

We Don't Trust Truss

Having a new Prime Minister doesn't raise any hope of more action on Climate Change. Indeed, the Tory Party MP's appear controlled by a small group of climate deniers who lobby to cut Green subsidies and jail climate protesters.

At the recent Conservative leadership hustings, Liz Truss promised to change the rules to ensure **farming is prioritised over new solar projects**. She also vowed to exploit all the gas in the North Sea and said she would allow fracking in locations "where communities supported it". Truss also repeated her pledge to suspend 'green levies' on energy bills, despite experts warning that this would save an average household just £150 off average annual bills now reported to be capped at over £6,000 by this time next year.

Dangerous Far-Right-Wing Claptrap

Truss offered a lukewarm commitment to the previous government target of "net zero" emissions by 2050 - a complete greenwash that will do next-to-nothing to prevent climate collapse -and said we needed to find "better ways to deliver net zero" that won't "harm people and businesses". In other words, her government remains in the hands of the giant energy companies, big landlords and industrial food producers, continuing to exploit working class people.

At a time when other European countries are pushing to reduce their gas dependency, and just weeks after the UK's **record-breaking 40C heatwave**, it seems surreal that the UK's Prime Minister fail to grasp what is at stake.

This is not simply ignorant of the depth and scale of the climate crisis, it represents loyalty to extreme far-right ideological dogma that few agree with. She's out-of-touch.

A survey in April found that 80% of Conservative voters surveyed **supported onshore wind expansion** in general, with 72% supporting new onshore wind 'in my area'. More recent research also found that supporting net zero and renewable energy is an electoral asset in marginal constituencies and among undecided voters. And there is **widespread public support for home insulation** as a key measure to improve the UK's energy security.

In short, Truss represents a tiny fraction of her own Party, which represents a tiny fraction of the electorate. Her government is illegitimate and must be replaced.

The new Prime Minister will face a winter of crisis with spiralling fuel poverty and industrial action as workers fight wage suppression. And a global reality in which gas prices are not going down any time soon and the window to avoid climate catastrophe is rapidly closing. Public demand for action is not going to let up. Protest to Survive!

Get a Green Rep!

Has your union branch got a Green Rep yet? Across the union movement, Green reps responsible for representing environment and climate policies to management, are having greater impact. Bosses don't spend money unless they have to, and we have the scientific knowledge to say why they must invest in low-emission technology and production if they want their companies to survive. The Trades Union Congress and most trade unions provide training for Green Reps. And the Campaign against Climate Change, together with the Greener Jobs Alliance, offers support and advice. The Plymouth trades union Council has a working group for all Green reps and members interested in tackling the Climate Emergency at work and in the community. Join us!



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10th - 13th September: Extinction Rebellion (XR) Festival of Resistance, London, plus Plymouth banner drops and flash events.

17th-18th September: Global Climate Justice & Jobs Conference on-line: www.globalclimatejobs.org & www.cacctu.org.uk

24th Sept-2nd October: Great Big Green Week. Visit the Climate Centre, 67 New George Street PL1 1RJ - Actions and Talks

8th October: Campaign against Climate Change Climate Jobs Conference on Zoom: www.campaigncc.org Trade Unions.

14th October: End Fossil Fuels Now! Westminster, London (XR) and Plymouth

5th November: People's Assembly march for Climate, London and regional events.

12th November: Plymouth Climate Justice March - COP27 protest from 11:00am at the Plymouth Guildhall Square.



The Campaign against Climate Change is supported by leading trade unions across the UK. In Plymouth we are part of the Plymouth Climate Council and supported by the Plymouth Trades Union Council. We organise for a sustainable future with climate justice. Please join us.

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"Climate Jobs: Building a workforce for the climate emergency" provides a detailed and in-depth update of the One Million Climate Jobs report, demonstrating that there are many more than a million good, well paid, skilled jobs that could be created if we get serious and urgently tackle the climate emergency, as the science demands. Get it online free or hardcopy £5.

