



February Newsletter of
the Plymouth Climate
Council

Upcoming Events:

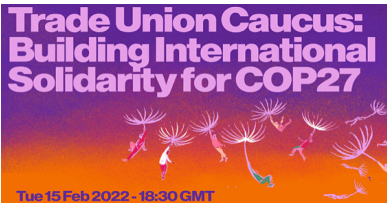
**14th February
Unlove Barclays
12 midday at Barclays**
140 Armada Way PL1 1LA
Called by Extinction Rebellion
"Better Without Barclays" -
Europe's biggest fossil-fuel
funder.

**Climate Jobs Technical &
planning meetings:**

Monday 21st February:
Climate Jobs in Energy:
6:30-8:00pm

Monday 28th February:
Climate Jobs in Buildings,
6:30-8pm

Monday 14th March:
Climate Jobs in Transport
6:30-8pm Sign-up here: [http://
cacctu.org.uk/](http://cacctu.org.uk/)
Climate_jobs_meetings



**International Coalition
Hubs Trade Union
Caucus: Tuesday 15th
February 6:30-8pm on Zoom**
speakers from African Trade Unions
www.plymouthhub4climate.org
for details.



"Futureproof Housing"
16th February at 5pm
**"The Biodiversity
Emergency":** 9th March 4pm
Plymouth University webinars
about sustainable development
in Plymouth: [https://
www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/
future-plymouth-2030](https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/whats-on/future-plymouth-2030)

No Brown Backlash! Stop the Greenwash! Don't Blame Climate Activists for the Energy Crisis!

**The devastating rise in gas
and electricity prices will
hit working class
households horribly this
year despite government
"loans",** writes Tony Staunton from

the Campaign against Climate Change.
The UK Government is diverting the
debate away from the huge profits of the
privatised energy companies to protect
the income of their shareholders despite
the growing suffering.

With household energy bills likely to rise
by £700-£1,000 a year from April, climate
and environment groups are calling for
the re-nationalisation of companies in
order to immediately lower fuel prices by
cutting profit margins and ensure
democratic control for the public good.

**Trade unions are campaigning to
stop fuel poverty by capping the
profits of fossil fuel companies -
Plymouth 12th Feb 1pm Sundial**

In response, the far-Right is trying to
build a popular campaign to scrap the
"green levies" on energy bills in order cut
energy bills.

**Absurdly, former UKIP leader, Nigel
Farage, and many climate-denying
Tory MPs are blaming
environmentalists for rising prices,
pretending they're on the side of
"ordinary people", not us.**

They are out to hide the truth behind the
"rip-off" energy bills. Green levies on
energy are a small step in the right
direction to hold energy companies to
account for their impact on the
environment.

Price increases protect profits

Green levies are not perfect, but
schemes such as the "Energy Company
Obligation" and the "Renewables
Obligation" scheme encourage suppliers
to shift to renewables, and to "improve
the ability of low income, fuel poor and
vulnerable households to heat their
homes."

**Meanwhile, the energy companies
increase their prices to pay for the
levies rather than lower their rate of
profit.**

In particular, the regional gas and
electricity network companies - the
businesses who run the pipes and wires -
are criticised by the energy regulator,
Ofgem, for paying bumper shareholder
payouts (many large stockholders are
companies registered overseas).

Continued overleaf:

**For more news and action go to:
www.plymouthhub4climate.org**

*Huge Utilities' Profits from
Energy Generation 2021:
Oil and Gas Profits - 3rd
Quarter 2021 BP £3billion -
£12billion for the full year.
Shell £4bn - a total of
£14,000,000,000 profits
paid to their rich
shareholders in 2021...
Stealing money from the
poor to give to the richest
shareholders.*

**Join the Campaign
against Climate
Change:**



www.campaigncc.org

**Headlines from a
warming world:**

track the development of extreme
conditions caused by climate change
on our new "headlines" page

**Go to BBC Player for
short stories of
Life at 50°C**

**Local Hubs
Gathering &
Climate Justice
Weekender**

Online & In-Person in Birmingham

**We need all hands on deck: in
workplaces, communities,
schools, hospitals and across
national borders. Whether
you've been involved in the
climate justice movement
before or not, join us to get
organised for system change:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/
o/cop26-coalition](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cop26-coalition)

Climate justice recognises that all of our
struggles lead back to the same unjust
system. Whether we are fighting for
better pay at work, for clean water, or
against police violence or the opening of
a new mine. For control over our bodies
or to stop the destruction of forests we
live in. We need climate action that works
for all of us, not just the people with the
most money in their pockets.