

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Dave Owen

**Title:** Dave Owen

## Photo



## Statement

I've been a member since 2010 and have held national or branch offices for almost all that time. After a couple of years sabbatical from the branch committee, I'm inspired to return by the recent local authority campaign and my experience of being a local team organiser. Our near-miss in my ward this time round has fired me up!

I want to help maintain a community of local team organisers who can share lessons learned and maintain campaigning capacity in the period between elections. I'm interested in how we can engage more members to be active and retain their commitment, so that local team organisers are never left feeling unresourced and unsupported.

Working with candidates and ward organisers around the branch to produce Green News over the years has

given me a strong sense of the different ways in which local teams operate. I think there's no "one size fits all" model for supporting them and an agile approach will find a productive balance between prescriptive and reactive assistance.

## **Role preference**

**First preference role:** Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member Support Group

**Second preference role:** Ordinary Member - Communications Group

## **Supporters**

Megan McHaney - mmc16782, Rob Gowans - rgo13618

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**Proposer:** Evan Macdonald

**Title:** Evan Macdonald

## Photo



## Statement

Hi, I'm Evan, I'm 18, and I'm standing for a committee role as I believe I can bring a local young Green voice to the groups I am standing for.

I have lived in Edinburgh all my life and I love my city, so being able to help the branch run would be a great opportunity. I am dedicated and passionate about politics and all things Green and progressive. I have enjoyed being a part of the campaign for the Edinburgh local elections and being able to meet and work with amazing people within the party across all the wards in Edinburgh. I believe this shows I am dedicated to the party and proves that I will work hard for the branch.

This is the first internal party role I have stood for but I am eager to learn how to work as a committee. Still I believe I can offer a young green voice to the group as I have written in an article about the

climate crisis and the effect it is having on young people's mental wellbeing for a magazine and I have worked on my college's environment society. Being able work on these groups, helping shape our branch and making sure it works for the members, would be very rewarding as it gives me the chance to be a Green activist in a new setting when they're isn't an election coming while also boosting my knowledge for politics and skills for when I start uni later this year.

Since I joined the Greens I have enjoyed it so much, so being able to stand for committee roles is so exciting and I can't wait to get to work. Thank you for reading my nomination!

### Role preference

<b>First preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member Support Group
<b>Second preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Communications Group
<b>Third preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group
<b>Fourth preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising Group
<b>Fifth preference role:</b>	Local Teams and Member Support Officer

### Supporters

Kayleigh O'Neill, Sophie Brodie

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Andrew Brough

**Title:** Andrew Brough

## Photo



## Statement

During 2021 – 2022 I have developed this role - I have brought a proactive approach and want to see the WCO role use much more within the Branch in the coming years.

During the past year I have provided support with welfare and conduct issues both within Edinburgh Branch with individual members, between elected representatives within the Branch, and helped with local team support where needed and currently ongoing support around local teams/candidates after the Council 2022 elections. I have advised on issues within Scottish Greens and issues in local Branches across Scotland.

It is a role I feel excited to grow in for the benefit of our members and how we treat each other within the party. We need to work with respect, promote good mental health and make sure we resolve issues quickly and wherever possible informally as well.

I would relish the chance to continue this job for 2022 – 2023 with a new group of Councillors requiring support, helping to improve ways of working for the year ahead; whilst encouraging members to use the Welfare and Conduct role to support them within our brilliant Branch and the work we do on behalf of Edinburgh Greens.

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

## **Role preference**

**First preference**            Welfare and Conduct Officer  
**role:**

## **Supporters**

Claire Miller, Susan Logie

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Alison Neathey (ANE3894)

**Title:** Alison Neathey

## Photo



## Statement

I've been involved in Edinburgh Greens print and web communications for some time:

- designing and managing the production of Green News
- designing, building and editing the branch website
- designing occasional leaflets
- helping to set up the media library

I also managed the change from [edinburghgreens.org.uk](http://edinburghgreens.org.uk) to [scottishgreens.org.uk](http://scottishgreens.org.uk) email accounts, and set up the current password management system.

Although I've not worked on Edinburgh Greens e-newsletter before, I have some experience of setting up and producing e-newsletters in my day job.

I'd like to join the committee this year with a view to doing some comms development work particularly on the website, Green News and developing the comms volunteer base.

## **Role preference**

**First preference**                      Communications Officer

**role:**

**Second preference**                Ordinary Member - Communications Group

**role:**

## **Supporters**

Harriet Hall (HHA147955), Steve Burgess (SBU2252)



# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Helen McCabe

**Title:** Helen McCabe

## Photo



## Statement

Over the past year I have been an enthusiastic and committed member of the branch committee and I'd love to continue working on building our movement and spreading the Green message! I've met so many new people since becoming more involved with the Greens and I've had so much fun getting to work on our local election campaign, and being part of such an energised, dedicated team.

I'd be delighted to help out wherever I can but my first preference is for an ordinary member position on the Policy and Campaigns Group as I have a lot of relevant experience that would make me well-suited for this role.

Relevant experience:

I've been a member of the Scottish Greens since March 2019 and I joined the branch committee last year as one of the Policy and Campaigns Officers. I also stood as a Green candidate in the local elections and led on development of the Edinburgh Greens' manifesto alongside the other Policy and Campaigns Officer.

I led on writing the health and social care section of the Holyrood 2021 manifesto and have worked on the health section of the PRD. I have also been working in health and social care policy since 2017 and I am currently a researcher for Gillian Mackay MSP so have plenty of experience of developing policy.

I also have experience of planning events and issuing comms to a range of audiences so would be happy to get involved in these areas.

## **Role preference**

<b>First preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Second preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Communications Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Third preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising Group
<b>role:</b>	

## **Supporters**

Iina Jaara ija177049, Cameron Glasgow cgl18122

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Sarah Appleby

**Title:** Sarah Appleby

## Photo



## Statement

I've been a member for 3 years and have helped with leafleting, and now I'd love to become more involved with the branch through one of the Ordinary Member roles. With the recent local election results, this is a really exciting time to become more involved with the Greens. I'm a queer person living in Northfield with my partner and our dog Josy, and currently I'm finishing a PhD in astronomy. Through doing my research I've become skilled at data analysis and visualisation.

## Role preference

**First preference role:** Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member Support Group

**Second preference**      Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group  
**role:**

**Supporters**

Margaret Bennett, Louise Bennett

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Megan McHaney

**Title:** Megan McHaney

## Photo



## Statement

I want to support all our local teams to campaign on local green issues, be welcoming and inclusive groups for our members, and ultimately grow green votes in Edinburgh. I've got experience of working with local groups in my various jobs, and as Edinburgh Branch Local Team officer in 2020-21 and as a candidate for the council elections 2022. I hope to combine my community development and campaigning experience to make our local teams strong and agile, as we grow as a branch.

## Role preference

**First preference role:** Local teams and member support officer

**Second preference**      Ordinary member for Local teams and member  
**role:**                      support group

### **Supporters**

Yasmin Luqman (ylu175260), Ben Parker (bpa15996)

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Zoe Clelland

**Title:** Zoe Clelland

## Photo



## Statement

The past year has been hugely successful for our Branch and I've been really proud to be part of the team during that time. Becoming co-convenor during this election year has been a bit of a whirlwind but one I've really enjoyed. Although I've been a member for 16 years, and co-convenor of national Policy Committee for several, this has been my first branch role and one I'd love to continue.

IndyRef2 may well throw us back into campaigning but in a post-election year, there is a danger our Branch goals are less clear. During this time, I'm particularly interested in focusing on:

- Becoming more of a campaigning branch – working closely with our elected representatives to help them realise our manifesto pledges.

- Improving branch structures and ways of working so we are even better set up to campaign, fundraise and engage members in the future
- Developing our membership so more people and a greater diversity of people are active in the Branch

The skills I can bring from my volunteer roles with the SGP include chairing meetings, facilitating workshops, running events, and generally keeping things well organised and on track. 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.

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

## Role preference

<b>First preference</b>	Co-convenor
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Second preference</b>	Policy and Campaigns Officer
<b>role:</b>	

## Supporters

Rob Gowans, Claire Miller



# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Rob Gowans

**Title:** Rob Gowans

## Photo



## Statement

I'm seeking your support to continue as branch Co-Convenor, having taken on the role since November to fill a vacancy.

Whilst the branch's time has rightly been focused on successfully electing 10 Green councillors over the past year, with no elections scheduled in the next 12 months, there's an opportunity to concentrate on developing our branch and other activities. I want to help lead an engaging range of activities, including:

- Reviewing how we can better support our local teams and sub-branches.

- Putting a structure in place for members to be able to help shape the work of our councillors, and our MSP.
- Building a renewed relationship with the party nationally, with a clear role for Edinburgh branch in our national structure.

Having previously served as on the party's Elections and Campaigns Committee, including a term as Co-Convenor, as well as on the Edinburgh branch committee between 2015 and 2018, I have considerable experience of party roles. In particular, I've played a key organising role in every election campaign since I joined the party in 2014, locally and nationally, and have worked tirelessly to develop our campaigning capacity.

In my day job, I'm a Policy and Public Affairs manager for a national charity, and as a Gorgie resident for the past 12 years, I'm still celebrating finally having a Green councillor!

I've thoroughly enjoyed my relatively short spell as Co-Convenor, and would love to continue in the role with your support.

## Role preference

<b>First preference</b>	Co-Convenor
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Second preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group
<b>role:</b>	

## Supporters

Zoe Clelland, Kate Nevens

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Esme Clelland

**Title:** Esme Clelland

## Photo



## Statement

I have been a member of the Scottish Green Party for around 10 years and part of the City Centre group until moving to West of Edinburgh. I am a chartered planner and especially interested in this area of policy.

When a member of the City Centre group I had the opportunity to provide occasional planning advice and support to SGP councillors. I helped organise and deliver a workshop during the early stages of the Edinburgh local development plan consultation, to increase knowledge of the process and encourage people to engage. This involved working with the rest of the group to plan the event, facilitating discussions, empowering members to advocate on issues they cared about and helping to produce content to feed back to the Council.

I have experience of working with other branch members to develop the planning policy for the PRD and

supported them in presenting this at conference. This gave me experience of working with others on policy and discussing issues in person and through the online forum.

I work in Policy and Advocacy for a national environmental charity, and have experience of advocating for policy changes and briefing elected members. This role also involves working closely with communications and campaigns colleagues to identify and deliver the most effective ways of meeting aims and objectives.

I have good attention to detail and writing skills. I feel that I work very well as part of a team and would contribute positively to the Policy and Campaigns Group.

## **Role preference**

**First preference**            Ordinary Members - Policy and Campaigns  
**role:**

## **Supporters**

Daniel Pacey dpa11209, Andrew Brough abr16105

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Adam Harris

**Title:** Adam Harris

## Photo



## Statement

Hi, I'm Adam Harris, one of the Co-Convenors of Lothian Young Greens. I've been a member of the party for a year and a half now and have been fairly active since then and was particularly involved in this year's council election campaign.

I'm running for Treasurer because I would like to explore ways to further strengthen the financial security of the branch after two years of elections. If elected to any role, I would do my best to support the branch and its members over the coming year.

Outside of my work with the party, I am a maths student at the University of Edinburgh, where I have just finished my 3rd year.

## Role preference

First preference	Treasurer
role:	
Second preference	Elections Agent
role:	
Third preference	Policy and Campaigns Officer
role:	

## Supporters

Alan Duggan (adu177911), Andrew Brough (abr16105)

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Tristan Gray

**Title:** Tristan Gray

## Photo



## Statement

I am standing for the Policy and Campaigns Officer role, a position I held in the Edinburgh Greens Committee from 2018 to 2021. I have also served on the national party Policy Committee for two years and brought and passed multiple policy motions at conference, from Rewilding to mixed-language education to working from home regulation to the fight against Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

I have significant experience in political campaigns, having stood for parliament three times and worked with Green campaign teams in every election since 2018, from organising canvassing sessions to representing the party in local hustings. I'm a co-founder of the End Conversion Therapy Scotland campaign and Convenor of Our Republic, the organisation calling for an elected Head of State for Scotland.

After being part of the negotiations team for the post-Edinburgh Council elections results I know there's a

huge amount of work to be done over the next year to make Green policies a reality in our city, and establishing ourselves ready for new national elections in years to come. This is a vital time, a turning point where every win for the environment and equality can dramatically change our future. I believe I have the experience and record that suits this role for the year ahead.

## **Role preference**

**First preference**                      Policy and Campaigns Officer

**role:**  
**Second preference**                      Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group  
**role:**

## **Supporters**

Fraser May - FMA12530, Damian Sefton - dse12745



# Committee Nomination

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**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.

I've lived in Edinburgh for 5 years, been a member of the Greens for 3 years, 2 of which I've been the Convenor of Leith and Leith Walk Sub-branch.

After a string of successful elections results, our party has proven to be both a force to be reckoned with, a force with the power to positively impact the lives of so many of our fellow citizens. But this momentum cannot be squandered. Now is the time to activate even more members, reach out to more people and build an actual grass roots movement. This will require a lot of elbow grease, and this year I've decided to be more active in the branch to help out with that.

I'm bringing a lot of experience to the table, in addition to being a convenor of LLW sub-branch I've also represent the branch on Edinburgh committee and more recently ran the successful council campaign for Susan Rae (or more precisely – done what Susan told me). On top of that I've worked in the financial sector for the last 11 years, which brings a lot of knowledge in organising and project work.

My first preference is the position of Events and Fundraising Officer, but happy to take whichever role needs filling in.

Thank you for reading, and your consideration.

## Role preference

<b>First preference</b>	Events and Fundraising Officer
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Second preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Third preference</b>	Local Teams and Member Support Officer
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Fourth preference</b>	Treasurer
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Fifth preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member
<b>role:</b>	Support Group

## Supporters

Susan Rae, Fraser May

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Ola Olsinova

**Title:** Ola Olšínová

## Photo



## Statement

After having had the great privilege of supporting our new Forth councillor Kayleigh into her councillorship, I would love to use my energy, passion, and significantly more free time that I find myself with and offer my help and recently developed skills to Local Teams across Edinburgh. I would like to work on strategies of bringing the Green Party even more into people's active consciousness, and I would love to see members becoming more active in their local communities in activities that suit and resonate with them. I imagine it would be great to work closely with the Events and Fundraising Officer as well as the Communications Officer to get messages out clearly and to plan events that build stronger ties within our local communities between people as well as other organisations and unions. As I am a relatively new addition to Greens of Edinburgh, I believe the role of the Ordinary Member would be the perfect one for me to learn and develop skills that would allow me to help in the most effective way possible.

## Role preference

<b>First preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Local Team and Member Support
<b>Second preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising
<b>Third preference role:</b>	Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns
<b>Fourth preference role:</b>	Local Teams and Member Support Officer

## Supporters

Caroline Barr, Steve West

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Iina Jaara

**Title:** Iina Jaara

## Photo



## Statement

Hi everyone! My name is Iina, an MSc student living in Gorgie, and I am re-running to be Committee Secretary for the Edinburgh Greens branch committee. I'm non-binary and use pronouns she/they.

A little bit about me. My journey with the green movement started when I joined the Green Party of Finland at 16. Before moving to Scotland in 2014 to study, I had been active in both my local branch, the international working groups and the 2012 Finnish presidential elections for the Green candidate. Whilst I only joined SGP in 2019, I have always held values aligning with the Scottish Greens.

The past year I have had the opportunity to not only act as Clerk for the Women's Network and Committee Secretary for the Edinburgh Greens, but also work for one of our amazing Green MSPs and support the campaigns of my friends and colleagues in the local elections. I have grown a lot in 2021/2022 as a Green

activist and I am excited to keep supporting my local branch.

Thank you for reading and I hope I have your support!

## **Role preference**

**First preference**      Committee Secretary  
**role:**

## **Supporters**

Helen McCabe, Cameron Glasgow

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Steve West - swe3895

**Title:** Steve West

## Photo



## Statement

I've been involved in my local team/sub-branch (South East Edinburgh Greens) for many years, mainly as the local membership secretary and leafleting co-ordinator.

This year I got more involved in the Edinburgh Branch by joining in the election campaign team. I want to keep up my involvement and help out more at branch level.

I'm very familiar with the party's membership database (Forest) and the IT side of things. I also have experience in design and print, and in website development.

## Role preference

**First preference**            Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member  
**role:**                            Support Group

**Second preference**        Ordinary Member - Communications Group  
**role:**

### **Supporters**

Caroline Barr - cba3797, Alison Neathey - ane3894



# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Liam Singleton

**Title:** Liam Singleton

## Photo



## Statement

Hi, a relatively new member of the party I'm keen to get more involved in Scottish Greens essential work as our planet faces a climate crisis and systemic environmental collapse. I can bring policy experience from my time working in senior roles in the environment sector, most recently as an environmental consultant, plus a passion and commitment to the cause.

## Role preference

**First preference role:** Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns

## Supporters

Mariusz Cebulski, Zoe Clelland

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Ruth Elliott REL238706

**Title:** Ruth Elliott

## Photo



## Statement

Although I only joined the party last summer, I have been very involved in the council election campaign and generally quite active in Edinburgh. As a co-convenor for Lothian Young Greens, I have plenty of experience organising events and supporting the wider party. I think an ordinary member role would be very beneficial for communication between the two groups, and I would love to work more closely with the Edinburgh branch team to build this relationship.

## Role preference

**First preference role:** Ordinary Member - Communications

<b>Second preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Third preference</b>	Ordinary Members - Policy and Campaigns
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Fourth preference</b>	Ordinary Members - Local Teams and Member
<b>role:</b>	Support

## **Supporters**

Adam Harris AHA225838, Evan MacDonald EMA238795

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Fraser May

**Title:** Fraser May (he/him)

## Photo



## Statement

Hello! I have been lucky enough to be on the branch committee for the last three years in an election focussed role.

As we move into a new phase after the elections of the last two springs, I would love the opportunity continue to be involved in the branch committee to help the branch continue to grow and succeed further.

The branch's local teams and sub-branches have been what has carried us over the line during the elections and I am keen to use the experience I've gained to help them develop them further and share best practice.

## Role preference

**First preference**            Local Teams and Member Support Officer  
**role:**  
**Second preference**        Elections Agent  
**role:**  
**Third preference**          Treasurer  
**role:**  
**Fourth preference**        Secretary  
**role:**

## **Supporters**

Mariusz Cebulski, Damian Sefton

# Committee Nomination

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**Proposer:** Daniel Milligan

**Title:** Daniel Milligan

## Photo



## Statement

There are at the same time so many good things going for this city whilst at the same time there is so much work to be done. That's why I'm putting myself forward for the committee. I've moved around through my life, attending P6 in Oxfords before leaving and coming back to Edinburgh for Uni. After another stint abroad I moved back 2 years ago to be closer to family during increasingly challenging times. My motley CV spans from vegetarian cafe worker, and green-roof labourer, to academia, and I'm now working in life science logistics. Since returning to Edinburgh I've been involved in a joint Refugee Community Kitchen and Shrub food-share project, and in bringing back monthly Critical Mass bike rides. I now want to be involved in empowering our membership and supporting our councillors in making Edinburgh a sustainable and inclusive city where its residents can thrive. Particular interests of mine include the issues of accessibility/public transport/active travel, welfare/housing, and green space access/biodiversity. I value transparency and ensuring diverse voices are heard in the discussion. It's been a pleasure to campaign for the recent national

and local elections and I am excited about where the party is going.

## **Role preference**

<b>First preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Policy and Campaigns Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Second preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Communications Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Third preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Events and Fundraising Group
<b>role:</b>	
<b>Fourth preference</b>	Ordinary Member - Local Teams and Member
<b>role:</b>	Support Group
<b>Fifth preference</b>	Treasurer
<b>role:</b>	

## **Supporters**

Megan McHaney mmc16782, Daniel Abrahams dab189021