

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Andrew Brough

Title: Andrew Brough

Photo



Statement

I'm asking for your vote to elected me branch Welfare and Conduct officer (WCO) for another year. It is a job I enjoy doing; supporting members and branch in the WCO role. This would be my third term if re-elected.

During the past year I have resolved on an informal basis; this has proved successful for nearly all member issues.

I have had two more serious issues, one resolved with help given to branch CoCos and the other a serious issue giving help and advice to a formal complaint against an Edinburgh Branch member. It was high profile due to public and press interest surrounding the issues; it was eventually past to Conduct & Complaints Committee and was resolved to the code of conduct requirements of Scottish Greens.

After the 2022 Council elections I offered all candidates in Branch a welfare check-in after the election, something that had been rather piecemeal in the past and offered welfare advice to all and one conduct issue resolved at that time.

More effort has been put into helping with welfare issues this year. To that end I have recently joined the newly formed working group for member safety, which will initiate a party wide conversation around member safety.

I want to help us look after each other and work together better as greens. To support our elected officials to do the best work they can and local members the same either via helping with welfare issues or conduct ones.

Please re-elect me to this role which I greatly enjoy doing.

Role preference

First preference Welfare and Conduct
role:

Supporters

Chris Young: cyo119704, Daniel Pacey: dpa11209

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Anne Scott

Title: Anne Scott

Photo



Statement

I joined the party in 2020 as I was keen to be more actively involved at a local level. Since joining, I've been a candidate for the 2022 council elections, am the current Access and Inclusion Officer for the branch and most recently was part of the team driving the campaign for the Corstorphine/Murrayfield by election. I currently co convene the West Edinburgh Group alongside a great local activist and we've worked hard to increase a Green local presence and we've delivered our first dedicated newsletters in the West within the last year too.

I've learned a lot about how the local party is structured and the importance of working with our active members to help build out the party at a local level. I firmly believe the strength of the party lies in grass roots and want to play my part in building the active party membership in Edinburgh.

I've put my name forward for Co Convenor this year because I think I've built up enough experience to do the

role justice - I would really enjoy working alongside an experienced Co-Co, putting what I've learned to good use and support the local teams where I can. I'd also be keen to represent us at National Council where required.

I'm a pretty organised, structured and diligent person - I do what I say I will. I take a broad, strategic perspective to getting things done. I also think listening is really important. In my day job, I regularly chair committees and meetings so I'd expect to bring those skills if successfully elected.

Role preference

First preference Co Convenor
role:
Second preference Access and Inclusion Officer
role:
Third preference Sub Branch and Member Support Officer
role:

Supporters

Chris Young, Andrew Brough

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Zoe Clelland

Title: Zoe Clelland

Photo



Statement

I've really enjoyed being half of the Branch co-convening team for the past two years and I'd like to continue, if members would be happy for me to. I've worked with an excellent co-convenor who knows a lot about the Party but I'm conscious the role would be challenging for two people who haven't been so involved in the Party before. Over the next year I'd like to pass on some of the things we've learnt to a new co-convenor.

The next year may feel like a between-election gap but there is a lot to do to get the Branch ready to build on previous successes at the next Holyrood and Council elections. That includes using Westminster as a chance to get members confident, enthusiastic and skilled at campaigning and developing a really good and diverse pool of candidates. I'm also keen to keep building our capacity to deliver events and do issues based campaigning.

I've been an SGP member for 17 years and before getting active with the Branch was Policy Committee co-convenor, giving me understanding of how the Party functions. In my day job I'm a manager for an environmental charity, where I've worked for over 20 years. It's a role that's all about team leadership, project and budget management, collaboration and partnership working – experience and skills I can bring to this role. I'm confident chairing meetings, facilitating workshops, running events, and generally keeping things well organised and on track.

I'd love to have your support to continue as co-convenor this year.

Role preference

First preference	Co-convenor
role:	
Second preference	Campaigns Officer
role:	
Third preference	Events Officer
role:	

Supporters

Rob Gowans, Andrew Brough

Committee Nomination

Proposer: lina Jaara ija177049

Title: lina Jaara

Photo



Statement

Hello! My name is lina Jaara and I am running to be re-elected as the Edinburgh Greens Committee Secretary. I am non-binary and use they/them pronouns.

About me

Outside of the branch committee, I'm a postgraduate student at Edinburgh University studying liberation theology, and work part-time for one of our amazing Green MSPs in parliament. I'm also a regular dogwalker and collect old postcards.

Why do I want to be re-elected?

During my past 2 years as committee secretary, I have built a solid understanding of how our branch functions, I have immensely enjoyed the role and I have been able to improve some of our admin processes. Whilst the secretary role is very familiar to me now, in 2023-2024 I would like to explore ways the committee secretary can further support the Co-Conveners with governance and any administrative support I could provide to our working groups and local teams. I'd also like to look at ways we can improve our organisational memory and skill sharing among members.

I look forward to being part of the new committee and I hope I can count on your vote!

Role preference

First preference Committee Secretary
role:

Supporters

Cameron Glasgow cgl18122, Ola Olsinova ool239558

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Dave Owen

Title: Dave Owen

Photo



Statement

I'm keen to continue to serve the branch and try and maintain engagement and momentum in between all-out election campaign periods. I'd like to remain an ordinary member within the Sub-branches and Member Support Group and assist the convenors of that group however I can.

I've previously served as the branch's longest-serving election agent and would be willing to take that role again if there is no other candidate.

Role preference

First preference Ordinary Member - Sub-branches and Member

role: Support Group

Second preference Elections Agent

role:

Supporters

Zoe Clelland zcl3317, Anne Scott ASC127962

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Alison Neathey

Title: Alison Neathey

Photo



Statement

I've been a member since 2009, and a comms volunteer most of that time, working on Green News, website, e-newsletter, media library and social media. I'm active in my sub-branch, currently admin secretary and a leaflet delivery organiser. Last year I was elected branch Communications Officer and would like to continue in this role. For me, some highlights have been:

- Using social media to help almost double funds raised through our annual online Auction of Promises
- Setting up a new colour-coded website calendar, including events from other organisations and consultation deadlines

- Starting up a series of interview articles with campaigners for the website

This year I'd like to help get together a team of content creators and editors, so that we can reach more people through our comms. I'd also like to do some further website development to accommodate the new sub-branch structure (if that's approved) and to develop a campaigning section.

Role preference

First preference Communications Officer
role:
Second preference Comms Group - Ordinary Member
role:
Third preference Campaigns Group - Ordinary Member
role:

Supporters

Emma Willson, John Palmer

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Ruth Elliott

Title: Ruth Elliott

Photo



Statement

Having been active in the branch for a year as an ordinary member in the Communications working group, I am excited to stand for the policy and campaigns working group this year. I have lots of experience campaigning on the doors and organisational skills from my roles in the young greens, so I think this would really suit me. I would also be very keen to drive the branch's campaigns forward, inspired by the Glasgow branch, upskill members, and demonstrate to the public that the Greens are working for them whether their ward has an elected councillor or not!

Role preference

First preference Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group

Send preference Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member
role: Support Group

Supporters

Alison Neathy, Evan Macdonald

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Steve West

Title: Steve West

Photo



Statement

I've been an ordinary member of the Local Teams (now Sub-Branches) and Member Support group on the committee for the past year. I've been able to help with practical matters such as writing, designing and printing leaflets, and tech support with our website, emails and the membership database. I'd like to continue to offer my practical skills to support the Branch as an ordinary member one of the relevant groups on the committee.

Role preference

First preference role: Ordinary Member - Sub-branches and Member Support

Second preference Ordinary Member - Communications
role:

Supporters

Ola Olsinova, Guy Johnson

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Ian McCormick

Title: Ian McCormick

Photo



Statement

I have been involved in Green Party politics for 15 years. After moving to Scotland two years ago, I joined the Scottish Greens. I was first involved locally in the 2022 local council elections working mostly on canvassing.

I am retired. My main occupation was in local authority leisure centre management. I try to spend most of my time outdoors, walking the dog, camping and climbing mountains. I like beer, live music and going out.

During the past year, as co-membership secretary for North Edinburgh and Leith sub-branch, I have:

Carried out the duties of membership secretary, initially on my own and then in the last few months, jointly alongside Tara Coldwell Brock.

Produced a joint report for the 2023 AGM outlining the achievements of the Membership Secretaries' role during the year. The report proposes further action for the coming year.
Attended most NEL branch meetings and NEL executive meetings.
Attended a number of Edinburgh branch and executive meetings.
Been a member of the Edinburgh branch Events and Fundraising working party. As part of that role I helped with the organisation of the Auction of Promises which raised over £1000 for the Edinburgh branch to support our local campaigning.
Delivered Autumn and Spring editions of Green News in Leith.
Helped out at Green Party stalls at Leith Links.
Attended some Green Party organised litter picks.
Organised and led a number of Green walks throughout the year.

Role preference

First preference role: Ordinary Member - Sub-branches and Member Support Group (x4)
Second preference role: Ordinary Member - Communications Group (x4)
Third preference role: Ordinary Member - Campaigns Group (x4)

Supporters

Katy McCormick kmc269758, Mariusz Cebulski mce155001

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Esme Clelland

Title: Esme Clelland

Photo



Statement

I have been a members of the Scottish Greens for over 10 years. I am used to working with spreadsheets in my current job and in previous roles. I use online banking for my personal banking. In addition, I was joint treasurer for my stair committee while living in the city centre. This involved setting up the stair committee bank account, working out what payment was required from each flat, taking payment from owners into the account and paying invoices for works as required, using online banking. This was a responsible role that needed good organisational and communication skills. I have experience of compiling reports for various puposes in my current job role and presenting information in an accessible way. I think that I would be able a reliable person and be able to support the branch in this role.

Role preference

First preference Treasurer
role:

Supporters

Rob Gowans, Daniel Pacey

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Mariusz Cebulski

Title: Mariusz Cebulski

Photo



Statement

Hi everyone, thank you for reading my statement and considering me for a role in the Edinburgh Branch.

Last year I've been elected as the Events and Fundraising officer, and while the role was challenging at times, I think I've grown into it which allowed me to help organize some stellar events like:

- Discussing the housing crisis with Living Rent and Patrick Harvie,
- Worksop on unionizing your workplace,

- Showcase of cooperatives,

- Family event at Cammo Park.

I'm keen to continue the role as I have a few other ideas up my sleeves which I'd like to run with this year.

I'm also putting myself for the role as Treasurer, as after more of a decade working in finance, I could bring some knowledge to the role.

Thank you for your consideration!

Role preference

First preference Events and Fundraising Officer

role:
Second preference Treasurer

role:
Third preference Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising Group

role:

Supporters

Susan Rae, Damian Sefton

Committee Nomination

Proposer: Daniel Milligan

Title: Daniel Milligan

Photo



Statement

Last year I got involved with the branch as an ordinary member on the Policy & Campaigns team. After that rewarding experience am now standing for two officer roles. In the P&C team I have been facilitating the discussion around our public spaces campaign, sending out monthly reports from our elected representatives to our membership, and have also been involved with producing campaign material and canvassing for the recent West Edinburgh by-election. Aside from this, I've also been working with the communications team on some video editing and the social media. This year I would like to continue working with communications and hope to have the opportunity to work on accessibility standards and in supporting the sub-committee and our councillors in our comms goals. I think these should include publicizing Green Wins(R), getting the message out of all the great things we want to bring to the city, and standing by our values and support of marginalized classes, ethnic groups, gender/sexual identities, neurotypes, etc.

Role preference

First preference Communications Officer
role:
Second preference Campaigns Officer
role:

Supporters

Al Neathey, Tristan Gray