

China launches online services for elderly

A research institute on eldercare under the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs launched a website providing online services for senior citizens Friday.

The website offers services such as entertainment, finance, home care, shopping and travel.

China committed to providing higher quality public services for senior citizens, in the five-year plan (2016-2020) on eldercare issued by the State Council in March.

By 2020, approximately 255 million Chinese will be over 60 years old, accounting for 17.8 percent of the population. The number of elderly living alone is expected to reach 118 million.

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Green Party

29 April 2017

*** Greens urge Bristol to make history and elect Molly Scott Cato**

*** Molly Scott Cato: "It's time for an independent, progressive voice to stand up for Bristol West"**

The Green Party will open the headquarters of its Bristol campaign tomorrow (Saturday 29 April) as it gears up to make history and deliver the party's second MP.

Molly Scott Cato, Bristol West candidate, will be joined by co-leader Jonathan Bartley to open her campaign shop as Greens prepare to take the seat from Labour.

Scott Cato will also welcome support from the Women's Equality Party (WEP) – who have stood down in the seat to give Scott Cato a clear run at beating Labour [1] – and announce her plans to stand up for women and young people in Bristol.

The Greens have 11 councillors in Bristol and came a close second in Bristol West in 2015 with a 27% of the vote.

Molly Scott Cato, Green parliamentary candidate for Bristol West, said:

“This is an historic moment for the city of Bristol, with the opportunity to elect me as the city's first Green MP. With the world standing at a crossroads, we believe it's time for an independent, progressive voice to stand up for all of Bristol West's constituents. We will be campaigning to win in Bristol West, and the opening of our campaign shop is key to that effort.”

Jonathan Bartley, Green co-leader, said:

“Bristol has a very real opportunity to make history by delivering the country's second Green MP in June. Molly is a formidable candidate who would give Bristol a distinctive voice in Parliament, just as Caroline has done for Brighton, and it's an honour to visit this special city to help Molly open her campaign base here.

“I'm delighted to welcome the WEP's support for Molly in Bristol West. It is a clear and important recognition that Molly is someone who will bring people together and stand up for everyone with a bold vision to give Bristol the kind of future it both needs and deserves.”

Notes:

1. <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/news/2017/04/28/green-party-agrees-electoral-alliance-with-women%E2%80%99s-equality-party/>

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Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Job Shop	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursdays 10.45-12.15pm. Open to anyone looking for work, help with CVs, application forms and letter writing.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493 Colin Christie Tel:435851
Job Seeking Support Sessions	Mitchell Street Centre, Time and day to be arranged. One-to-one session to assist unemployed people with cvs, application forms, searching for jobs, improve interview skills.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493

