

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,

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Polanski concluded, saying,

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[Minister reflects on policing sacrifice](#)

The Justice Minister and Chairman of the RUC George Cross Foundation came together this week to reflect on the sacrifice of police officers ahead of National Police Memorial Day.

[‘Starmer’s last conference’ say Greens as they double down on their goal to replace Labour](#)

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Minister Muir attends Northern Ireland Ploughing Championships

Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Andrew Muir has visited the annual NI Ploughing Championships in Gilford, Co Down.

Lyons Launches Fund for Refurbishment of Community Facilities

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has launched the Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund (NICIF), which will deliver minor capital works to buildings, halls and facilities used by community and voluntary organisations across Northern Ireland.