

A1 Green Banner Crafting!

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This idea is to gather party members to collaboratively make a banner (or banners?!) for use on marches, at stalls, conferences etc. Unions always have beautiful banners, and we should too! Members will collaboratively design the banners to reflect our values, and come together to make them.



This would involve hiring the remakery and their sewing machines, some refreshments, and materials, although the majority of the fabric will be provided from scrap, to help reduce waste. We could repeat this session twice or more times depending on demand, and it might also open the door for future 'green crafts' sessions to create things to sell on stalls or share skills etc.

Which of the aims of our PB trial will this help deliver and how?

- Promote Green value

The activity itself will promote Green values as it will be about reusing materials and contributing to the circular economy. It is also about wellbeing, and honouring crafts which are undervalued because of traditional association with women.

The banners that will be made in the project will also be used to promote Green values as they will be used at marches etc.

- Improve diversity and inclusion across the branch

This activity might appeal to people who don't feel comfortable engaging in traditional political activity like doorknocking. It will be in an accessible space, and can be engaged in with people of any skill level. It would be open to children, meaning members with childcare responsibilities will be more able to attend

- Increase membership participation & engagement

Not only will this be an engaging activity for members itself, it will also be an informal space for people to meet other party members and discuss politics, hopefully getting them more engaged.

Venue Hire and refreshments: £300 (awaiting exact costs from Remakery)

Materials (although most will be reused, things like fabric glue and pens, thread, interfacing etc will be bought new): £75

Total: £375

This has been discussed informally in the 'Lothian Women's Whatsapp' Group as well as with other members over several years, but has never had the impetus to get off the ground. Hopefully this is the moment!