

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 dependence on expensive fossil fuels

We need to invest in the future, in climate jobs and in public services. 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.

Events are being organised by national unions: BFAWU, NEU, PCS, UCU, UNISON and Unite have all passed motions supporting the year of action. It's also an opportunity for grassroots action, linking up with others in your own union, in other unions and with campaigns in your local community.

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It needs all of us

All workers, their families and communities are at risk from extreme temperatures and weather events, and global food shortages. We also have essential knowledge about how to build a better, safer future: a public transport system accessible to all, training young people, protecting nature, growing food, and securing a just transition for workers in high carbon sectors, moving towards public ownership of key sectors like energy.

This is a social justice issue

Those who are already losing lives and livelihoods to climate breakdown have done the least to cause the problem. In the UK, as elsewhere, the worst impacts will fall on the disabled, elderly and young, racialised people and those on the lowest incomes. We need to stand together in global solidarity with workers and communities around the world, while demanding climate solutions that help those most in need here in the UK.

The market can't solve this

We've seen the failures of relying on privatisation and market solutions. We need climate jobs; investment in renewable energy and home insulation as the only way to get energy bills down and keep them down; we need to move towards public ownership and democratic control of energy and other crucial services.

Making our voices heard

The ultra-wealthy and corporate media claim to speak for working people but are only interested in lining their pockets. They want to scrap regulations that protect workers, keep our air and water clean and tackle climate change. We can oppose them by coming together and organising, within our workplaces, across sectors, and in communities, raising our voices to demand action.



EARTH DAY APRIL 22ND
WORKPLACE ACTIONS

Organised labour in the US was key to the first Earth Day in 1970. As part of this year of climate action, it will be an opportunity for activity in the workplace to rekindle that spirit. Find resources on our website cactu.org/yoa to start conversations in the workplace about the climate crisis, what we can do, and how to oppose the climate denial which feeds the rise of the far right.