



Green Declaration

The green movement consists of people coming together to create a world in which the quality of life is more important than the standard of living. The strength of nature is in her diversity and flexibility in the face of changing conditions. People who recognise and strive for nature's balance are green people. Only a green movement has the resilience which springs from respecting the diverse resources at our disposal, and treating them responsibly.

We affirm the interdependence between ourselves and our environment. All living creatures belong equally to this planet and have the right to share in its resources. As people we have a responsibility to use those resources wisely.

We strive for a society which is not undermined by the destructiveness of excessive competition. In order to do this we must learn to balance initiative with co-operation.

Our problems cannot be solved by violent means. We believe we can only reach our goal by methods which are consistent with our aims. We intend to make a constructive use of our energies by acting nonviolently.

We want a society in which women, and feminist values, are considered important. Women need space and resources to empower themselves in order to make a full contribution to the difficult struggle of changing the world. Feminism seeks to redress the imbalance created by the dominance of male values.

We are evolving methods of direct democracy as an appropriate tool for ensuring that decisions are not made against the wishes of the people they most affect.

Greater social justice is necessary in order to ensure that those who are at present disadvantaged - whether on the basis of race, class, sex or age - can exercise their fundamental human rights. We are prepared to make sacrifices in order to build a society which does not reward greed or prejudice.

We see personal development as the basis for a healthy society. We do not consider work solely in terms of material production or paid employment, but in the much wider context of a society which values the whole range of human endeavour. What is useful to us must also be enjoyable and fulfilling.

The interlinked principles of ecology, co-operation, nonviolence, feminism, direct democracy, social justice and personal development form the bedrock of the green movement. We call on those who know and acknowledge these principles to forge new bonds and to develop a new means of working together that will allow us to build a more balanced society - a society that does not threaten the world.

Copies of the Declaration, together with sheets for those to sign who wish to add their names to it, are available from Green Line, 14 Alexandra Road, Oxford. Please enclose two second-class stamps with your request.