Gender Equality

The Green Party wants to make things fair between men and women.

In many areas of our life women are treated differently than men. Much of this is unfair:

- Women are much more likely to suffer from anxiety, and other mental health problems than men, but are not given more support.

- Some research has shown that half of boys believe that it is OK to hit a woman or force her to have sex.

- Women are much more likely to suffer abuse at home than men.

- On average more than 2 women a
week are killed by their partner or former partner

• Women tend to get paid less than men - often for doing similar work

• Women have suffered more than men by the cuts in benefits made by the Conservatives

• Women do most of the unpaid caring of children as well as older and disabled family members

The Green Party would make big changes in many areas to make things fair between men and women.
Work and pay

On average young women who are apprentices earn a lot less than young men.

The Green Party would make all apprentices have the same fair good quality deal.

The Green Party would create thousands of new jobs in renewable energy and making homes warmer. We would make it as easy for women to get these jobs as men.
We would give men and women the same rights to take time out to look after children.

We think they should:

- Be paid at least the Living Wage
- Be able to go back to their old job when they want

We would also:

- Give free childcare to all children
- Help bosses provide childcare at their places of work

Our Universal Basic Income would help everyone to work more flexibly so their families don’t suffer.
Support for unpaid carers, disabled and older members

The Green Party would:

- Bring back the Independent Living Fund
- Increase benefits for disabled people
- Give more money to local social services
- Provide enough support to disabled people who need some help to be able to work
- Have a fair way to move towards Men and Women having the same pension age
Work to end harassment and abuse

The Green Party would:

- Help teachers understand about bullying and sexual harassment
- Make sure all children get good quality sex and relationships education
- Try to stop television and newspapers showing wrong, old fashioned attitudes to women, gay and black people
- Help children at school to understand more about all the different types of people live in their local community
• Make universities and colleges a safe place to learn

• Bring back help to people who want to get justice in the courts

• Work to stop violence against women who don’t want to marry the person chosen by their parents

• Work to stop the way some communities cut the genitals of young female children

• Take action against all racist hate crimes

• Protect children who are born with both male and female parts
Save Women’s Healthcare

The Green Party would:

- Allow pay for people who work in public services to increase like everyone else. These workers are mostly women.
- Have more staff in the NHS so that patients are always safe.
- Bring back sexual health services.

Mental Health

The Green Party would:

- Increase the amount of money going to Mental Health Services.
- Set up mental health services for gay and transgender people.
Sexual Health

We would:

- Give more help to pregnant women and new mothers who have no home and no money

- Provide free NHS health care to pregnant women and new mothers

- Provide free sanitary products in schools

- Allow free abortions to any woman who needs to have one, everywhere in the UK
Safety for sex workers

The Green Party would:

- Change the law so that sex workers are not criminals
- Take ‘sex worker’ off their criminal record so they can get a different job if they want
- Work to stop men forcing women and children into sex work
People who are escaping violence

We would:

- Protect people who have had to leave their own country because of violence. We would not put them into prison. We would close these prisons.

- Help people while the authorities work out if they are going to be able to stay in the UK.

- Make the authorities deal with people who want to come and live here quickly - within 3 months.

- Not send people back to a country where they face danger.

More women in parliament

Less than one in three Members of Parliament (MP) are women.

The Green Party would work for half of all the MPs being women.
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