

Green Party Spring Conference 2015

Abbreviations used:

DRC	Disputes Resolution Committee
EGP	European Green Party
GPEX	Green Party Executive
GPRC	Green Party Regional Council
GWEB	Green World Editorial Board
SOC	Standing Orders Committee

For workshops on the motions in the agenda, the motions are referred to by the numbering in the final agenda.

Agenda Sections	What's in them
A	Reports from Party bodies (a full set of reports is submitted to Autumn Conference)
RoB	Voting Papers (A voting paper usually equates to a chapter of the Policies for a Sustainable Society)
C	Policy motions
D	Organisational motions, and motions that don't fit into the other categories

Because of the large number of motions in the Agenda at this Conference, it has not been possible to schedule workshops for all of them.

There are 35 motions in Section C and 15 in Section D; 1 Voting Paper has been submitted for this conference and is motion B01. Motions C14, C18, C28 and D07 have been recommended for fast-tracking; if this is agreed in the debate on the SOC report they will be voted on without discussion at the end of that debate. (See the SOC report in the Final Agenda for more info on fast-tracking of motions.)

Where there is more than one workshop scheduled in a single slot, the start time for each is shown, thus:

1245-1345 "W a 1245 - A02 Policy committee report"

"W b 1315 - A03 DRC report"

This means that there are workshops on two conference motions in the same time slot and the first one starts at 1245 and needs to finish in time for the next to start at 1315.

Explanation of the types of sessions listed in the timetable:

Workshop: Specific policies are pre-discussed before being voted on in the plenary

Plenary: Policy voting session dedicated to a particular section of the agenda

Training: A session dedicated to training/skill sharing

Fringe: Any other session on a range of subjects from external and/or internal organisers

Panel: A panel of speakers debating a particular topic, usually followed by questions from the floor

Breakout Rooms

Main Hall (capacity with both 1B and 1C 1,350, without 850)

1B and 1C – both these rooms are circular drums at the rear of the main hall, which can be rotated to either form part of the main auditorium or independent breakout spaces (capacity of each 247).

7 – capacity 32, **10** – capacity 32, **11B** – capacity 150, **11C** – capacity 90, **12** – capacity 190, **14** – capacity 50

15 = Quiet Room

Friday 6 March

1100 - 1800	Foyer	Registration desk open
1100-2030	Dining Area	Catering: Lunch, 1200-1430, Dinner 1830-2030
	ROOM	
1200 - 1245	12	<i>Workshop a (1200) – C21 – Proposed addition to Workers’ Rights and Employment policy, section on International Action</i> <i>Workshop b (1225) – C03 – Providing free universal childcare</i>
	14	<i>Workshop a (1200) – C22 – Abolition of Employers’ National Insurance</i> <i>Workshop b (1225) – C27 – ED030 Youth School</i>
	11B	<i>Workshop a (1200) – A03 – Disputes Resolution Committee report (members only)</i> <i>Workshop b (1225) – A02 – Policy Committee report (members only)</i>
	11C	<i>Workshop a (1200) – A01 – Standing Orders Committee report (members only)</i>
	1B	<i>Fringe - Introduction to the structures of the Green Party for new members</i>
1300 - 1345	11B	<i>Workshop a (1300) – A04 – Governance Review Group report (members only)</i>
	14	<i>Workshop a (1300) – C34 – Additional policy on Producer Responsibility</i> <i>Workshop b (1325) – C05 – Progressive Council Tax</i>
	12	<i>Workshop a (1300) – C04 – Reconciling our Industry and Energy policy</i> <i>Workshop b (1325) – C06 – Railway Electrification & more rolling stock</i>
	11C	<i>Workshop a (1300) – C07 – Enabling motion for an Equality and Diversity policy chapter</i> <i>Workshop b (1325) – C08 – Crime and Justice, Workers Rights etc</i>
	1B	<i>Fringe - Introduction to Green Political Thought for new members</i>
1400 – 1445	MAIN HALL	Leader’s Speech – Natalie Bennett, Green Party Leader introduced by Caroline Lucas MP
1500 - 1615	MAIN HALL	PANEL: What Syriza’s election victory means for the left in the UK
	12	<i>Workshop a (1500) – C09 – Carbon tax and dividend</i> <i>Workshop b (1520) – C15 – Constitutional Reform Enabling Motion</i> <i>Workshop c (1540) – C10 – Gender Rights composite</i>
	11C	<i>Workshop a (1500) – C11 – Peace and Defence Enabling Motion</i> <i>Workshop b (1520) – C12 – Foie Gras</i> <i>Workshop c (1540) – C13 – Democratic Reform composite</i>
	11B	<i>Fringe - A Guide to How Conference Works</i>
	14	<i>Training - Chairing Plenaries at Conference (members only)</i>
1630 - 1815	MAIN HALL	PLENARY: Section A Reports (members only), followed by Section C Policy (subsection 1), followed by voting on fast-tracked motions, emergency motions
1830 - 1945	11C	<i>Workshop a (1830) – B01 – Health Voting Paper</i>
	11B	<i>Fringe - Nuclear Energy</i>
	14	<i>Fringe - Young, Green leaning but not voting</i>
	1C	<i>Fringe - Greens in power: pitfalls and practicalities</i>
	12	<i>Fringe - Re-Elect Caroline – Campaign Update (members only)</i>
	1B	<i>Training - An overview of the strategy and campaign plans for the General Election (members only)</i>
	7	<i>Training - Introduction to the members’ website (members only)</i>
	10	<i>Film and discussion: Eat my Shorts – Sustainable food in Liverpool</i>
2000-2130	Dining Area	There will be opportunities to socialise and eat together. More info on the day.
1800 - 2245	Dining Area	Bar open

Saturday 7 March

0830 - 1800	Foyer	Registration desk open
0830-2030	Dining Area	Catering: Lunch, 1200-1430, Dinner 1830-2030
	ROOM	
0900 - 1015	1B	Workshop <i>a</i> (0900) – Draft Voting Paper on Housing
	1C	Workshop <i>a</i> (0900) – D01 – Clear advice for Green MPs Workshop <i>b</i> (0925) – D02 – Supporting efforts to stop multi-national tax-dodging Workshop <i>c</i> (0950) – D10 – Child Protection Policy
	14	Workshop <i>a</i> (0900) – D03 – GPEW Incorporation and Restructure Workshop <i>b</i> (0945) – D04 – Standing Orders for Party discipline
	11B	Fringe - A Guide to How Conference Works
	11C	Fringe - Black and minority ethnic (BME) group launch and AGM, with breakfast
	12	Training - Getting more out of CiviCRM and your data (members only)
	7	Training - How to use email effectively (members only)
	MAIN HALL	Training - Manifesto presentations and press launches, key messages for campaigns, communications calendar (members only)
1030 - 1220	MAIN HALL	SPEECHES: Sharrar Ali and Amelia Womack, GPEW Deputy Leaders PLENARY: Section B (Health VP), then Section C (subsection 1)
1220 – 1235		Call for Action on Climate Change – please stay in the main hall for a photo. (Green umbrellas saying ‘Don’t Blame me for the weather – I voted Green’ will be on sale from the Green Shop at conference if you would like to buy one. We are aiming to get 268 in the shot to represent the number of days until COP21/Paris 2015...)
1250 - 1400	MAIN HALL	PANEL: Building a Green Economy – how can we build an economy without growth which can provide the jobs and prosperity that people need?
	1B	Workshop <i>a</i> (1245) – C01 – Amending TR310 on car speed limits Workshop <i>b</i> (1305) – D05 – Addressing delegate conferences Workshop <i>c</i> (1340) – D09 – Anti-harassment policy Enabling Motion
	12	Fringe - Winning the Black vote
	1C	Fringe - Green Party strategies for tackling climate change
	14	Fringe - EU free movement and Cameron's proposals: what's the reality?
	11B	Training - How we win elections and why it works – Target to Win session 1 (members only)
	7	Training - Key election rules and processes (members only)
	11C	Training - What is the policy process in the Party and how do I engage in it? (members only)
1415- 1545	MAIN HALL	SPEECH: Reinhard Bütikofer, <i>Co-Chair of the European Green Party</i> PLENARY: Section C (motion C1, then motion C3 onwards)
16.00 - 1715	1C	PANEL: Human rights and environmental justice
1600 - 1715	11B	Workshop <i>a</i> (1600) – C02 – Higher and Further Education policy update Workshop <i>b</i> (1620) – D06 – Allowing Joint Candidacies Workshop <i>c</i> (1655) – D08 – Safe Space Policy
	1B	Fringe - How does the money system affect inequality, housing and the environment?
	MAIN HALL	Fringe -The General Election manifesto: what it will contain (members only)
	12	Fringe - Stop TTIP! How Greens and campaigners are working to stop EU-US trade deal
	11C	Training - Engaging organisations at a local party level (members only)
	14	Training - How to practically win a local election - Target to win session 2 (members only)
	7	Training - Successful Digital Fundraising (members only)
1730 - 1915	MAIN HALL	SPEECH: Pippa Bartolotti, Leader, Wales Green Party PLENARY: Section D, followed by Emergency Motions
19.30-22.30	Camp and Furnace	Fundraising Ceilidh organised by Liverpool Green Party. Entry £6 advance, £8 door. Tickets from their stall. Walking buses will leave from the front of the building.
21.00-22.30	Dining Area	Big Green Quiz , £3 entry fee per person, all welcome. All funds raised go to Young Greens.

Sunday 8 March

0900 - 1800	Foyer	Registration desk open
0900-2030	Dining Area	Catering: Lunch, 1200-1430, Dinner 1830-2030
	ROOM	
0900- 1015	11B	<i>Workshop a (0900) – Draft Voting Paper on Planning</i>
	7	<i>Fringe - Green Party Disability Group - with breakfast</i>
	1B	<i>Fringe - A Green voice in Europe: an update from our three MEPs - with breakfast</i>
	11C	<i>Training - A beginner's guide to trade union activism (members only)</i>
	12	<i>Training - Developing your local party: key roles and resources (members only)</i>
	1C	<i>Training - Advanced Public Speaking Training (members only)</i>
	14	<i>Training - Writing really good local election literature - Target to win session 3 (members only)</i>
1030 - 1230	MAIN HALL	PLENARY - Section C (motion C2 then motion C3 onwards)
1245 – 1400	1C	PANEL: About Trans
1245 - 1400	11B	<i>Fringe - Kurds, feminism and green politics</i>
	1B	<i>Fringe - What chance a post-General Election progressive alliance?</i>
	12	<i>Fringe - The road to Paris 2015: what are we calling for?</i>
	11C	<i>Training - Radical Green Futures (members only)</i>
	7	<i>Training - Inclusion and diversity – part one (members only)</i>
	14	<i>Training - Policy process consultation (members only)</i>
	MAIN HALL	<i>Training - How to canvass (really well) - Target to win session 4 (members only)</i>
1415 - 1530	12	<i>Fringe - Green Party Women meeting (women only)</i>
	1B	<i>Fringe - Meet your MP</i>
	1C	<i>Fringe - Craftivism: Positive Campaigning</i>
	11B	<i>Fringe - UKIP at the door(step): engaging with far right voters</i>
	7	<i>Training - How to get the most out of your website (members only)</i>
	14	<i>Training - Inclusion and diversity - part 2 (members only)</i>
	11C	<i>Hustings for vacant positions on committees elected at Conference</i>
	10	<i>Hustings for vacant positions on committees elected at Conference</i>
		<i>Other: Liverpool Walkabout. A guided walking tour of Liverpool's architecture. Meet just inside entrance to the ACC. (repeated on Monday at 09.30)</i>
1545 - 1800	MAIN HALL	PLENARY: Section B (if needed), then Section C (Subsection C1 (if needed)), then Section D followed by Emergency Motions
1815 - 1930	1B	<i>Fringe - A beginner's guide to debating your way to political success</i>
	1C	<i>Fringe - Leadership, not just leaders: a common language for the common good</i>
	11C	<i>Fringe - Women by Name meeting (open to all)</i>
	11B	<i>Fringe - Democracy: alternative forms - direct and local</i>
	14	<i>Training - Getting the most out of local members and volunteers (members only)</i>
	12	<i>Training - Transforming your local party activities so members become activists (members only)</i>
1945-2045	7	Young Greens Games evening (alcohol free, Young Greens only)
2015-2130	MAIN HALL	Screening of 'The Killing Fields' followed by discussion with the Director, Carlo Nero, and Vanessa Redgrave.
2015-late	Constellation	Music from Chris T-T , Brighton singer songwriter, christt.com/music (there will be walking buses leaving from the ACC entrance) Bar snacks will be available.

Monday 9 March

0900 – 1100	Foyer	Registration desk open
0900-2030	Dining Area	Catering: Lunch, 1200-1430, Dinner 1830-2030
	ROOM	
0930 - 1045	11B	<i>Fringe</i> - Conference Feedback
	14	<i>Fringe</i> - Green Party Trade Union Group AGM
		<i>Other</i> : Liverpool Walkabout. A guided walking tour of Liverpool's architecture. Meet just inside entrance to the ACC.
1100 - 1200	MAIN HALL	PLENARY: Section D
1215 - 1330	MAIN HALL	Q and A with Green Party Leader, Natalie Bennett, and Deputy Leaders, Amelia Womack and Shahrar Ali
1345 - 1500	MAIN HALL	PLENARY: Remaining Business , followed by Emergency Motions

ENTERTAINMENT AT CONFERENCE

Saturday, 19.30-22.30 – Ceilidh (Scottish Dance with caller and band)

Dance your socks off and raise funds for Martin Dobson, Liverpool Riverside target candidate.

Camp and Furnace, 67 Greenland Street, Liverpool, Merseyside L1 0BY (15 minute walk – walking buses from entrance to venue)

£6 advance (from Liverpool GP stall) or £8 door

Saturday, 21.00-22.30 – Big Green Quiz

Fun (but competitive!) quiz organised by the Young Greens, all welcome, £3 per person

In the Dining Area of the venue

Sunday, 14.15-15.45 – Liverpool Heritage Walkabout

Situated on the east bank of the wide River Mersey, Liverpool city centre occupies one of the most dramatic locations of any British city. The 1½hr walkabout will focus on the waterfront and mercantile quarter, rich and varied in its architecture and history. Windproof clothing advised. Your guide is Paul Harris, Vice-Chair of Wirral Green Party.

Sunday, 20.15-21.30 – The Killing Fields (film)

What: Screening of 'The Killing Fields' a documentary which explores the relationship between Wildlife, Land, taxation and Law followed by discussion with the Director, Carlo Nero, and Vanessa Redgrave.

Where: Hall 1B at the venue

Sunday, 20.15-late – Chris T-T and open mic

What: Performance from wonderful Brighton singer/songwriter Chris T-T followed by an open mic slot.

Where: Constellation, 37-39 Greenland Street, Liverpool L1 0BS (15 minute walk, walking buses from in front of the venue)

Call or email Ricky Knight to book your open mic slot: 07986 941 026, rickyknight@northdevongreens.org.uk

What: Sunday, 19.30-20.30 – Young Greens Games Evening

What: It will be a strictly non-alcoholic event - open to all Young Greens (under 30)! There will be a series of interactive games that will involve playing characters and having fun. It will be a great way to meet other young people in the party.

Where: In the venue

PANEL SESSIONS

What Syriza's election victory means for the left in the UK

Friday 6 March, 15.00-16.15

The recent Greek elections captivated the world. In the face of brutal austerity, the people elected the previously tiny Syriza "the coalition of the radical left". Hear from a leading Greek Green about their involvement, and discuss what we can learn from them.

Chair: **Caroline Lucas MP**

Molly Scott Cato MEP: Green Party Spokesperson on Finance

Zoe Williams: The Guardian

Adam Ramsay: Open Democracy

Kostas Loukeris: Member of the Ruling Council of the Greek Green Party

Building a Green Economy – how can we build an economy without growth which can provide the jobs and prosperity that people need?

Saturday 7 March. 12.50-14.00

Discussion of how we can move to a genuinely sustainable steady state 'post growth economy' which works for people and the environment, which provides people with the jobs and the material well being they need in terms of jobs, housing, healthcare and education. What steps do we need to take to make this transition in the face of climate change?

Chair - **Howard Thorp**, Green Party Campaigns Coordinator

Molly Scott Cato MEP, Green Party Spokesperson on Finance

Rupert Read, Chair of Greenhouse think-tank and Green Parliamentary candidate

Kate Raworth, Creator of Doughnut economics

Nick Dearden, Director of Global Justice Now

Human rights and environmental justice

Saturday 7 March. 16.00-17.15

Environmental damage is often linked to human rights abuse. For example, in Taiwan, a new airport would mean the forcible removal of 10,000 people. The speakers will show how grassroots campaigns internationally can protect people and planet, and how Green Party members can work in solidarity for environmental justice.

Chair: **Derek Wall**, International Coordinator, Green Party of England and Wales

Rose Bridger: Author of Plane Truth on airport expansion and forced removal of people.

David Raby: International Committee, on human rights abuse and environmental destruction in Columbia.

Dara Bascara: Human Rights in the Philippines on mining and human rights.

About Trans

Sunday 8 March. 12.45-14.00

The aim of the panel is to increase understanding of trans and intersex people. We will provide a brief outline of the history of rights of trans people in the UK and where we are now. Through people's own stories we will explain the discrimination, abuse, and difficulties encountered in many areas of their lives for those who transition and those who don't. The ground breaking work of Brighton Council will be described from a Brighton trans resident including the hosting of the first ever UK trans pride. There will also be a speaker sharing issues surrounding intersex human rights abuses.

Co-chaired by Charlie Kiss, Green Party Parliamentary Candidate for Islington South and Finsbury and Dr Jay Stewart of Gendered Intelligence

Speakers:

Sabah Choudrey: Pakistani trans activist- LGBT youth support worker in Brighton

16 year old young trans woman from Liverpool

Sasha Padziarei: Non-binary person from Belarus

Leslie Jaye: OII-UK (Organisation Intersex International in the UK)

FRINGE AND TRAINING SESSIONS

Friday 6 March

12.00-12.45

Introduction to the Structures of the Green Party for new (and old) members

What are the structures within the Green Party and how do they all fit together? Where are decisions made and how can you play an active part? Come and find out!

13.00-13.45

Introduction to Green Political Thought for new (and old) members

Anne Chapman, Lancaster Green Party and Cllr Jonathan Essex, Redhill Green Party

This session will explore the philosophical basis of the green party and what makes it distinctive from other political philosophies: the recognition that we are part of a finite earth, which our activities now threaten.

15.00-16.15

A Guide to How Conference Works

Conferences Committee

The processes at conference can be confusing at first. This session will attempt to explain what we do, when and why. Not just for first timers – open to all who would like clarification.

15.00-16.15

Chairing Plenaries at Conference (Members only)

Charlene Concepcion, Conferences Committee; Siobhan McMahon, Young Greens

Interested in chairing or deputy chairing conference plenary sessions? Or experienced in chairing plenaries but want to brush up on your knowledge? With the help of SOC this session will go through correct procedures so you are armed with all the knowledge you need. As well as running through accessibility training to make sure your chairing is as inclusive as possible.

18.30-19.45

Nuclear energy

Paul Jenkins, Southwark Green Party

Some see Green Party's rejection of nuclear energy as an obstacle to recruitment of members/voters. Proposed amendments to the new energy policy at the last conference were rejected after what some saw to be insufficient time for discussion. This fringe will respond to a widely-felt demand for more discussion.

18.30-19.45

Young, Green leaning, but not voting

Sahaya James, Young Greens

We all know that young people and students could swing the general election (especially for the Greens), but with less than 50% of 18 to 25-year-olds voting in 2010 how can we bring about real lasting political engagement? Learning from the Scottish Referendum and organisations like Bite the Ballot, this fringe aims to discover how.

18.30-19.45

Greens in Power: Success, pitfalls and practicalities of power sharing on Stroud District Council administration in a time of austerity

Cllr Simon Pickering, Chair of the Environment Committee of Stroud District Council

With just six Greens our Council has not evicted tenants because of bedroom tax, is investing millions cutting tenants fuel bills, supporting local food production and is on target to hit 60% recycling and become carbon neutral. Simon will give an insight into power sharing with Labour and Libdems.

18.30-19.45

Re-Elect Caroline - Campaign Update (Members only)

Adam McGibbon, Campaign Manager

Get an update about how the party's No.1 target campaign for the General Election is progressing. Hear from key Brighton Pavilion campaign figures about the innovative tactics being used, how re-electing Caroline will boost the Green surge and take lessons back for your local party.

18.30-19.45

An overview of the strategy and campaign plans for the General Election (members only)

Chris Rose, National Elections Agent

With the National Campaigns Director and GPEX Elections Co-ordinator.

18.30-19.45

Introduction to the Members' Website (members only)

Adam Stacey, Membership Officer, and Peter Barnett, Internal Communications Co-ordinator

The Members' Website should be our central hub for all member activity and the place to share knowledge, organise events and better inform our membership. This session will give you an overview of the members' site, show you how to get started, and how to get more deeply involved with expert tips and tricks.

18.30-19.45

Eat my Shorts - Show and tell, chaired discussion and short films about sustainable food

Six of the best Liverpool projects come together to share their work in growing, cooking, un-wasting, distributing and celebrating food. With contributions from Squash Nutrition, Liverpool Sustainable Food City, Real Junk Food Projects and Faiths 4 Change and Rotunda College's Kirkdale Country Garden. Chaired by Nina Edge, Liverpool GP Press and Communications Officer.

Saturday 7 March

09.00-10.15

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09.00-10.15

Black and minority ethnic (BME) Group launch and first AGM – with breakfast

Green Party BME Group

BME communities are so often excluded and marginalised by mainstream politics, and with the rise of UKIP the politics of xenophobia and racism will frighteningly be taking centre stage in the upcoming General Election. The Green Party must combat this, yet BME representation and reaching out to BME communities is something we still struggle with. This group aims to address these issues and provide a voice to BME members. Opening talks and discussions open to all, AGM only to BME members.

09.00-10.15

Getting more out of CivCRM and your data (members only)

Peter McAndrew, Digital Officer, and Sara Dryden, Membership Database Officer

An essential session for Local and Regional Party Officers to help you grow and retain membership, supporters and encourage them to become active volunteers. We will provide an overview of the capabilities of the Membership System, we will show you how to: import data, use groups to contact segments of your database, and run digital campaigns.

09.00-10.15

How to use email effectively (members only)

Mark Cridge, Management Co-ordinator

Email is one of the most important campaigning tools that you have. In this session you will learn the basics of creating great emails, how to structure your mailings, find out who to mail, when to mail and what to ask them to do. You will learn how to use CiviMail and how best to support your election campaign.

09.00-10.15

Manifesto presentations and press launches, key messages for campaigns, and communications calendar (members only)

Chris Luffingham, Campaigns Director

Synopsis to follow

12.20-12.35

Call for Action Climate Change

Be part of a huge photo opportunity with 268 green umbrellas! Show the world that we are serious about the need to act now!

12.50-14.00

Winning the Black Vote

Benali Hamdache and Manishta Sunnia, Young Greens

The BME vote is expanding, but remains difficult territory for the party. Polls suggest BME support for the Greens lags far behind Labour. Yet evidence suggests that the BME vote is becoming less tribal. What can the party do to expand its base?

12.50-14.00

Green Party strategies for tackling climate change

Derek Wall, Convenor, International Committee

Reinhard Bütikofer MEP will speak about European Green Party strategies for combating Climate Change. He will be **joined** by a Lima participant and Deputy Leader, Amelia Womack.

12.50-14.00

EU free movement and Cameron's proposals: what's the reality?

Jean Lambert MEP and Professor Elspeth Guild

David Cameron's challenge to EU freedom of movement is a desperate pre-election attempt to counter UKIP, but how will it undermine our rights as EU citizens? Invited experts on EU rights assess the reality beyond the Eurosceptic political posturing.

12.50-14.00

How we win elections and why it works - Target to Win session 1 (members only)

Cllr James Burn, Solihull Constituency Campaign Manager

This session will use a fictional election campaign and a group of fictional local residents to explain both the basics of the methods we use to win elections and also why they work, using research from psychology and social psychology.

12.50-14.00

Key election rules and processes: nominations to imprints, expenditure and more (members only)

Chris Rose, National Elections Agent

Getting your candidates on the ballot, side-stepping a tangle over the three kinds of election spending return and avoiding having to tell the police you left out an imprint by accident (honest, guv).

12.50-14.00

What is the policy process in the Party and how do I engage in it? (members only)

Tom Sharman, Policy Communications Manager & Josephine Tucker, Policy Officer

This session will explain the process for changing or amending Green Party policy that culminates in a party conference but which is preceded by a process consisting of several stages. Any Green Party member can initiate this process. All members, old or new, are welcome to this session.

16.00-17.15

How does the money system affect inequality, housing and the environment?

Molly Scott Cato MEP

MEP and economist Molly Scott Cato, and Fran Boait, Executive Director of Positive Money, will discuss how the money system effects inequality, housing, and the environment. Molly will update participants on how she is advocating Green Quantitative Easing within the Eurozone. Part of the event will be participatory.

16.00-17.15

The General Election Manifesto: what it will contain (members only)

Brian Heatley and Andy Dobson, Manifesto Authors

A presentation on what's in the manifesto and an opportunity to discuss what we will want to emphasise and where the difficulties might arise.

16.00-17.15

Stop TTIP! How Greens and campaigners are working to stop the EU-US trade deal

Office of the Green Party MEPs

Green MEPs have been at the forefront of campaigns to stop TTIP, working with a wide range of UK, European and US anti-TTIP campaigners and publishing important materials to build the case against this damaging trade deal. Find out the latest developments and how we can win this campaign! Chaired by Jean Lambert MEP with input from Keith Taylor MEP, Molly Scott Cato MEP and anti-TTIP campaigners.

16.00-17.15

Engaging organisations at a local party level (members only)

Benali Hamdache, Development

Co-ordinator

Community networks of NGOs, trade unions and local businesses can help deliver robust and well-funded campaigns. This training will focus on identifying local groups and building strategies of engagement. Existing successful models will be illustrated.

16.00-17.15

How to win a local election campaign - Target to Win session 2 (members only)

Chris Williams, Regional Campaigns Coordinator (West Midlands)

This session will explain all the basic skills and knowledge needed to know how to carry out an election campaign according to the Green Party's tried and tested methods. You may wish to attend the elections introduction session 1 to get an overview of election campaigning and why we do what we do first, but this is not essential.

16.00-17.15

Successful Digital Fundraising (members only)

Megan Hann, Fundraising and Membership Development Officer and Tom Beckett, Fundraising and Operations Director

Raising money is more important than ever and in this session you'll learn how to structure and prioritise your fundraising efforts. We'll show you how to ensure you get the most out of your website, social media and email campaigns and maximise the amounts you receive from one-off and regular donations.

Sunday 8 March

09.00-10.15

Green Party Disability Group

Working towards its own existence within the Green Party the Disability Group is reporting on the latest news from the Group and asking its membership to support its future plans.

09.00-10.15

A Green voice in Europe: an update from our three MEPs – with breakfast

Join Keith, Jean and Molly for breakfast and a whirlwind tour and discussion of their work. From opposing fracking to taking on tax evasion, tackling the UK's scandalous air quality and fighting for a fair asylum system, hear how our Green MEPs are making the Green voice heard in Europe.

09.00-10.15

Getting Active in your workplace: A Beginner's Guide to trade union activism (members only)

Romayne Phoenix, Green Party Trade Union Liaison Officer

With experienced trade union officers leading this training session, sharing their knowledge and experience, learn - How to become active in your trade union; How to become a workplace trade union rep; How to learn more about your rights; Who can become a conference delegate; ask questions, join the GPTU regional network and share your experiences as we build active

trade union membership in our party.

09.00-10.15

Developing your local party: key roles and resources (members only)

Louise Venn, Senior Local Party Development Officer, and Emily Blyth, Local Party Support Co-ordinator

Whether you are a new member wanting to take a leadership role, or an experienced officer responding to a surge in new members, this is a chance to share best practice in how to develop your local party. We will discuss how to organise officer teams, match skills to roles, and access a range of national resources and guidance to help. There will be a chance to talk about the challenges and support needs you have, and help shape our local party support programme going forward.

09.00-10.15

Advanced Public speaking Training (members only)

Lee Furness and Bilal Jamil, Public Speaking Academy

This session will cover: Style Presentation, getting over your nerves, speaking clearly and confidently, engaging your audience techniques on how to never forget what to say.

09.00-10.15

How to get the most out of your Website (members only)

Mark Cridge, Management Co-ordinator and Moe Tarhini, Digital Assistant

In this session we'll show you how to properly set up your website to attract supporters, volunteers and get local constituents involved in your campaigns. You will learn how to make better use of social media, how to create new content for your site and how best to track what is happening on your site and to improve engagement with your key issues.

09.00-10.15

Writing really good local election literature -Target to Win session 3 (members only)

Chris Williams, Regional Campaigns Coordinator (West Midlands)

Good local election literature can make the difference between winning and losing. This session will look at how to write and design great local election literature, and avoid common pitfalls.

12.45-14.00

Kurds, feminism and green politics

Derek Wall, Convenor, International Committee

Rojava in Northern Syria is promoting a feminist, ecological, self-governing society, Kurdish women will speak about this and the fight against ISIS in Kobane.

12.45-14.00

What chance a post-General Election progressive alliance?

Cllr Sian Berry, Camden Green Party

Organised by Compass Greens, a discussion with cross-party figures on how the UK's progressive politicians might deal with a hung parliament. With Marc Jones (Plaid Cymru), Adam Ramsay (OpenDemocracy) and Cynthia Dereli (Compass Merseyside/Labour).

12.45-14.00

The road to Paris 2015: what are we calling for?

Keith Taylor, MEP and climate change spokesperson

196 countries will meet this December to sign a new climate change agreement. How meaningful will it be and how can we mobilise grassroots action to make a difference? Join campaigners and experts to hear our demands for Paris 2015 and discuss how we can turn these ambitions into reality.

12.45-14.00

Radical Green Futures - creating a consistent campaign for a Green Future. (members only)

Howard Thorpe, Campaigns Co-ordinator

This session, run by the GPEW Campaigns Committee, is for all members old and new who wish to run effective campaigns. Participatory and engaging, we will bring together Green policies, ideas and perspectives into a coherent vision that truly sets the Green Party apart from other political movements.

12.45-15.30 (double session)

Inclusion and diversity training

Shan Oakes, Equalities and Diversity Co-ordinator

Inclusion and diversity is fundamental to Green policy. We want to be as inclusive as possible - locally, regionally and nationally. So this session aims to help us understand and fully include people who have a diverse range of behaviours for a variety of reasons (e.g. due to autism) It will be interactive - all welcome. Session delivered by *Living Autism*.

12.45-14.00

Policy process consultation (members only)

Sam Riches, Policy Co-ordinator

This session will train members on the current policy process, then introduce the policy process consultation which is being launched by Policy Committee. The current process, with all its problems and pitfalls, will still be in use for Autumn conference 2015, so a twin-track approach will be taken.

14.15-15.30

Green Party Women meeting

Sarah Cope, Green Party Women

The regular meeting at conference of the women's sub-group in the party, Green Party Women. The group exists to campaign on women-centric issues, make links with NGOs and write women-focussed policy. Open to people of all sexes.

14.15-15.30

Meet your MP

A chance to meet Caroline Lucas MP, learn about her recent work and ask her questions about life in Parliament and her re-election campaign.

14.15-15.30

Craftivism: Positive Campaigning Workshop

Thom French, Young Greens

Interested in positive campaigning? Want to find out what Craftivism is? Happy to share your skills? This work shop aims to give hands on experience for all party members to learn about Craftivism, share ideas and the projects you're working on. A spoonful of Craftivism helps the Politics go down!

14.15-15.30

UKIP at the door(step): Engaging with 'far-right' voters (members only)

Matt Sisson, Loughborough Green Party

If the Greens are to succeed they must engage with, and understand UKIP voters, many of whom will have previously voted Labour. A panel session and audience discussion with Cambridge Parliamentary Candidate Rupert Read and Prof. Sarah Birch, Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Glasgow, will explore the challenges and the common ground for dialogue.

14.15-15.30

(second part of Inclusion and Diversity training. See 12.00)

18.15-19.30

A beginners guide to debating your way to political success

Hannah Clare, Press Officer, Salford Green Party

Interested in getting better at public speaking? Are you a candidate who needs to do a hustings? Do you want to be better at presenting motions to conference? This session is for you. Led by Hannah Clare who has 4 years competitive debating experience and is due to represent the Young Greens at the Youth Leaders TV Debate on March 26th.

18.15-19.30

Leadership, not just leaders: a common language for the common good

Dan Hammond and Greg Horne, LIW3

In this interactive - and we hope fun - session we will challenge the widely-held beliefs about leadership that it is the preserve of the few. We will introduce a proven tool to help any party members to collaborate and work constructively behind common goals, and to understand the leadership that it will take from everyone to give these common goals the greatest chance of success.

18.15-19.30

Democracy: alternative forms - direct and local

Lily Cole, activist, and Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party

Speaking about Latin American experiments in direct democracy. With Anthony Zacharzewski from the Democratic Society and Christopher Pane, Digital Democracy researcher, Bournemouth Green Party.

18.15-19.30

Women by Name Meeting

Sarah Cope, Green Party Women

Women by Name is the internally-facing women's group within the Green Party. We work at supporting women within the party, encouraging them to take up both internal roles and for external election. This group is for people who identify as women only

18.15-19.30

Getting the Most out of local members and volunteers (members only)

Jonathan Elmer, Senior Local Party Development Officer

What techniques are effective at motivating local members, and how can you engage volunteers and activists in a range of local party activities? This training session will look at ways of turning dormant members into engaged activists, and increasing productivity across volunteer teams. It will look at the importance of social opportunities, how to respond to new ideas and approaches, and celebrate your accomplishments.

18.15-19.30

Transforming your local party activities so members become activists (members only)

Cllr James Burn, Solihull Constituency Campaign Manager

How does your local party make sure the increase in members translates into an increase in activists? Drawing on a year-long transformation project from the West Midlands and motivation research we'll look at how you can get people to meetings and events, how you can run local party meetings people actually want to come to (including the Election Olympics!), how to use best practice to maximise repeat attendance at campaigning sessions, and how to find more volunteers.

Monday 9 March

09.30-10.45

Conference feedback

Conferences Committee and SOC

Come and tell us what you enjoyed at this conference, what could have worked better, and your suggestions for next time.

09.30-10.45

Green Party Trade Union group AGM

Pete Murry, GPTU

The Green Party Trade Union group will be reviewing its activities over the past year, planning for next year and electing a new committee. We are inviting a speaker on Green Party Trade Union liaison officers/ reps and we will also invite a local Trade Union speaker.