

Your Green MEPs in the European Parliament



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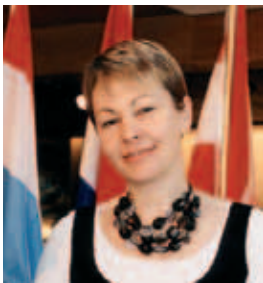
Jean Lambert
Green MEP for London
1999-Present

- Member of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee** – considering such issues as workers rights, access to care services, free movement.
- Substitute member of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee** – looking at Digital Rights, child abuse, asylum regulations, border control
- Chair of the European Parliament’s Delegation to the countries of South Asia**
- Substitute Member of the European Parliament’s Delegation to India**
- Co-President of the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity**
- Member of the Intergroup on LGBT Rights**
- Member of the Intergroup on Trade Unions**
- Member of the Intergroup on Disability**
- Member of the Intergroup on Anti-Racism and Diversity**
- Member of the Intergroup on Youth Issue**
- Member of the Intergroup on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights**
- Co-chair of the Interest Group on Carers**
- Member of the Interest Group on Mental Health**



Keith Taylor
Green MEP for the South East
2010-Present

- Member of the Transport and Tourism Committee** – working on issues such as passenger safety, maritime issues, transport workers’ rights and sustainable travel.
- Member of the Development Committee** – focusing on the levels of hunger still faced by millions of people across the world. Working with the UN and other bodies on the ‘Zero Hunger Challenge’ aiming to end malnutrition and cut food waste.
- Substitute member of the Petitions Committee** – representing constituents on issues of concern such as fracking, bee population decline and air pollution.
- Member of the Parliament’s Permanent Delegation to Palestine.**
- Member of the Intergroup on Welfare and Conservation of Animals**
- Member of the Intergroup on LGBT Rights**
- Member of the Parliament’s MEP Heart Group**
- Vice President of the UK’s Local Government Association Group in the European Parliament**



Caroline Lucas
Green MEP for the South East
1999-2010

Until being elected to the UK Parliament, Caroline was the MEP for South East England. She worked on issues such as international trade, climate change, peace and animal welfare.



Your Green MEPs

The UK's Green MEPs, Jean Lambert and Keith Taylor, are committed to pushing for social justice and protecting the environment to be at the heart of EU decision making.

What happens in the European Parliament matters to everyone living in Britain. With Europe struggling to recover from a financial crisis and our precious environment increasingly threatened, Green MEPs play a vital role in pressing for a fairer, more sustainable continent.

The Greens are a significant and recognised force for change in Europe, as the fourth largest group in the European Parliament.

This report highlights just some of the achievements of the UK's Green MEPs over the last Parliamentary term. While it can only scratch the surface of the issues and events they have been involved with, it does provide an indication of the breadth and depth of their work.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Green MEPs achieve so much over the last five years. If you would like to know more about their work, please do get in touch.



Social Europe

Greens in the European Parliament believe that the UK should remain an active member of the EU, but that the EU should be reformed to develop a sustainable economy and a supranational force for social good – in short, a social Europe based on the principle of international solidarity.

The EU was formed in the wake of war in Europe, and has remained a force for peace: it must remain a beacon for the defence of human rights and democracy, good welfare standards, decent housing, access to health and social care and, crucially, fairness and the common good.





Jean attending the launch of an advice service in north London with the Deputy Mayor of Barnet.



Keith with staff during a visit to a food bank.



Keith talks about hardship in South-east England with a community volunteer.

“I believe in an alternative vision for recovery from the global economic crisis that has gripped much of the international community, based on social investment rather than draconian austerity measures.”

JEAN LAMBERT MEP

Jean and Keith have worked tirelessly on this agenda, Jean as a member of the Intergroup on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights – which saw 2010 named ‘European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion’ – and Keith in his work with anti-poverty campaigners throughout South-east England.

Both Jean and Keith have supported food banks, while deploring their existence, and advice centres in London and South East England since 2009 along with fairer settlements for workers, often alongside trades unions.

Jean has pushed repeatedly for International Labour Organisation treaties and conventions to be incorporated into EU law. She is also a strong supporter of the ‘Just Transition’ agenda, developing thousands of environmentally-friendly jobs based on the ‘decent work’ concept.

Keith has worked with the World Bank and World Trade Organisation to try to get them to adopt a more ‘people-centred’ approach to their work funding both poorer developing nations and EU countries requiring bail-outs following the world economic crash of 2008.

In 2012 Jean worked with Green MEPs from across Europe to produce a publication entitled ‘Social Europe’, which focussed on the work of Green MEPs in the social policy field – this has fed in to both Keith and Jean’s

work with civil society NGOs on poverty reduction and homelessness.

Both Jean and Keith believe all workers should be entitled to a ‘Living Wage’, not just a minimum wage, and have joined campaigns for all to be paid accordingly, specifically campaigning for more pay for cleaning staff at universities in London and, alongside the group ‘Just Pay’, at all FTSE 100 employers. Jean was a key advocate of the EAPN’s proposal for a Framework Directive on a Guaranteed Minimum Income.

They were instrumental in persuading the European Commission to include poverty-reduction targets in its EU2020 Strategy, working with UNICEF on child poverty, and on getting the EU to adopt a homelessness strategy.

Jean has spoken at events organised to mark International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



Jean chairing a panel on climate change and the economy in Bangladesh.

Energy, the environment and climate change

Climate change threatens to destroy life as we know it: its effects are already being felt around the world, the heaviest price being paid by those living in poorer developing nations.

Scientists agree that it is being caused by human activity, particularly emissions of greenhouse gases, including CO₂ – and that only by massively reducing the amount of such gases we emit every time we burn fuel can we reduce its effects.

As the world's largest economy, the EU has a clear leadership role in reducing emissions and our Green MEPS have a central role in helping to shape the EU's strategy, calling for binding targets, more renewable energy generation and energy efficiency measures – three steps designed to cut emissions and create jobs.

The EU has adopted a 'cap-and-trade' mechanism – known as the Emissions Trading System – for doing so; but it is fatally flawed, and Jean and Keith have tried to improve it at every step, voting to reduce the

number of emission permits and to include aviation, the fastest-growing contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, in the ETS.

Energy

The biggest single contributor to greenhouse gas emissions is energy generation from burning fossil fuels and Keith and Jean have consistently worked to promote switching to renewable, clean alternatives, like wind, solar and tidal. They have visited renewable energy co-ops, and campaigned to create the best legal and financial basis – in the UK and the EU – for constructing new facilities and creating jobs. In 2013, Jean hosted an event with trade unions and others calling for more public investment in renewable technologies here in the UK.



Jean on a London rally calling for a new green jobs revolution.



Keith with Brighton Green councillors at Balcombe fracking site in West Sussex.



Jean with TUC General Secretary Frances O'Grady at an event to discuss 'green jobs' in the UK.



Keith at Dungeness nuclear power plant in Kent.

They have opposed EU drives to promote dirty nuclear energy, raising the question of state aid for Hinkley Point C, and played leading roles in the campaigns against new oil and gas exploration – especially in the Arctic and Canada’s ‘Tar Sands’ – and ‘fracking’, both in London and South East England.

Keith has been at the forefront of the fight against fracking in the UK. As part of his campaign against shale gas extraction Keith has travelled to Poland and the United States to meet campaigners against fracking and to see the environmental consequences of the controversial drilling technique.

In the UK, Keith has joined protesters in Balcombe, Sussex, as they stand against the carving up of their countryside by fracking firms. Keith also hosted a highly successful film tour of South East England. The tour, which saw hundreds of people join Keith at screenings of the anti-fracking film ‘Drill Baby Drill’, brought together activists as the campaign against fracking gained momentum.

At the same time, Jean has actively

promoted greater energy efficiency measures, especially for Londoners – whose draughty homes contribute to higher-than-necessary fuel bills, as well as climate change. She also acted as an ‘ambassador’ for Build with Care, a cross-border project dealing with energy efficient buildings, and has been involved with promoting community energy projects.

The environment

Both Keith and Jean have sought to use their voices in the European Parliament to promote biodiversity, green spaces in their constituencies, tougher planning rules with more of a say for local communities, better recycling facilities, greater punishment for corrupt oil and mineral mining companies and wildlife criminals – and cleaner beaches and oceans.

They have also supported community protests against developments, such as major incinerators, which act against long-term sustainability.

Europe and the world



Jean meets the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.



Jean meets Burmese human rights and democracy campaigner Aung San Suu Kyi.



Jean at a London event calling for the release of Guantanamo Bay detainee Shaker Aamer.

Greens believe that power should be devolved to local communities wherever possible. However, international co-operation through the European Union is vital for tackling cross-border issues like protecting our environment, promoting democracy and human rights and enshrining basic rights for workers. Greens want the EU to play an active role in the world, in promoting peace and in preventing the need for military intervention.

The European Union

Greens are campaigning for the UK to remain a part of a reformed European Union. Keith and Jean have consistently voted for increased transparency and accountability in the EU and Greens strongly pushed for the introduction of the 'European Citizens Initiative', which gives ordinary people a chance to shape the agenda of the European Union. Both MEPs have supported the Single Seat campaign to end the monthly travel to Strasbourg.

Greens have campaigned to limit the power of big business and have supported the tightening up of the lobby system in Brussels.

International Development

As a member of the European Parliament's Development Committee, Keith has pushed for democracy, the protection of human rights and environmental protection to be at the centre of any new UN framework on international development. Keith travelled to the United Nations in New York to attend discussions of its future development goals, where Keith promoted the Green message of respecting developing countries' sovereignty in negotiations over new development goals. Keith has urged for a future framework which tackles problems such as unfair international trade relationships, the power

of corporations, and global tax evasion. He's also called for a focus on reducing inequality, as well as hunger and poverty, as new development targets are put into place.

Keith has campaigned against cuts to the EU's global aid budgets, as he believes that we have a responsibility, especially as one of the world's largest economies, to those regions facing extreme poverty and natural disasters. Keith believes global aid is an important mechanism for the redistribution of wealth from more affluent countries to less developed regions. This mechanism is crucial in the fight against the huge global inequalities which are prevalent today.

Keith is appalled that the problem of food insecurity and hunger continues to be widespread, particularly in developing countries. Amongst his work to promote stronger food policies, he has called for the consideration of the impacts of Indirect land-use change (ILUC) and he has stood against the use of food grains for fuel and financial speculation on food prices. Keith has also worked with the United Nations in promoting the 'Zero Hunger Challenge' to drive towards a world free from malnutrition.

Keith has also worked to promote policies which support developing countries to increase their resilience to disasters, in order to reduce the devastating impact that

“The European Union, created after the devastation of World War Two, has maintained a lasting peace across the continent. The future of the EU is now being debated. The Green vision for the EU is one which sees the defence of human rights, equality, and the protection of our environment at its heart.”

KEITH TAYLOR MEP



natural disasters can have on vulnerable communities and regions. He also works hard to raise awareness of climate change and the importance of acting now in order to reduce the frequency with which man-made disasters occur and impact on developing countries.

Jean held a major conference focusing on Nigeria and the need for a Green New Deal there.

South Asia Delegation

Climate change has also been important in Jean's key role in the EU's relations with the countries of South Asia. She chairs the European Parliament's Delegation to six countries in the region, and visits them to raise issues of human rights, democracy, trade and sustainability with MPs, prime ministers and presidents.

This important task has meant Green priorities – as well as the European Parliament's majority position – has formed a central plank of the EU's relations with the sub-continent, and has raised the profile of both the global Greens and the EU.



Jean during a visit to Sri Lanka as Chair of the Parliament's Delegation to South Asia.

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Greens have been at the forefront in the fight against pro-corporate and anti-democratic measures that are set to be part of a newly negotiated Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). In particular, Greens believe that investors should not be allowed to challenge national governments over new regulations they don't agree with.

Greens have also urged the freezing of TTIP negotiations as a result of the NSA spying on EU citizens.

Palestine

Keith is a member of the European Parliament's delegation to Palestine and has visited the occupied territories. As part of his work Keith has called for Israel to end its practise of detaining Palestinians without charge. Keith has also supported campaigners in his constituency as they call for boycotts on settlement goods to help break the power of the Israeli state.

Greens have voted in the European Parliament to increase trade with Palestine to help alleviate poverty in the area. Jean and Keith also pushed for Palestine to be given observer status at the UN.

Arms

Greens in Brussels have worked tirelessly to bring about a ban on the world's most indiscriminate weapons. In 2010 and 2011, Greens won support from fellow European Parliamentarians to pass resolutions banning the use, production and stockpiling of cluster bombs on the continent.

Greens have also fought against any attempts by the EU to develop its own military drone programme.

Transport and aviation

Greens believe in affordable, safe and environmentally sustainable transport solutions. People should be able to walk or cycle safely for short journeys and should have greener long distance travel options to help reduce the demand for aviation.

Aviation

Jean and Keith have actively opposed airport expansion in London and South East England, including Heathrow and Gatwick.

They submitted a joint response to a major Government consultation on airport expansion. In their response the Green MEPs highlighted the impact of aviation on meeting our climate change targets and on local communities. Their response to a separate consultation on state aid for aviation called for an end to state subsidies to the aviation industry.

Keith and Jean also responded to a government consultation on night flights by demanding a ban on all night flights landing or taking off from UK airports.

Keith has worked with local campaigners in opposing expansion of smaller airports across the South East of England such as Lydd, Manston and Redhill Aerodrome.

On the Transport and Tourism Committee Keith was supported by trade unions when he voted down proposals which could have led to pilots working longer shifts, potentially putting passengers in danger.

Railways

With rail fares soaring and wages stagnating both Keith and Jean have been keen advocates of a radical shake up of the UK's railways. They have campaigned with constituents against rail fare hikes and supported fellow Greens in calling for railways to be brought back into public ownership.

Both MEPs are also actively opposing HS2

which is set to run through both of their constituencies. Although Greens support high speed rail in principle, Jean and Keith are opposing HS2 because of its escalating costs and potentially serious impact on the British countryside.

Air pollution

Air pollution, which is primarily caused by emissions from road vehicles, is responsible for thousands of premature deaths in Keith and Jean's constituencies every year. Both MEPs have used their position in the European Parliament to hold the UK government to account over its frequent breaches of EU air pollution laws.

Keith and Jean welcomed the EU's Year of Air in 2013, during which various events were hosted to draw attention to this important and widespread problem. This programme has been crucial, at a time when almost a third of those living in urban areas are being exposed to polluted air.

Both MEPs have worked continuously alongside organisations in the UK to call upon the Commission to investigate breaches of EU air pollution limits. These have included the Government's plans to scrap schemes which were proven to reduce UK air pollution.

Keith published a report, called 'The Invisible Killer', bringing attention to the high levels of air pollution in a number of places in his constituency. Jean produced a pamphlet, called 'Air Pollution: London's Unseen Killer' calling for urgent action from Government



Keith joins RSPB staff at Dungeness Nature reserve which is threatened by expansion at Lydd Airport.

and the Mayor to tackle toxic air in the capital which currently causes 4000 premature deaths a year.

Biofuels

Keith and Jean received thousands of emails from constituents concerned about the devastating effects that biofuel production can have in the developing world in terms of potential hunger and land displacement from growing crops for fuel. Greens in the European Parliament have also influenced legislation to decrease the risks associated with burning crops as a fuel for vehicles.

Through his work on the Transport and Development Committees, Keith worked on files which would determine how much biofuels can contribute to the EU's renewables in energy targets. Keith called for a complete ban on food based biofuels being used for fuel, and their contribution to these targets. Greens voted to ensure that indirect land use change (ILUC) factors are accounted for when calculating the emissions associated with biofuels from 2020 onwards.

Roads

Both MEPs have campaigned for safer streets across their constituencies and for the rolling out of life-saving 20mph zones and for safety

measures for pedestrians and cyclists.

Keith has campaigned against major road expansion projects in his constituency. He joined local residents in opposing the Bexhill to Hastings link road and, in a report called 'Dirty and Dangerous', he made the case against major road building in South East England.

Jean, Keith and fellow Green MEPs supported campaigns to make lorries safer across the EU, including reducing HGV blind spots and improve braking – to reduce road deaths and injuries to cyclists and pedestrians. Jean wrote to the UK Government to oppose moves to permit larger lorries on UK roads. Greens also urged the Commission not to encourage the use of mega trucks across Member States.

Cleaner Fuel

Through his work on the Transport Committee, Keith has also called for the promotion of alternative fuels for vehicles, in order to reduce oil-dependency. Keith strongly believes that the use of electricity in cars can promote a cleaner approach to transport, and that this must also be combined with modal shift towards cleaner transport methods including walking, cycling and shared forms of transport.

"To tackle climate change people must be provided with affordable, safe and comfortable public transport options. Greens will always push for transport options that allow people to get about safely without having a negative impact on the environment."

KEITH TAYLOR MEP



Keith joins children from St Bede's school as they campaign against air pollution.



Jean walks around the King's Cross area to see for herself the impact of recent changes on pedestrians.



As part of a tour of South East England Keith joined Friends of the Earth campaigners in the New Forest as they fight for cleaner air.



Keith with fish campaigner and celebrity chef Huguette Fearnley-Whittinghall outside the European Parliament.



Jean visits the 'We Share' food bank in Lewisham.

Food and farming

Green MEPs support sustainable farming practices that respect the environment and animal welfare while providing nutritious food for everyone.

Common Agricultural Policy

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is the EU's single largest piece of expenditure and Greens have been working to put sustainability and social justice at its core.

During the Parliamentary negotiations over CAP, Greens demanded a strict limit on the amount of subsidy agri-businesses can claim, to ensure that CAP payments can be better distributed. Greens also pushed for the CAP's sustainability to be greatly improved. Despite their best efforts Greens were outvoted on the final CAP proposals and the EU has been left with a farming policy that isn't fit for purpose in the 21st century.

Green MEPs have worked hard to end cruel factory farming practices, such as the use of farrowing crates for pigs and zero-grazing, and EU legislation to include protection of cows, farmed fish and beef cattle, and winning an EU-wide ban on battery cages.

Common Fisheries Policy

Around three-quarters of all European fish numbers are overexploited. This overfishing has decimated stocks to the extent that they are unable to renew themselves naturally and thus tip into decline.

Greens were at the centre of creating a new Common Fisheries Policy that will help address the dangerous state of our seas. Keith and Jean worked with fellow Greens in rallying a majority of MEPs behind a demand for sustainable fish stocks. Green amendments on avoiding bycatch and reducing discards of bycatch were also carried by a majority in Parliament. Thanks to Greens, future fishing rights will be allocated according to best performance indicators, no longer based on historical fishing quotas.



Keith and Jean modelling T-shirts designed by sustainable fishing campaigners.



As part of his work in South East England Keith has visited farms and campaigned for improvements in animal welfare.



Jean and Keith expressing support for maximum 8-hour animal journey times for animals.



“Greens want to replace the outdated CAP with one that supports small farmers in making the transition to sustainable agricultural practices, and ends export subsidies which lead to the dumping of agricultural products on fragile developing world markets. Capping the maximum subsidy per farm to EURO 100,000 would free up EURO 7 billion which could be redistributed to promote sustainable farming and long-term secure employment in rural economies.”

JEAN LAMBERT MEP

Food labelling

Greens believe that food labelling must be comprehensive and easy for all consumers to understand, especially in light of the horsemeat scandal in the UK.

Greens succeeded in introducing basic demands on country of origin labelling, which will become mandatory for meat. The European Commission will also examine whether such a practice is viable for other foodstuffs as well. A majority in Parliament also supported the Green position on the inclusion of nano-foods in the list of ingredients and on the provision of precise information on the kind of vegetable oil used which can otherwise obscure the use of palm oil.

Bees

With bee populations in decline across the world, Greens have fought hard to protect these and other vital pollinators from the use of toxic pesticides. In the European Parlia-

ment, and in the face of fierce opposition from the pesticide industry – and the UK Government – both Jean and Keith helped push through a suspension of the use of toxic bee-killing pesticides called neonicotinoids.

Genetically Modified (GM) food

Green MEPs want a GM-free Europe and continue to oppose the use of GM crops in agriculture. They have been instrumental in ensuring that laws proposed on GM crops are some of the toughest in the world. In the Parliament, Greens worked to ensure that EU countries retain the right to ban GMO use. Greens also managed to ensure that all Member States are obliged both to implement anti-contamination measures to avoid the uncontrolled spread of pollen and to put in place a liability system in line with the ‘polluter pays’ principle.

The economy and finance

Keith and Jean have been outspoken in their anger at the growth of poverty and inequality across much of the EU and have pushed for an economy which provides decent jobs, social security protection and strong public services. Keith and Jean have campaigned against privatisation in the UK and for reform of the banking sector – including a cap on bankers' bonuses.



“As an MEP I’ve done all I can to push for an economy that allows people to flourish whilst protecting our precious environment. Despite fierce opposition, Greens have recorded some concrete wins in the European Parliament as we work to bring about a financial transaction tax, a cap on bankers’ bonuses and investment in green jobs.”

KEITH TAYLOR MEP

Austerity

Keith and Jean have worked tirelessly to defend their constituents from the austerity measures wreaking havoc across Europe. Both MEPs have joined residents in protesting against cuts in their regions and fought in Brussels against cuts in the EU budget which would affect Europe’s poorest people.

In the European Parliament, Jean worked closely with civil society NGOs on a report to reflect the real experience of some of Europe’s most vulnerable people. The report was passed with overwhelming support from the Parliament and sent a clear message that austerity measures must be assessed

for their social impact and not only a narrow economic effect. All must be able to access healthcare, care services and basic living support.

As part of his work exposing the effects of austerity, Keith produced a report on the surge in demand for food banks in his constituency. The report, called Food Bank Britain, revealed a 60% increase in the number of people using food banks in 2013 compared to 2012. Jean has visited a number of advice services and food banks in London to see for herself the effects of increasing poverty in the capital.



Jean hosts a City of London event to discuss the future of banking in the UK: with fellow Green MEP Philippe Lamberts and Jonathan Rosenthal from The Economist.

Financial transaction tax

Greens in the European Parliament have been leading proponents of a financial transaction tax (FTT) aiming to tackle the problems associated with speculative and high frequency trading while also raising revenue for public services across the continent. Greens succeeded in improving a Commission proposal in several respects. They made sure that banks would be unable to avoid the tax by moving to other financial centres. If a bank is legally domiciled in the EU it will have to pay regardless of where its trades are transacted. Greens also introduced an amendment on the use of FTT revenue for own resources in order to provide a revenue stream for European Parliament initiatives. They backed the idea of some Member States implementing the FTT even if others do not support it.

Regulating credit ratings agencies

Greens in Brussels have been pushing for a major re-shaping of the way that credit ratings agencies work. Greens insist that rating agencies should not be allowed to hold shares in companies they rate, since this represents a conflict of interest. As another measure to combat conflicts of interest, Greens have pushed for the finance

firms having their debt rated to be restricted in their choice of agency by a rotation mechanism.

Making banks work for us

Jean and Keith believe that the stricter regulation of banks is essential, both to make them safer in the event of future crises and to ensure that they serve the real economy and fund restructuring of the economy to serve the interests of people and planet.

Greens succeeded in bringing about a Europe-wide cap on bankers' bonuses. Keith and Jean voted for cash bonuses to be sharply reduced. As part of the push for greater equality, Jean has been working with the High Pay Commission to see what the next steps might be.

Despite fierce opposition from corporate lobbyists, Greens have been instrumental in bringing about powerful regulation that reduces the risks in banking and brings increased transparency to the finance industry.

Jean has hosted events with fellow Green MEP Philippe Lamberts, HSBC boss Douglas Flint and TUC General Secretary Frances O'Grady to debate the future of the green economy.



Jean showing her support for Fair Trade ahead of Fairtrade Fortnight.



Keith Taylor at the World Trade Organisation HQ in Geneva.



Jean chairs an event at the TUC Congress Centre discussing sustainable finance.

Human rights and civil liberties

“More of us need to start viewing climate change as a human rights issue - and demanding that the response from richer nations is as single-minded as if it were faced with a human rights emergency of the same scale; a disaster that threatens the lives and livelihoods of billions of people around the world, but a human rights disaster that will hit the poorest hardest.”

JEAN LAMBERT MEP

Promoting human rights and civil liberties in the UK, the EU and the world, forms a central plank of the Greens MEPs' work. Jean works closely with a wide range of organisations including Liberty – of which she is a Council Member – Amnesty International and Ice and Fire, a performance group dealing solely with the subject of human rights. Keith also works closely with several organisations in South East England and as a member of the European Parliament's Delegation to Palestine in the occupied territories.

Human rights

Both Jean and Keith have consistently called for the repeal of draconian anti-terror legislation, and the closure of the US Torture Camp at Guantanamo Bay. They have called for EU countries to find a home for Guantanamo detainees 'cleared for release', and Jean has worked closely with the London Guantanamo campaign to try to secure the release of Shaker Aamer, the London resident still being held after 12 years.

They have both worked to raise the profile of the Parliament's prestigious Sakharov Prize for human rights, which marked its

25th anniversary in 2013, recipients that included Aung San Suu Kyi, Malala Yousafzai and Taslima Nasrin, the Bangladeshi feminist author and doctor effectively still living in exile.

The Green MEPs have signed the 'Child Rights Pledge', urged the EU to sign up to the European Convention on Human Rights, spoken out about human rights abuses in Turkey, Burma, Russia – and in the extractive industries prevalent in Africa and South America.

Jean has promoted World Day Against the Death Penalty and UN Human Rights Day,



Jean with campaigners outside Stockwell Tube to demand better access for people with disabilities.



Jean speaks at a conference on healthcare co-organised by health campaigners and the Archbishopric of Athens.



Jean and Keith with fellow Green MEPs receiving a gift of flowers after the work defeating ACTA.



specifically condemning executions in Saudi Arabia, India and the US, and for the recognition of climate change as a human rights issue.

They have used their status as MEPs to pursue legal challenges to Israeli attacks on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, and on behalf of the Greenpeace activists arrested while protesting against oil exploration in the Arctic.

Jean has worked with the Camden/ Abu-Dis Friendship Society to help secure visas for Palestinian visitors to London, and is a member of Waltham Forest Palestine Solidarity Campaign. She has campaigned against the police use of the controversial tactic of 'kettling' demonstrators in London, against slavery and human trafficking and, successfully, for a UN ban on female genital mutilation.

Democracy

Keith and Jean have worked hard to improve the way democracy works in the UK and Europe, calling for the voting age to be lowered to 16, for proportional representation, for smaller political parties to take part in TV leaders' debates – and for improved voter registration in London and South East England, particularly for non-UK born EU citizens.

They campaigned for a 'Yes' vote in the

2011 referendum on introducing the 'Alternative Vote' system for Westminster elections, and were instrumental in shaping the 'European Citizens' Initiative', giving EU citizens the right to petition the European Commission directly to call for new legislation for the first time: several such ECIs have already gathered more than the one million signatures required, including calls for guaranteed access to water and for an EU-wide vivisection ban.

Jean chaired a London debate between the candidates for the 2014 'Green Primary' – an experiment designed to give all EU citizens a say in the candidates who will lead the Greens' EU-wide campaign in the upcoming election to the European Parliament.

Digital Rights

More and more of us are spending more of our lives on the Internet, especially using email and smartphones. Green MEPs have been at the centre of campaigns to protect our 'digital rights' and online privacy, especially regarding agreements between the EU and US over data sharing and retention, and helped force the EU to abandon controversial plans for ACTA – an international anti-counterfeiting agreement whose opponents include the Open Rights Group and Privacy International.

Peace

Jean and Keith have also worked for peace alongside such groups as CND, Kingston Peace Council, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and others.

They have consistently opposed the arms trade, and the UK's role in it, and the use of nuclear weapons, as well as raising awareness – and EU condemnation – of atrocities in DRC and Nigeria, among others. They oppose the renewal of the UK's 'Trident' nuclear missile system, and have called for the renewal of the UN Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Equality and anti-discrimination

Jean and Keith have both worked as advocates for equality in all their work at the European Parliament, and sit on a number of cross-party 'Intergroups' working against discrimination and defending the rights of minorities.

Jean sits on the Intergroups on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, Anti-racism and Diversity, Disability, Youth Issues and LGBT Rights. Keith is an active member of the LGBT Rights intergroup.

Jean worked on the Civil Liberties Committee to develop a new funding stream, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme, to pay for work on anti-discrimination issues.

Age

The Green MEPs work with many organisations campaigning for age-related policies, many of which have fed into the MEPs work, such as the proposal for a Directive on Carers Leave in Jean's report on Access to Care.

Jean has worked on EU rules to eliminate child abuse on the Internet, and both Jean and Keith have worked with fellow Green MEPs to establish a 'Youth Guarantee' obliging EU Member States to ensure that all young people have proper access to work or training.

They supported a series of events to mark the EU 'Year of Active Ageing' and have called for EU rules establishing the right of all

citizens to an adequate pension, wherever in Europe they choose to live, and for the establishment of a new cross-party group specifically to champion the rights of young people.

Women and girls

The Greens/EFA group is the only group of MEPs to have a majority of women members, and a requirement for gender balance in all its senior positions. Jean has worked with EU-level NGOs, including Plan International, to ensure the EU celebrates UN International Day of the Girl, and has taken part in many events to mark International Women's Day.

She nominated Pakistani Girls' education champion Malala Yousafzai for the EU Sakharov Prize for human rights defenders, and has taken part in many events to increase awareness of violence against women, to improve maternal health and access to reproductive health provision.

Both Keith and Jean have voted for specific EU measures to promote gender equality in the workplace, and against the practices of female genital mutilation, so-called 'honour' crimes against women and forced marriage

Keith with Caroline Lucas MP and Peter Tatchell at Brighton's Gay Pride rally.





Jean with Greens/EFA Co-President Rebecca Harms MEP and Pakistani Girls' education champion Malala Yousafzai.



Keith meets the staff and volunteers at the Allsorts LGBT youth project in Brighton.



Jean at the launch of a report into the prevalence of Racism in Europe today.

as well as improvements in the way female asylum seekers are treated. Jean led the debate and supported moves to introduce EU gender guidelines for this treatment.

LGBTI

Keith and Jean have attended several Gay Pride events – at home and abroad. Specifically, they have worked to stamp out legal impediments to such events, successfully helping reverse a ban on a Pride rally in Lithuania.

They both worked on a new EU Anti-Discrimination Directive and a recent resolution on LGBTI rights in the EU, and have campaigned for pan-EU recognition of same-sex marriages and for a strong EU stand against homophobic legislation in third countries – such as Uganda, Nigeria and India – with which the EU does business.

Both MEPs have spoken at rallies throughout the parliamentary term to mark IDAHO – the International Day Against Homophobia – and have promoted more funding for sexual health services – especially services for victims of HIV/AIDS.

Race, nationality, and caste

Jean and Keith have worked closely with the European Network Against Racism, and the Anti-racism Intergroup, of which Jean is Vice-President, to help promote EU

legislation and action to combat racism in the EU and the development of xenophobic, anti-semitic political movements.

Jean took part in a successful campaign to persuade the UK Government to overturn plans to drop the 'Public Sector Equality Duty' – legislation requiring publicly-funded employers to measure the effects of their policies on minority groups within their workforce and wider society.

She also works with the International Dalit Support Network, of which Jean is Patron, aiming to introduce legislation and other measures to end caste discrimination in parts of the EU and South Asia and has hosted events at the European Parliament to promote the rights of minorities, such as the Rohingya in Myanmar.

Disability

Jean has worked with the European Network on Independent Living to support the right to independent living, rather than the cuts and return to institutional care happening in some countries. Keith has been active in trying to secure better accessibility to transport. Both supported EU accession to the UN Convention on People with Disabilities.

Asylum and migration



Jean celebrates International Migrants' Day 2013.

Jean and Keith have worked hard to improve the rights of migrants living in London, South East England and across the EU. They have supported asylum seekers and spoken out for the right to free movement of EU nationals.

As a member of the Civil Liberties Committee, Jean has worked on the rights of asylum seekers under the developing Common European Asylum System. She led the negotiations for setting up the new European Asylum Support Office and was involved in working to improve the controversial Dublin 3 Regulation.

The Qualification Directive, on which Jean led the negotiations for the European Parliament, has seen gender identity specifically included in asylum legislation for the first time.

She promoted new EU legislation on migrants' access to healthcare, the rights of seasonal workers and new rules on social security rights for third-country nationals working in the EU in the Single Permit Directive. Jean has also pushed for countries,

whether in the EU or the Gulf States, to sign up to the ILO Convention on the rights of domestic workers, who can suffer horrendous abuse.

They have visited a number of local NGOs and services working with migrants: Keith recently went to see detention facilities at Campsfield for himself. Jean has also visited healthcare professionals from Doctors of the World to legal advice services in London, as well as a centre housing UK-bound asylum seekers in France.

The Green Party and Green MEPs have also campaigned for better public funding of local services to help ensure all sections of our communities have access to the decent services and housing to which they are entitled.

The Green Group has consistently opposed



Jean seeing for herself basic UNHCR-provided asylum camp accommodation.



Keith visiting Campsfield House detention centre.



Jean hosts a hearing with NGO representatives in Brussels.



“People move for many reasons: to join their family, to improve their career prospects, for better money, for educational reasons, for a new experience. Some move because they have no choice, due to persecution or conflict. We will be seeing a growing group of people moving because their land will no longer support them as climate change takes effect. All deserve to be treated with dignity and respect - not demonised and made scapegoats for problems they did not create.” JEAN LAMBERT MEP

campaigns to limit access to healthcare and benefits for migrants, as well as cuts in Legal Aid across the board. Jean has worked on the Greens’ position relating to the EUROSUR system for controlling access to the EU, and has campaigned for a more humane approach to EU border surveillance, especially in light of several tragic incidents in which African migrants lost their lives in attempts to reach Italy by boat. She has also worked to convince EU states to host more refugees from conflict zones, especially Syria, Libya, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Jean has worked closely with groups including the Migrants’ Rights Network to celebrate the contribution of migrants to the UK, and has spoken at a number of events held in recent years to mark Refugee

Week, International Migrants’ Day and World Refugee Day – all of which take place annually.

Jean and Keith have spoken out about the negative effect of proposed new rules for EU nationals here, as well as recognising the positive impact of such free movement on the public purse. Jean has also hosted a number of events designed to put Europeans living in London in touch with EU agencies working to help EU citizens realise the right to free movement across the EU, and has worked with victims of human trafficking.

Animal Protection

Most animal protection legislation is agreed at EU level and Greens are fighting for the highest level of welfare possible. Keith is on the Animal Welfare Intergroup in the European Parliament.



Keith and Caroline Lucas MP visit the PDSA in Brighton.

Animal Testing

Thanks, in part, to Greens in the European Parliament a ban on cosmetics developed through animal testing has taken effect in the EU. The ban applies to all new cosmetics and their ingredients sold in the EU, regardless of where in the world testing on animals was carried out.

The ban comes after Green MEPs worked to roll out cruelty-free cosmetics across the continent.

While the cosmetic testing ban is a big step forward, Keith and Jean have continued to promote an end to the use of animals in research. As part of their work the MEPs have promoted a million-strong European Citizens Initiative calling for an end to vivisection across Europe.

Bullfighting

Every year, more than 250,000 bulls and cows are tortured and killed worldwide during bullfights and similar events.

Keith and Jean have been working to prevent EU funding being indirectly used to support bullfighting. Both MEPs have been focussing on the issue after it was revealed that payments of up to £110 million are given by the EU to farmers who rear bulls for fighting in Spain. A report published by Spanish Greens in summer 2013 concluded, 'without such backing [bullfighting] would probably be on the brink of financial collapse'.

In response to the report Jean and Keith started a petition demanding the EU stops funding bullfighting. The petition has some 25,000 signatures.

“Despite some big steps forward we have a long way to go in ensuring that animals across Europe are protected. We’ve been campaigning against the mistreatment of animals, from bullfighting to animal testing, and long distance transport. Green voices in the European Parliament will continue to place animal welfare as a top priority.”

KEITH TAYLOR MEP





Jean visiting a Dogs' Trust project in Islington.



Jean with the 'Fish Fight' boat parked outside Parliament before a crucial vote on preserving fish numbers in EU waters.



Keith and Jean with fellow Green MEP Carl Schlyter, named 'MEP for Animals 2013'.



Jean and Keith with guitarist and campaigner Brian May, during a visit to Brussels to ask the EU to halt the UK badger Cull.

Badgers

Jean and Keith are both appalled at the Government's badger cull and have raised these concerns with the European Commission. Jean has called on the UK Government to end the cull. They have also been actively holding the Commission to account to ensure that EU funding is not used for the UK's cull. Jean and Keith will continue to assert that real solutions to the problem of bovine TB can be sought through investment in the development of the BCG vaccination.

Live Animal Transport

Keith and Jean both oppose live exports of farm animals from the UK, and support calls for the EU to reduce the number of hours for which animals can be transported.

Keith has worked alongside campaigners in Kent to oppose animal exports from Ramsgate and Dover ports. He's written to the European Commission and UK officials as part of an investigation into ways that the ports can reject this inhumane trade.

Keith has also called for the Port of Dover to accept RSPCA inspectors to ensure that animals which are transported are treated as decently as possible.

CCTV in slaughterhouses

Jean has called for all slaughterhouses in the UK and across the EU to have mandatory

CCTV cameras, following revelations by Animal Aid of shocking cruelty and brutality in UK slaughterhouses, including those used for organic meat.

Banning 'the whip' in horseracing

Jean has joined the animal rights organisation Animal Aid in calling for an outright ban on the use of the whip in commercial horse racing.

She wrote to Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman, pointing out that during 2010, British Horse Racing Authority (BHA) rules on the use of the whip were broken more than 17 times per week, causing much pain and suffering to the horses, and research by the BHA shows that 57 per cent of people support a ban.

Foie Gras

Keith and Jean have been campaigning to end a loophole in EU law which means that foie gras production is exempt from animal welfare laws on force feeding. In Brussels Keith joined a protest against a foie gras promotional event in the Parliament.

Both MEPs wrote to celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay after a newspaper investigation revealed that his restaurants use foie gras produced from mistreated geese.

Looking forward



The election to the European Parliament this May will be a challenge for all progressive candidates, as anti-EU and xenophobic parties continue to poll well across Europe. But the need for a strong Green voice in the European Parliament has never been greater.

If re-elected, Jean and Keith will continue to push the EU to demonstrate real leadership on climate change, and to promote human rights, democracy and the interests of minorities at home in the UK, across Europe – and beyond.

They will campaign for better protection of animal welfare and rights, particularly ensuring that no EU subsidies inadvertently fund animal abuse, and for improvements to habitats and legal protection for biodiversity.

Jean will continue to promote a humane common asylum and migration policy that defends EU interests while recognising the principle of free movement and continues to celebrate the historical role played by migrants in EU nations.

The EU was founded on the principle of bringing peace to a war-ravaged Europe in the 20th Century, and Keith and Jean will continue to work towards that ideal – and equality of treatment for third-country nationals – as well as working with CND and others to try to rid the world of nuclear weapons and the use and sale of other indiscriminate arms, like military drones and

cluster bombs.

They will try to block trade deals which promote the privatisation of public services, while seeking to extend universal access to those services such as health, social care and affordable housing which have been subject to widespread privatisation already. They will also try to ensure all trade between the EU and poorer developing countries is genuinely fair and does not promote conflict, environmental degradation, exploitation of workers or the depletion of scarce natural resources.

Jean will continue her work promoting the rights of the million-plus non-UK born EU Citizens living in London and oppose any new incinerators – or fracking – in the capital. Keith will continue to campaign against any fracking or fossil fuel exploration in South East England. Both will work towards tough new EU limits on air pollution, working for cleaner transport alternatives, in the public sector where possible.

Both MEPs recognise that the Internet is playing an ever-greater role in people's lives, and they will work for enforceable rules at EU level to

protect the privacy and digital rights of all computer and 'phone users, as well as promoting enhanced access rules – and ensuring that all social benefits can be accessed in traditional off-line ways too.

Greens are mindful of the financial crisis suffered across much of the world in 2008 – the effects of which we are all still feeling today. Jean and Keith will continue to push for reform of the banking and financial sector to ensure it never happens again, for measures to promote new job creation – especially in the environmental sector and for young people – who are suffering the highest rates of unemployment across Europe since records began – and to ensure that the austerity measures pursued by Governments and the European Commission, the IMF and the European Central Bank don't hit the most vulnerable hardest.

They will also try to revitalise people's relationship with politics itself, by seeking reform of the EU, and democratic reform in the UK, promoting electoral registration, votes for 16 and 17 year-olds and a truly proportional voting system.

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