

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Ben Parker

**Title:** Committee Nomination: Ben Parker

## Photo



## Statement

Hi! I'm Ben and alongside Kate, I've been one of the branch co-convenors this past year. We've really enjoyed working with the committee and each other so are asking for your #1 and #2 votes to continue in the role for a 2nd year.

It's been a busy and strange past year! Since coming into post, Kate & I have helped steer the branch through:

- The (snap) general election campaign, where we ran candidates in every constituency in Edinburgh

- Keeping branch meetings, communications and core activities going through COVID-19
- Kicking off the Holyrood election campaign, helping to establish the Lothian campaign team for 2021

We've also:

- Worked with the committee to establish a working group structure and offer new ways for members to be involved with the branch
- Worked closely with local teams and members to develop local actions and capacity, including running trainings and strategy days
- Worked hard to try and improve the diversity of our committee and candidates, including running 'pathways into politics' events for under-represented groups, and helping ensure that accessibility/inclusion is considered across all branch activity, including in the budget
- Taken a collaborative, participatory approach to running meetings, helping to facilitate decision-making where all voices are heard

We hope you can place your trust in us to co-convene the branch through what will be a big year to come!  
Thank you.

## Role preference

<b>First preference</b>	Co-Convenor
<b>role:</b> <b>Second preference</b>	Policy and Campaigns Officer
<b>role:</b> <b>Third preference</b>	Vice Convenor

## **Supporters**

Rob Gowans (rgo13618), Alys Mumford (amu5240)