

# GREEN PARTY WOMEN

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### GPW Committee Members Elected to GPEx

## CONGRATULATIONS!



International Officer  
Claudine Letsae



Publications Officer  
Julia Lagoutte

Congratulations to GPW Committee Members Claudine Letsae and Julia Lagoutte who were successfully elected to the positions of International Co-Ordinator and Publications Officer respectively. If you have been living under a rock, you can view the results [here](#).

One of the issues we need to address is the reason why only 1 in 8 members of the Green Party took the opportunity to vote for the leaders.

## Internal Election Results Analysis & Conference

The disappointingly low turnout in the internal elections (15.4% results [here](#).) illustrates how few members participate in shaping the direction and focus of the Green Party, which of course brings into question how democratic the party is. The Green Party Conference where policy is made has traditionally been difficult for members with caring and work responsibilities to attend. This year the conference is online, which we hope will make it more accessible for some members who may not have been able to attend in the past. If this is you, we would really like to encourage you to take an interest and join us at conference this autumn. [Here is the link to book a place at the Green Party Autumn Conference](#)

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## Working with Women of Colour



Are you a Woman of Colour in the Green Party of England and Wales? We want to work with YOU. Green Party Women and Greens of Colour are exploring ways to engage women of colour in the party to stand for leadership and candidacy. With racism and sexism rising in the country, women of colour, especially in [politics](#), face huge obstacles and challenges to getting involved. There are many things we'd like to set up – from networks of support to specific workshops – but we want to hear from you first. Please fill in this short poll with your details and what you'd most like in terms of networking, support and training. We'd like to start off with an introductory meeting to meet you all. [Please fill in this survey with your details in order to hear about this.](#)

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## Prioritisation Ballot

You may be wondering why GPW did not publish a list of preferred motions in line with some other liberation groups. We decided that there are many reasons why members choose one motion above another and that prioritising motions concerned with, for instance, women's sex-based rights - although important - might seem less urgent when we are facing climate breakdown.

By championing a motion, we might be downgrading one that is important to another liberation group. We were disappointed to see that some groups engaged in negative campaigning. Denigrating another group and name calling should not be part of any debate - even a heated one - and particularly so in the Green Party as it goes against our ethos.

## Book Club

### 29 SEP 2020: Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race

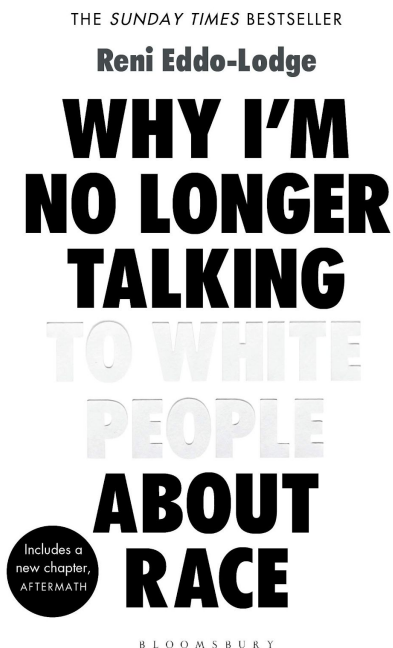
This was the most popular choice, helped by being recommended by two Deputy Leadership candidates; Andrea Carey Fuller and Cleo Lake.

Book Summary - A hard look at structural racism in Britain and the world at large. Journalist Reni Eddo-Lodge wrote a blog post in 2014 called "Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race." It immediately went viral; her frustrations with ambivalent or defensive white people resonated with many readers while infuriating others. In this Snapshot, you'll learn her thoughts on structural racism and how it seeps into every facet of our lives. As you'll find out, those who benefit from structural racism may not notice it, but it is painfully obvious to everyone else. Full description [here](#). Register in advance for the discussion [here](#). GPW Book Club meets last Wednesday of each month.

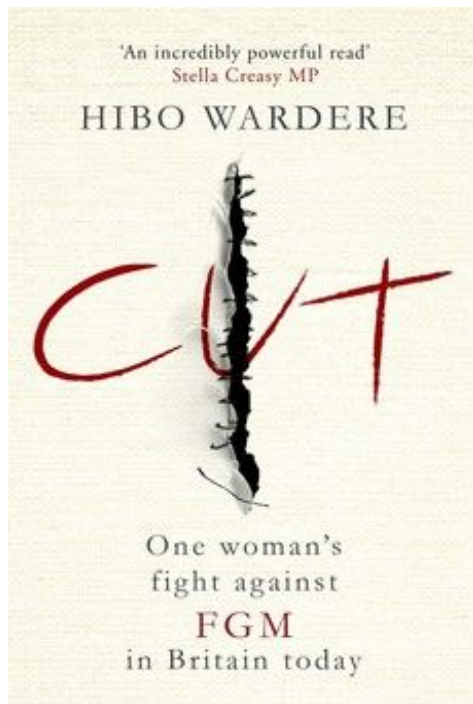
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## 28 OCT 2020 - The Cut by Hibo Wardare



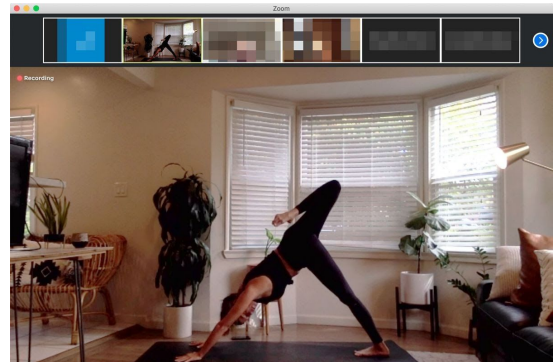
Imagine for a moment that you are 6-years-old and you are woken in the early hours, bathed and then dressed in rags before being led down to an ominous looking tent at the end of your garden. And there, you are subjected to the cruellest cut, ordered by your own mother. Forced down on a bed, her legs held apart, Hibo Wardere was made to undergo female genital cutting, a process so brutal, she nearly died.

Eloquent and searingly honest, this is Hibo's memoir which promises not only to tell her remarkable story but also to shed light on a medieval practice that's being carried out in the 21st century, right on our doorstep. FGM in the UK has gone undocumented for too long and now that's going to change. Devastating, empowering and informative, this book brings to life a clash of cultures at the heart of contemporary society and shows how female genital mutilation is a very British problem. Read More [here](#).

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## Yoga & Meditation

Come and get stretched, get toned, get fit with Shaka and then chill with the relaxing sound bath of Claudine's beautiful singing bowls. Free to attend but donations welcome via paypal to [shakalish@gmail.com](mailto:shakalish@gmail.com). Please wear loose fitting clothing. A yoga mat is recommended, but not essential.



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## Future Dates

- 27 SEP2020 GPW Online Conference
- 30 SEP 2020 GPW Book Club\_ 'Why I'm no longer talking to white people'
- 02 OCT 2020 National Conference Starts
- 03 OCT 2020 GPW Meeting & AGM
- 11 OCT 2020 National Conference Ends
- 26 OCT 2020 GPW Book Club - 'Cut' Hibo Wardare

## Contact Details

We want to hear from you, please get in touch via [Women@GreenParty.Org.Uk](mailto:Women@GreenParty.Org.Uk) if you want to contribute or feedback.

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NEXT ONLINE CONFERENCE **Sun 27 SEP 2020.**

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