



There's a lot happening in Green Party Women already and we hope you'll get involved.

We love to hear from our members but don't yet have access to the Green Party Women email account. Please do not reply directly to this email as it will take you to our ERO's (Electoral Returning Officer's) email address.

For the moment, if you wish to contact Green Party Women then email Sue, one of our Secretaries, on gpwsuewilliams@gmail.com

Committee News

The first meeting of your new Green Party Women committee will be at **6.30pm on Monday 11th March**. You can register to observe the meeting [here](#). And our agenda is [here](#).

Join the Conversation

Have you joined Green Spaces yet? The Members section of the Green Party Website is the place to find out the latest news and to talk to fellow Party members.

We'd love to see you in the [Green Party Women Space](#). Green Spaces can be a little confusing to navigate but our link will take you straight to our GPW Space. Recent posts have ranged from the effects of council cuts to women's services to the terrible situation of women in Afghanistan.

All members can create posts so come along and tell everyone what matters to you.



Policy Fest

Spring Policy Fest 2024 will be held from **3rd to 9th March 2024**. You can register for Policy Fest [here](#) and find out more about Policy Fest [here](#).

Policy Fest is an online event organised by the Policy Development Committee and is free to attend. With meetings, discussions, training sessions, workshops and guest speakers on a huge range of issues, there really is something for everyone. You can find the timetable [here](#).

Green Spaces for Dummies (Thursday 7 March, 17.45 - 19.00) should prove useful for anyone trying to find their way around the members' website.

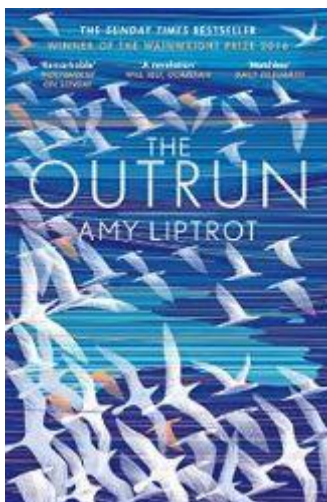
Club News

Our next book club will be on **Tuesday 26th March at 7pm** and, as always, will be on Zoom. This month, we are going to be reading **The Outrun** by **Amy Liptrot**.

[Register for Book Club here](#)

The Outrun describes Amy Liptrot's experiences when she returns to live in Orkney, where she grew up on a farm with her schizophrenic and bipolar father and her evangelical Christian mother. She tells of her rehabilitation after ten unhappy years in London, during which she had become an alcoholic and drug user. She combines reflections and memories with immediate descriptions of the islands' wild nature, wind, geology, and wildlife.

Where Can I Find This Month's Book?



The Outrun is available in paperback and audio book. We have some handy links for you but don't forget your local bookshop or library. The Libby App is a great way to borrow both e-books and audio books from your local library. It is free to download, has no subscription costs and is ideal if you prefer either of these formats or if you find it difficult to visit your local library in person.



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Raising Women's Voices

Making Women's Votes Count


Insights from women leaders on how to make the most of the election



Speakers include:
Andrea Simon, End Violence Against Women
Chloe Schendel-Wilson, Disability Policy Centre
Helen Pankhurst, Centenary Action
Jemima Olchawski, The Fawcett Society
Rhiannon Evans, Mumsnet
Prof Rosie Campbell, Global Institute for Women's Leadership
Baroness Shaista Gohir, Muslim Women's Network UK
Timi Okuwa, Black Equity Organisation

Chaired by journalist Carolyn Quinn

Thursday 21st March online
10:00 - 11:30
Book via eventbrite



Green Party Women supports **Centenary Action**, a campaign established in 2018, the centenary of some women getting the right to vote, which aims for a gender equal parliament by 2028.

With 2028 looking set to be an election year, it's crucial we ensure women's voices are heard loud and clear during the campaign.

Join Centenary Action for a free webinar: Together, let's shape political agendas and policies, making it crystal clear: women's votes count.

Date: Thursday 21st March online

Time: 10:00 - 11:30

[Book here](#)

Green Women in Action

Congratulations to Green Party Councillors in Lewes

Green-led Lewes District Council became the first council in England to call for a 'Zane's Law' aimed at making toxic waste dumps safe.

This comes ten years after the death of seven-year-old Zane Gbangbola when water from a contaminated landfill entered his family's home in Surrey.

You can find out more about the campaign [here](#) and [sign the petition here](#).



The motion was proposed by Green councillor Imogen Makepeace.

During the meeting, which was attended by Zane's father, Kye Gbangbola, she paid tribute to the "extraordinary courage" of his parents "who are still fighting for the full truth of what happened to their beloved son". Imogen added that the proposed law "would go a long way towards preventing such a tragedy happening to anyone else".

2 Minute Activism

We know that many of our members are interested in women's health and thought that you might wish to sign this [petition](#) to continue to invite women over the age of 71 for routine mammograms.



Women over 71 are currently eligible to receive a mammogram but as they no longer receive an invitation, many assume that screening stops at 71.

One in 3 women diagnosed with breast cancer in England each year are aged 70 or over. This age group also accounts for more than half of all breast cancer deaths annually so it is vital that women in this age group continue to be screened.

best wishes,

Jude, Tina, Sue, Kaz, Hazel, Jess, Anne, Linda (Loppy), Sarah, Siobhan, Rachel, Liz and Amanda

Your Green Party Women committee
