

Candidate Statement – Dr Sam Murray

Having been on the AMC since 2021 I am seeking re-election to the best committee of the European Green Party. The CAS is really at the heart of how the Green movement does things differently, it's when we as a party are at our best. I sit in these sessions with immense pride that we can discuss our differences and find a compromise as part of the path to make Europe a better place. They are a core demonstration of our democratic values. Over these past 3 years I have learnt the value of hearing differing perspectives, and the importance of dialogue whilst remembering we have a shared goal to fight climate change and to build a just and sustainable society.

If elected I want to work on the following areas:

1. Improve Compromise Amends Session (CAS) accessibility – I want to work further with member parties to ensure they can understand what is happening through the CAS ensuring: amendments are gone through at a suitable speed, acronyms are explained, and that documentation can meet delegates individual needs.
2. Ensure accuracy of the language and detail of resolutions – Using my native English skills I can help craft amendments to accurately reflect their intention through language and help to find words to compromise on the strength of meaning in amendments as well.
3. Streamlining Amendments Process – Often CAS sessions can be rushed and time for discussions is either lost or spills into other sessions. I want to work with AMC colleagues to look at how we can ensure enough time for debate and also create ways for easily agreeable amendments to resolved quickly in advance of councils and congresses.
4. Foster a positive environment in the CAS – I believe it is important to create a positive working environment in the CAS to ensure we remain focussed on delivering the best possible policy.

Alongside my AMC role I currently sit on the international committee of the Green Party of England and Wales. I have previously sat on the executive committee of the Young European Greens and am a former co-chair of the Young Green of England and Wales. Outside of the European Greens I am a lecturer in music management at the University of Leeds and hold a PhD in music policy. I have also worked as a policy and research officer for UK Music and the Council of Music Makers. I'm also on the education and live committees of the Musicians' Union. Outside of work I perform in the band Me and My Friends and regularly tour round Europe learning about access barriers for musicians to performing.