



**YOUR GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE**  
**ELIZABETH McMANUS**  
**BOURNEMOUTH WEST**

I am very proud and excited to stand for The Green Party in Bournemouth West at the 2015 General Elections. It's great being part of something that you really believe in and care about. I'm currently studying for a BA in International Studies part time through the Open University which has vastly improved my knowledge and understanding of important environmental, political and humanitarian challenges that we face today.

Living, working and having grown up in Bournemouth, like many residents, I take great pride in having such a naturally beautiful home town and I am very passionate about protecting it. While Bournemouth is generally regarded as an affluent area there are some aspects of living here that need to be greatly improved.

Over the last few years we have seen soaring rent prices in Bournemouth while for many of us wages, in both real and in some cases actual terms, have dropped considerably. I've worked with people who openly admitted they couldn't afford to heat their homes and others who only earned £4 a day after their childcare deductions. These are the challenges employed people face – life for the more vulnerable people in our society has become even more of a struggle. If elected I would focus on Bournemouth taking the lead with green initiatives and, as well as being the UK's best beach resort, become a leader in green tourism. Vote for me and vote for a fairer, greener and more prosperous future for everyone in our town.

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Imagine a political system that puts the public first. Imagine an economy that gives everyone their fair share. Imagine a society capable of supporting everyone's needs. Imagine a planet protected from the threat of climate change now and for the generations to come.

That's the future we want to create and we believe we have the means to do it. Green Party membership is soaring and more and more people are recognising that the politics of the future doesn't have to look like the politics of the past.

Vote Green and you can help us build a society that works for the Common Good."

NATALIE BENNETT, GREEN PARTY LEADER



CAROLINE LUCAS MP  
BRIGHTON PAVILION

NATALIE BENNETT  
GREEN PARTY LEADER



# VOTE FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN



#PUBLICNHS

**WE WILL:**

- Fight for a publicly funded, publicly provided health service free at the point of use.
- End the creeping privatisation of the NHS and repeal the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- Make mental health a much higher priority with resources to match this status.



#FAIRECONOMY

**WE WILL:**

- End austerity and restore the public sector, creating over one million good jobs that pay at least a living wage.
- Pay for this with a new wealth tax on the top 1%, a Robin Hood Tax on the banks and the closure of tax loopholes.
- Increase the minimum wage to reach a living wage of £10 an hour by 2020.



#DECENTHOMES

**WE WILL:**

- Abolish the cruel and unfair bedroom tax.
- Build 500,000 social rented homes by 2020 and bring empty homes back into use to ensure everyone has access to an affordable place to live.
- Cap rent and introduce longer tenancies to provide greater protection for renters.



#SAFECLIMATE

**WE WILL:**

- Take serious action on climate change by working with other countries to ensure global temperatures do not rise beyond 2 degrees.
- Phase out fossil-fuel based energy generation and nuclear power.
- Invest in a public programme of renewable generation, flood defences and building insulation.



#FREEEDUCATION

**WE WILL:**

- Scrap university tuition fees.
- Promote a comprehensive system of local schools offering mixed ability teaching staffed by qualified teachers.
- Bring Academies and Free Schools into the Local Authority system.



#BETTERTRANSPORT

**WE WILL:**

- Return the railways to public hands to stop profits being put before passengers.
- Introduce an immediate cut in fares of 10% to give passengers a much-needed financial break.
- Promote walking and cycling to help reduce pollution and improve people's health.