

EUROPEAN GREEN PARTIES MEMBERSHIP SURVEY GREEN PARTY OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Questionnaire

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Dear Green Party member,

This questionnaire is sent to you as part of the first international survey of green parties members across Europe. The aim of this survey is to understand more about the backgrounds, beliefs and activities of Green Party members. I hope that you will take the time to complete this short questionnaire which should only take about 10 minutes.

This questionnaire is mailed to a sample of members selected at random from a list of party members held by the Green Party office in London. **Your individual anonymity is guaranteed. The questionnaire contains no number or other mark** - neither we nor anybody else will be able to identify individual responses. The Green Party will only receive our general conclusions based on an overall analysis of the replies.

Most of the questions can be answered by ticking the box provided for the answer you would like to give. No special knowledge is needed to complete the questionnaire. It should be completed only by the person to whom it was sent, so that responses will reflect all shades of opinion with the Greens.

The survey is part of an international scientific project studying members of green parties across Western Europe funded by the British Academy and the University of Strathclyde. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact me on 0141-548 2918 or by e-mail at **W.Rudig@strath.ac.uk**. Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed **FREEPOST** envelope. No stamp is required.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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To fill in the questionnaire, please tick the box opposite your answer, like this ✓. In some cases, you are asked to write in your answer directly. Please use a blue or black ballpoint pen or heavy pencil.

Q1. When did you first join the Green Party?

PLEASE WRITE IN:

YEAR

I first joined in				
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Q2. A number of reasons why people might join the Green Party are listed below. Thinking back to your first decision to join, please indicate how important a role each reason played.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	Very Important	Important	Neither Nor Unimportant	Not Important	Not at all Important
I wanted to meet politically like-minded people.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
I wanted to become politically active.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
I wanted to help in the realisation of the political aims that I supported.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
I wanted to influence the selection of candidates for political office.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
I wanted to support the party financially.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
I wanted to learn more about green politics.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)

Q3. Would you call yourself a very strong, fairly strong, not very strong or not at all strong supporter of the Green Party?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very strong	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Fairly strong	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Not very strong	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
Not at all strong	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q4. The Green Party advocates a range of different policies and goals. What priority, in your opinion should be given to the following policy goals by the Green Party in the next few years?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	Top Priority	A High Priority	Not a High Priority	No Priority at all
Constructing a multi-cultural society	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Helping the poor in society	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Combating the use of genetically modified food	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Stopping global warming	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Improving the status/rights of women	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Settling international conflicts with peaceful means	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Phasing out nuclear energy	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Promoting nuclear disarmament	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Opposing globalisation	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Creating a more democratic society	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q5. We would now like to ask you about other political activities you may have taken part in during the last **FOUR** years. Have you done any of the following?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX FOR EACH ACTIVITY

	Not at all	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
Worked in voluntary organisations and associations	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Voted in elections	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Boycotted certain products	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Participated in public demonstrations	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q6. Are you currently a member of any of the following organisations?

PLEASE TICK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

Friends of the Earth	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Greenpeace	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
National Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSBP)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Amnesty International	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Trade Union or Staff Association	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)

Q7. Did you take part in the demonstration to stop war on Iraq in London on 15 February 2003?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	No	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
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Q8. How often do you make a special effort to do any of the following?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Sort glass or tins or plastic or newspapers and so on for recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Buy fruits and vegetables grown without pesticides or chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Refuse to eat meat for moral or environmental reasons	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
Use alternative medicine (for example homeopathy, acupuncture)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q9. Some say European unification should be pushed further. Others say it has gone too far. What is your opinion? Please indicate your views using a ten-point scale. On this scale, 1 means unification 'has already gone too far' and 10 means it 'should be pushed further'. What number on this scale best describes your position?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<i>Unification has already gone too far</i>					<i>Unification should be pushed further</i>				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10. Would you support or oppose Tony Blair sending British troops into military action against Iraq?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Support – but only if the action is approved by the United Nations	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Support – no matter what the United Nations decide	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Oppose – British troops should not be involved	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q11. Thinking back over the last 12 months, how often have you attended a local Green Party meeting?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
Frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q12. Would you say that the party does enough to keep you informed about what is going on?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (1)	No <input type="checkbox"/> (2)
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Q13. Do ordinary members of the Green Party have enough say in determining party policy?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (1)	No <input type="checkbox"/> (2)
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Q14. How active do you consider yourself to be in the Green Party right now?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very active	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
Fairly active	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
Not very active	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
Not at all active	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)

Q15. At present, how often do you meet party members socially outside party meetings?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)
Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2)
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3)
Quite often	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)
Very regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5)

Q16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER ROW ONLY

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
People like me can have a real influence on politics if they are prepared to get involved.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Attending Party meetings can be very tiring after a hard days work.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
When Green Party members are united and work together, they can really change Britain.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
The local Green Party has really made a difference to the way in which our community has developed.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
The Green Party would be more successful if people like me had more influence in the Party.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Being an active Party member is a good way of meeting interesting people.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Getting involved in party activities during elections can be fun.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Party activity often takes time away from one's family.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
A person like me could do a good job as a local Green Party councillor.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)

Some questions about your personal background:

Q17. In which year were you born?

PLEASE WRITE IN YEAR

I was born in 19

Q18. Are you male or female?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Male (1) Female (2)

Q19. What is your current employment status?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Employed Full-Time (30 hours or more a week)	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	Employed Part-Time (less than 30 hours week)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	Looking after the home full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
In full-time education	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)	Retired, Pensioned	<input type="checkbox"/> (6)
Permanently sick or disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> (7)	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> (8)

Q20. Which type of organisation do you work for? (If you are not working now, please answer in terms of your last job)

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Private sector firm or company	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Public sector employer	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Charity/ voluntary sector (charitable company, churches, interest group, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
Other/ Never had a job	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)

Q21. How old were you when you stopped full-time education?

PLEASE WRITE IN AGE

OR TICK BOX I am still in full-time education

Q22. How would you describe the place where you live? **PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

A big city	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
A small city or town	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
A country village	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
A farm or home in the country	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)

Q23. Do you intend to renew your subscription to the Green Party when it next becomes due?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes, definitely	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)
Yes, probably	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)
Probably not	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)
Definitely not	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)
I have already left the party	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)

Q23a. IF you have already left the party or are thinking about leaving, what was/is the main reason?

PLEASE WRITE IN

And FINALLY:

Q24. In 1999, the Green Party had its first Members elected to the European Parliament and to the Scottish Parliament. Greens also did very well in local elections, including the elections to the Greater London Assembly in 2000, and achieved some of its best constituency results ever in the 2001 General Election.

What measures do you think should be taken by the Party in the run-up to the next European and General Elections to consolidate and build upon this success?

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER ON EACH ROW

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Concentrate on grass-roots campaigning on key environmental issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Elect one Party leader.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Explore the possibilities of pre-election pacts with other parties.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Improve its media image as a responsible party with sensible policies.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Put greater emphasis on social issues and representing the underprivileged in society.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Employ non-violent direct action and civil disobedience to campaign on green issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Adopt a more de-centralised internal structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Reverse its concentration on electoral campaigning, and put more emphasis on practical steps individuals can take here and now to create a green society.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)
Devise a set of more detailed policies to cope with the environmental challenges of tomorrow.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1)	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	<input type="checkbox"/> (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> (5)

