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**Robin Harper,
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**Elaine Morrison
lead candidate for
the Scottish Green
Party for the
European Election**

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Reclaim our economy: a special message from **Elaine Morrison**, lead Green candidate for Europe.

The European Parliament seems very remote to communities in Edinburgh. But there has never been a more important time to send a Green representative there, joining the existing group of 34 Green MEPs.

Elaine Morrison, the Greens' lead candidate on 4 June says: "Scotland has the opportunity to lead the world in energy efficiency – a plan supported by economists, house builders and environmentalists and building on a successful scheme pioneered by Greens in Huddersfield. We need more Greens elected to make the crucial difference for people – ending fuel poverty is only the start."

The global economic crisis is an important challenge for us all. After 10 years of getting drunk on credit, the world is waking up with a mighty headache – Greens have a cure for that headache that isn't based on another credit binge.

The Green plan for Europe offers a massive expansion in green jobs, supporting renewable energy, public transport and energy efficiency on a

huge scale. Greens want to solve the economic crisis in ways that will help to combat climate change, and end poverty at home and abroad.

Only Greens want to stop boom and bust, and only Greens want to solve the economic crisis in a way that makes all the people of the world better-off. A vote for Elaine Morrison and the Scottish Green Party in the European election on June 4th will help reclaim our economy in Scotland and around the world.

Elected Greens get things done!

Green MSPs, Robin Harper and Patrick Harvie, have delivered £30m for energy efficiency in Scotland. This is good, but with more Greens in Parliament it could have been even better. Greens wanted a free, universal scheme to insulate all of Scotland's homes, to help keep construction workers in a job and to end fuel poverty.

The European election offers you the chance to make government take free, universal provision of energy efficiency seriously.



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Green Fair Huge Success

Local Greens held Edinburgh's first Green Fair in Tollcross back in February. Small businesses and campaign groups took stalls, with demand for places such that the hall could have been filled twice over and 600 members of the public came along. Local traders and community groups gave their backing to the day, making it a huge success. We are now actively looking at repeating the exercise in other areas.

Local Food Group gathers pace

Greens have been active, among many, in setting up the new Shandon Local Food Group. Formed early in 2009, the community group seeks to work with local producers to source local food; to promote local shops; and to encourage use of gardens and back-greens for growing food. It has now been given funding by the Climate Challenge Fund, an initiative developed by Green MSPs in 2007. Gavin Corbett who chairs the group, said: "The sheer scale of the response has been fantastic and a real boost to all of us who believe that global challenges like climate change go hand in hand with building stronger communities."

There have already been queries about setting up a similar initiative in the Craiglockhart area.

Greens seek community vision for Fountainbridge sites

The local green group has called for an alternative vision for the Fountainbridge sites now sitting becalmed. With the dramatic changes in the banking system, many of the development plans on the former brewery sites have ground to a halt, with plans to create more offices in tatters. Greens have argued that the plans should be revisited, creating a new community-centred vision for the site, with affordable houses, places for small businesses and community facilities.

Community events

Our area is fortunate to have some excellent community events all year round. For example, coming up:

- Craiglockhart Primary School in Shandon has its annual fair on Saturday 30 May 11am-2pm
- The Craiglockhart Woods Group has its annual fete on Saturday 20 June, 2-4pm at the top of Craiglockhart Terrace
- The first Canal Festival takes place on Saturday 27 June at Lochrin Basin in Fountainbridge 11.00 am until 5.30pm

If you have a community event you want to highlight please let us know.

Edinburgh Greens need your help!

Can you help with our Euro Election campaign? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at Edinburgh@scottishgreens.org.uk or at Edinburgh Green Party, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR.

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- I'd like to make a donation to **Edinburgh Green Party**

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