



## Bus travel gets a boost

**Greens in government have recently introduced free bus travel for everyone under 22.**

This transformative change will open up Scotland to young people and families while helping to tackle the climate crisis. These changes are only possible because of the work of Green ministers, MSPs and councillors.

Cllr Claire Miller, Edinburgh Greens' Transport spokesperson said: "In Edinburgh we have excellent locally-owned bus services, so I'm sure young people will be keen to start using their concessionary travel card to get around.

"Giving young people free bus travel will provide them with the independence and freedom to access education, employment, and training opportunities - plus the leisure, culture and social events they attend too.



**Cllr Claire Miller: "With free bus travel young people have more independence and opportunities."**

"At a time when many families are budgeting, Greens are making it affordable to make climate-friendly transport choices."



### **Alys Mumford Green candidate for Portobello-Craigmillar**

Alys Mumford is standing to be your new Green Councillor.

Alys works for an equality charity in Edinburgh, and has a background in climate change and feminist activism. She is passionate about making Edinburgh work for everybody.

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## Green the City!

**With Green MSPs entering government last year, Green councillors have also their sights set on increasing influence by winning more seats at the next Council elections in May.**

Greens have pushed the Council on key issues including transport, education and housing and are in a strong position to add to the eight wards they won in 2017.

Green Co-Convenor Cllr Steve Burgess said: "Increasingly, Edinburgh residents recognise that by voting Green they get progress on vital issues like the Climate Emergency. They'll have the chance to endorse that record and boost it by voting Green on 5 May."

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# Last straw for single-use plastics

**Every year, hundreds of millions of pieces of single-use plastic are wasted in Scotland.**

They litter our streets, blight our coasts and pollute our oceans. Greens are working to make that a thing of the past. Green Minister Lorna Slater is introducing a far-reaching ban on the worst single-use plastic in food packaging, such as polystyrene takeaway trays.

Lorna says: "We've also secured a £70 million Recycling Improvement Fund to increase the quantity and quality of recycling and will be introducing one of the best and most comprehensive deposit return schemes in the world, making it easier for people to recycle used bottles".



**Green Minister, Lorna Slater is taking on the blight of single-use plastics**

## Making change for everyone

**With community and council action, we can improve the lives of people and communities in Portobello & Craigmillar.**

Recent news about the cost of living crisis have confirmed what most of us already know; that

our everyday costs are increasing while pay and social security payments are stretched even further to meet them.

Council Candidate Alys Mumford said: "It's inspiring to see local initiatives by people across Portobello/Craigmillar created to try and plug the gaps left by cuts to public services and increasing unemployment - community fridges, cooking

initiatives, and cooperative action to reduce people's energy costs. But it's not enough to rely on community action to solve these problems - the council needs to step up and recognise the deep hardships facing people in Edinburgh. This means listening to residents on the ground who know what is needed, and interrogating how we plan, fund and run the city so it works for all of us."



**Joining in with tree planting in Craigmillar**

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