



Young Greens - Óige Ghlas Convention 2021

Saturday 4th December

Online - Zoom

Time	Agenda Item
11am	Welcome & Introductions
11:20am	Outgoing Committee Report
11:40am	Constitutional Amendments
12pm	Policy Proposals
12:30pm	<p>Panel Discussion <i>Going Green: Politics vs Campaigning</i> <i>Panel exploring the potential work and input of a Young Greens movement, as both a political body and campaigning group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marie Stadler - Scottish Young Greens International Officer ● Deputy Neasa Hourigan TD ● Tate Donnelly - Green Party EC Member ● Mícheál Ó Cadhla - Greenpeace Campaigner
1:30pm	Lunch
2:30pm	Budget Approval & Proposed Workplan 2022
2:50pm	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairperson - Secretary - Treasurer - Policy Officer - Communications Officer x 2 - Branch Coordinator - International Liaison Officer - Membership & Events Officer - Equality Officer - Oifigeach na Gaeilge - Regional Reps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dublin - Rest of Leinster - Munster - Connacht - Ulster - Other OCMs (tbd)
4:15pm	Closing Speech: Minister Catherine Martin TD & Incoming Chairperson
4:30pm	Ciao Adios



APPENDIX

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

There was one Constitutional Amendment received for Convention 2021.

Proposer	Young Greens National Executive
Constitution Section	0 to VIII
Proposal	<p>On Page 2 REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairpersons" Section II.3 REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairpersons" Section II.5.a REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairperson" Section II.8.a REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairpersons" Section II.10 REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairpersons" Section IV.2 REPLACE "Chairperson" WITH "Co-Chairpersons" Section VIII.1</p> <p>REPLACE Section 1 WITH Co - Chairpersons To act as the chief public representative of the Young Greens; To chair meetings of the Committee and National Convention; To sit on any Green Party/an Comhaontas Glas Youth Committees that may be convened, and to liaise with the Green Party/an Comhaontas Glas; To organise the Young Greens participation at the Green Party National Committee; and To assist affiliated groups in submitting motions to Young Greens or Green Party convention. To work together across all related work of the Young Greens and divide portfolios of work as appropriate between Co-Chairpersons.</p>
Rationale	<p>The role of Chairperson is large, involving the coordination of the Young Greens National Executive, as well as significant work liaising with the Green Party Executive Committee and Head Office. When an Officer is unable to fulfil their duties for a period of time, this work also often falls back to the Chairperson to fulfil.</p> <p>The YG EC believe that a Co-Chairperson model, similar to that of other Young Green groups across Europe, would allow for extra capacity in this leadership role, and allow it to become more sustainable going forward.</p>



POLICY PROPOSALS

There were 2 Policy Proposals received for Convention 2021.

Proposer	Tom Hayden
Proposal	This motion, as part of the Young Greens' policy platform, would support abolition of chick culling in the Irish farming industry, and instead eliminate unwanted chicks through in-ovo sexing. There are already many emerging methods of determining a chick's sex in the 21-day incubation period before it hatches. Currently, two methods of chick culling take place on Irish farms, both of which are permitted under EU law: use of mechanical apparatus causing rapid death and exposure to carbon dioxide, causing asphyxiation. Both France and Germany have recently announced plans to outlaw these inhumane practices from 2022, yet Ireland has no current plans to ban them. Ending these practices would prove to be a significant step forward in advancing recognition of the dignity of nonhuman animals, which falls under the Green Party founding pillar of "ecological wisdom": respect for the natural environment and the beings that inhabit it.

Proposer	Ben Ryan
Proposal	The Young Greens recognize that climate change is largely caused by excessive consumption and materialism of the West/Global North, driven by the need for consistent economic growth. The Young Greens recommend that we critique and change our current neo-liberal capitalist economic system to embrace principles degrowth and circular economy on a much more systemic level.