

Greens announce final candidate numbers



Green Party

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*** Greens stand in 80% of seats in England and Wales***

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The Green Party will stand candidates in 80% of seats in England and Wales on June 8 giving the majority of voters the chance to vote for a candidate who will fight for a new kind of politics.

Greens will stand in a total of 457 seats across England and Wales. At least 22 Greens stood aside to increase the chance of a progressive candidate beating the Conservatives. The Women's Equality Party stood down for the Greens in five seats, while the Lib Dems stood down in one.

A total of 467 Green candidates will stand for election across the UK with bold policies to create a better Britain – including giving voters a final say on Brexit with the chance to stay in Europe

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

"The vast majority of people in England and Wales have the chance to vote Green. With Britain at a crossroads we're giving voters a real choice.

"In a handful of seats Green Party members took the brave decision not to stand – and we're proud that our party has put the opportunity to create a more compassionate country above narrow political divides.

"For a confident and caring country, vote Green on June 8th."

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Notes:

1. Green candidates include:

- Aimee Challenor, 19, in Coventry South: Aimee is Green Party LGBTIQ+ spokesperson and the only openly trans spokesperson of a UK Political Party.
- Larry Sanders, 82, in Oxford East: Larry is Green Party health spokesperson and brother to US Senator Bernie Sanders.
- Lawrence McNally, 18, in Cities of London and Westminster constituency: Lawrence is the Green Party's youngest candidate.

2. Green Party candidate numbers since 1974:

- 1974: 6
- 1977: 5
- 1979: 53
- 1983: 109
- 1987: 133
- 1992: 253
- 1997: 89
- 2001: 145
- 2005: 182
- 2010: 310
- 2015: 535
- 2017: 467

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