

# TRADE UNION YEAR OF CLIMATE ACTION

## Climate change is a working class issue

Already, climate breakdown is hitting the poorest around the world. The UK is experiencing more heatwaves, putting workers and communities at risk, and more floods threatening homes and farmers' crops.

Meanwhile the far right are gaining support by claiming the cost of living crisis and job losses are caused by green policies. But all they offer are the policies of hate and division, corporate deregulation, and fossil fuel dependency which would lock us into higher energy bills.

We need to invest in the future, in climate jobs and in public services. But the threat of austerity remains, with military spending prioritised. It's time for the labour movement to come together and demand real action on the climate crisis, with solutions that make life better for workers and communities.

Trade unions have always fought both for workers' rights and for the changes needed to make society better. Now is our time to step up again - this time to protect the very conditions of life, and safety for our communities and the generations to come.

In 2024, the TUC voted to back a Year of Trade Union Climate Action, engaging with community and climate justice groups, to start this autumn. Many national trade unions are already supporting this initiative: a really powerful year of action must also be built from the grassroots up.

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# TAKE ACTION 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

In November, world leaders will meet for the UN climate negotiations, COP30, in Brazil, in the heart of the Amazon. Trade unions need to stand together in global solidarity with workers and communities around the world, with those in the Global South who are losing their livelihoods, homes and lives to climate disasters, and have done least to cause the crisis.

This also means demanding climate solutions which help those most in need here in the UK: decent, well-paid and unionised climate jobs; lower bills through investment in renewable energy and home insulation; affordable public transport and active travel infrastructure; cities with clean air and greenery which are resilient to heatwaves; and nature restoration.

On **Friday 14th November**, we want every union branch in every workplace to take action to demand action to tackle the climate crisis. Whether it's lunchtime protests in the streets, handing out leaflets, linking up with community actions, or raising the issue in work (working temperatures, air quality etc.). We need to take up the spirit of the global climate strikes in 2019, and get every workplace active and creative to highlight the threat of the climate crisis to working people, our families and communities.

On **Saturday 15th November**, demands for action on climate will be taking place across the entire world. In the UK, there will be gatherings in major cities, showing solidarity with our fellow workers in the Global South and demanding climate justice for all. Watch this space for further details of the global protests.

**Start planning now for workplace actions on 14/11 and the global protest on 15/11**

## And a whole year of action ahead...

Throughout the coming year, we'll focus on tackling the climate crisis and how this helps us all. From calling out the unjust financial system, ultra-wealthy and polluters at the Make Them Pay action on 20<sup>th</sup> September, fuel poverty campaigning, linking climate justice to refugee and migrant rights, supporting local campaigns on public transport... through to next summer and taking action on heat and working conditions and the wider health impacts of heatwaves. And more...

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