

Wales Green Party ready to be 'kingmakers' in Senedd elections

At their campaign launch today in Cardiff, which was also attended by Green Party England and Wales leader Zack Polanski, Wales Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter said the party is ready to be 'kingmakers' at the Senedd election.

With Greens running a full slate of candidates in Wales, Greens are the main challengers to Reform in six marginal seats, leading to a prediction of a green wave in Senedd members and a reduction in Reform's Senedd seats, [new polling analysis](#) reveals.

[Polling also suggests](#) that, under the new proportional representation system, Wales Green Party could be the decisive group in the Senedd after the elections on 7 May, putting the party in a strong position to deliver on its priorities for Wales: freezing rents, replacing council tax, lowering bus fares, and taking back control of water.

Ahead of the launch, Anthony Slaughter said:

"The polls are saying that we will hold the balance of power in the Senedd after the election. A strong Green vote will help keep Reform's presence in government to a minimum, and make sure the next Welsh government is focused on cutting living costs, fixing the housing crisis, and repairing our NHS."

Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales Zack Polanski said:

"Wales Greens look set to achieve incredible things in this election. Our decisive result in the Gorton and Denton by-election shows that Greens can win anywhere, and when we mobilise, we can achieve amazing results."

Tessa Marshall, the Green Party's Welsh speaking second candidate for Caerdydd Penarth said:

"This election is crucial. From bringing costs down, saving our rivers and natural world, to delivering a new future for Wales, Greens know we need to deliver. I'll be fighting to make a difference, stop Reform in their tracks, and hold power to account, so in four years we're not in the same position we're in today."

The Green Party has today [announced](#) the names of its full slate of candidates.

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[Stop new oil and gas, close the loopholes, invest properly in transition to renewable energy, say Greens in response to Badenoch](#)

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Responding to Kemi Badenoch's plans to [remove VAT from household energy bills for the next three years](#) funded by scrapping renewable energy schemes and green levies, Green MP Hannah Spencer said:

"Kemi Badenoch is not living in the same world as the rest of us – where we can see first-hand that decades of failure to properly insulate our homes and invest in renewables has left us all vulnerable to ridiculous price shocks.

"The Tories, Reform and right-wing media are deliberately failing to explain that UK oil and gas are priced on global markets, and new fields take years to deliver while adding only limited supply. Hundreds of licences issued between 2010 and 2024 have delivered the equivalent of just 36 days' extra gas.

"Labour's position isn't good enough either. A "ban" on new licences doesn't mean much if loopholes like tiebacks still allow new drilling to go ahead.

"Successive governments keep failing to listen to ordinary people who're sick of seeing bills go up, and workers like me who have experience in this industry. We've been saying for years that we have the leakiest homes in Europe. It would be much cheaper to invest in a proper, well-regulated national insulation scheme than to have to keep subsidising people's bills and pouring public money into energy company profits.

"The Green Party is clear: stop new oil and gas, close the loopholes, and invest properly in the transition to renewable energy.

"Our hard-earned wages are currently going on tax cuts for fossil fuel companies. That money should be redirected into proper support for oil and gas workers to transition into secure, skilled jobs in green industries. That's how you cut bills, protect workers and deliver real energy security – not by propping up a declining industry."

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Fuel continues to be delivered as normal – Archibald

Following reports over the weekend of fuel shortages at a small number of local filling stations, Economy Minister Dr Caoimhe Archibald has reassured the public that there is no confirmed disruption to local fuel supply chains.

First Minister and deputy First Minister cut sod at new purpose-built youth hub

The First Minister and deputy First Minister have cut the first sod at a new youth hub which will transform services for young people in the Greater Ardoyne area of North Belfast.

Ratepayers to start receiving bills for 2026/27 from next week

Rate bills for 2026/27 will begin to issue from 1 April 2026 and will continue to be delivered throughout the month.