

Green reaction to Reform UK's 'reprehensible' proposals for severe cut to foreign aid

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Reacting to Reform UK's plans [to slash overseas aid by more than 90% and introduce a "hard cap" of £1bn a year](#), Green MP, Dr Ellie Chowns, said:

"It cannot be overstated how many lives will be put at risk by this cruel and senseless policy. It would cut vital support to the most vulnerable people on the planet – those who rely on foreign aid not only to survive but also helping provide hope that they can thrive, through funding health, education, housing, energy and environmental projects.

"This policy is also counter-productive, especially for a party that's raison d'être is to stop migration to the UK. Cutting foreign aid – leaving many more destitute and living in extreme poverty – will drive displacement, forcing people to leave their homes in search of a better life or mere survival.

"Foreign aid can also help prevent conflicts, fight the spread of disease, and mitigate the impacts of climate breakdown. Addressing these are all in our own national interest.

"Foreign aid is the helping hand which, as one of the richest countries in the world, we have a moral obligation to provide.

"Labour's cut of foreign aid from 0.7% to 0.3% of national income was disgraceful; Reform's proposal to reduce it to a pitiful 0.03% is reprehensible.

"Greens are clear: we would increase foreign aid to a full 1% of national income and enable the people of the Global South to take the lead on how aid is spent."

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Young Greens become largest youth and

student wing of any British political party

The [Young Greens of England and Wales](#) is now officially the largest youth and student wing of any British political party.

Following on from the Green Surge, with Green Party membership now at over 150,000, the Young Greens have over 40,000 members – making them larger than Young Labour.

The Green Party is also polling at over 40% with young people aged 18-24, [and is now the most popular party with under-50s](#).

Zack Polanski, leader of The Green Party, said:

“We meant it when we said we’re here to replace Labour – and I could not be happier that our incredible Young Greens are yet again leading the way.

“Young people have been let down by successive Conservative and Labour governments, so it’s no surprise that they are desperate for an alternative.

“I said the Green Party wants to make hope normal again, and up and down the country our Young Greens are engaging in bold politics – whether they are members, activists or elected representatives – and doing that each and every day.

“It’s become a media commonplace to say that young people are going to Reform, so let’s set the record straight. The Young Greens are the biggest youth and student wing of any political party in the UK. They are the biggest Green youth movement in Europe, and recent polling shows the Green Party is now the most popular party among young people.

“Britain’s young people are going Green.”

The Young Greens includes all party members who are under the age of 30, or full time students; over 20 universities have Young Green societies, with more campuses organising every day. They also have independent leadership, internal decision-making structures, and policies that are distinct from the main party.

Ciara Alleyne, Co-Chair of the Young Greens, said:

“Our generation knows that Labour won’t stand up for them or their future. They are looking for an alternative and despite what the media says, it is not Reform they are flocking to.

“Young people know what matters to them, and they are willing to fight for it by becoming part of a movement that spreads hope, not hatred and fear.

“We are ecstatic to have the largest youth and student wing in the UK, but it

is only the start. We are organising across the country to take on politicians across the spectrum who are scapegoating the vulnerable and deferring to the wishes of the 1%.

“It’s our future more than anyone else’s, and we’re making sure it’s a bright one.”

Many of the headline policies of the Green Party originated with the Young Greens – they were first to call for the abolishment of landlords, a wealth tax, and have consistently led the party’s support of the trans community.

Young people also make up over 20% of the Green Party, and hold key positions across party leadership.

Callum Clafferty, Co-Chair of the Young Greens, said:

“When you are a member of the Young Greens of England and Wales you aren’t just a token for politicians to say they listen to young people. You are encouraged at every point to take up leadership positions, stand in elections, and drive the policy of the party.

“The Green Party recognises the enormous advantage the knowledge, experience and values that young people bring – and our ability to drive innovation in the way we do politics.

“For any young person looking to take control of their future and fight for a fairer country, you have a home in the Green Party.”

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0’Dowd sets out ambition to further support small businesses and revitalise town centres

Finance Minister John O’Dowd has announced plans to accelerate the strategic review of rates and progress changes in the business rates system.

Health Minister formally opens new MRI

scanner unit at Causeway Hospital

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has formally opened a new MRI scanner unit at Causeway Hospital.

Kimmins announces active travel improvement scheme to commence on Island Street, Belfast

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that a £650,000 pedestrian and cycling improvement scheme on Island Street, Belfast has commenced this week.