

Will You Stand With Us For A New Politics?

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Today we need you to do one thing - make sure your local Party is on the ballot paper on June 8.

Doing politics differently isn't just something Greens talk about – it's what we do.

That's why we reached out to the Labour and Liberal Democrat leadership many months ago and invited them to co-operate electorally as a way of overcoming our archaic and undemocratic voting system, and securing electoral reform.

When a snap General Election was called, we redoubled our efforts to get them round the table.

And on May 5, when we were the only party in opposition bucking the trend and holding onto our number of councillors, we reached out again.

We want to make this work – and at the countless public meetings we've been to up and down the country, it's clear that grassroots members of both Labour and Liberal Democrats, and the wider public, want to as well.

But now we know their party leaders won't let them. The old politics is dead and its Leaders are stuck in the past.

The snap general election gave us just 7 weeks to drag British politics into the future. If we'd had until a 2020 election, things might have been different. But the other parties' leaders are refusing to protect the country against Theresa May's authoritarianism. Confronted with the prospect of a one party state, they have played endless games and rejected the prospect of preventing a Conservative landslide.

Every one of you has shown more leadership than them – and we need you to continue to do that. Our vision has always been bigger and bolder than theirs. It goes beyond who wins on June 8. It's about standing for a new politics.

So now, standing up means standing as full a slate of candidates as possible - giving every voter an opportunity to vote Green.

The number of votes we get influences our capacity to be effective after June 8 and you have until May 11 to nominate. It's never too late for the other leaders to change their mind and do the right thing, but if we stand down unilaterally they have no incentive. The best way to prevent a Tory landslide is to stand and vote Green.

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Electoral alliances were never about standing aside. We wanted to stand together with the other parties to campaign for our shared beliefs. They may have chosen to sit things out but we won't.

Greens are proud to lead even when others are not ready to follow. The incredible work you are doing up and down the country is making a difference and the other parties know it. The only way we change things forever is by being visible, confident and brave. Please continue to stand up for what matters.

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