



Meadow Hudson is the **Green Party** candidate for the **Kirkstall ward** in the local council elections on **7th May 2015**.

Meadow was brought up in Doncaster, and now spends 6 days of her week running a social enterprise based in Kirkstall called Sensory Leeds, this not-for-profit was set up for people with learning disabilities and autism. Meadow has also set up a Pay As You Feel cafe 'Veggie Shack' which is part of 'The Real Junk Food Project' and is based at Headingley Train Station in the ward. She is also undergoing a Masters degree in Disability Studies and Global Development.

Meadow says, "I joined the Green Party because I wanted to be part of a positive and progressive movement I was brought up in a deprived area and have always felt strongly about addressing the inequalities of our society. Whilst the Green party clearly stands up for the planet it also stands up for people. Working with people with disabilities on a daily basis has highlighted the devastating impact the cuts are having to the most vulnerable within our society. I am in a party which stands up for the most vulnerable, we are against the Bedroom Tax, believe in a living wage and a fairer economy for all. I'm passionate about Kirkstall and feel very much a part of this community. I will be a very active councillor, working hard to address the needs of individuals, groups and our area as a whole."

Time for a change

- *Do you feel let down by the three main parties?*
- *Are you fed up with politicians in general?*
- *Have you even given up voting altogether?*

The Green Party is a positive change. We believe in **social justice** and have policies to help improve the lives of ordinary people and make sure we pass on a decent planet for our children and grandchildren to live in. Our existing councillors work hard all year round for you, and know that your support cannot be taken for granted.

Two Chances to Vote Green in May 2015

On 7th May there will be two elections. One is the local Leeds City Council elections. The other is the General Election where you get to choose your Member of Parliament.

As well as being able to vote for Meadow as your councillor in Kirkstall, you can vote for **Andrew Pointon** the Green Party candidate for Leeds West constituency in the General Election.

Many people nowadays feel that **all politicians are the same** and there is no point in voting because it doesn't change anything. **The Green Party is different.** We want services to be run in the public interest, not for private profit. Greens call for:

- The nation's **railways** to be taken back into public hands - **renationalised**.
- A real **crackdown on tax avoidance**. Companies that trade in the UK should pay corporation tax here.
- More **progressive income tax**. The wealthy should be asked to shoulder more of the burden.
- **More social housing**. We want new houses to be built on brownfield sites to tackle the housing crisis.
- **Universal Basic Income** – one benefit for all to end sanctions, fraud, and expensive means testing.
- A **Green New Deal** – a programme of public investment to get jobless people back to work.
- A **safer climate** by taking serious action on climate change, phasing out fossil-fuel based energy generation and nuclear power.

If you want to know more about the Green Party, or want to join, or help please contact Meadow. If you have any issues you need help with you can contact Meadow too.

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Greens in Leeds

- Greens were instrumental in the **Wrap up Leeds** scheme launched in 2012 which made **free cavity wall and loft insulation** available to 15,000 households, a valuable contribution to tackling fuel poverty and emissions.
- **Greens against cruel Bedroom Tax:** part of the government's Welfare Reform Act, it reduces housing benefit for some of the poorest in society by up to 25% for those considered to be "under-occupying". We believe that this cruel tax should be abolished as the only real solution is building new social rented homes across Leeds.
- The three Leeds Green Councillors **do not claim all the allowances** they are entitled to. They have repeatedly voted for Councillors' allowances to be reduced, but were beaten by the other parties voting for increases. They refuse to attend the annual Mayor Making Dinner, a feast for councillors paid for by the taxpayer.

Local Matters

Kirkstall is suffering from littering, dumping, and fly typing issues across the ward. Despite these being reported, little seems to be done to sort it out.

Potholes reported along Morris Lane have been left for several months and are a danger to cyclists.

Meadow and the Green Party team will take up these issues and others like them and ensure that action is taken.

There are three Labour councillors in this area. Electing Meadow as a Green councillor would mean that there are checks and balances and each councillor is held to account. Vote Meadow Hudson for a positive change in Kirkstall.

If elected as councillor for Kirkstall Meadow would:

- oppose all cuts to council services
- support and protect the ward's municipal and community sports facilities
- campaign for new railway stations at Kirkstall (Bridge Road), and Hawksworth (on Butcher Hill) as well as Kirkstall Forge
- encourage other bus companies to come to Leeds and break First's rip-off monopoly, and support West Yorkshire Joint Authority getting a Quality Contract and effectively reintroducing re-regulation of buses
- campaign to secure funding to better insulate our homes, reducing our energy bills and reducing our environmental impact
- support community initiatives like Kirkstall Community Garden
- support the local allotments
- fight to protect green spaces and local wildlife



Vote Green Party in the Council and General Elections on 7th May 2015

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