



# WE Party Conference

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**Amendment Title:** Mainstreaming climate change across all WE objectives

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**Type of amendment:** Amendment to Policy motion

**Title of motion you wish to amend:** Making equality-led climate action a core goal

**Motion text you wish to amend:**

(1) To delete and replace the wording of lines 7 and 8

(2) To delete and replace the wording of lines 11-17.

**Wording of amendment:**

1 (1) Lines 7 and 8

2 WE resolve that WE's seven objectives will be developed and promoted taking full  
3 considerations of, and in alignment with, addressing the climate emergency. ~~to add an~~  
4 ~~eighth objective to Article 2.2.2. of the Constitution to the core objectives of the Party, as~~  
5 ~~follows:~~

6 (2) Lines 11-17

7 ~~WE will therefore change the word 'seven' to the word 'eight' in Articles 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 4.8.5,~~  
8 ~~7.6.1(i), 7.6.1(ii), 7.6.2(i) and 7.6.2(ii) of the Constitution.~~

9 WE further resolve to: convene WE members across the UK to work together on this  
10 issue, building on work already initiated to support the Party in:

11 a) Developing its objectives



- 12 b) Recruiting new members  
13 c) Campaigning for WE on climate change  
14 d) Using their relevant expertise to assist when called for  
15 e) Building strategic alliances to communicate and foster support for a feminist  
16 approach to climate change. ~~Appoint Steering Committee to work with the~~  
17 ~~conference proposers and other WEP members to temporarily appoint a~~  
18 ~~Spokesperson and a Movement Builder for climate change to the WE Policy~~  
19 ~~Committee. These positions will then be elected in the usual manner for~~  
20 ~~Spokespeople and Movement Builders as soon as practical.~~

### Amendment rationale:

21 WE is in a position to develop a unique approach to climate change based on feminism,  
22 equality and social justice. It will be distinct from other parties and will demonstrate climate  
23 change as central to our remit and seven core objectives. This would give WE an  
24 important and critical voice in debates on climate change and would hold other parties to  
25 account.

- 26 1. Climate change and the climate emergency threaten all the Party's objectives and  
27 should be integrated into all areas of policy rather than addressed in an eighth  
28 objective.
- 29 2. An eighth objective risks diminishing its importance, which should be overriding,  
30 completely intrinsic and underpinning our progress towards the existing seven  
31 objectives. WE must avoid any risk of climate change being seen as a 'bolt-on'  
32 objective which is at odds with or contradicted by other objectives or policies.
- 33 3. WE prides itself on doing politics differently. A separate climate change objective  
34 would be mimicking other parties, whereas having an overarching, intrinsic  
35 commitment that informs all our objectives and arises from the membership gives us  
36 a unique, critical and active approach to tackling climate change.
- 37 4. Setting climate change as an eighth objective causes two problems:  
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  - 39 • It would cause an unavoidable additional financial and workload impact on the  
40 Party's slender resources
  - 41 • It would take activist power away from our Party's membership grassroots and be  
42 reliant on what can be managed centrally.

42 WE is a Party that does politics differently. Let us approach the climate emergency  
43 differently too.