Greens announce final candidate numbers

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The Green Party will stand candidates in 80% of seatsin England and Wales on June 8 giving the majority of voters the chance to vote for a candidate who will fight for a new kind of politics.

Greens will stand in a total of 457 seats across England and Wales. At least 22 Greens stood aside to increase the chance of a progressive candidate beating the Conservatives. The Women's Equality Party stood down for the Greens in five seats, while the Lib Dems stood down in one.

A total of 467 Green candidates will stand for election across the UK with bold policies to create a better Britain – including giving voters a final say on Brexit with the chance to stay in Europe

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party of England and Wales, said:

"The vast majority of people in England and Wales have the chance to vote Green. With Britain at a crossroads we're giving voters a real choice.

"In a handful of seats Green Party members took the brave decision not to stand – and we're proud that our party has put the opportunity to create a more compassionate country above narrow political divides.

"For a confident and caring country, vote Green on June 8th."

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Notes:

1.   Green candidates include:

·   Aimee Challenor, 19, in Coventry South: Aimee is Green Party LGBTIQA+ spokesperson and the only openly trans spokesperson of a UK Political Party.

·   Larry Sanders, 82, in Oxford East: Larry is Green Party health spokesperson and brother to US Senator Bernie Sanders.

·   Lawrence McNally, 18, in Cities of London and Westminster

constituency: Lawrence is the Green Party's youngest candidate.

2.   Green Party candidate numbers since 1974:

·   1974: 6

·   1977: 5

·   1979: 53

·   1983: 109

·   1987: 133

·   1992: 253

·   1997: 89

·   2001: 145

·   2005: 182

·   2010: 310

·   2015: 535

·   2017: 467