# To protect our planet we need to protect our rights to strike and protest

#### What has the right to strike to do with climate activists?

Our basic rights are essential not just to protect individuals but to challenge wider injustice, including the climate crisis.

**Rights to protest:** Last year's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, and now the Public Order Bill, give the Home Secretary and the police sweeping powers to restrict protest and target individuals.

**Rights to strike:** British workers already face some of the most restrictive laws on trade unions in Europe. The government wants to be able to set arbitrary 'minimum service levels' taking away the meaningful right to strike for workers in key sectors.

**Rights to seek asylum in the UK:** Plans to deport refugees to Rwanda are both inhumane and breach our international obligations.

Environmental and workers' protections: with the Retained EU Law Bill, set to scrap thousands of laws at the end of 2023.



# Climate activists and trade unions can work together for positive change.

### The working class should not bear the brunt of the cost of living crisis

One of the biggest factors driving inflation is high gas prices. These are bad news for those struggling to afford their energy bills – and great news for energy companies raking in billions in excess profits. But the government has refused to tackle our dependence on fossil fuels by investing in warm homes and cheap renewables, with only half-hearted efforts in this direction.

Setting workers against each other and imposing further real terms pay cuts in a race to the bottom is not the answer.

#### We need a workforce fit to tackle the climate emergency

The only solution to the climate crisis is to build a cleaner greener future. That doesn't just mean jobs building new renewable energy, insulating our homes and in greener industry. We also need to restore and fund properly the essential social infrastructure that keeps this country running, including education, health, transport, emergency services and social care.

The **Campaign against Climate Change** campaigns for the urgent action we need to avoid catastrophic climate breakdown, and for a just transformation of our economy which puts people and planet before profit. Find out more at **campaigncc.org** info@campaigncc.org / @campaigncc (FB/Twitter)

Our **trade union group** is supported by many national unions and local branches, campaigning on climate breakdown as a crisis of social justice and inequality and for effective solutions as set out in *Climate Jobs: Building a workforce for the climate emergency.* Find out more at **cacctu.org.uk** climatetradeunion@gmail.com / @cacctu (Twitter)

