



Candidate selection ☒

Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart 2025

Proposer: Q Manivannan - qma418015

Title: Q Manivannan

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Statement

As a queer Tamil candidate, I believe in building communities of care and collaboration. I prioritise developing local economies, ecologies, culture, and welfare. I am the Co-Convenor of the Palestine Solidarity Group of the Scottish Greens, coordinating over 100 members, including MSPs and counsellors, nationally. I hold 10+ years of experience as a policy expert with the United Nations and other NGOs and CSOs, trained to work on conflict resolution, disability, social equality, welfare, and gender-based violence, and have curated arts and creative events in Edinburgh and Fife for the last four years. As an award-winning political scientist, my PhD research in India, Ireland, and Scotland studied care and grief among marginalised religions and working-class communities.

For Fountainbridge-Craiglockhart, my aim is action-oriented resident consultations – for cheaper and more sustainable housing, undisruptive Canalside projects, to prioritise community businesses, and promote

ecological conservation. From more waste bins (for pets and humans alike!), to widening paths for cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchair-users, and parents on Watson Crescent, I will do my part to make our neighbourhoods more inclusive. With my experiences in policy, advocacy, and rights lobbying, I aim to honestly and uncompromisingly representing our ward at all city and national forums – to address growing violence, build sustainable infrastructure, and safeguard local community interests.

Supporters

Kate Nevens - kne16979, Boyan Karabaliev - bka237542



Candidate selection X

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Proposer: Anne Scott

Title: Tao MacLeod

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Statement

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Tao MacLeod and I joined the Party in 2020, after the 2019 General Election. I was annoyed at the success of the Conservatives that year, as it appeared only too obvious that they are incompetently going down a right wing rabbit hole. Wanting to do something I decided to get stuck in and after attending a couple of meetings I joined the Scottish Greens. At the time I was living in Fife and became heavily involved in the activities there. I was a sub-branch co-convenor, which gave me experience of organising at a local level. There were several social events arranged to develop communal spirit, as well as our representation at Fife Pride. In 2022 I stood as a council candidate for Kirkcaldy Central, whilst also helping out with our broader regional campaign. During the period I also produced a podcast for the Fife Greens, called Sustainable Sounds.

I have since returned to Edinburgh (having first moved here in 2007) and started attending meetings in Leith.

However, I have recently moved to the Marchmont area. My day job sees me providing sports education to children and young people, as a coach, both at a school and a hockey club. The development of participation opportunities is an important one to me. We could be doing more to broaden access to sports for a variety of people, including those from state educational background. I look forward to getting involved in the Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart 2025 by election.

Supporters

Andrew Brough - welfareconduct.edin@scottishgreens.org.uk, Anne Scott - convenors.edin@scottishgreens.org.uk



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Proposer: Gabriel Sanson Gomez

Title: Gabriel Sanson Gomez

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Statement

I believe building a green and just world starts with local leadership, aligning social, economic, and climate justice in our words and actions. I care about elevating youth voices, combining local policy with a global outlook. Combined, these values shape the focus of my candidacy.

Our campaign should showcase how our 2022 manifesto leaves us best placed to deliver local priorities. Partnering with the local sub-branch, I'm keen to emphasise public services, public transport, and public spaces.

1. Tories SNP and Labour have gutted local services. We should champion improving the accessibility of health, education, and leisure centres. In line with manifesto pledges, I want to protect and grow funding for mental health services, libraries, and leisure centres.

2. Strong public transport is the backbone of a safe and healthy city. The 7-7-7 bus lane trials and the City Mobility Plan should be the foundation of our strategy to sustainably connect our city and communities.

3. Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart hosts many vibrant public spaces. I'll work with community councils to identify communities needing improved access to these spaces, or new spaces altogether.

I've sat on Edinburgh Branch committee, been Co-President of the Edinburgh University Greens, and councilmember for the Young Greens. I also research policy in youth NGO's, specialising on boosting youth political engagement. I have the skills and experience needed to energise volunteers and lead a successful campaign.

Supporters

Conor Doherty, Emily Trowell