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## DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE

Green MPs will always defend our democratic and human rights, uphold the rule of law and tackle political corruption. We will also push for the UK to become a modern, functional and more representative democracy.

We will defend the Human Rights Act, the UK's membership of the European Convention on Human Rights and continued direct access to Convention rights in the domestic courts.

Elected Greens will also push for:

- Replacing the first past the post system for parliamentary elections with a fair and proportional voting system.
- Replacing the House of Lords with an elected second chamber.
- Votes for 16-year-olds and residence-based voting rights.



Green MPs will always stand up against hate crime, misogyny and violence against women and girls, Islamophobia and antisemitism.

Our commitment to human rights encompasses equalities, justice and civil liberties too. So we will:

- Campaign to end violence against women and girls.
- Scrap the Police, Crime Sentencing and Courts Act, the Public Order Act and other legislation that erodes the right to protest and free expression.
- Campaign for the right of self-identification for trans and non-binary people.
- Scrap the Prevent programme and tackle hate crime, misogyny, Islamophobia and antisemitism. Seek to restore trust and confidence in the police.
- Repair and renew our crumbling court system with a £2.5bn investment.

Greens believe in national self-determination. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should be free to make their own decisions about their relationship with the rest of the United Kingdom.

## TACKLING KNIFE CRIME IN BRISTOL



In 2023, Green councillor Mohamed Makawi, whose friend had been fatally stabbed in Castle Park, proposed a motion to bring down knife crime in Bristol that was passed by full Council.

Rather than simply calling for more policing, the Green motion outlined practical solutions and addressed the social factors underlying knife violence.

It introduced simple but vital steps to save lives, such as providing emergency bleed kits and staff training for night-time venues, and providing more lighting and CCTV to fix 'blind spots' in areas of high knife crime.

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