

## Britta Goodman

I have served as Campaigns Co-ordinator on GPEX for the past two years as a job-share with Caro New. During this time, Caro and I have pushed Climate high up the Green Party agenda, and brought Action on Climate Emergency forward.



Now in a world that has been shaken up by Covid we have this one opportunity to build a Green Recovery. All at once, everything central to the Green Party is at stake: the climate, social justice and ending systemic racism. We must act fast. Our leaders cannot tackle this alone; we need to ramp up, uniting all the campaigning abilities that the Green Party has around the Green Recovery.

We can do this because we have strong allies: the people. When politicians stood by and allowed a life-threatening disease to raid our country, killing the most vulnerable in society, the people stood up to support each other and challenge the status quo.

Over the past two years we have seen an incredible rise of grass roots campaigning, and Green Party members are central to this. In Covid mutual aid groups and the Black Lives Matter movement Greens are vitally involved. Greens have been and are “Fridays for Future” school strikers and Extinction Rebellion activists. Young and old equally.

It is time that the central Green Party gets fully behind this movement, supports and trains our campaigners, and those who want to join us. Our unique quality is our political knowledge: the politicians and institutions a campaign needs to target. Campaigning is about winning and implementing change for good. Many campaigning organisations are keen to work with us to improve.

The messages and strategies from other parties are becoming increasingly similar to ours. We need to put ourselves in a place where we help shape the agenda and become the clear political leader of the movement.

Campaigning enhances our election results. Working meaningfully with other campaign groups will establish Green Party members as credible politicians. The Green Party has more than once invited successful local campaigners to stand for us. Once elected, they bring a strong support network with them.

We can do this, but we cannot do it alone.

I am mother & campaigner, journalist and writer. I was born in Hamburg, Germany. I moved to London in 2012, and joined the Green Party when I heard that David Cameron wanted to frack the UK. I started the Climate Change working group that rewrote the Green Party Climate Emergency Policy. I was a member of the Green Party Campaigns Committee before getting elected as GPEX Campaigns Co-ordinator.

Locally, I am working with XR and Friends of the Earth, and I am a member of the Hounslow Council Climate Change Reference Group.

One more thing: - please sign and share the petition to “Rebuild the economy out of lockdown with a Green New Deal” with 5 friends outside of your normal networks.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/317343>

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