



Green Party

BME Manifesto



General Election 2017

Our promise



This document explains what Green MPs promise to do in Parliament for Black and Minority Ethnic communities living in the UK.



Having people from lots of different communities and backgrounds is good for Britain.



But people from some communities are not treated in a fair way.



The Green Party will always fight for people to be treated in the same fair way.



The Green Party has always wanted people who come to this country to be treated fairly and with respect.



Green MPs in Parliament will work against **racism** and **discrimination**.



Discrimination is where someone is treated worse because of something like their colour, race, religion or their disability.



Racism is where people are treated worse because of their race, colour or religion.

Work



You should not be treated worse at work because of your race, religion or colour.



Too many Black and Minority Ethnic people (BME) are stopped from getting into work.



Green MPs will:

- Make sure everyone is given a fair chance to get a job



- Make it easier for people to take their boss to court if they are being unfair



- Make businesses say how much they pay people from different sorts of communities



- Make businesses have more BME people on their Board of Directors

Migration



Migration is where someone has to leave their home and country because of a war or because they would be killed if they stay.



The Green Party would make our Government be fair to people who need to come to Britain.



We would welcome people.
Migrants do a lot for our country
and our communities.



Green MPs will:

- Make it easier for migrants to bring their family with them



- Stop keeping migrants in prison while they wait to hear if they can stay



- Let migrants work and earn money while they are waiting to hear if they can stay



- Let people know if they can stay much sooner. People should not be kept waiting a long time

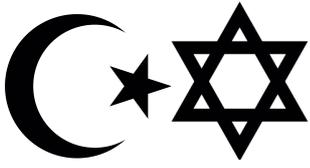


- Improve the way we help people who have fled from war and fighting



- Help migrants to get justice if they go to court

Communities



There has been an increase in racism against Muslims and Jews.



The Green Party would fight against this racism, help communities to work together and make sure that people from these communities get a fair treatment under the law.

Green MPs will:



- Stop the police from stopping and searching people



- Look at how the courts can be fair to everyone



- Bring in new laws against hate crime



- Make sure that councils help people from travelling communities



- Change the way we look for people who may become terrorists so that it is not so racist

Democracy



There are not enough people from BME communities in Parliament.

Green MPs will:



- Making the way we vote fairer so that people from different communities have a chance to become an MP



- Work for an equal number of men and women in parliament



- Let the people choose who should be in the House of Lords



- Give more power to local communities to decide things for themselves

Housing



People from BME Communities are more likely to live in the worst housing.



We would build many more good quality affordable warm homes.

Green MPs will:



- Make sure that rents are not too high



- Build half a million affordable homes over 5 years



- Stop councils selling their houses

- Get rid of the unfair bedroom tax



- Work to bring empty houses back into use



- Give housing benefit to people under age 21

Education



Education can make everyone's lives better.



We want everyone to have the chance to make the most of their lives with a good education.

Green MPs will:



- Stop making students pay to go university



- Bring back the money that helps young people aged 16-25 to stay on at school or go to college



- Let students from other countries work and live in the UK for 2 years after they finish university

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