

GREEN PARTY WOMEN

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Green Party Women Need YOU!

The Green Party Women AGM will be held on October 3rd between 12:45 -14:00 via zoom. We will be electing the committee, and are looking for women to come forward to stand. If you are interested in shaping what Green Party Women does over the coming year, please consider putting yourself forward. Maybe you have a green party friend who you think might be great: why not ask them to stand?

We would like to have a diverse representation of Women in terms of sexuality, race and ethnicity, age, socio-economic background, gender expression, etc.

The committee usually meets online once a fortnight.



You do not have to attend the AGM to stand, as nominations are open now and the ballot will commence after the meeting and will stay open over the weekend. If you would like to know more about what the committee does, please email us. For a refresher about how conference works, see our previous Newsletter, [here](#).

Any member interested in applying should send a photo and a 200 word statement to include a short biography and their top 3 priorities for Women's Rights to Women@GreenParty.Org.uk ASAP.

CONFERENCE: GPW AGM 03 OCT 2020 12:45-14:00

The online conference offers GPW an opportunity to connect with its membership. We are currently drafting a preliminary schedule. Some mandatory items we need to discuss include:

1. Presentation of a report from the GPW Committee (via powerpoint).
2. The election of the committee
3. Campaigns update

Claudine Letsae has offered to run a 15 minute healing meditation session that we welcome members to participate in. [Here is the link to book a place at the Green Party Autumn Conference](#)



GPW Conference: Defending Democracy SUN 27 SEP 2020

Organised by Julia Lagoute, our freshly minted GPEx Publications Officer!

Democracy in the UK and worldwide is being rolled back – with devastating impacts on the planet, women's rights, and equality. Our September conference sees three women come together to talk about the state of democracy here and worldwide, ecofeminism, and what we can do. Molly Scott Cato, Professor of Economics and Green Member of the European Parliament 2014-2020. Adenike Oladosu, ecofeminist campaigner and founder of ILeadClimate, pioneering the Green democracy initiative. Klina Jordan, Co-Chief exec of Make Votes Matter, which campaigns for proportional representation. When: Sep 27, 2020 4:00 PM via Zoom. Register in advance, [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



SUMMARY: House of Lords/Commons debates

We thought our GPW members might be interested in the good work being done by prominent Women politicians within the party. Let us know if you would like to see more of this in future newsletters. You can even set up your own alerts, [here](#).

Speaker: Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb : 2 Lords debates

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Rape: Prosecutions and Convictions - Question (14 Sep 2020)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2020-09-14a.983.3&s=speaker%3A25214#g984.1>

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb: My Lords, it is quite obvious to those who have been watching this situation that both the CPS and the police drastically need some training and education. The obvious people to go to are charitable organisations that work with women and girls who have been raped. Can the noble and learned Lord tell me whether the review will encompass those organisations and when it will report?

Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill - Committee (3rd Day) (14 Sep 2020)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2020-09-14a.1009.0&s=speaker%3A25214#g1012.0>

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb: My Lords, this amendment is about basic human decency; I am very pleased to support it. Personally, I would like to scrap immigration detention altogether. It is inhumane that we as a country are doing this to people. Convicted murderers and paedophiles get better treatment than refugees and asylum seekers fleeing war, famine and persecution, often as a result of our own foreign policy.

GPW Facebook Posts Summary

Some Women in the party have made the very sensible decision to avoid facebook and others, even more impressively, stay away from social media altogether! We applaud you. However, it does mean that they miss out on some of the world news, local events or issues that have been shared across our GPW public facing platform over the last month. So here is a summary of the good stuff you missed without giving Zuckerberg you eyeballs in exchange for advertising money.

15 Sep 2020 - Green World UBI by Natalie Bennet

It's [#BasicIncomeWeek](#)! We'll be linking to a few pieces which explain the pioneering, and feminist, idea of Universal Basic Income (UBI). Start with [Natalie Bennett. Green Party Member](#)



[of the House of Lords](#) on how this unconditional payment to every citizen would have transformed the impact of the pandemic in her article for Green world [here](#).



13 Sep 2020 - Laura Bates Men Who Hate women

“Women have always been the canaries in the coal mines, quietly singing. But we are so used to seeing them die at men’s hands, so used to justifying and excusing it as normal or ‘understandable’, that it wouldn’t occur to us to consider this enough of an aberration to raise alarm. And so women continue to suffer and die in silence. And, sometimes days, sometimes weeks, sometimes months down the line, men (or rather, as they are seen, ‘people’) die, too. Then how we shout and react.”

From Laura Bates' important new book.

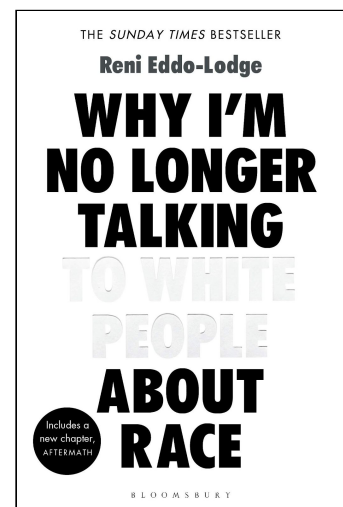
<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/features/men-who-hate-women-laura-bates-book-review-misogyny-b421909.html>?

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. 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.

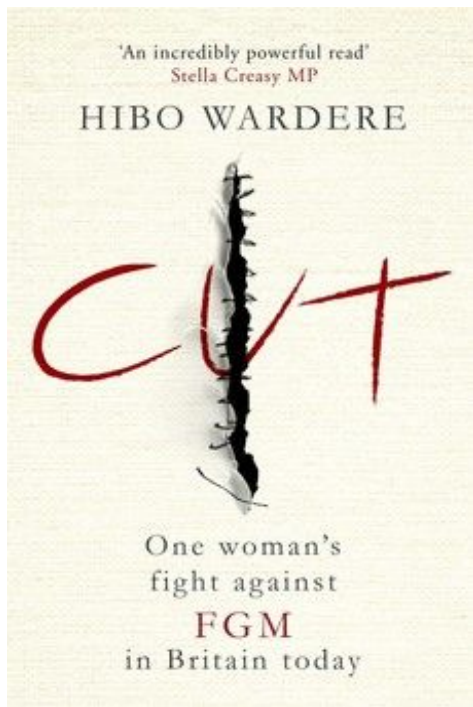
As you’ll find out, those who benefit from structural racism may not notice it, but it is painfully obvious to everyone else. Full description [here](#). Register in advance for the discussion [here](#). GPW Book Club meets last Wednesday of each month.



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28 Oct 2020 - The Cut by Hibo Wardere

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.

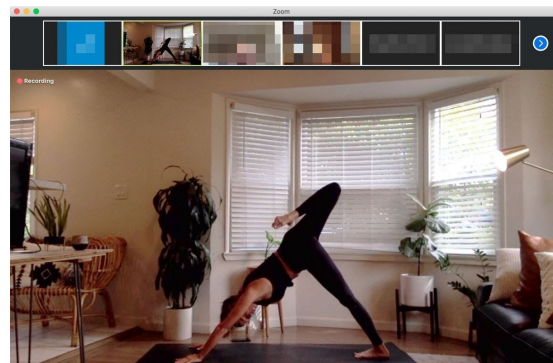
Eloquent and searingly honest, this is Hibo's memoir which promises not only to tell her remarkable story but also to shed light on a medieval practice that's being carried out in the 21st century, right on our doorstep.

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](#).

Yoga & Meditation - 11:00 Sat

Come and get stretched, get toned, get fit EVERY saturday morning with Shaka and then chill with the relaxing sound bath of Claudine's beautiful crystal singing bowls. Free to attend but donations welcome via paypal to shakalish@gmail.com. Please wear loose fitting clothing. Yoga mat, blocks/straps recommended, but not essential. Register [here](#) to join the class.



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

Previous Newsletters

2020-09-11_GPW_Newsletter-Internal-Elections
2020-08-28_GPW_Newsletter_How-Does-Conference-Work
2020-08-14_GPW_Newsletter

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