

## **EGP: CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEE PLACE 2019**

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### **Motivation**

- **Experienced politician**
- **Committed to real ‘just transition’**
- **Aiming for Green success in every country**
- **Green politics is the antidote to the politics of hate**

**2019 has been a brilliant year for many Green parties in Europe but not for all.** I want to use my years of experience in the political Green movement to help more of our Green family make progress across Europe, particularly in Central and East European countries and some in the South, where right-wing populism is a repressive force. We know that is not easy. To make progress, we need to work within and across borders to combat the politics of hate and promote human rights, equality and inclusion; we have to protect civil society as that is a key part of any democracy and promote effective policies for tackling climate chaos while aiming for social justice. I want to see those policies reach out to people who think the Greens have nothing to say to them: that was my goal as Green MEP for London, where I worked to develop our profile on social and equalities issues and show how those connect to our concerns about the planet we share.

I have been an MEP for the last twenty years. I was a member of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, working on social inclusion, citizens’ rights and green jobs and, also, the Civil Liberties Committee, where I specialised in asylum and immigration policy- making the case for migration and humanitarian protection. I was very active in a number of cross-party groups in the EP, working closely with civil society to ensure their voice was heard in the Parliament. I’m really interested in how parties and electoral law work and believe that ‘good governance’ is crucial to coping with climate chaos. I helped grow the Green Party in the UK from its early days, have been an election observer in Africa and South Asia and a campaigner for constitutional change in the UK.

Should the UK leave the EU, I also think it is important to show that Greens can maintain their links across Europe as a whole and work as an international body. I believe that having a Committee member from the GPEW would send a powerful signal that Greens work across borders, whatever the circumstances.