Proposer:

Catherine Anderson

Title:

Catherine Anderson



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I grew up in the southside of Edinburgh, and after moving away for a little over a decade - living in St Andrews, Glasgow, London, France, Switzerland, Jordan and Palestine - I returned home last year. I studied international relations, with a master's in journalism, and have worked in the media and for several human rights charities in communications and campaigning roles. I'm looking forward to getting more involved in the branch in the run up to the 2026 elections as it's becoming increasingly important to bring radical left voices who will fight for social and climate justice to Holyrood. I'm putting myself forward for committee to take on this active role and to play a part in electing a record number of Greens to parliament.

From my time working in the media and for charities, I have developed wide ranging skills in campaigning and communications, and I'm keen to apply these skills to support the branch. While living in Glasgow, I was active in campaigning in the 2021 election, and I'm eager to build on this by playing an active committee role for 2026. I'm proactive, collaborative and a good team player, and I believe my friendly, positive attitude will help strengthen the committee as we enter an exciting, but also full on and challenging year. I'm keen to learn from more experienced members, but I'm also enthusiastic to get stuck in. I believe my professional experience combined with my positive attitude makes me a strong candidate for this year's committee.

Role preference

First preference role:	Elections & Campaigns Working Group ordinary member
Second preference	Communications Working Group ordinary member
role: Third preference	N/a
role: Fourth preference	Na
role: Fifth preference	Na
role:	

Supporters

Ben Parker, Al Neathey

Proposer:

Dave Owen

Title:

Dave Owen



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I've been Elections Agent, and before that, Election Liaison Officer, for the branch for the majority of the period 2012 to the present. I take satisfaction in ensuring the branch has a healthy and productive relationship with the election offices in both local authorities we cover, and with the party's national Nominating Officer, and in ensuring that all our candidates' nominations are submitted promptly and correctly, and that their expenditure is tracked and submitted properly. I am keen to remain in post for the forthcoming Holyrood and local authority elections.

In recognition of the work associated with elections between now and mid-2027, I will not be standing for any other post concurrent with this, as I did from 2023-25.

I have more experience of the role than anyone else in the branch, and good relationships with election officials in Edinburgh and West Lothian. I have retired from full-time work, which gives me flexibility to meet candidates, nominators, and election officials during the working day. I have an aptitude for formal communication and data management that has helped me stay on top of the role over the years, and have never failed to submit the branch's nomination or expenditure declarations on time and correctly.

Role preference

First preference	Elections Agent
role: Second preference	None
role: Third preference	None
role: Fourth preference	None
role: Fifth preference	None
role:	

Supporters

Daniel Milligan, Rob Gowans

Proposer:

Andrew Brough

Title:

Andrew Brough



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

Welfare and Conduct Officer x1

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

During 2024 – 2025 Most issues for the WCO within the branch have been dealt with in an informal way – getting people to talk through issues and differences as required.

However, we have seen a greater need for help, and with the addition of another officer in 2025 my hope is that with two of us we will get better at welfare issues rather than just conduct issues.

I want to help before it becomes a conduct issue. With burnout, elections, and two years of campaigning coming up it is all something we need to be wary of to do better with each other on.

After doing this job for a long time in Edinburgh, I look forward to hopefully serving another year and seeing this move to a bigger and proactive role with two people covering the job.

Role preference

First preference	WCO
role: Second preference	None
role: Third preference	None
role: Fourth preference	None
role: Fifth preference	None
role:	

Supporters

Ann Scott asc127962, Daniel Pacey dpa11209

Proposer:

Michael Heffernan

Title:

Michael Heffernan



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have enjoyed being an ordinary member of the Communications Group over the past year. I feel that I have brought a new focus to our social media channels, in particular, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>TikTok</u>.

If re-elected I would like to continue creating bold, funny and exciting content as the Holyrood campaign commences. I'd also like to explore better ways of working with the Green Councillor Group to create content for EGP socials and build their own social media channels. I have done this successfully in the recent Fountainbridge-Craiglockhart by-election, working with the candidate and their team. It would be good to emulate this elsewhere.

Vote Michael Heffernan #1 to build a stronger social media presence before these vital forthcoming elections.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you

are standing for?

I have been an active and effective member of the party for a number of years:

- I was the Young Greens International Officer. I represented the party at the European Greens Congress, helping finalise the manifesto for the European elections and I helped deliver GOTV for those elections here in Edinburgh, including lots of social media content, posters, and general comms.
- I am a member of the Communications working group group, where I've revived our Instagram and TikTok accounts.
- I spend too much time on TikTok, largely watching progressive political parties' TikToks and taking notes .

I'm also an experienced campaigner around social and climate issues, and I often make the case for these causes in the media, on conference panels etc.

Role preference

First preference	Comms	group	_	ordinary	member
role: Second preference	n/a				
role: Third preference	n/a				
role: Fourth preference	n/a				
role: Fifth preference	n/a				
role:					

Supporters

Al Neathey, ane3894, Daniel Milligan, dmi210528

Proposer:

Boyan Karabaliev

Title:

Boyan Karabaliev



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am running for branch co-convener because I am deeply passionate about all things Green, I have greatly enjoyed befriending and working with my fellow members in Edinburgh, and I want to put my energy towards building up our amazing branch in the crucial year ahead of us.

Our party's grassroots democracy is our biggest strength. As co-convener, I will work with the committee to strengthen the autonomy of party branches, and ensure Edinburgh branch members are actively engaged in decision-making. With two election years coming up, building up our grassroots community of Greens is key to not only electing more councillors and MSPs, but remaining true to our values and continuing to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you

are standing for?

I've been an active branch member since the 2022 local elections. I've been on the committee for two years, in the campaigns group and the events and engagement group. I am the membership secretary in North Edinburgh and Leith sub-branch. I helped establish and co-convened the party's Palestine Solidarity Group.

Having held many roles and campaigned in several elections, I have a good understanding of party structures and processes. I have collaborated with many Edinburgh branch members and I am excited to continue working together for people and planet.

I also co-founded and help run the Workers' Observatory in Edinburgh, where I gained skills in grassroots organising, administration, and working with political institutions.

Role preference

First preference	Co-Convener
role: Second preference	Clerk
role: Third preference	Ordinary Member - Events and Engagement Group
role: Fourth preference	none
role: Fifth preference	none
role:	

Supporters

Susan Rae (sra15785), Q Manivannan (qma418015)

Proposer:

Michael Weir

Title:

Michael Weir



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

For me, politics is about hope and compassion. Hope for the future, and compassion for each other. In December, Maggie Chapman said in a debate on welfare (I'm paraphrasing a bit) *Under our armour, we are all wounded, we all bleed, we all need care...To give and receive care is to be human.* That's what the best of politics should be. Looking after each other, protecting the most vulnerable.

Serving on the committee is how I can best help achieve this goal and use my skillset to return the biggest cohort of green MSPs yet.

While I'm running in a personal capacity, what I've learned working in the Scottish Parliament, immersed in politics, will help me deliver for our committee, branch and party.

What do I bring to the table?

- 4 years as comms and engagement specialist at the Scottish Parliament:
 - Extensive knowledge of Scottish politics.
 - Good relationships with Green MSPs and staff. I'd be well suited to align our message with the group but confident discussing where we should diverge.
 - I create accessible, engaging content videos, graphics, articles and blogs.
- Previous experience as a Royal Navy officer and engineering manager spearheading renewables projects I know how to lead from the front.
- I will put in the work to get results. I've already completed a postgrad certificate and additional courses in communication, influencing, and leadership as well as the commonwealth parliamentary association development program.

Role preference

First preference	Communications Officer		
role: Second preference	Events and Engagement Officer		
role: Third preference	Ordinary Member - Communications Group		
role: Fourth preference	Ordinary Member - Events and Engagement Group		
role: Fifth preference	Ordinary Member - Equality, Diversity and		
role:	Inclusion Group		

Supporters

Anne Scott, Dirk Nols-McVey

Proposer:

Jim Keating

Title:





Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I'm passionate about the Scottish Green Party's principles, particularly its focus on social justice, climate action, and grassroots democracy. Contributing to the campaign and election efforts will allow me to help turn these values into tangible political progress in Scotland.

I want to help strengthen our local presence, increase voter engagement, and support Green candidates in Edinburgh. A successful campaign will bring lasting benefits to our communities, from better active travel infrastructure to more equitable housing policy.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I will bring project management, communication & strategy devlelopment skills from my work experience as a water process engineer, business developer and people manager & enthusiasm to my preferred role as Ordinary Member in the Elections and Campaigns Group. I supported Amanda Grimm's Westminister

campaign in 2024 project managing the Green's presence at the Climate festival, canvassing, leaflet delivery, supporting the sub branch efforts, coordination of A-Board preparation & distribution and attendence at hustings.

Role preference

Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns Group
Ordinary Member - Events and Engagement Group
Ordinary Member - Sub-branches and Member Support Group
n/a
n/a

Supporters

Paul Mitchell, Shelly Feeney

Proposer:

Adam McGibbon

Title:

Adam McGibbon



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am a long-time member of the Greens, having joined as a teenager in my hometown of Belfast, Ireland, starting out by founding the Northern Ireland Green Party's youth wing way back in 2007.

I am a professional campaign manager - I have acted as Campaign Manager in campaigns that have elected Greens to Westminster (Caroline Lucas MP), the London Assembly (Sian Berry AM), the European Parliament (Keith Taylor MEP), the Northern Ireland Assembly (Steven Agnew and Claire Bailey MLA) and in many local councils.

After a few years away from Green Party work (aside from delivering Green News in Leith!), I'm looking to get more involved ahead of crucial Holyrood and council elections, to put my 18 years of electoral experience to use. I want to see us change this city for the better, and I believe I can use my skills to make a contribution towards that.

Outside of the Greens, I am a campaign strategist for an international climate organisation, with a background in student and union organising. I've lived in Edinburgh for 4 years.

I approach this role with no desire to stand for election (again!) - only to help others get elected and to further our political agenda.

Role preference

First preference	Elections & Campaigns Officer
role: Second preference role:	Elections & Campaigns Working Group Ordinary Member
Third preference	Sub-branches & Member Support Officer
role: Fourth preference	Sub-branches & Member Support Working Group
role:	Ordinary Member
Fifth preference role:	N/A

Supporters

Gary Dunion, Jacob O'Sullivan

Proposer:

Rob Gowans

Title:

Rob Gowans



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I'm seeking your support to be re-elected to the (renamed!) Elections and Campaigns Group.

This year is a crucial – and exciting – time to be involved in election campaigning. The Holyrood election is the most important election for the party, and I'm keen to use the experience and skills I've developed from helping organise regional and local campaigns for the last two Holyrood elections to help build a winning campaign. If elected, I want to:

- Help organise a campaign that elects at least three Green MSPs in Edinburgh and Lothian East.
- Continue to support sub-branches to build canvassing and campaigning capacity.

• Support an inclusive and accessible campaign that everyone can contribute to.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have extensive election campaign organising experience, and have played a key role in organising campaigns locally and nationally in every election since I joined the party 10 years ago. I've been Co-Convenor of the national Elections and Campaigns Committee, and served as branch Co-Convenor between 2021 and 2023. For the past year I've served as one of the branch Campaigns Officers.

In my day job I'm a Policy and Public Affairs Manager for a national charity, and live in Gorgie.

It would be an honour to return to the Elections and Campaigns Group, to help deliver our most successful election yet!

Role preference

First preference role:	Elections and Campaigns Group - Ordinary Member
Second preference	Elections and Campaigns Officer
role: Third preference	N/A
role: Fourth preference	N/A
role: Fifth preference	N/A
role:	

Supporters

Gavin Corbett, Dave Owen

Proposer:

lina Jaara

Title:

Nicola Smith



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

From a young age, I've always wanted things to be fair for everyone. People are tired of the same popular parties letting them down constantly. The Greens offer a solution. People need to know more about what our party is doing. If people were aware of what the Greens were fighting for we would have more supporters. I don't want to do nothing as people are being led astray by right wing parties that don't have their best interest at heart. The top 1% aren't being held accountable by our current government. Yet, this is something the Greens are passionate about. I want to help spread the Greens manifesto that embodies compassion, empathy and idealism. These traits are difficult to find in other parties but they are why I joined the Greens.

I have been a younger carer for just over 10 years. My mum has MS and my dad has chronic fatigue. Therefore I am excellent at balancing multiple aspects of my life. I started working as a Customer Service Assistant at 16 so I have good communication skills when it comes to addressing different types of people. I organised my school's prom fashion show which raised over £2000 and did majority of the work whilst being a part of other commitments such as yearbook and my primary school volunteering. I am a Brownie Unit leader so I organise a lot of activities with the children and I answer questions from parents as well. I study Public and Social Policy at university so I'm interested in understanding what strategies work and which ones don't.

Role preference

First preference role:	Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns Group
Second preference	Ordinary Member - Communications Group
role: Third preference	Ordinary Member - Events and Engagement Group
role: Fourth preference	Ordinary Member - Equality, Diversity and
role:	Inclusion Group
Fifth preference role:	Ordinary Member - Sub-branches and Member Support Group
IOIE:	Support Group

Supporters

lina Jaara - ija177049, Andrew Brough - abr16105

Proposer:

Anne Scott

Title:

Anne Scott



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

After 2 years as a Branch Co Convenor, learning alot about the workings of the branch and the national party, I'd really like to spend the next couple of years focused on helping us to win more elected representatives.

This year, I'm standing for either Elections & Campaigns Officer or Welfare and Conduct Officer. I think all roles in the branch are critical, but these two roles feel like the right ones for me to apply the party knowledge I've gained, but to also learn new things, build new relationships and keep my contribution to our branch fresh. Being an active organiser of our campaigns team and/or supporting the wellbeing of our candidates and branch members in the year ahead looks to me to be rewarding and hopefully good fun too.

I hope I've shown over the last 2 years that I'm organised, honest and do what I say I will. Being a good communicator and reliable are crucial skills in a campaigns role. As a candidate in 2022 and organiser for a ward byelection in 2023, I have good campaigns experience. Taking on a Campaigns Officer role seems a natural next step.

Whilst I'm a pretty task-focused person, I fundamentally care about fairness and equality. We won't achieve much if we don't pull togther in the year ahead. As a trained mental health first aider, and former branch Access & Inclusion Officer, I would apply that experience to helping create a positive environment to support candidates and volunteers. I'm also an experienced people manager and active listener.

Role preference

First preference	Elections and Campaigns Officer
role: Second preference	Welfare and Conduct Officer
role: Third preference	n/a
role: Fourth preference	n/a
role: Fifth preference	n/a
role:	

Supporters

Rob Gowans, Zoe Clelland

Proposer:

Steve West

Title:

Stevie West



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I'm putting myself forward to be an Ordinary Member of Communications, Elections & Campaigns, or Local Teams/Member Support, if needed.

If there aren't enough candiates in any of the groups for a contested election, then I'm willing to help out.

Please DON'T vote for me. I don't want to compete and get elected ahead of any other candidates. I hope we'll have more than enough people willing to fill all of the Ordinary Member roles in these groups, so I won't be needed to make up the numbers.

I will continue to volunteer whether or not I'm elected anyway.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I've been active as a local member since 2014. My background is in IT, graphic design and printing.

I do a bit of volunteering on the communications side – I help maintain the Edinburgh Greens website and branch calendar, help with tech support for the branch email newsletter, run our Mastodon account, and I design leaflets and organise printing.

I've also been the membership secretary of my sub-branch (South East Edinburgh Greens) for several years, so I'm familiar with our membership and canvassing IT systems, and organising leaflet delivery runs. I've been involved in lots of election campaigns over the past decade, both locally and at a Branch level.

Role preference

First preference	Ordinary member - Communications
role: Second preference	Ordinary member - Sub-branches & Member
role:	Support
Third preference	Ordinary member - Elections & Campaigns
role: Fourth preference	none
role: Fifth preference	none
role:	

Supporters

Joan Carter, John Nichol

Proposer:

Eleanor O'Dwyer

Title:

Eleanor O'Dwyer



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am new to the Green Party as a member, but have been a long time supporter and would like to get more involved so I think becoming an Ordinary Member would be a perfect way to do this. I'm very keen to promote the work and ideals of the Green Party as I feel much of the political landscape has become quite defeatist in seeing the future of politics as Labour or Reform and I don't agree that they are all we as a country should settle for and I want to promote the Greens as a solid option for future elections. I would also like to know more about how the Greens operate in Scotland and feel this role would be a great way to do this.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have long been a Green Party voter and I am trying to live my life more sustainably but it can at times feel

challenging and disheartening and I think my honest difficulties with this will stand me in good stead to understand what voters are feeling and how to keep them motivated. I have been a qualified Social Worker for the past five years in both the statutory and the charitable sectors and feel I have a good understanding of the challenges that are facing most Scottish people right now and a feeling for how best to begin addressing these difficulties that would support me to assist the Green Party and there overarching aims as an Ordinary Member.

Role preference

First preference	Events and Engagement Working Group Ordinary
role:	Member
Second preference	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working
role:	Group Ordinary Member
Third preference role: Fourth preference	Communications Working Group Ordinary Member Elections and Campaigns Working Group Ordinary
role: Fifth preference role:	Member Sub Branches Ordinary Member

Supporters

Paul Wilson, Jim Keating

Proposer:

Tao MacLeod

Title:

Tao MacLeod



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am looking to help out with the working groups for several reasons. Firstly, I joined a political party in the hope that we can make a difference in the broader sense. The more people that help out the bigger an impact we can make. Secondly, I want to contribute to the development, outreach and engagement of the party. The more positive attention we can bring to the Scottish Greens the better. In my mind there's no point in being a member without getting stuck in to activities. Fundamentally, if I can be helpful in any way that I can...

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am looking to bring many transferable skills to the working groups. With regards the Communications position, I have had several years of experience working and studying media. Having previously focused on

photography, I have more recently been involved in blogging, video production and podcasting. My experience has been predominately based within the sports world, covering several major and minor events, but I have also hosted a podcast for the Fife Branch of the Scottish Greens, called Sustainable Sounds. My work as a sports coach has also given me experience of helping out at events, such as youth festivals and fixtures. Hopefully I can bring these experiences to help the rest of the team.

Role preference

First preference	Communications Working Group - Ordinary Member
role: Second preference	Events & Engagement Officers - Ordinary Member
role: Third preference role:	Sub-branches & Member Support Working Group - Ordinary Member
Fourth preference role:	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group - Ordinary Member
Fifth preference role:	Campaigns Working Group - Ordinary Member

Supporters

Zoe Clelland, Claire Miller

Proposer:

Zoe Clelland

Title:

Zoe Clelland



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I've been an active Edinburgh Green member for years because I know our journey to a more sustainable and equitable world must start locally, as well as nationally. I don't intend to stand for election myself but want to use my skills and energy to help the Branch run well, grow its supporter base and ultimately elect more Greens.

I've enjoyed my time as co-convenor but would now like to take a different role on committee. I'm enthusiastic about planning a programme of events that gets our key messages across to voters, highlights the work of our elected representatives and encourages a greater diversity of people to be active and enthusiastic about Green politics. I'd love the chance to continue the work we've started to achieve this.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you

are standing for?

Having been part of the branch committee for several years I know how the branch functions, what's involved in running events and have learned from experience about what has worked well and been less successful.

I'm very organised, good at planning and taking a strategic view and would like to bring those skills to developing a well thought through programme of events for the year ahead. I feel confident I can communicate well with others to make sure our events run well, involve the right people and are a success.

Experience from my work means I am very used to fundraising, the practicalities of safeguarding and GDPR, producing event plans and risk assessments and evaluating events so that we continue to improve and build our appeal.

Role preference

First preference	Events and Engagement Officer
role: Second preference	Sub-branches and Member Support Officer
role: Third preference	/
role: Fourth preference	/
role: Fifth preference	/
role:	

Supporters

Ben Parker, Becky Luff

Proposer:

Min Leng

Min Leng

Title:



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I'm standing for this role because the Green Party is the party that truly centres climate, social and racial justice together. As a non-binary migrant living and working in Wester Hailes, I've seen how poverty, exclusion, and racism intersect—and how political spaces can often feel disconnected from people's lived realities. I've led grassroots projects rooted in care and solidarity, but inclusion can't stop at the door. Many face real barriers: language, trauma, precarity, and poverty. That's why we must create welcoming spaces to invite people in, and also reach out to where people feel safe—building trust and making our branch a place where marginalised folk shape decisions, not just attend them.

I bring lived experience as a non-binary migrant, community activist, and front-line worker active in grassroots organising across Edinburgh's underrepresented communities. I've led youth programmes, anti-racist campaigns, and inclusive walking, cycling, and arts initiatives—always grounded in care, equity, and collective action. I'm a skilled facilitator and organiser with strong local networks. I understand how language, trauma, discrimination, mental health, and poverty create barriers to participation, and I've built trust with communities often excluded from political and decision-making spaces. I hope to strengthen the branch in supporting and empowering marginalised communities to drive change from the bottom up.

Role preference

First preference	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer
role: Second preference role:	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Ordinary Member
Third preference	Welfare & Conduct Officer
role: Fourth preference	Election & Campaigning Ordinary Member
role: Fifth preference	Election & Campaigning Officer
role:	

Supporters

Andrew Brough, lina Jaara

Proposer:

Becky Luff

Title:

Becky Luff



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

My first choice of position is Treasurer. In the upcoming year, as well as primary focuses on branch activities and election campaigning, I would like to increase links between branch treasurers across the party to strengthen communication and skills-sharing at an inter-branch level.

My second choice is Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns Group, as I would enjoy helping to support the 2026 Lothian election campaign to be the best possible.

My third choice is Ordinary Member - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group. I strongly believe that energy and resources should be committed to try to ensure that the Edinburgh Greens is as inclusive and diverse a community as possible. I would hope to support this group in whatever role I play.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you

are standing for?

My day job is working in Production Accounting and I am experienced in managing budgets, as well as day-today accounts processing.

In 2024/25 I have been an Ordinary Member of the Scottish Green Party's Finance and Fundraising Committee. I was also previously involved in the SGP Capitations Working Group. From 2017-2022 as part of my role of Edinburgh Green Party Treasurer, I was involved in the campaigns committee of the 2019 Westminster, 2021 Holyrood, and 2022 Local Council elections.

I have lived experience of RRMS.

Role preference

First preference	Treasurer
role: Second preference role:	Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns Group
Third preference role:	Ordinary Member - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group
Fourth preference	-
role: Fifth preference	-
role:	
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Supporters

Mary Campbell, Alys Mumford

Proposer:

Robert G Keim

Title:

Bob Keim



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have really enjoyed being Membership Officer for the Central Edinburgh Greens Sub-branch, and I would like to broaden my involvement in membership and sub-branch connected work. These are difficult times, and in times like these it is especially important that we build our membership in numbers, in engagement and in political skills and understanding.

- An active member of the Scottish Greens for 10 years, at times serving on the Edinburgh Branch Committee and on the SOC
- Before leaving the US, I was a member of the Democratic Socialists of America

- Involvement in union organising, child care advocacy, anti-racism, a politically focused community newsletter.
- A wide range of teaching in academia (3 subject areas, 4 countries)
- Years far from the 'ivory tower'; including years working in child daycare and working as a type setter.
- For the past 2 years, active in the Central Edinburgh Greens sub-branch, handling many of the concerns related to member support welcoming new members, developing events that engage, handling mail

Role preference

First preference role:	Ordinary member of Sub-branches & Member Support Working Group
Second preference role:	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group
Third preference	NA
role: Fourth preference	NA
role: Fifth preference	NA
role:	

Supporters

Amanda Grimm, Paul Wilson

Proposer:

Samuel Flewett

Title:

Samuel Flewett



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am choosing this role as my first preference for two main reasons. Firstly because I live in Livingston where we need a sub branch but don't yet have one, and secondly because my political experience in a secondary urban area is likely to be applicable to this role. Looking towards Holyrood, I believe that we must provide an alternative to the SNP/Labour duopoly, listening to the concerns of our neighbours in towns, villages and cities, and present solutions which are both credible and ethically sound. Reform UK is rising in the polls, especially in regional and outer suburban zones. By strengthening local Party structures, we can play a leading role in ensuring that they will not pass!

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have been a left wing activist since my university days in Aotearoa/NZ and Australia, and was branch convenor during 2020 for the local branch of the current governing party of Chile (at a time when they were in opposition). Early on I was Involved in SWP type organizations, however over the years I have come to the conclusion that a more pluralistic ideological basis is necessary in order to present effective solutions to the complex problems affecting our world. As branch convenor in the town of Concón, I experienced first hand some of the challenges of working in an area where left politics were considered "atypical", and had the satisfaction of being part of the team that got our first councillor elected.

Role preference

First preference role:	General member, Sub-branches and member support.				
Second preference role:	General member, inclusion	equality, diversity and			
Third preference	None				
role: Fourth preference	None				
role: Fifth preference	None				
role:					

Supporters

Boyan Karabaliev, Damian Sefton

Proposer:

Kate Nevens

Title:

Kate Nevens



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I've been the sole Access and Inclusion Officer for the Edinburgh and West Lothian Branch for the past two years, and I'm thrilled that Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) has been given greater prominence, now with two officer roles and a dedicated working group. At a time when rights and justice are under threat, it's so important that this is a priority for us as a party.

I'd love to be re-elected to the role and to continue some of the work I've been doing around making branch communications, meetings and campaigns more accessible and inclusive, and supporting underrepresented groups to stand for election. I really enjoy collaboration and am excited about the prospect of supporting a transition to a bigger and stronger EDI team.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you

are standing for?

I am a freelance facilitator and researcher in the field of rights, justice and equalities. I work with social justice groups in Scotland and internationally (including in Palestine and Yemen), and co-founded the intersectional, anti-racist and feminist consultancy *the collective*. I have a strong understanding of EDI and anti-oppression principles and approaches, and am keen to keep learning and developing my skills.

Through my role as National Council Co-Convenor, I've learned a lot about our party's approach to EDI (including areas for improvement!), and have built strong relationships with our party's Representative Groups. I have previously been branch co-convenor, and a Green candidate for Holyrood, Westminster and Council elections.

Role preference

First preference	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer
role: Second preference role:	Ordinary Member - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group
Third preference role:	Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns Group
Fourth preference role: Fifth preference role:	_

Supporters

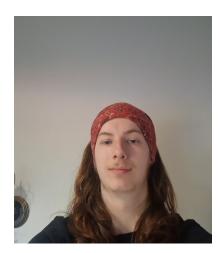
Alys Mumford, amu5240, Becky Luff, blu17138

Proposer:

Conor Simpson

Title:

Conor Simpson



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have only recently moved to the city and it has been a huge perspective shift. I come from Moray originally and there is nowhere near the level of opportunity or community back home. This shocking contrast has really inspired me to get involved and take part in my community where the opportunity wasnt available previously. I've always felt strongly about social issues but lacked the knowledge or direction to do anything about it. Now that I have this abundance of chances to do good locally and support those struggling much like I have I want to do so and a role within the green party represents a real, managable way to take action and develop my skills with others to look to for that much needed sense of organisation.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I believe between my growing up as someone effected by many of the social causes relevant to this party and my extensive practical skills I'm in a unique postion to fulfill my role exceptionally. In my career as a support worker I've developed strong ability to communicate with individuals of all abilities and interests as well as gained valuable experience creating written communications that are detailed and accessible such that professionals and families can make use of it. I have worked with teams to provide the highest quality of care under high pressure and often without the desirable amount of resources, this skill easily translates into other areas where I am now confident in my ability to manage high stress situations of all kinds.

Role preference

First preference	Communications Working Group - Ordinary Member
role: Second preference role:	Elections & Campaigns Working Group - Ordinary Member
Third preference role:	Sub-branches & Member Support Working Group - Ordinary Member
Fourth preference role:	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group - Ordinary Member
Fifth preference role:	Events & Engagement Working Group - Ordinary Member

Supporters

Claire Miller, Stevie West

Proposer:

Fraser May

Title:

Fraser May



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have been an ordinary member of the campaign working group for the last year and I have played an active role in helping with preparing both the branch election strategy and the draft of the branch Holyrood campaign plan. With the focus of the next year on the Holyrood election I would like to help the campain team with delivering a successful outcome.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I was one of the branch organisers of the 2021 Holyrood election campaign and the 2022 council campaign therefore have experience of how campaigns work and the tasks which are needed to be undertaken at the branch level.

Role preference

First preference	Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns
role:	Group
Second preference	None
role: Third preference	None
role: Fourth preference	None
role: Fifth preference	None
role:	

Supporters

Steve West (swe3895), Mary Campbell (mca5757)

Proposer:

Paul Wilson

Title:





Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I am enthused by the prospect of increasing our Green vote count and representatives in the Holyrood 2026 elections, and in the following year's council elections. Achieving our potential in those elections will be a lot of work and I want to contribute as much as I can to that effort.

Close cooperation between between Comms and Elections & Campaigns will be crucial to our successes. I hope to build on the existing collaborations and help organise efforts such as:

- arranging the design and production of printed campaign materials, as well as Green News
- publicising campaign activities to members, and encouraging their involvment

- coordinating social media posts
- supporting sub-branches, candidates, and campaigns teams with their comms needs

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

The main things that I bring from my working experience, including having run a successful software agency for 10 years, is organisational and collaboration skills.

I am an active member of CEG sub-branch, have served as CEG Comms Officer for 2 years, as election coordinator for Westminster 2024, and have been organising warm-up canvassing sessions for Holyrood 2026.

I have two years experience as a Comms Ordinary Member and have been the main coordinator of Green News for the branch's wards during that time. I have been involved with a range of other group activities such as running the Twitter account (now abandoned), the BlueSky account, branch calendar maintenance, branch meeting tech-support, and attending working group meetings.

Role preference

First preference	Communications Officer			
role: Second preference	Ordinary Member - Communications Working Group			
role: Third preference	Ordinary Member - Elections and Campaigns			
role:	Group			
Fourth preference	n/a			
role: Fifth preference	n/a			
role:				

Supporters

Jennifer Wilson (JWI16898), Bob Keim (rke5253)

Proposer:

Daniel Milligan

Title:

Daniel Milligan



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

It'll be really exciting to be on the committee in the year ahead of Holyrood 2026. We'll be standing candidates in every constituency, effectively leading the way in raising the party's profile nationally. We'll be taking ever more space in the public discourse on deciding Scotland's future, in tackling the climate crisis, addressing global injustices, particularly the ongoing genocide in Palestine, and bringing the country closer to independence. The party is taking action to improve the diversity of our elected representatives. A lot of work will be needed to support our underrepresented Holyrood candidates and maintain equal gender representation in the councillor group as we select for local authority elections next year.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

I have been on the branch committee for 3 years now, serving as a communications officer for the past 2 years. In this time, the comms team has worked effectively in a way that has let us engage in the roles that

interest us and develop individually. Together we have made considerable progress in the quality of branch comms, in Green News, social media graphics, video production and member emails. I've also been the party clerk for over a year. My experience on the National Executive and Council will allow me to represent the branch effectively. I now seek the opportunity to facilitate the committee as a whole to continue to achieve great things! If elected onto the committee, I will not be running again for national officer/convenorship.

Role preference

First preference	Branch co-convenor		
role: Second preference	Campaigns officer		
role: Third preference	-		
role: Fourth preference	-		
role: Fifth preference	_		
role:			

Supporters

Zoe Clelland, Michael Heffernan

Proposer:

Mariusz Cebulski

Title:

Mariusz Cebulski



Why would you like to be elected to the role(s) you are standing for?

I've been events and engagement officer for the last two years and think I've become quite good at it in that time. Last year I've launched a lecture series 'Green Talks' which have been very successful, thanks to amazing quests I was able to convince to show up. Our membership was able to learn about various topics from vegan activism to the Black Panthers.

I also helped organized multiple branch socials like the Summer Picnic and the Christmas party as well as stalls at Leith Gala and Edinburgh Climate Festival.

What skills, knowledge and life experience would you bring to the role(s) you are standing for?

At this point I've been organising different events for years and while I still have a lot to learn I think I can handle the role and bring multiple events to our members.

Role preference

First preference	Events	and	engagement	officer	
role: Second preference	Events	and	engagement	ordinary me	ember
role: Third preference	N/A				
role: Fourth preference	N/A				
role: Fifth preference	N/A				
role:					

Supporters

Lennie Sefton, Susan Rae