

## Hannah Graham

From its very start, our party emerged from powerful social movements and campaigns for progressive change. Campaigning is and always has been a vital thread in the fabric of our party and movement. My name is Hannah Graham, and I am standing to be the Green Party's next Campaigns Coordinator.



I have been a Party member for 6 years, and am a former Young Greens Co-Chair and parliamentary candidate. I hail from Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire, but over the last four years, have lived in London, where I've stood as a local elections candidate, and am on the candidate list for next year's London Assembly elections.

I joined the Green Party back in 2014 because it was the only party liberating the marginalised, championing diversity and giving a platform to people like me: a working class young woman from rural Lincolnshire.

It was defending free education on my university campus that inspired me to take action against the growing inter-generational and cultural divides in our society. After being elected to the role of Vice President of my students' union, I led the free education strikes on campus, joined the Green Party then stood as the first ever Green Party parliamentary candidate in Middlesbrough in 2015.

I'm an experienced policy specialist and campaigner, with 8 years' experience in professional campaigning roles in youth policy, gender equality and international development.

Currently, I work full-time as Advocacy Manager for the World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts. In this role, I work with young women and girls from around the world to give them the tools they need to influence decision-makers on issues that disproportionately affect them. I work at the grassroots level with hundreds of girls, empowering them to take action and speak out about a whole host of gendered injustices: malnutrition, gender-based violence and menstrual health to name just a few.

My campaigning and advocacy work in the last year has led to Girl Guides in Tanzania meeting with their Prime Minister, and Girl Guides in Madagascar directly influencing an increase to their National Food and Agriculture budget.

I believe that Green Party campaigns must be evidence-based, relevant and formed through interactions and partnerships with pressure groups and civil society. I am a progressive and radical campaigner, a believer in direct action, and an advocate for diversity and inclusion of marginalised groups.

For far too long, I have attended demonstrations and supported campaigns where the Green Party has appeared to be in the background. It's time for the party to have an equal stake in campaigning, especially when we have the right policies to back our actions up!

Recent attacks on our basic human rights have shown that more than ever we need campaigners to face threats head-on and mobilise people for a progressive alternative. It's important our campaigns

are relevant and spearheaded by people with lived experience. I will make efforts to bridge the gap between The Green Party and campaigning groups, ensuring we are on the right side of history.