

Greens Leading on Climate Change

The Green Members of the European Parliament are at the forefront of pushing for strong action on climate change, championing renewable energy and emissions reductions. As London's Green MEP, Jean Lambert is playing an active role. She has called for our public services to be prepared to cope with shifts in disease patterns and to protect vulnerable people in very hot weather.

The Green MEPs are also fighting for higher energy efficiency standards for appliances and homes. In her report, *Hothouses*, Jean found that proper home insulation saves vast amounts of heat and energy and can save people money. She is now pushing for a national programme of free insulation.



Give Young People a Chance

Young people are too often short-changed by the media. In her work, Jean is challenging negative stereotypes and championing the voice of young people.

She has supported youth projects in London, enabling involvement in the political process and frequently hosts visits from young people to the European Parliament and talks to schools in London about her work as an MEP.

Jean has supported the European Youth Forum in calling for young people's concerns, with regards to education, training and work opportunities, to be included in the EU's Economic Recovery Plan. "It's their future that's being decided", said Jean, "and the voices of young people must be heard".

Right: Jean with students from George Mitchell School in Waltham Forest, taking part in a televised debate on internet safety for Europarl TV

And Older Ones too

Jean is an active campaigner for the rights of older people as well. She has joined AGE (the European older people's organisation) in calling for decent pensions and ending discrimination in healthcare. She has made a particular point of the need to treat care work as a proper, well-paid job.



Jean highlights the health impacts of long hours at a demonstration, championing workers' rights

Standing Up for Workers

Jean Lambert is a strong voice in Europe for workers' rights. With the ETUC, the Greens recently helped win the latest stage in a long-running battle with Governments to protect employees from being pushed to work exceptionally long-hours, which can lead to more accidents, stress and ill-health.

One in six people in London works over 48 hours per week and most are not paid for their overtime. The situation is set to get worse as businesses expect fewer workers to take on more work, as jobs are axed and we see a downward pressure on wages. Jean is supporting the campaign for a reasonable 'living wage' of at least £7.45 for all Londoners.

"We need to protect wages at the bottom, not the bonuses at the top", said Jean. Find her report *I Must Work Harder?* at

www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/work

Funding for Green Business and Training

As we tackle the economic crisis, we need to make sure that any recovery measures tackle environmental and social problems too.

Jean is calling on the European Union to help out by funding training programmes to equip Londoners for new jobs and supporting businesses to go green. For more information go to www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/greenwork



Right: Jean supports plastic bottle recycling in East London



Jean and other Green MEPs are demanding increased funding for non-animal research and a ban on the use of primates. See www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/animals for more details.

Protecting Civil Liberties and Freedoms

An active Member of Parliament's Civil Liberties committee, Jean has serious concerns over state erosion of our rights to freedom, justice and privacy. She has urged EU governments to support President Obama's aim to close the notorious Guantanamo Bay detention centre, by offering to resettle those men cleared for release, as Portugal has done.

Jean continues to oppose the Government's plan to introduce ID cards, which would violate civil liberties and leave citizens' data vulnerable to misuse and criminal activity. Greens also opposed the move to retain phone and internet data of all EU residents as an extreme step to allow "fishing for information". Find out more at www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/humanrights



Jean with fellow Green, Peter Tatchell, calling for EU support for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza

Campaigning for Peace

Jean is a long-standing opponent of nuclear weapons and missile defence and is an active peace campaigner. As a Member of the South Asia delegation in the European Parliament, Jean has worked with human rights groups in calling for an inclusive political solution in Sri Lanka. She also spoke at a major demonstration in central London calling for a lasting ceasefire in Gaza, which she visited last year as part of a European Parliament mission to assess the humanitarian situation.

Flying into Trouble: Heathrow

Greenhouse gas emissions from aviation are rising fast, yet the Government has given the go-ahead for a third runway at Heathrow, which will adversely effect the environment and the lives of many thousands of Londoners.

Airport expansion will lead to more noise, traffic and air pollution, causing health problems for residents.

Air quality in London consistently fails to meet agreed EU standards and Jean has successfully pressed the European Commission to proceed with legal action against the UK Government.

Find out more at www.jeanlambertmep.org.uk/aviation



Jean Lambert MEP campaigns with Greenpeace against a third runway at Heathrow, which will increase noise, traffic and air pollution

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