

Greens will make new Welsh government bolder, says leader

Anthony Slaughter will use his Wales Green Party conference leader's speech on Saturday to lay out how Greens in the Senedd will 'improve people's lives', and warn that the country must make the most of a 'once in a generation' chance to elect a new government.

Anthony Slaughter will say:

"We've been waiting for this opportunity for many years. We can finally replace this tired, clapped-out, complacent Welsh government with one that's buzzing with excitement about making Wales better.

"But we also need to be bold – to make sure we don't replace one cautious, timid government with one that still won't stand up to vested interests. We need a government that won't bow down to landowners, landlords and corporations.

"Caution is the last thing we need right now."

He will also point to Scotland as an example of how Greens have "changed people's lives for the better." He will say:

"A few weeks ago, I was in Scotland listening to how our colleagues there won rent controls. How they cut child poverty. How they scrapped peak rail fares, and made buses free for young people. How they won record funding for climate and nature.

"Scotland shows it takes Greens, it takes bold politics to deliver the best deal possible for people.

"So imagine what we can do here with Greens putting pressure on a new government.

He will also announce a series of priorities for Green Senedd members:

"We will make your life better. We'll bring wealth taxes to Wales – by replacing council tax with a system where wealthy property owners pay more. We can start putting money back into our councils to provide better local services.

"We can build tens of thousands of new council homes. We can nationalise water, so we can cut bills and clean up our rivers.

"We can create good jobs across Wales in clean energy and insulating our cold and damp homes."

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