

CAROLINE LUCAS ENGAGES WITH WORLD'S LARGEST ONLINE STUDENT COMMUNITY

LIVE VIDEO Q&A ON THE STUDENT ROOM COULD FURTHER BOOST GREEN PROSPECTS, AMONGST STUDENT VOTERS, ACCORDING TO POLL

Green party co-leader, Caroline Lucas, appeared on the world's largest online student community, The Student Room, on 19 May in a move which could further boost the party's youth vote. Lucas appeared in an [online video Q&A](#), answering questions posed by TSR members. Questions included:

"Do you think Theresa May and Jeremy Corbyn are hiding from public debate?"

"The Green Party recently committed to the idea of a four-day work week – will this address productivity or is it just wishful thinking?"

"Do you support the legalisation of cannabis in designated dispensaries, as supported by the Lib Dems?"

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The session follows a survey of over 3,000 students*, which found that nearly half (45%) would be more likely to vote for a party if its leader answered youth-interest questions on the student room. The research also revealed her party's existing popularity amongst student voters, with 21% planning to vote Green in the general election.

During the Q&A, Lucas said: "I certainly think Theresa May is hiding from public debate. It's ironic because she said this election and the issues facing the country were so important – that's why she was going back on her previous promise saying there wouldn't be a snap election – and yet she can't even be bothered to turn up and debate these issues that are apparently the most important in her lifetime.

"I think she is running scared and frankly, if I had her record, I'd be tempted to run scared as well!"

Jack Wallington, Director of Community at The Student Room, commented, "Young voters often state that they won't vote because politicians don't listen to or represent them. It's really positive that the leader of the Green Party, Caroline Lucas, took time to answer students directly on The Student Room, setting a strong example for other politicians to follow.

"If you're aged 18 to 25, your vote absolutely does matter and can make a difference. Read the party websites and manifestos, and make a decision to vote for the one that best matches your own personal values."

**The Student Room polled 3,319 students, on 17 May 2017.*

ABOUT THE STUDENT ROOM

Founded in 2001, The Student Room is the world's largest online student community and the UK's no.1 education website according to ComScore data. The Student Room has over 3 million registered members, primarily aged between 14-24 and attracts over 8 million visitors a month. It provides student-to-student advice on studying, educational career choice and lifestyle issues. The Student Room works directly with most UK universities as well as a wide range of leading brands and companies.

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