

# **GPEX TRADE UNION LIAISON OFFICER**

## **KEY PURPOSE**

The role exists to represent and to further the achievement of the Green Party's objectives generally and specifically through providing leadership to and creating a dialogue between the Executive, local party Trade Union Liaison Officers and the Green Party Trade Union Group in order to inform strategy development and decision-making.

There are two key dimensions: external focus across the Union movement and internal focus within the party.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

As the Green Party Executive (GPEX) is responsible and liable for the governance and functioning of the organisation, members are accountable in varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders, including members the Green Party Regional Council (GPRC) and each other.

Furthermore, GPEX members should take a lead on building public trust and confidence in the Party's work through demonstrating good practice and good governance, taking into consideration the wider implications of the decisions they make, and to communicate widely the reasons behind such decisions or actions.

## **ROLE SPECIFIC DUTIES**

The Trade Union Liaison Officer will : -

- Work particularly with regional and local parties to promote work with Trade Unions.
- Promote the Trade Union movement within the Green Party, supporting local parties to establish links with Trade Unions in their locality with the aim to link up with possible joint campaigns.
- Give support to the Green Party Trade Union Group (GPTU) as requested by GPTU.
- Keep the Party, and GPEX, informed of campaigns, priorities, current developments with and achievements in relation to work with the Trade Union movement.
- Co-ordinate the collection of Trade Union information from Green Party membership list and offer and training and support for member involvement in local Trade Union work.

## **RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF**

- The Trade Union Liaison Officer has appropriate contact with Party Office staff, through the Chief Executive.
- The Trade Union Liaison Officer will liaise with staff Trade Union representatives, and may be called upon to help promote good relationships with Trade Unions within the staff group, particularly where there is no nominated Trade Union representative.

## **RELATIONSHIPS OUTSIDE THE GREEN PARTY**

The Trade Union Liaison Officer will : -

- Work with the Trade Union movement.
- Seek Green Party speakers on Trade Union-led platforms and protests
- Represent the Party to the Trade Union movement, seeking to build links at a national and regional level with the Trade Union movement and individual Unions.
- Seek funding for Green Party campaigns and also seek possible financial support for Green Candidates from supportive Trade Unions

## **ROLE SPECIFIC SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE**

- Solid track record of Trade Union membership and activism
- Understanding of Green Party short and long-term policy, and how these support each other.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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## **BEHAVIOURAL STANDARDS**

All members of GPEx are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct and operate in a way that upholds the Values of the Party and supports the Philosophical Basis on which it is built.

## **ROLE DESCRIPTION REVIEW**

This role description is reviewed at the end of the first year of each 2 year term, and in advance of every election.

- Last review date: **May 2025**