

# ACTION FOR LIFE ON EARTH NOW!

## A Ten Point Action Programme

- 1** PEACE: unilateral nuclear disarmament – no Cruise, no Trident, no nuclear bases, withdrawal from NATO. Work towards a non-nuclear, non-aligned European Alliance. Withdraw from the international arms trade. Boost aid to the poorest countries, and act immediately to curb the worst excesses of the multinationals.
- 2** WORK: phase in a National Income Scheme to remove the poverty trap. Establish Community Employment Agencies and Savings Banks, to help small businesses, co-operatives, and the self-employed. Create hundreds of thousands of jobs through sustainable agriculture, resources and energy policies.
- 3** TAX WASTE, NOT WORK: phase out National Insurance, introduce a Natural Resources Tax, together with trade tariffs to promote self-reliance.
- 4** FOOD FOR THE FUTURE: establish a programme for increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, based on mixed, small-scale farming.
- 5** FREEDOM, PRIVACY, DEMOCRACY: introduce a Bill of Rights, a Freedom of Information Act, a Data Protection Authority, Proportional Representation for all elections, and begin the devolution of power from Westminster.
- 6** LAND FOR THE PEOPLE: set up a commission to advise on measures to redistribute land, including a Community Ground Rent.
- 7** SAFE ENERGY: abandon all plans for more nuclear power stations, particularly Sizewell B; stop work on Torness and Heysham B, channel funds into conservation and combined heat and power schemes, and the development of renewable energy sources.
- 8** A GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND: repeal Part II of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act and introduce statutory protection of Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Set up an Environmental Protection Agency.
- 9** GOOD HEALTH: ban lead in petrol, 2,4,5-T, the asbestos industry and cigarette advertising. Put more NHS resources into community care, and cut back on drug prescription in favour of alternative health-care methods.
- 10** ANIMAL RIGHTS CHARTER: introduce mandatory protection for endangered species and ban the importation of whale products and seal skins. Take immediate action against battery farming, and move as rapidly as possible to abolish vivisection. Ban all hunting and coursing with hounds.

# POLITICS FOR LIFE! SUPPORT THE ECOLOGY PARTY!



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# politics for life

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## First, a few questions:

do you feel gloomy/hopeful/indifferent  
when you think . . .

### ABOUT THE ECONOMY

as the world recession continues, unemployment rises, the production of North Sea Oil peaks, new technology is introduced . . . . .

### ABOUT WORLD PEACE

as the nuclear arms race accelerates, world tension mounts, negotiations get nowhere and every minute \$1 million is spent on arms . . . . .

### ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

as our water and air are poisoned, the forests torn down, the land swallowed up by desert or concrete and other species wiped out or cruelly abused . . . .

### ABOUT THE THIRD WORLD

as hunger and disease cause dreadful and unnecessary suffering, the innocent victims of war multiply, and the level of international debt soars . . . . .

### ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE

as our health gets worse, cities get more violent and people more alienated, as our communities decay and fall apart . . . . .

**IT'S JUST THAT WE'RE HOOKED ON THE WRONG SORT OF POLITICS, THE WRONG NOTION OF PROGRESS.**

So it's hardly surprising that there's a lot of gloom around. Things aren't getting better and most people realise they're not going to if we simply carry on as before.

**BUT THERE IS A GENUINELY HOPEFUL ALTERNATIVE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THE DESPAIR AND DISHONESTY OF TODAY'S POLITICAL WASTELAND. WITH ITS COMBINATION OF VISION AND COMMON SENSE, THE ARRIVAL OF GREEN POLITICS SIGNALS THE END OF THAT WASTELAND.**

*The challenge we're putting to you is to prepare for the*

## GREEN POLITICS

### For Peace, Liberation and Survival

Ecology simply means you and the world you live in – the air you breathe, the food you eat, your community, your way of life.

That's our starting point. And all our policies are based on the following principles:

1. To ensure basic material security and social equality for all, putting people before profit within a stable economy, based on sustainable alternatives to the insane rat race of economic growth.
2. To work for lasting peace through nuclear disarmament, a credible non-nuclear defence strategy, the principles of non-violence and a better balance between feminine and masculine values.
3. To live within the physical means of our planet, eliminating waste, and learning to rely on those resources that are renewable or can be re-used or recycled.
4. To respect the Earth and all its creatures, caring for it as stewards, protecting it from all forms of pollution and conserving its wealth for the benefit of future generations.
5. To restore life to our communities and health to our democracy through the politics of participation, self-reliance and full-scale decentralisation.
6. To work out a new sense of values for the future, more caring, more spiritual, rediscovering real quality of life in personal rather than material growth.



## EMBRACING THE EARTH!

The ECOLOGY PARTY is the U.K.'s Green Party

Ecology is a world-wide movement. Green parties are now established in most European countries, and there are now green representatives in the European Parliament, and in the Belgian, Dutch, Finnish and West German national parliaments. The success of the German Greens in March 1983, winning 27 seats in the Bundestag with 5.6% of the vote, was particularly inspiring. Their uncompromising stance on nuclear power and disarmament, on unemployment and the worst excesses of industrialisation, has led many in Germany to see them as the real party of opposition.

In the 1979 General Election we had 53 candidates, whose average share of the vote was better than that of any other minority party. By the 1983 General Election we had quadrupled our membership and had the organization and resources to field 109 candidates. In local elections, we've had candidates elected at county, district and parish level.

### Your kind of politics

The Ecology Party draws both its membership and its inspiration from many different sources. We prefer to avoid the old terminology of 'right, left, or middle-of-the-road'. We're seeking a new road, a road that will take us in a very different direction.

If there are any answers, then they lie in our own hands, working together, campaigning, and putting up candidates in our own communities.

**OTHER PARTIES MAY PROMISE THE MOON, BUT ONLY ECOLOGY GUARANTEES THE EARTH.**

**JOIN US NOW AND PUT THE LIFE BACK INTO**