

Greens meet Grüne

An exchange meeting between the Green Party of England and Wales, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen and the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament.

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Friday 15 April - Saturday 16 April

Venue: Hamilton House, 80 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3QY, United Kingdom



PROGRAMME

The conference language will be English

Friday 15 April

- 11.00-11.30 **Action on Air Quality: #letbristolbreathe**
Location: St James Barton Roundabout/The Bearpit
- 12.00-12.30 **Press Conference with**
Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
Simone Peter, Co-Spokesperson of the German Green Party
Chair: Cllr Gus Hoyt
- 12.30-13.00 Sandwich lunch
- 13.15-13.30 **Welcome**
- 13.30-15.00 **Thematic workshops (closed sessions)**
- **Green energy transformation and divestment at the local level**
with
Carla Denyer, Member of the Green Group on Bristol City Council
Anthony Hobley, Chief Executive Officer of the Carbon Tracker Initiative
 - **Refugee integration**
with
Ska Keller, Member of the European Parliament
Fi Hance, Member of the Green Group on Bristol City Council
Richard Williams, Vice-Chair, Sanctuary on Sea, Brighton and Hove
- 15.00-15.30 Feedback from workshops (Plenary)

15.30-17.00 Free time

17.00-17.45 Light supper at Hamilton House

18.00-20.00 Panel discussion open to the public

Building a Western Powerhouse: What can we learn from Germany's renewable energy transition?

Germany is going through an energy revolution that is giving power to the people. In the past decade the share of renewable electricity has risen from 6% to nearly 25%. More than half of the investment in renewables has been made by small investors, meaning that this transition to renewables has empowered local communities and brought great wealth to rural communities.

South West England has better renewable resources than Germany and in our region a similar transformation has the potential to create 122,000 jobs across the region and add over £4bn a year to the regional economy. How can we make this Western Powerhouse a reality and ensure that the rewards benefit us all?

Chair: **Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament

Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales

Simone Peter, Co-Spokesperson of the German Green Party

Molly Scott Cato, Member of the European Parliament

Anton Jaekel, Activist and Young German Green

Cllr Martin Fodor, Member of the Green Group on Bristol Council

20.00-21.00 Informal reception at the venue

21.00-? The evening will continue at the local Hillgrove Porter Stores craft beer pub, 53 Hillgrove St N, Bristol, Avon BS2 8LT. This is a five minute (uphill) walk from the venue (see map). There is a pop up restaurant serving Indian street food on this day, but please order as soon as you arrive at the pub as the kitchen closes at 9.30pm. There are also bar snacks.

Saturday, 16th April

- 09.30-10.00 **Welcome and opening of the day**
- 10.00-11.30 Thematic workshops (closed sessions)
- **Right wing populism**
with
Ralph Scott, Head of Citizenship and Political Participation at Demos
Madeleine Henfling, Member of the Landtag Thüringen

 - **Civil rights in the digital age**
with
Jim Killock, Executive Director of Open Rights Group
Jan Phillip Albrecht, Member of the European Parliament
- 11.30-12.00 Feedback from workshops (plenary)
- 12.00-13.00 **UK Party Membership - what we know and how things are changing**
Dr Wolfgang Rüdig, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde
- 13.00-14.00 Sandwich lunch
- 14.00-15.30 Plenary debate (closed session)
The United Kingdom European Union membership referendum
(comfort and coffee break at approximately 15.00)
Chair (tbc)
with contributions from
- **Dr Wolfgang Rüdig**, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde
 - **Jean Lambert**, Member of the European Parliament
 - **Manuel Sarrazin**, Member of the Bundestag
 - **Sven Giegold**, Member of the European Parliament
- 15.30-16.00 Wrap up and farewell
- 16.00-18.00 Some members of the local party will be meeting in the *Small Bar*, 31 King St, Bristol BS1 4DZ (see map) for a post action day social. Those staying Saturday night are welcome to join them. Contact: Rob Telford 07756 355 547.