Greens meet Grüne


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Friday 15 April - Saturday 16 April
Venue: Hamilton House, 80 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3QY, United Kingdom

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
The conference language will be English

Friday 15 April

10.00-10.30  Press Conference with
Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
Simone Peter, Co-Spokesperson of the German Green Party
Reinhard Bütikofer MEP, Co-Chair, European Green Party
Chair: Cllr Gus Hoyt

11.00-11.30  Action on Air Quality: ‘Clear the Air’ #bristol#cleanair
Location: St James Barton Roundabout/The Bearpit

12.00-12.45  Sandwich lunch at Hamilton House

13.00-13.30  Opening of the Workshop Sessions (Plenary)

13.30-15.00  Thematic workshops (closed sessions)

- Green energy transformation and divestment at the local level
  with
  Reinhard Bütikofer MEP, Co-Chair, European Green Party
  Cllr Carla Denyer, Member of the Green Group on Bristol City Council
  Anthony Hobley, Chief Executive Officer of the Carbon Tracker Initiative (tbc)

- Refugee integration
  with
  Ska Keller, Member of the European Parliament
  Cllr Fi Hance, Member of the Green Group on Bristol City Council
• **Right wing populism**  
  with  
  Ralph Scott, Head of Citizenship and Political Participation at Demos (tbc)  
  Madeleine Henfling, Member of the Landtag Thüringen

15.00-15.30 Feedback from workshops (Plenary)

15.30-17.00 Free time

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  
Keynote speech by Simone Peter, Co-Spokesperson of the German Green Party  
Keynote speech by Molly Scott Cato, Member of the European Parliament  
Panel discussion and Q&A with  
Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales

20.00-21.00 Informal reception with cash bar

**Saturday, 16th April**

09.30-10.00 Opening of the Workshop Sessions (Plenary)

10.00-12.00 Thematic workshops (closed sessions)

• **Youth guarantee**  
  with  
  Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament  
  Terry Reintke, Member of the European Parliament

• **Civil rights in the digital age**  
  with  
  Jim Killock, Executive Director of Open Rights Group
Jan Phillip Albrecht, Member of the European Parliament

- **European Identity in a Globalised World**
  with
  Dr Wolfgang Rüdig, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde

12.00-12.30  Feedback from workshops (plenary)

12.30-13.30  Sandwich lunch

13.30-16.00  Plenary debate (closed session)
  The United Kingdom European Union membership referendum
  (coffee break at approximately 14.45)
  Chair (tbc)
  with contributions from
  - Dr Wolfgang Rüdig, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde
  - Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament
  - Caroline Lucas, Member of Parliament (via Skype)
  - Manuel Sarrazin, Member of the Bundestag
  - Sven Giegold, Member of the European Parliament