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# [Greens gear up for second MP at Bristol campaign base launch](#)



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**\* Greens urge Bristol to make history and elect Molly Scott Cato**

**\* Molly Scott Cato: "It's time for an independent, progressive voice to stand up for Bristol West"**

The Green Party will open the headquarters of its Bristol campaign tomorrow (Saturday 29 April) as it gears up to make history and deliver the party's second MP.

Molly Scott Cato, Bristol West candidate, will be joined by co-leader Jonathan Bartley to open her campaign shop as Greens prepare to take the seat from Labour.

Scott Cato will also welcome support from the Women's Equality Party (WEP) – who have stood down in the seat to give Scott Cato a clear run at beating Labour [1] – and announce her plans to stand up for women and young people in Bristol.

The Greens have 11 councillors in Bristol and came a close second in Bristol West in 2015 with a 27% of the vote.

Molly Scott Cato, Green parliamentary candidate for Bristol West, said:

"This is an historic moment for the city of Bristol, with the opportunity to elect me as the city's first Green MP. With the world standing at a crossroads, we believe it's time for an independent, progressive voice to stand up for all of Bristol West's constituents. We will be campaigning to win in Bristol West, and the opening of our campaign shop is key to that effort."

Jonathan Bartley, Green co-leader, said:

"Bristol has a very real opportunity to make history by delivering the country's second Green MP in June. Molly is a formidable candidate who would give Bristol a distinctive voice in Parliament, just as Caroline has done for Brighton, and it's an honour to visit this special city to help Molly open her campaign base here.

"I'm delighted to welcome the WEP's support for Molly in Bristol West. It is a clear and important recognition that Molly is someone who will bring people together and stand up for everyone with a bold vision to give Bristol the kind of future it both needs and deserves."

**Notes:**

1. <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/news/2017/04/28/green-party-agrees-electoral-alliance-with-women%E2%80%99s-equality-party/>

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## [Adult Learning Opportunities in the West End](#)



The latest Adult Learning newsletter for the city has just been published – covering the spring – and you can [download](#) it [here](#).

Here's details of the adult learning opportunities available in the West End area :

### The West End • Nethergate & The Perth Road • Logie/Blackness

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Job Shop	<b>Mitchell Street Centre, Thursdays 10.45-12.15pm.</b> Open to anyone looking for work, help with CVs, application forms and letter writing.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493 Colin Christie Tel:435851
Job Seeking Support Sessions	<b>Mitchell Street Centre, Time and day to be arranged.</b> One-to-one session to assist unemployed people with cvs, application forms, searching for jobs, improve interview skills.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493



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## GDP up 2.1% on the year

UK GDP continues to advance faster than most advanced countries, at a pace well up with the new official forecasts of 2% growth. In the first quarter of 2017 the economy grew by 0.3%, the same rate of growth as in the first quarter of 2016 before the Brexit vote. The annual rate was 2.1%, a figure some are reluctant to report. Real incomes were up, and manufacturing and production were up by more than the rate of general growth, thanks to exports and import substitution.

Pessimistic commentators focus on how first quarter growth was lower than fourth quarter 2016, which was a great figure which none of them predicted. Indeed many of them found it uncomfortable given their forecasts of winter recession. Retail spending was weaker in the first quarter 2017. Easter was later this year so there may have been some problems adjusting the figures for that effect. Food and beverage spending was well up in contrast.

There is a perpetual spin line that weak sterling will lead to price rises which will squeeze consumption which will damage the economy. Those who think this need to answer why it is that UK inflation has not gone up by more than Germany and by less than US, and to acknowledge that a large part of the UK price rises so far has come from a much higher international price of oil. They should also now be saying that given the pound has risen 8% from its low against the dollar and the Euro, the two main importing currencies, there should be some improved effect on their analysis as imports get cheaper again.