



Jeanette Fitzsimons



1958-1962

Jeanette Fitzsimons never set out to become a member of parliament, let alone the leader of a political party. From school, Jeanette followed what she believed in. A quote she referenced from John Lennon, *"Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans."*

Jeanette joined the Green Party Aotearoa as their fundamental policies matched hers; connecting the environment to the economy, and being aware of potential catastrophe of climate change and ecological breakdown. Success to Jeanette used to be getting legislation passed and winning votes, but she has since realised that a change in people's values and understanding is a greater achievement which can't be undone so easy.

Her advice to Epsom Girls Grammar School students is to *"work at something you really believe in and are passionate about. Get the broadest education you can, and don't narrow your field too soon."*

"Choose goals that you feel will make a difference in the world and be guided by your own conscience, not what others think of you."