Kate Green is a Member of Parliament, first elected for Stretford and Urmston in May 2010. She is currently Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities in the shadow cabinet. Previously she served as Shadow Minister for Disabled People. In that role, she worked to ensure the rights of disabled people, and remove the barriers they face in all aspects of life, from employment to public services. She has also served as a shadow junior spokesperson for Women and Equalities.

Green is a longstanding campaigner against poverty and inequality. Prior to her election to the House of Commons, she was Chief Executive of the Child Poverty Action Group, a national NGO which campaigns for the abolition of child poverty in the UK, and for a better deal for low-income families and children. Before that, between 2000 and 2004, she was Director of the National Council for One Parent Families (now Gingerbread). She is a member, and former chair, of the all-party parliamentary group on poverty, formerly chaired the London Child Poverty Commission, and is a member of the Greater Manchester Poverty Commission.

In 2013, Green was appointed an ambassador to the Albert Kennedy Trust, a charity which supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender homeless young people in crisis. Green has also been a member of the National Employment Panel, which advised ministers on labour market policies, and chair of the Women’s Section of the Parliamentary Labour Party. She was a magistrate from 1993-2009, and continues to take a particular interest in the experience of women in the penal system.

She was re-elected in the 2015 general election, and promoted to the shadow cabinet last September.