

Caroline Lucas: We need a People's Vote no matter who's in Number 10



15 January 2019

Responding to events in Parliament tonight, Green Party MP Caroline Lucas said:

"This is game over for Theresa May. But it's only the end of the beginning of this whole Brexit saga.

"MPs don't want Theresa May's deal, they rightly reject no deal, and they can't have a fantasy renegotiation.

"Unable to win the most important vote in a generation, our Government is no longer in power. So I will support this motion of no confidence – but a general election where both of the biggest parties support some kind of Brexit won't heal the very real divisions this process has caused.

"If the Remain campaign learns from the mistakes of 2016, a People's Vote could deliver the frank and honest debate we need, and provide an opportunity to move on from Brexit, empower communities and build a fairer country.

"I'll keep campaigning for the public to have a say over our future relationship with our nearest neighbours, no matter who occupies Number 10."

Caroline is among the sponsors of a cross-party motion of no confidence in the Government.

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Green Party: Corbyn's support would make People's Vote unstoppable



15 January 2019

Amelia Womack, deputy leader of the Green Party, will today call on Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour front bench to throw their weight behind the campaign for a People's Vote on Brexit.

Womack will make the call during a speech at a rally for a People's Vote in Parliament Square today at about 4pm [1].

She is expected to call on Labour to "listen to its members" after a poll found 72% back a People's Vote [2].

Womack is expected to say (check against delivery):

"Whatever happens when MPs vote tonight, tomorrow all sides of this debate must come together to collectively find a way forwards. That means going back to the British people, asking them what they want and giving them a People's Vote.

"So let's be honest about what we need to get there. We have seen support for a People's Vote is growing every single day – with more and more Conservatives giving their support. But we need the Labour front bench to get on board. Today as we wait for this historic moment we ask Labour to do what is right, to listen to its members – and to get behind a People's Vote.

"Because while without Jeremy Corbyn this campaign feels truly winnable, we know that with him it would be unstoppable."

Notes:

1. https://www.peoples-vote.uk/decision_day_live

2. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/jan/02/most-labour-members-believe-corbyn-should-back-second-brexit-vote>

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[Jenny Jones responds to Government's new air pollution strategy](#)



14 January 2019

Green Party Baroness Jenny Jones, who has put forward a Bill to make clean air a human right, said:

“Air Pollution is a public health emergency responsible for hundred of thousands of premature deaths, but this new government strategy continues the same slow motion progress of the last two decades. As much as I welcome the long term goals of meeting World Health Organisation guidelines, I’m more concerned that we are nine years behind meeting the pollution limits for NO₂ that we set ourselves back in at the turn of the century.

“We need to make clean air a human right, enforceable in the courts with a Citizens’ Commission providing legal support for parents and others to take action against those responsible for bad air. Until we get a new Clean Air Act that has legal teeth, then all these promises by government bodies, local authorities and car companies won’t result in urgent action.”

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Green Party reveals full list of runners for London Mayoral and Assembly spots



14 January 2019

London's third party has revealed the full list of nominees [1] hoping to stand in the 2020 London Mayoral and Assembly elections.

Today (Monday 14 January) voting opens for Green Party members to choose the candidates who will stand in the 2020 election.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the party, said the London Green Party had put forward a list of nominees who "reflect our great diverse city".

Half of the nominees hoping to stand for mayor are BAME. Of the nominees hoping to be chosen for the 11 spots on the Green Party's London Assembly List, more than one third are BAME. The party also has one deafblind candidate, and six candidates who are 30-years-old or under.

The Green Party came third in the 2016 London Assembly and Mayoral elections, when Sian Berry also came third for the party in the Mayoral race [2].

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

"The London Green Party has put forward a list of candidates who reflect our great diverse city. I'm really proud to see so many Greens stepping up to give communities a voice they can trust. We have already seen that having greens in City Hall – as well as in council chambers up and down the country – makes a real difference. In the last London elections the Green Party

established itself as the capital's third party – I'm excited to see us take the campaign to the next level."

NOTES:

1.

Nominees to stand as London Mayor:

Peter Underwood

Shahrar Ali

Sian Berry

Zack Polanski

Nominees to stand on the London Assembly List:

Andrea Carey Fuller

Azzees Minott

Benali Hamdache

Ben Fletcher

Caroline Russell

Florence Pollock

Gulnar Hasnain

Hannah Graham

James Braun

Jarelle Francis

Kirsten De Keyser

Matthew Crowley

Peter Underwood

Ronald Stewart

Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah

Rosemary Warrington

Scott Ainslie

Shahrar Ali

Shaka Lish

Sian Berry

Tom Pashby

Zack Polanski

2. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election/2016/london/results>

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[Green Party responds to rise in arms sales to human rights abusers](#)



21 December 2018

The Green Party has called on the Prime Minister to immediately end arms sales where there are risks of human rights abuses after news one-third of UK arms sales go to states on human rights watchlist. [1]

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

“It is a stain on our national conscience that Britain is arming human rights abusers. The Government cannot keep turning a blind eye to the fact British weapons are fuelling despicable wars and being used to target civilians in violation of the rules of war. It is rank hypocrisy that Britain championed the Arms Trade Treaty yet seems content to ignore the clear risk of selling weapons into conflict zones – violating that very treaty. It is time for the cosy relationship with despotic regimes like Riyadh in Saudi Arabia to end. I

appeal to the Prime Minister to immediately stop arms sales where there are risks of human rights abuses.”

Notes:

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2018/dec/21/one-third-of-uk-arms-sales-go-to-states-on-human-rights-watchlist-say-analysts>

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