

Why are trade unions important for the climate?

Extreme weather is now with us and only going to get worse. Extreme heat, ground fires, floods and droughts are set to disrupt food production, transport, communications, our working lives and our living costs here in England as well as across the globe. There can be no more business as usual, and we have to rapidly change our systems to adapt as well as reduce the carbon emissions that are destroying the climate. Plymouth Climate Council has a plan for Plymouth and the UK: Climate Jobs. We need a national Climate Service that immediately diverts tax funds from incentives and investments in fossil fuels and use the £££billions for investment in renewable energy, home insulation, public transport and more. With more than 6.5million paying members of trades unions, we base ourselves within this huge mass of workers who can negotiate for green workplaces, fossil-free employment and a Just Transition to zero-carbon economy. The **Campaign against Climate Change** is our national organisation, officially supported by:

Plymouth UNISON

Plymouth National Education Union (NEU)

Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS)

Fire Brigades Union (FBU)

National Education Union (NEU)

Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF)

University and College Union (UCU)

Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU)

Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA)

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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!



What is a Just Transition?

Most of the current coal, gas and oil stored by Corporations, let alone all the reserves they want to dig-up, cannot be used if we are to stop runaway climate change. This means workers have to organise to ensure what we call a "Just Transition" away from the fossil-fuel economy and into well-paid and secure "Climate Jobs" to build and install the new technologies to end the climate-killing CO2, methane & other emissions.

Climate Catastrophe

There is no time to lose because the big oil Corporations have lied and stopped the change that should have started decades ago.

So the Climate Emergency means millions of workers will see their jobs change fundamentally or go completely. It is the responsibility of employers and the corporations to change production away from fossil fuels, and retrain and redeploy existing workforces into new Climate Jobs. We know the big corporations will not do this unless they're forced to. Workers are going to need support from their unions to demand the protections are enshrined in Employment Law and funded by the huge profits of the fossil fuelled companies - that's called a Just Transition.

The concept of Just Transition is also an international demand, including reparations for the Global South bearing the brunt of the climate catastrophe caused by industrialisation of the North.

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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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