



2025 AGM – Submit a motion

Please fill up the form below, explaining what is the motion that you would like to be put forward at the 2025 AGM. The submission deadline is the 1st of June 2025. Reminder that both proposer and seconder must be members of Friends of the Earth Scotland.

Motion Title:	Trans solidarity
Motion:	<p>Friends of the Earth International has previously recognised that all forms of oppression are linked and gender based injustice is both fuel for the climate crisis and a barrier to system change. Gender justice, particularly both trans and women's liberation, is fundamental to the environmentally just world we are building.</p> <p>We, Young Friends of the Earth Scotland (YFoES), expanded on this in our Introduction to Climate Justice booklet¹, explaining that the same colonising forces which first instigated environmental destruction and exploitation also instigated the repression of gender and sexual diversity in Indigenous communities across the world. The effects of this are alive in many countries today, including ours.</p> <p>In Scotland, transphobia has resulted in a dramatically increased risk of homelessness for trans people and therefore a greater vulnerability of the trans community to ever increasing climatic hazards²</p>

¹ https://foe.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/YFoES-Booklet-%E2%80%94-A5_Spreads-For-Digital-View.pdf

² <https://www.gov.scot/publications/evidence-review-non-binary-peoples-experiences-scotland/pages/13/>

	<p>³. Globally, LGBTQ+ people are also more likely to have trouble crossing borders to escape conflict and disaster.</p> <p>Throughout history, attempts to police queer communities' expression and control society's understanding of gender have been a 'smoke signal' to broader crackdowns and increases to authoritarianism^{4 5 6}. The rights we have now; to campaign, protest, and resist, hinge on us supporting the liberation of the marginalised communities we work alongside. Striving for women's and trans liberation is an inherent part of climate justice.</p> <p>In acknowledgement of this, part of the FoES current strategy is to position itself at the intersection of the climate and broader progressive movements. For YFoES, this includes taking ongoing steps to facilitate the comfort and safety of trans people within the network, recognising the necessity of gender liberation for all people – both cis and trans.</p> <p>Given the increase in cultural and legislative transphobia, this motion aims to recognise and cement gender liberation work within the broader FoES movement.</p> <p>Friends of the Earth Scotland therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sees trans liberation and women's liberation as part of a shared struggle for gender justice and equity • Actively and visibly stands in solidarity with the trans community's organising for equity in Scotland and globally
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively and visibly stands in solidarity with women's organising for equity in Scotland and globally • Recognises the work that YFoES has done making visible the links between climate justice and LGBTQ+ liberation • Facilitates the inclusion, comfort, and safety of trans people within FoES movement building, organising, and campaigns • Recognises that there is no place for transphobia or gender-based oppression in an environmentally just world.
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Date:	29th May 2025