

# Green Party Annual Convention 2022

25th – 27th November

Welcome to Athlone



## A message from Green Party leader, Minister Eamon Ryan

Dear Green colleagues,

A warm welcome to our 2022 Convention in beautiful Athlone.

While these last few years have proved challenging for Irish people in so many different ways, the Green Party has continually stepped up with solutions to make people's lives better.

From providing financial supports towards rising bills, accelerating the switch from fossil fuels, and managing the Covid and refugee crises, the Green Party has been a progressive voice at the heart of Government.

Further afield, I was proud to lead an Irish delegation that helped secure a deal to create a 'loss and damage' fund at the COP 27 talks last week. This fund will assist developing countries which are suffering the worst effects of climate change. Irish people understand that while rising temperatures affect us all, we must show solidarity with those worst affected.

As we approach the half-way point of this Government, our desire to create a better, fairer world remains undimmed. This weekend offers us an opportunity to reflect with pride on the great work we've done so far while also looking forward to the exciting years ahead.

The work continues!

Eamon Ryan, TD  
Green Party Leader



## A message from Green Party deputy leader, Minister Catherine Martin

A chairde ghlasa,

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh go hArd-Fheis an Chomhaontais Ghlais, 2022!

Welcome back to our National Convention! I am delighted that we will be back together in person again for the first time since 2019, and I am looking forward to reconnecting with you all.

A sincere thanks to all who helped to organise this weekend, and to the Longford-Westmeath Greens for hosting us all this year. Convention provides us with a unique opportunity to connect with, to learn from, and to inspire each other. For many of you, it will be your first time at an in-person Convention. I wish you an enjoyable and productive weekend.

It has been an incredibly busy time for our party since our last Convention. We can be so proud of the impact that we are having at a local, national, and international level. Every member has played a role in getting us to where we are today.

But we must do more. We must continue to grow, and to get Greens elected in every part of this country. And that starts here, at Convention, by supporting and empowering each other to achieve incredible things.

Guím gach dea-ráth oraibh go léir ag an Ardfheis. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Le means,

Catherine Martin, TD  
Green Party Deputy Leader

## Friday 25.11.22



18:30-18:45 / Marina Suite

### Welcome to Athlone

Cllr Louise Heavin



18.45 – 19.00 / Marina Suite

### Opening address

Senator Pauline O'Reilly, National Chair

19.00 – 21.00 / Marina Suite

### Building sustainable communities in our towns

Cllr Lousie Heavin hosts a public meeting with panellists Bernardine Carroll from the Irish Architecture Foundation and Engagement curator at Reimagine Project; Jane Meade, conservation architect and director of Meade Architects; Steven Matthews, TD for Wicklow; and Minister for Heritage Malcolm Noonan.



Bernardine Carroll



Jane Meade



Steven Matthews



Minister Malcolm Noonan

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## Session and speaker information

### Saturday 26.11.22

11.30 – 12.30 / Marina Suite

#### Climate and politics

Minister Eamon Ryan is joined by panellists Leonore Gewessler, Austrian Green Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Oisín Coughlan, Chief Executive Friends of the Earth; and climate policy researcher Sadhbh O'Neill, an advocate for faster and fairer climate action.



Minister  
Eamon Ryan



Federal Minister  
Leonore Gewessler



Oisín Coughlan



Sadbh O'Neill

12.30 – 13.30 / Marina Suite

#### Reforming Childcare in Ireland

Minister Roderic O'Gorman is joined by Francis Byrne, Director of Policy and Advocacy at Early Childhood Ireland; Early Years educator Eilish Balfe; and the Green Party's Local Area Representative for Longford, Catherine Joseph.



Minister Roderic  
O'Gorman



Francis Byrne



Eilish Balfe



Catherine Joseph



#### 15:30 – 16:30 / Northgate Suite Green Party NI – What's next for the North?

With Green Party NI Leader, Cllr Mal O'Hara



Minister  
Catherine Martin

15.45 – 16.45 / Marina Suite

#### A New Dawn for Arts and Culture

Minister Catherine Martin leads a discussion with Cllr Hazel Chu; CEO of First Music Contact, Angela Doran; nightclub promotor Buzz O'Neill; and Kate Barry from the Green Party Northern Ireland.



Cllr Hazel Chu



Angela Doran



Buzz O'Neill



Kate Barry

17.15 – 18.00 / Marina Suite

#### European Green Deal – Europe's man on the moon moment

Ireland South MEP Grace O'Sullivan and Dublin MEP Ciarán Cuffe look at the influence of Brussels over our climate future.



Grace O'Sullivan  
MEP



Ciarán Cuffe  
MEP

18.00 – 19.00 / Marina Suite

#### Speeches

Convention Addresses from Green Party National Coordinator Michael Pidgeon and Cathaoirleach Pauline O'Reilly will be followed by speeches from Deputy Leader Catherine Martin and Leader Eamon Ryan.



Cllr  
Michael Pidgeon



Senator  
Pauline O'Reilly



Minister  
Catherine Martin



Minister  
Eamon Ryan

### Sunday 27.11.22

09.30 – 10.15 / Marina Suite

#### A midlands public bank in support of Just Transition plans

A member-led event with Martin Clancy from the Green Party's Public Banking policy group; Neasa Hourigan, TD; Green Party member and sub-convenor of Policy Group Siobhán Kinahan; and banking models researcher Noel Kinahan.



Martin Clancy



Neasa Hourigan  
TD



Siobhán Kinahan



Noel Kinahan



12.15 – 13.00 / Marina Suite

#### Where next with the greyhound industry in Ireland

A member-led event with Neasa Hourigan TD, who recently launched a private members' bill to change the way the government funds the greyhound industry.