

London Assembly: Enfield & Haringey Constituency Green Party Internal Selection Candidate Statements

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The Greater London Assembly should represent Londoners. With the current Mayor of London representing the City of London above the interests of residents, it is important that Enfield and Haringey people continue to have a loud and effective Green voice. We must retain Green Party representatives to continue the great work of Assembly members Jenny Jones and Darren Johnson.



As London Assembly candidate, I will work with Siân Berry, Caroline Russell and the other candidates to keep up awareness and pressure on Green Party issues, including the five key policies: Transport, Air Pollution, Climate Change, Fair Pay, and Housing. I will arrange citizen monitoring of air quality in key locations across Haringey. I will work to ensure that our councils, and the London Pensions Fund Authority, divest from their fossil fuel investments. I will campaign for the government's "living wage" to match the true London Living Wage of £9.15 per hour.

I have worked as a local tutor for ten years, building confidence in maths, and I enjoy cycling around to visit students in places including Palmers Green, Muswell Hill, and Manor House. I will be using and supporting Enfield's Mini-Holland to make our city safer and more pleasant for all cyclists and potential cyclists.

Being a member of Generation Rent, I've lived in six properties and in three London boroughs since 2005. This gives me a relevant perspective on housing pressures, with conditions getting considerably worse for private tenants and social tenants alike. Community centres and local businesses are suffering, with people and opportunities both being driven out of our city. Our public land must be seen as essential space for local people, not as a one-shot chance for councils to cover their budget. Our property must be seen as housing and business locations for local people, not as an investment vehicle for the super-rich. This must be addressed.

As part of the #greensurge, I have been delighted to find my contributions welcomed by the Green Party. I am Haringey's Volunteer Coordinator Officer, and my work was valued during the recent by-election campaigns in Haringey. I have organised a litter-pick of Lordship Rec, helped out canvassing in the crucial South Camberwell by-election, strengthened the @HaringeyGreens Twitter account, used my skills on Haringey's Website and Social Media Working Group, and on the national LGBTIQ Committee. I have joined the Support System Working Group, run by Enfield's Jean Robertson-Molloy, to offer mentoring to the complete diversity of our membership. I hope to ensure that all Green Party voices are fully supported and heard.

It is important that we continue our great progress in Enfield and Haringey, with a view to electing councillors. I hope you will vote for me with the knowledge that I will work my hardest through to the local elections in 2018. My goal is that the Green Party succeeds in our best ever chance of local representation.

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