

# If coal, gas & oil get up your nose **PICKET!**



## July Newsletter of the Plymouth Climate Council

Support your local trade union strikes: direct action for System Change!

Climate activists from XRTU, Campaign against Climate Change and progressive political parties joined the picket lines of the striking railway workers at the end of last month, writes *Tony Staunton of the Campaign against Climate Change*. The dispute between private rail employers and the Tory Government on one side, and 140,000 members of the RMT trade union on the other, is a fight for us all.

### Need Not Profit!

The future of public transport is crucial for action to ensure immediate reductions in global heating emissions. The climate catastrophe is with us and accelerating fast (see overleaf).

**Taking cars off the road in order to reduce emissions requires a nationally co-ordinated and integrated mass transport system, fuelled by renewables, affordable to all and democratically controlled to meet peoples needs, not make profit for private shareholders and fat-cat company executives.**

The RMT strikes are not simply about railworkers' pay. The underlying dispute is to prevent the private employers cutting services, staff and safety to increase profits rather than invest in mass electrification and renewable energy. The only answer is re-nationalisation to end the profit motive and organise an urgent and co-ordinated response to the climate crisis.

### National Climate Service

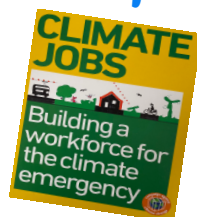
Re-nationalisation is only answer to the climate crisis. Public utilities, from bus and rail transport to gas, electricity and water, need to come under national not-for-profit organisation if we are to cut emissions. We need a National Climate Service, democratically controlled, to co-ordinate the rapid shift away from fossil-fuelled transport and production.

**For more information, read our Climate jobs pamphlet, online, now (download for free):**

<https://www.cacctu.org.uk/climatejobs>



**Climate Jobs:  
Building a  
workforce for the  
climate  
emergency**



## Climate Justice Now! **STRIKE FOR CLIMATE!**

[www.plymouthhub4climate.org](http://www.plymouthhub4climate.org)



**For a Just Transition!**

**System Change not Climate Change!**

[www.campaignccc.org](http://www.campaignccc.org)



**Come and meet with the Plymouth Hub4Climate Justice at 7pm on Tuesday 12th July at the Climate Centre, 67 New George Street PL1 1RJ (the old Waterstones building). In-person or via Zoom: ID 890 7071 3922 Passcode 465011**

The Plymouth Hub4Climate Justice is the local Hub of the international Climate Justice Coalition, organising mass protest to force change in Government and Corporate policy. Join us to build action for international climate justice!

## Coming Up:

**RESPECT Festival 9th July: Celebrating Cultural Traditions – 10am Parade from the Piazza, Armada Way, 11–3:30 stalls and music, Piazza & Guildhall**

### The Oceans Are Rising, So Are We!

**Saturday 16th July  
Climate Talks at  
Plymouth Methodist  
Central Hall 2–4pm**



**Sunday 17th July:**

**Ocean-themed march through City centre: assemble at the Guildhall at 12 midday passing the Greenergy fuel terminal at 1:30pm**