

GREEN POLITICS

The ECOLOGY PARTY is Britain's

Green Party

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 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 genuine and lasting peace through consistent opposition to all forms of exploitation, broadening a fundamental commitment to nuclear disarmament by emphasizing non-violence and a better balance between feminine and masculine values.
3. To live within the physical limits of our planet, eliminating waste, and learning to rely on those resources that are renewable or can be re-used or recycled.
4. To achieve greater social equality within the framework of a just and democratic society, so that people of all nations and all races may live in harmony with each other.
5. 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.
6. To restore life to our communities and health to our democracy through the politics of participation, self-reliance and full-scale decentralisation.
7. 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.

Some have called this 'a green revolution'. So be it.



EMBRACING THE EARTH!

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, Italian, 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.

Your kind of politics

Or does the whole idea of politics turn you right off? It shouldn't – we end up getting the kind of politics we deserve!

It's no good complaining and then doing nothing about it. If there are any answers, then they lie in our own hands, working together in our own communities. We need the kind of democracy that allows us to be fully involved in the decisions that concern us, rather than passively waiting around for other people to do things on our behalf.

The Ecology Party draws both its membership and its inspiration from many different sources, and we prefer not to be distracted by the outmoded 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.

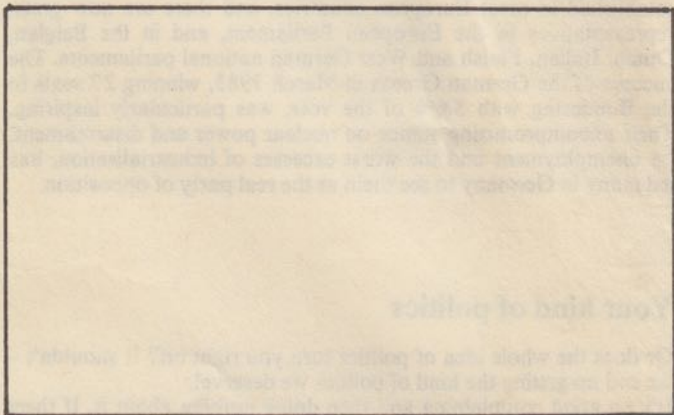
In the 1979 General Election, we had 53 candidates, whose average share of the vote was better than that of any other minority party. In local elections, we've had candidates elected at county, district and parish level. In the coming General Election, we shall have more than a hundred candidates, and even without Proportional Representation, are confident of making a considerable impact.

For what we are offering is quite unique in politics today: a challenge to break free of the past, to put together a real alternative, and together to put the life back into politics.

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Publications

For £1, we will send you a cross-section of our publications, including 'The Politics of Ecology' which explains our basic philosophy and principles, together with a short manifesto of the Party's policies and various other leaflets. Please tick below if you would like this materials pack to be sent to you.

Of course, the best thing you can do is to join us!

Normal subscription is £6. Students, pensioners and claimants can join for £3. For that you will get full membership of the Party, but please remember that we very much depend on the additional contributions that people can make.

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ACTION FOR LIFE ON EARTH NOW!

A Ten Point Action Programme

- 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.
- 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.
- TAX WASTE, NOT WORK:** phase out National Insurance, introduce a Natural Resources Tax, together with trade tariffs to promote self-reliance.
- FOOD FOR THE FUTURE:** establish a programme for increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, based on mixed, small-scale farming.
- 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.
- LAND FOR THE PEOPLE:** set up a commission to advise on measures to redistribute land, including a Community Ground Rent.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.