**** @ Sea front**

Building on the success of previous mass blockades of the Trident nuclear base at Faslane, October will see the beginning of a year-long blockade, with the Green Party closely involved. Today we will rehearse our plans for a peaceful and imaginative demonstration.

1900 – 1950 Peter Tatchell discusses LGBT equality after the Equality Act

Human rights and Green activist Peter Tatchell on equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, plus panel discussion with Green Party politicians.

Sunday 24th

1030 – 1150 PLENARY

Voting on topics including

- **Abolition of MI5 and MI6**
- **Higher Taxers for higher earners**

1200 – 1250 Palestine Solidarity Campaign

1300 – 1350 Incinerators and Waste

The Green Party believes incineration takes waste management in the wrong direction by locking councils into contracts with private firms that usually last for decades and require a certain amount of waste to be supplied each year. We are also concerned about the effect of emissions from incinerators on health and the environment.

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