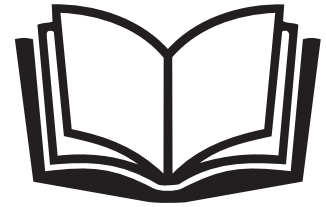




Green Party

Hackney



Easy Read



Hope for Hackney: our manifesto

About this Easy Read



This is an Easy Read version of the Hackney Green Party's **manifesto**.



Our **manifesto** is about our ideas and the difference we want to make in Hackney.



This Easy Read is still quite long.
You can ask someone to explain it to you.



If you find it hard to concentrate, try taking breaks. You do not have to read it all in one go.

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Council elections



Hackney Council is in charge of things like collecting rubbish, recycling, roads, libraries, social care and housing.



Councillors are local people who are **elected** to lead the council. Being **elected** means that people have voted for you.



The next elections are on **7 May 2026**. Make sure you have registered to vote.



For information about how to vote:
Email: info@hackney.gov.uk
Phone: 020 8356 3232

Hackney Green Party



We are a group of local people. We are members of the Green Party. This booklet tells you about the things we want to do.



Zoë Garbett is our candidate for the becoming the Mayor of Hackney. You can vote for her on the 7 May.



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There are Green Party members ready to be elected as councillors in almost every area of Hackney.



If enough people vote for them, we can change the way the council is run.

1. Homes



We believe that everyone should have a home where they feel safe and relaxed.



Hackney Greens want everyone in Hackney to have a home they can afford.



A Green council will build more homes on the council's land. We will make sure there are enough homes for families.



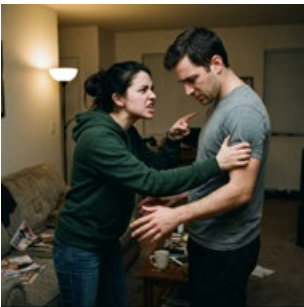
Some people don't need a large council home. We will help them to move somewhere smaller by giving them money and support.



We will make sure that all rented homes are warm, safe and accessible for the people who live there.



We will make sure that survivors of **domestic abuse** can rent a home from the council, even if they owe money.



Domestic abuse is when you are hurt by someone you know well.



We will work hard to stop illegal evictions: when a landlord asks people to leave their home, without following the law.



We will make homes better for the environment. For example, by swapping gas boilers with heat pumps.

2. Business and money



Local businesses are places like shops, market stalls, gyms and restaurants.



Green councillors will help businesses, charities and community groups that are based in Hackney.



When a Green council spends money or rents out buildings, it will do this in a way that helps local businesses.



This means that the council's money will stay in Hackney and help local people.



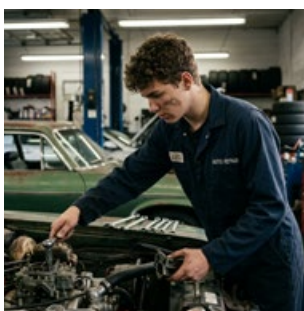
Many people in Hackney find it hard to pay for things like rent, food, bills and medicines.



We want to make sure that everyone can afford to have a good life.



We will help people to get the benefits they are entitled to. For example, Universal Credit and Pension Credit.



We will increase the number of apprenticeships so people can get good jobs.



We will make sure there is a Credit Union in Hackney. This means people can borrow money, without using a bank.

3. Communities



Your local community is the places and people close to your home.



We want everyone in Hackney to be safe and live a healthy life in their community.



We will learn more about why crime happens. We will work together with local people to prevent crime happening.



People who use alcohol and other drugs need care and support. We will try to get them the help they need.



We will work to protect people from domestic abuse.



We will make **social care** better, by working with local people and organisations.



Social care is support for people who need help with everyday things, like dressing, cooking and going out.



We will protect Hackney's libraries, sports grounds and other places. They will be accessible and welcoming.



We will let people have peaceful protests on the council's land.

4. Children and families



Lots of children in Hackney are growing up in homes where there is not enough money.



Hackney Green Party wants to make services for children better, so that every child can do well.



We will ask the government for more money for Youth Centres and Youth Workers.



Our Children and Family Hubs will be able to support more people.



More children who are in care will stay in Hackney. This means they are closer to their schools and people they know.



We want children to be well cared for in school, and feel that they belong.



We will make sure every young person is supported to stay in school or college.



SEND is short for **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**.

Children with **SEND** and their families will get better support and information.

5. Travel



People travel around Hackney by walking, by bike, wheelchair, car, bus and train.



A Green-led Hackney Council will make sure that it is safe and easy to travel in Hackney.



We will also make travelling more environmentally friendly.



We will make it safer to walk and cycle by improving road crossings and cycle paths.



We will put more pedestrian crossings near schools.



We will create traffic-free streets near schools too.



We will take away objects on pavements that make it hard for Disabled people to get around.



We will ask Transport for London to make buses and tubes more accessible.



We want to stop all road deaths and injuries by 2041. The streets will be cleaner and safer, with fewer cars.

6. The environment



The environment means the world around us. Helping the environment means caring for people, animals and plants.



Everyone can do things to help the environment. Here are some things that a Green-led Hackney Council will do:



We will help many different plants and animals to live in Hackney's parks, streets and gardens. This is called **biodiversity**.



We will stop using chemicals that kill plants and animals. These chemicals are called **herbicides** and **pesticides**.



We will make our parks and other green spaces more accessible.



We will help people to grow food, like fruits and vegetables.



We will make sure that there is less rubbish on our streets. There will be skips that people can use for free.



We will make the air cleaner.
Dirty air is full of **pollution** from cars, lorries and wood fires.



We will help people to grow more plants in their gardens, instead of concrete and paving stones.

7. Welcoming people



Hackney has welcomed people for a long time: people from many different backgrounds and countries.



Hackney Green Party is against hate and discrimination towards any group of people.



Our councillors will make sure that nobody at the council is racist or sexist.



We will do everything we can to prevent violence.



We will protect the rights of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans: LGBTQIA+



We will make sure there are more Changing Places toilets for Disabled people.



We will welcome people who are escaping from war or other dangers.



We will make Hackney a Borough of Peace and Justice.



We will teach children about peace and human rights.

8. Art and culture



Art and culture includes music, dance, film and carnival. It brings people together.



Artists have told us that they need more places to make and share their work.



A Green council will let artists use council buildings, so we have places for arts that include everyone.



We will try to find money for helping arts venues to be accessible for Disabled people.



We will help artists to earn more by asking arts venues to pay them the London Living Wage.



We will bring back Hackney Carnival.



This will include opening a Carnival Hub. It will support groups of people to prepare for the carnival.



Arts venues are struggling to stay open. A Green council will support them.



We will ask the London Mayor to do more for venues and night-time travel.

9. Power to local people



People in Hackney say that the council does not listen to them. They feel that the things they say do not make a difference.



A Green-led council will set up a Citizen's Assembly. This will bring people together to talk about local issues.



The Assembly will give the council ideas about things they can do to make Hackney a better place to live.



Local people will be able to have a say in how the council spends its money.



We will make sure that people who work for the council are paid fairly.



We will listen to council staff, respect them and support them.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2	3	4	5
6 WORK	7 WORK	8 WORK	9 WORK	10 OFF

We will trial a 4-day work week for council staff.



Council staff want their **pensions** invested in places that do not cause suffering to people or damage to the environment.



A **pension** is money that is saved for when people retire.



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