



Record of Policy Statements

Education

City Academies

(Originally passed – GPRC April 2005)

The Green Party is opposed to the development and expansion of City Academies. They are contrary to the Green Party's policy on non-selective publicly funded education accountable to local control. The Green Party is also opposed to the re-designation of 11-to-16 schools as this takes away the choice.

Opposition to Trust

Schools

(Originally passed – Spring Conference 2006)

Conference calls upon the Executive to promote the Green Party's opposition to Government proposals for the establishment of Trust schools. Trust schools are not accountable to elected local government. Trust schools also give external interests undue weight in state education by allowing business, religious and other parties to take positions on school boards.

Conference calls upon the Executive to make known its criticism for private funding of state education and calls for public investment in local schools.

Conference calls upon the Executive to reject the introduction of widespread selection and the transport of children to distant schools "championed" by the local authority, on the basis that every child has the right to be educated at a high-quality school in the local area.