

# Green Party leader named as 'one of the most influential people in the world' in new Time100 Next list

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Green Party leader, Zack Polanski, has been included in this year's [Time100 Next list](#), an annual list naming the 100 leaders shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science and activism.

Zack Polanski said:

"I feel hugely honoured to receive this recognition. But this isn't about me, it is about the movement we are building together. This week we are holding our biggest and boldest conference ever. It comes as our membership has surged past a record 80,000 and as we reach touching distance of the old political parties in the polls. I am having influence because we are growing. We are growing because we are unapologetic about demanding real change: taxing the super-rich, funding our NHS, and tackling the climate crisis head-on.

"Contrast this to Keir Starmer. Someone who has compromised himself so many times now that I don't think even he knows what he stands for. This is likely to be his last conference as PM. And Greens with their rising influence and bold politics stand ready to replace Labour's tired ideas and stale politicians."

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## Labour ministers must now 'call out this act of genocide' say Greens

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Reacting to Labour members backing an emergency motion declaring that the Israeli government is committing genocide in Gaza, Co-Deputy Leader of the Green Party, Mothim Ali, said:

"By agreeing that the Israeli regime is committing genocide in Gaza, Labour

members have exposed their leadership for not only denying what the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry concluded, and most of the public believe, but also of complicity by continuing to arm Israel.

"Keir Starmer and his ministers must not waste another second in calling out this act of genocide, end immediately the supply of all arms to Israel and impose strict sanctions on the country. It is clear from today's motion, passed by a majority of Labour members, that conference would be the right time and place to do this."

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## **"Britain doesn't need timid half-measures or cosy deals with the wealthy few" – Greens react to Rachel Reeves speech**

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Reacting to chancellor Rachel Reeves speech to Labour Party conference in Liverpool, Green Party leader Zack Polanski said:

"Rachel Reeves came to conference four years ago promising £28bn a year for green jobs. Today, all Labour can offer is platitudes.

"This is not leadership, it's managed decline. And while ordinary people are told there's no money, Labour are rolling out the red carpet for the super-rich. Literally selling [£50,000 lunches with ministers](#). That's not a party of the people for the many, that's a party auctioning itself off to the highest bidders while it continues to ask the most vulnerable to plug the gap.

"Rightly, people will be asking why they are being asked to pay more when the very rich continue to get wealthier and some of them get to wine and dine inside the Labour Party conference.

"Britain doesn't need timid half-measures or cosy deals with the wealthy few. We need bold, unapologetic investment in climate action, green jobs, and public services. Increasingly, it's obvious, only the Greens are willing to fight for that future."

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## **Green Deputy Leader responds to Labour fringe conclusion that “Labour must ‘get over squeamishness’ about attacking Greens”,**

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Responding to a [Labour Party conference fringe event](#) that concluded “Labour must ‘get over squeamishness’ about attacking Greens”, Green Party Co-Deputy Leader, Mothin Ali, said:

“My free advice to Labour is to stop attacking and start listening. Stop attacking communities that are made up of people living and working here, and who were born abroad. Stop obsessively trying to “attack” your political opponents.

“Instead, start listening. Listen to people who are struggling to survive on disability benefits before cutting them. Listen to parents struggling with the cost of living and the experts who say scrapping the two-child benefit cap is the most cost-effective way of addressing child poverty. And listen to all of us who have been calling out the unfolding genocide in Gaza for the last two years.

“Like many, Labour left me behind, and I found a new home in the Greens. I am now focusing all my energy on growing the Green movement. We have a record membership, a record number of Cllrs and MPs and are hitting record levels in the polls. This is what I’m focused on.”

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## **Greens announce new membership record on first day of Labour Party conference**

On the first day of the Labour Party conference, the Green Party of England and Wales has announced it has surged past 80,000 members – a record high for

the party. The announcement was made by Green Party Leader, Zack Polanski, speaking at a campaign event in North London. Over 400 activists gathered to deliver over 100,000 leaflets as part of the campaign to win the Hackney Mayoral election in 2026 – one of the Green Party's strategic objectives for 2026.

This new membership record marks a near 20% increase in membership since Polanski was elected leader less than a month ago.

Reacting to the news, Green Party leader Zack Polanski said:

“This is a huge milestone for the Green Party of England and Wales. The tired, old two-party system is over. More and more people are looking to a politics rooted in tackling the climate crisis and inequality. The Green Party is the party that wants to bring water into public hands, wants to lower bills, and wants to protect our National Health Service. Our party conference is just a week away. Our membership growth is a fantastic foundation from which to deepen our roots in local communities and build a bolder politics. This is just the beginning, and we have no time to waste.”

Ahead of the Labour Party conference opening, Zack Polanski had been clear about Green ambitions for 2026 saying,

“When I said we intend to replace Labour, I meant it. As another Labour conference comes round, it’s another emergency government reset. It just confirms what we already know: Labour has failed. By his own standards, Starmer has broken the promises he was elected on, ditched the principles he claimed to stand for, and his government has made inequality worse, ignored the climate crisis and contributed to arming a genocidal Israeli government. And for all the talk, this conference isn’t a vision for the future. It’s a desperate attempt to rewrite the past.”

Polanski concluded, saying,

“People are crying out for bold leadership, not cautious tinkering. This will probably be Starmer’s last conference. Labour’s future candidates aren’t offering any of the solutions we need. The Green Party is offering these solutions. A wealth tax on the super-rich, investment in public services and action to protect our climate. We are ready to turn this country around by offering a bold, positive alternative to a crumbling Labour government.”

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