Green Party supports Youth Strike for Climate

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Green Party leaders and politicians will join children striking from school to demand the Government takes real action on climate change.

Hundreds of school children are set to gather in Parliament Square on Friday 15 March [1] as part of the global Youth Strike for the Climate movement, which will see children walk out of school across the world.

Green co-leader Jonathan Bartley and London Assembly member Caroline Russell will join the strike.

The movement was inspired by Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish activist who went on school strike last August. Tens of thousands of children have since walked out of school in similar protests across the world.

The Green Party has called on the Government to listen to the young people on strike and act on their demands – and has urged parents and teachers to support and celebrate children and young people who want to take civic action as part of the strike.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

"The young people striking for the planet are a source of hope for us all. They recognise that we are facing a climate emergency and that only gold standard climate action is good enough. It's time for those in power to start listening.

"This week the Chancellor tried to fob off our young people with token policies that don't go far enough. If Ministers are serious about securing the planet for the next generation they will launch a Green New Deal with money for thousands of green jobs and transformed local transport and energy networks.

"It's a privilege for the Green Party to stand in solidarity with young people across the country striking for their futures. I urge those in power to listen to their demands – and for parents and teachers everywhere to support and celebrate the next generation as they take civic action for the

climate."

Notes:

1. https://www.theguardian.com/environment/live/2019/mar/15/climate-strikes-2019-live-latest-climate-change-global-warming

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