

A40 Gender balance

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Motion text

- 1 In the Constitution section on AGM and Meetings,
- 2 delete “(at least one of whom must be a woman),” from:
- 3 2.9 At each AGM, the Branch will elect two Co-Conveners (at least one of whom
- 4 must be a woman), and a Treasurer. The Branch shall inform the SGP Party Office
- 5 of all new post holders within two weeks of their election. This shall equally
- 6 apply to any changes in office bearers throughout the year, for example
- 7 resignations.
- 8 The revised clause will read:
- 9 2.9 At each AGM, the Branch will elect two Co-Conveners and a Treasurer. The
- 10 Branch shall inform the SGP Party Office of all new post holders within two
- 11 weeks of their election. This shall equally apply to any changes in office
- 12 bearers throughout the year, for example resignations.
- 13 In the Constitution section on Office bearers, add new section:
- 14 [title] Gender balance
- 15 3.1 All positions of leadership or convenorship in Edinburgh Green Party and its
- 16 sub-branches will be shared by persons who will, so far as is possible, be of
- 17 different genders. No trans or non-binary person shall be denied the opportunity
- 18 to hold an SGP office due to their gender. A formal gender balancing process
- 19 will not be adopted. Where gender balance has not been achieved by an election,
- 20 members who are elected are invited to consider whether their acceptance of
- 21 office aligns with SGP's purpose and direction.
- 22 Re-number the following sections accordingly.
- 23 In the branch standing orders section on Office bearers,
- 24 Delete “If the Sub-Branch elects Co-Convenors, at least one of them must be a
- 25 woman.” from:
- 26 3.7.1 Sub-Branches are encouraged to elect office bearers, but are not required
- 27 to do so. If the Sub-Branch elects Co-Convenors, at least one of them must be a
- 28 woman.
- 29 The revised clause will read:
- 30 3.7.1 Sub-Branches are encouraged to elect office bearers, but are not required
- 31 to do so.

Reason

The party is no longer able to implement formal gender quotas in an inclusive way. As a result, requirements for this must be removed from our branch rules. The party Standing Orders Committee (SOC) have proposed text, which the proposed new section 3.1 is based on. This and the relevant background info can be found on the members' hub here: <https://members.greens.scot/file/soc-emergency-paperpdf> .

Supporters

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