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**Robin Harper,
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for Lothians**

*Your Voice on
the Council*



**Alison Johnstone,
Green Councillor
for Meadows and
Morningside**

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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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Contact your local Greens

Meadows and Morningside Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Lauriston Place to the Braid Hills.

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Latest news from Councillor Alison Johnstone

Green Fair Success

The first Green Fair held in February at the Barclay Church in Tollcross was a resounding success, one to build on in future years. Demand for stalls was overwhelming and fantastic community involvement was demonstrated by the 500 plus people who attended. The next community event that the Meadows and Morningside Green Team will be involved in is the Canal Festival at the Lochrin Basin on June 27th.

Council Backs Earth Hour - Thanks to Greens

Following a Green motion to the City Council, Edinburgh took part in "Earth Hour" for the first time. On 28th March, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm communities from all over the globe joined together to turn out their lights for an hour, the aim being to unite a billion people with a single purpose: to send a message to governments across the world that their citizens want them to take action to help

avoid dangerous climate change. While a few notable buildings and organisations signed up, many more individuals, businesses and schools are needed to reach that billion!

Greens push for open schools

As part of the 2009 budget, the ruling Lib Dem/SNP Group on the City Council decided, without consultation, to close primary schools on Thursday evenings, to shave £100,000 off the school budget. The Council, under pressure from Councillor Johnstone and the many community groups who have used school halls for years, has agreed to review the way such lets are handled. Councillor Johnstone said "I'm pleased that there is to be a review but the fact that this has started less than a month after the original decision shows just how little consideration was given to the real impact this policy would have. Greens believe we should enhance the role of schools as community venues."

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 more information about the **Scottish Green Party**
- I'd like to make a donation to **Edinburgh Green Party**

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