

Only the Green Party offers hope to young people, say Bartley and Lucas



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The co-leaders of the Greens, Caroline Lucas and Jonathan Bartley, delivered a 'special message' to young people at their Spring Conference today saying that they offer a party interested in 'moving forward, not turning the clocks back'. [1]

Speaking to their conference in Liverpool the co-leaders – elected last Autumn – promised action against an 'extreme Brexit', opposition to tuition fees and action to bring 'private rents under control'.

Caroline Lucas said:

"Whether you voted Leave or Remain, you need a Party that will stand up with consistency, integrity and conviction for your rights. For young people in particular, let down by Brexit, the Green message is one of a more hopeful alternative. Young people deserve a Party that will say loudly and clearly: freedom of movement is your right, tuition fees must be scrapped and private rents brought under control. So today we have this message for young people in Britain. If you want a Party interested in moving forwards, not turning the clock back. A Party that's honest about the challenges we face and brave enough to build a better, more hopeful country. Then come and join us – the Green Party."

The Green Party – who are currently fighting hard in the Manchester Gorton after coming second there in the General Election – are aiming to appeal to young voters who are disappointed with Labour's stance on Brexit – and who won't trust the Lib Dems after their years in coalition.

Lucas said the Greens are 'a political movement that redistributes both money and power. One that redefines the relationship between work and life. One that embraces the future. Pioneering and forward facing. A future better balanced between what we own and how we experience life – and tipped towards what genuinely makes us happier.'

She went on to say that her party 'is exploring policies like a 3 day weekend, and fair pay. Local banks for the public good. People powered renewable energy. Reclaiming houses as homes, not financial assets. Education as a universal right not a commodity. Proudly defending and sharing the benefits of free movement.'

Speaking after the triggering of Article 50 this week, and the publication of the Great Repeal Bill White Paper, Jonathan Bartley said the Greens are the only party to truly understand environmental protection.

He said:

“In the story of our future, the environment must be centre stage. It has to be. And we are the only Party that truly understands that. That’s why the Green Party is demanding a new Environmental Protection Act. One that takes everything good about EU law and goes even further.”

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