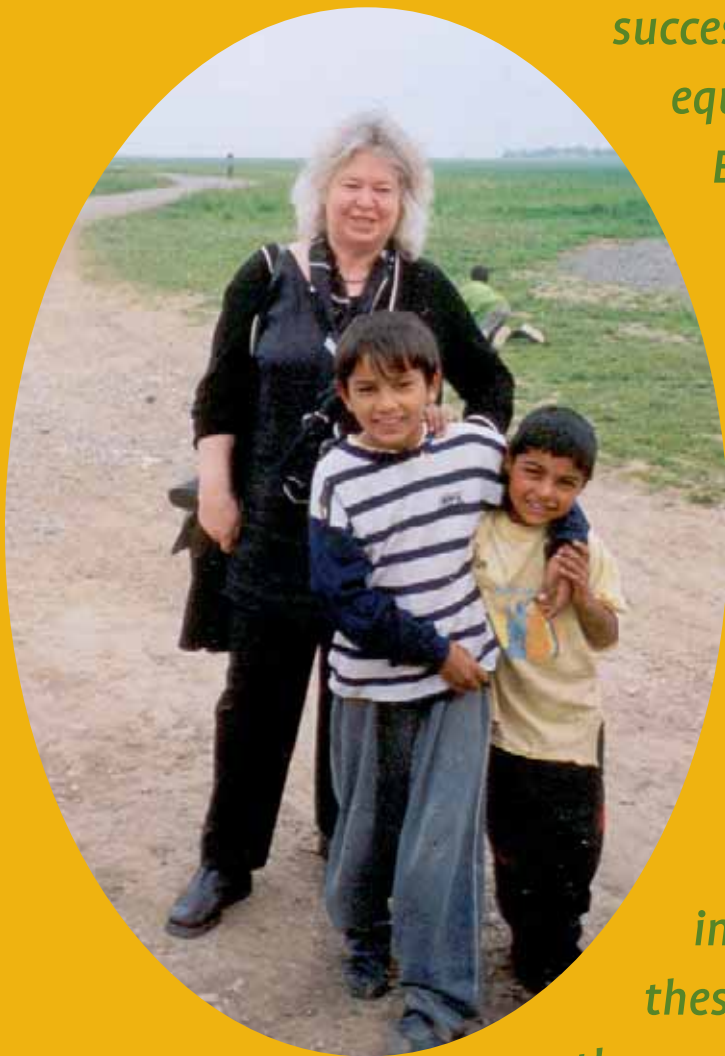


Green Party MEPs working for

Equality and Social Inclusion

The Green Party MEPs believe that a successful Europe is one based on equality and cultural respect: a Europe that can act responsibly and peacefully in its international relations. Jean Lambert and Caroline Lucas have spoken out against racism and challenged the media on its representation of asylum seekers. They have exposed how service privatisation unduly impacts women and have advocated approaches to equality and social inclusion that embrace diversity. On these issues, Green MEPs are leading the way in Europe.



Left: Jean Lambert in Slovakia with Roma children.

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Right: Caroline Lucas leaflets Oxford
constituents about asylum.

Below: Jean visits Finsbury Park Homeless
Family Centre.



Equal Opportunities and Social Inclusion

- Green Party MEPs' demand that Gender Equality be a key EU employment guideline was adopted by the Parliament.
- Both MEPs have highlighted the impact public service liberalisation is having on women with women's organisations in the UK.
- Through the Lesbian and Gay rights Intergroup, Jean Lambert called on the Commission to investigate a legal loophole in the UK enabling religious homophobia in employment.
- Jean Lambert is supporting the Disability Intergroup's call for a horizontal directive on Disability Rights – equivalent to the Race Equality directive.
- As Intergroup on Ageing Co-President, Jean is calling for a higher state pension and action to counter pensioners' poverty.
- Jean Lambert secured Parliament's support for a clause making it illegal for employers to decide redundancies on grounds of age (member states were not brave enough to agree).
- Caroline has opposed France's ban on the wearing of 'conspicuous religious symbols' in schools.

Anti-Racism

- Green Party MEPs were instrumental in pushing through the groundbreaking Racial Equality Directive. Racial discrimination in the workplace and service provision is now illegal.
- Jean Lambert has challenged the Government to end its opposition to a law designed to raise standards for temporary agency workers, which would benefit a large section of the ethnic minority community in her constituency.
- Jean Lambert joined the Muslim Council of Britain and community leaders in speaking out against racism at the launch of Unite Against Fascism.

Asylum, Immigration and Human Trafficking

- Jean has won Parliament support for an EU-wide definition of refugee which extends protection to the most vulnerable. She has opposed moves for the compulsory return of refugees.
- Green Party MEPs have demanded changes to the UK's asylum law and detention policy, so that it protects the most vulnerable. Caroline Lucas has supported the cases of detainees after visiting Oxfordshire's Campsfield detention centre, and has called for the centre to be closed. Jean Lambert visited the Sangatte refugee camp before its closure.
- Jean Lambert has demonstrated outside the offices of national papers against racist representation of asylum seekers. She has convinced the EU to extend its funded training programmes to asylum seekers.
- Jean Lambert has been at the forefront of pushing for equal entitlement to social security for non-EU workers.
- Recommendations from Jean Lambert's conference on human trafficking challenged the Government's approach to this horrific crime.

