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### Editorial: Justly Stop Oil!

The decision by Labour to stop all new oil and gas exploration in the North Sea is the right one. It will also be popular. The IPCC has stated again and again that new oil and gas exploration is incompatible with sustaining a climate we can survive in. There is no wriggle room on this and the consequence of a failure to take decisive action now is already coming back to bite us very hard.



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Surviving the flood at Ahoada in Rivers state Nigeria 2022.  
While the Global North prevaricates, climate impacts already cut 5-15% of African countries GDP every year.

So, all of us in the unions and the climate movement should not be arguing about *whether* this should be done, but *how*, and how workers organisations can take the lead.

That should be being thrashed out now in Labour's Just Transition Commission, but also locally, where Just Transition bodies should be established through local authorities to set the framework for both practical measures like insulation that could be unlocked by the proposed investment, but also the public education and mobilisation that has to go with it, so this is a social as well as material transformation.

See also the articles below from UNITE's Sharon Graham as well as Platform's [Just Transition demands here](#).

Paul Atkin (Editor)

By 2030, just seven years away, without drastic action, 2 billion people will be having to try to live in areas with an average ambient temperature of 29C. That includes almost half the population of India.

Living with an average of 29C means that sometimes it will be cooler, but sometimes it will be hotter. In the NEU we have a policy that if a classroom is above 26C members should demand measures to bring it down. At 30C in the UK it is illegal to transport cattle.

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### Headline of the Month

*Heavy rains in Canada offer relief from wildfires but could lead to flooding.*

*Guardian*

**Where there's muck...** The water companies, who, in a perfect illustration of unjust transition, are proposing to dump the costs of cleaning up our waterways onto the public while continuing to pay dividends to shareholders, where there's muck, there's brass necks. If the water companies were to be publicly owned, all that money could go on the clean up.

# How Just Transition can work

New research shows how a just transition can work. This [study](#) from Spain shows how coal-dependent communities accepted and voted for progressive climate policies through concerted dialogue with decision-makers and trade unions - something that seemed impossible even a few years ago.

*In order to try to defend their jobs during the Katowice COP in 2018 the Silesia mine workers branch of Solidarnosc voted that Climate Change isn't happening. This neither defends their jobs, nor stops climate change happening. The Spanish Just Transition approach shows a way forward for both.*



Photo: Alain Schroeder / Climate Visuals Countdown.

Starting next week, the UN climate talks and the International Labour Organisation (ILO), will start negotiating how to make Just Transition real at a vital time

- inequality is growing,
- unemployment and precarious work are soaring,
- energy bills are going up
- (making historical record profits for fossil fuel companies)
- and governments are backtracking on climate policies, arguing fears for jobs and community unrest.

But, pitting jobs against the environment is a political choice, a deadly one. Just transition policies are the choice for those who want life on this planet to thrive. The research cited above shows that this is not wishful thinking. Workers and communities have the ideas,

hopes and resources to transform their territories if they are given the space, support and voice to make these choices.

Civil society organisations and trade unions around the world are demonstrating how engaging with workers and communities from the onset delivers better and more effective climate policies. It is not simply about 'taking care' of workers and affected communities. It is about genuinely engaging with them in policy design and implementation.

This is what Just Transition is about, and this is what we need the United Nations to endorse and deliver.

For the first time, unions and climate groups are mobilising together to get the ILO and the UNFCCC to go further on their ambition. As a minimum, three aspects of Just Transition must be embraced by both bodies:

1. The need to stay within planetary boundaries, including 1.5°C, which implies urgent and massive shifts in all sectors, notably a fair and equitable phase out of fossil fuels;
2. The respect, protection and fulfilment of workers' fundamental labour rights to freedom of association, social dialogue, collective bargaining and social protection;
3. The need for Just Transition strategies to depart from traditional economic models and support a transformation that places equality, inclusion, justice and freedom at its heart.

Trade unions and climate groups are coming together because the time for making climate and social justice is now. Governments must move from "leaving no one behind" to putting people front and centre of climate action.

**Tasneem Essop**, Executive Director Climate Action Network International, **Toni Moore**, General Secretary Barbados Workers' Union and Workers' spokesperson at the International Labour Conference



# Labour needs a properly funded plan for the North Sea and North Sea workers

After the announcement that Labour would stop all new oil and gas exploration in the North Sea, Unite General Secretary Sharon Graham made three demands to make sure that Labour leads *“a worker-led transition through collective bargaining that will guarantee jobs, pay and conditions for all the tens of thousands of workers in the North Sea and supporting industries”* and to avoid *“a repeat of the devastation wrought on workers and their communities by the closure of the coal mines.”*

1. *“It needs to put workers in the industry, and their communities, front and centre. It must be carried out with their full involvement, and guarantee decent jobs for all involved with no loss of pay and conditions.”*
2. *It will require substantial investment. We have yet to see Labour, or any political party, commit to the serious amounts that will be needed.*
3. *To ensure a just transition actually happens, we are calling for public ownership and democratic control of the energy industry. We cannot trust the private sector, whose only concern is squeezing every last drop of profit out of the UK’s remaining oil and gas reserves, to deliver for workers and communities.”*

*“Britain’s recent economic history is littered with political betrayals and broken promises that have left industrial workers on the scrap heap. That is why workers need to take charge of their own destiny. At Unite we are developing our own plan for just transition in the North Sea, which will take seriously the challenges we face and put workers at the heart of the process.”*

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## Support Offshore Workers Strike Action

The **Just Transition Partnership** in Scotland has extended **a message of support to trade union members** in their disputes with employers in oil and gas over pay, safety and conditions.

It’s a modern injustice that these companies make billions of pounds in profits while workers have to strike to just maintain living standards and remain safe and secure in work; and we fear that in the future these employers will have equally scant regard for their employees’ needs as the energy sector transforms in response to climate change – they should be providing guarantees that they will support the workforce which created those profits through the transition.

Strong union organisation is vital for defending energy workers both now and in the future.

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# Labour's Green Prosperity Plan?

*This is a slightly précised draft of Labour's Policy that is going to its National Policy Forum in July. [The full policy draft is available on Labour List.](#)*

*The upfront commitment here that the £28 billion investment is green is vital. With unnamed Shadow Ministers now beginning to argue for using this "more widely than just for net zero projects" and that some housing and transport investment could be defined as "not net zero", the whole movement should sit up and push back hard. All new housing and transport has to be zero carbon from here on. The word "just" here shows how little whoever this was understands how serious the situation is.*

*Also, the official Labour response that "The green prosperity plan, along with all of our policies, is subject to our fiscal rules being met and fiscal stability being maintained as we seek to tackle climate change – one of the biggest challenges of our time – in a way that cuts bills and creates good jobs and energy security in the process" does not assert that all investment - in whatever area - has to be green; as climate change is not "one of the biggest challenges of our time" but THE challenge of our time. As it threatens humanity with extinction it cannot be treated as an item on a list; it is the framework within which the list has to be drawn up and it covers every item on it.*

*We invite comments on our debate blog. An initial response from Momentum, which we republish below, argues that the Plan will fall short unless public ownership is at its core. Ed*

## Deliver a Green Prosperity Plan

- Invest £28bn of public capital a year into the green economy, alongside an active industrial strategy, with strategic public investment attracting private sector investment
- Support the creation of over a million good jobs for people of all regions, ages, genders and socioeconomic groups
- Cut energy bills for good
- Deliver clean electricity by 2030
- More than double onshore wind capacity, triple solar capacity and quadruple offshore wind capacity
- Set ambitious targets on delivering hydrogen and nuclear power
- Ensure the long-term security of nuclear power, extending the lifetime of existing plants and backing new nuclear plants and Small Modular Reactors
- Support the development of floating offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, marine power and hydrogen
- Tackle planning barriers to renewable energy projects, getting planning decision timelines down from years to months, and remove the obstacles that are currently preventing businesses from investing in the UK
- Commit to stopping the issue of new licences for oil and gas, while managing existing oil and gas wells sustainably over the coming decades
- Set out a clear roadmap for decarbonisation
- Ensure a just transition that addresses regional imbalances and ensures that no workers or communities are left behind
- Oppose fracking and ban it in England
- Examine the best way to prevent environmental harms and human rights abuses in supply chains

## **Reform the energy market**

- Fundamentally reform our system of energy supply, generation and transmission and distribution so that it delivers cheaper bills for consumers and businesses, clean energy and energy security.
- Create GB Energy: a new home-grown, publicly-owned national champion in clean power generation

## **Launch a National Wealth Fund**

- Create a National Wealth Fund that will invest alongside the private sector in gigafactories, clean steel plants, renewable-ready ports, green hydrogen and carbon capture along with supporting service industries, as well as in at least four industrial clusters in Scotland, Wales and England.
- Deliver a strategic long-term Plan for Green Steel – to achieve near zero emission steel production by 2035

## **Deliver a National Warm Homes Plan**

- Upgrade every home that needs it to EPC standard C within a decade by installing energy-saving measures such as loft insulation, going street by street in locally-delivered programmes
- Give devolved governments and local authorities the power and the resources to bring every home in their area up to standard within a decade

## **Improve green public transport**

- Work with devolved governments and local authorities to deliver good public transport
- Ensure a rolling programme of electrification to improve services and decarbonise our transport system
- Turbocharge the just transition to cheaper electric vehicles, making them affordable and accessible by helping families manage the higher up-front cost
- Accelerate the roll-out of charging points in areas currently being left behind

## **Support the environment and act on sewage**

- Improve access to both urban and rural green space
- Pass a Clean Air Act, establish a legal right to breathe clean air and place new duties on ministers to ensure air quality guidelines are met.
- Use regulatory powers to keep consumer bills down and ensure that water companies – rather than the public – pay for their failures
- Set mandatory targets to halve water leaks...Strike off company directors who continually breach and ignore their responsibilities
- Ensure illegal activity is punished and ensure payments of dividends are linked to key performance metrics
- Introduce mandatory monitoring of sewage outlets and automatic fines for sewage discharges, with a penalty for outlets that do not have monitoring in place.

## **Support sustainable UK farming and animal welfare**

- Deliver a land-use framework in England that supports sustainable farming, enables the country to reach our climate goals, and improves our national biodiversity
- Ensure more home-grown sustainable food is bought, made and sold, through public procurement targets
- Ensure that 50% of all food purchased by the public sector is locally produced or certified to higher environmental production standards
- Protect British standards in trade deals, rather than watering them down



# Momentum Comment

Bringing our railways into public ownership will be a huge step forward.

The Party's GB Rail White Paper (2020) offers a blueprint for a fully-integrated, publicly-owned rail service, and should be implemented in full by the next Labour government.

The opportunities it brings for nation-wide growth, especially in rural areas, are wide-ranging. *"GB Rail, as a fully integrated rail company, will be in a position to examine how far it may be possible to give every citizen in Britain Swiss-style freedom to travel conveniently by public transport between any two places bigger than a small village."*

- Under the new publicly-owned GB Rail, fares should be capped to encourage sustainable transport and increased connectivity.
- Labour should end the ban on local authorities taking bus services into public ownership and control, and reverse the cancellation of routes, which has hit rural communities hardest; and encourage the use of buses through policies such as the extension of the free bus pass to under 25s.

Labour should commit to complete public ownership of energy - at the level of the grid, of energy and supply. This means:

- Bringing the energy extraction (fossil fuels, renewables, etc.), transmission and distribution networks, and supply companies (e.g., 'Big Six', etc.) into public ownership, under democratic worker and citizen control;
- Creating an integrated energy system, comprising a National Energy Agency, and Regional and Municipal Energy Agencies;

- The public Great British Energy company should be a large-scale operation on the scale of EDF, and ensure that all existing renewable energy assets are taken into public ownership;
- Placing operational management of the public authorities comprising this integrated energy system in the hands of both management and the workforce;
- Ensuring a just transition by offering all workers in the fossil fuel industry retraining and unionised jobs in renewable industries on at least equivalent terms and conditions; creating sector wide transition plans through democratic participatory planning with worker, trade unions, and impacted communities; investing surpluses from the newly publicly owned energy extraction companies into the economies of impacted communities to diversify them, following Community Wealth Building principles.

This must be backed up by fully-financed, publicly-owned national and regional green investments banks, mandated to lend in line with the mission to decarbonise our economy while increasing productivity and creating good jobs across the country.

Labour should

- support the creation of millions of good, green, unionised jobs and hundreds of thousands of 'climate apprenticeships.
- recommit to establishing the National Nature Service promised by Ed Miliband in 2020, delivering a range of secure, unionised jobs on environmental projects. As part of this, Labour should maintain the commitment to create ten new National Parks, ensuring 75% of the population live within half an hour of a national park, and to plant two billion trees - both within a first term.

## Just Transition and Collective Bargaining

The joint unions in the Further Education sector – GMB, NEU, UCU, UNISON and UNITE – have submitted [an historic pay claim for 2023-24](#)

One of the 5 'Heads of Claim' is for 'A national Green New Deal Agreement on a Just Transition for the sector which will include a Just Transition Commission in FE. The scope of which could include sustainability, new skills, climate justice and a road map to achieving a carbon neutral sector by 2030.'

As part of supporting this approach see the motion passed at the UCU national congress in the article below.

In related developments the TUC has recruited Just Transition Officers to support bargaining for the Automotive, Manufacturing and Steel sectors, and the TUC Yorkshire region has appointed a JT officer to support unions in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region. The GJA is also working with the Wales TUC and actively engaged with several local authorities to press for effective union engagement around jobs and skills.

Graham Petersen

# UCU Conference Motion: training for jobs to tackle the climate emergency

Congress demands that the Government fully fund courses within the post-16 education sector to train for jobs which will materially contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other causes of global warming.

UCU will:

- support involvement by branches given the potential impacts on teaching jobs.
- call for the establishment of Retrofit Taskforces at local and regional level with UCU representation to ensure a worker voice on skills development
- work with the Greener Jobs Alliance and other union organisations to publish guidance and pilot courses that will equip UCU Green Reps and Branches to intervene effectively around retrofit and energy efficiency policies.

The aim of this motion is to combat climate change by insisting that the Government fully fund vocational education courses within the post 16 education sector in order to enhance training for sustainable green jobs and therefore contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This is especially urgent as there is a desperate shortage of workers with the necessary adaptable skills in renewable climate technology.

Britain presently lacks an adequate work-based training infrastructure. What training there is generally depends on small individual employers whose primary focus is their specific, not wider, needs. Combating climate change doesn't get a look in.

Even larger employers who train for the longer-term needs of the market as a whole are not focused on climate literacy. While there is a training levy for large employers, employers choose their training provider, FE is one such provider, but it is in competition with private providers.

But FE colleges have many crucial advantages: they are far more likely to present a broader, theoretical perspective towards vocational education and to integrate the importance and training implications of climate change into their existing curricula. In addition, FE colleges have promoted green construction to women, combining greening the industry with improving its inclusivity.

But vocational education courses in FE are presently beset by many structural problems: they are underfunded, often very short, rarely lead on to apprenticeships, devalued by employers and by the State, and, crucially, undercut by small private, often unregulated, training organisations that offer cheap programmes lacking climate literacy.

Whatever the future Government, UCU must demand that the State fully fund vocational education in the FE and HE sectors, to help combat global warming. We must campaign within the trade union movement for this goal, working alongside local TU and other networks. We also need to encourage the appropriate training or retraining of staff.

Vocational education and training could play a transformative role in reducing CO2 emissions. But this requires climate - and energy -literate workers. Instead of the haphazard, off the peg, short-termist private training programmes, we must demand that the State fully fund proper courses within the post- 16 education and training system.

*Meryl Moos UCU*



# Students taking climate action into their own hands



Students teaching teachers and parents. Photo SOSUK

Young people are feeling let down by the education system. Despite over 90% of students in the UK feeling fairly or very concerned about climate change (nearly 10% more than the average adult), and 71% of secondary pupils being interested in learning more about the environment most feel they leave school and university without the relevant knowledge, skills and attributes to tackle the climate crisis. In addition to this 90% of teachers agree climate change education should be compulsory in schools, but 70% don't feel they have adequate training to deliver this.

We still haven't seen the integrated and solutions-focused climate education we so urgently need - and so young people are taking action into their own hands. Grown out of the Teach the Future campaign, young people are recognising the areas they can impact change, within school and home, and are organising around speaking to their teachers and parents about the changes they want to see and how they can help implement them.

## Teach the Teacher

Teach the Teacher is a student-led project empowering students across the UK to deliver climate-based workshops to their teachers. We're swapping traditional student and teacher roles to talk to our teachers about the science behind climate change, climate justice, climate anxiety and the importance of climate education. The project trains groups of young people in schools to give their teachers lessons on climate change and what it's like being a young person during the climate emergency. These lessons give students the skills to talk about climate and advocate for themselves, and shows teachers how they can take action in their teaching too. After the lessons, via Teach the Teacher, students share a range of resources to support teachers in integrated climate education into their teaching going forwards.

Teachers and schools can sign up via the Teach the Teacher website and the project will support their students to run these sessions.

## Teach the Parent

Teach the Parent puts young people in the educator's seat as they provide their parents with climate education through informal conversations. We want to support and engage our parents in meaningful, constructive and informative conversations about the climate crisis. These conversations are designed to happen informally - this could be around the dinner table, on a walk or sitting on the sofa. BBC news recently covered the project and the impact it is having on parents' behaviours.

We've created a guide to support young people in these conversations and are also helping schools amplify the project through our Teach the Parent day. It's on Thursday 8th June, in celebration of the UN's Global Day of Parents, and as part of Big Green Week, hoping to show the impact young people can have in just one day.

If you're a school or teacher, it's really simple to take part, all you need to do is run our short Teach the Parent day session in assembly or other appropriate space and share the resources we have created with your students. More information on the campaign, a step-by-step guide for schools to take part and all the resources your students will need can be found on our website. To keep track of who is taking part and so we can best support you, please register your interest to take part.

*Mel Klee SOSUK*



# The first ever NEU Green Reps training

To be held over two days at the start of July, this was oversubscribed within a week. The course covers.

- The impact of the climate crisis on schools/colleges and education
- Why the climate crisis is a trade union issue, and the NEU's vision for a Just Transition
- How to green our workplaces, including retrofitting and resilience against overheating and flooding, reducing energy bills, and how you can fund this work
- What to prioritise in a greener curriculum and how to negotiate for it
- How to start greening your school/college grounds for resilience, biodiversity and environmental regeneration
- Why Environmental issues are also Health and Safety issues, how Health and Safety reps can build this into their role
- How to get what you want – organising and bargaining for a green agenda in the workplace, community organising and campaigning beyond the workplace

***Anyone in the NEU wanting to get involved should email***

## More time off work for flight-free holidays

In the March edition of this newsletter we gave a brief overview of **Possible's Climate Perks scheme** - the employee benefit that gives staff additional paid leave when they choose to reach their holiday destinations without flying.

When it comes to holiday travel, time is one of the main barriers for going flight-free. Afterall, trains, ferries, and coaches will never move as fast as jetting across the sky. As such, workplaces have a key role to play. By giving staff extra time off, employers can help their staff live their values, and kickstart a movement for clean travel.

To make this the mass movement it needs to be, we need more people to be asking for this from their employers - and spreading the word about the scheme.

Possible are asking us to help spread the word. See their **share pack for supportive organisations** for draft copy to put in social media or simply share the short animated video on **Twitter**, **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **LinkedIn**.

[youtube.com/embed/PWIXrIUOmtc](https://youtube.com/embed/PWIXrIUOmtc)

To find out more about how the scheme works and which organisations have signed up, see this **slide deck**, the recent **evaluation report**, and this **template Climate Perks policy**. Alternatively, email the team directly at [hannah.bland@climateperks.com](mailto:hannah.bland@climateperks.com)

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# In Amsterdam, every week is Bike Week

With reference to the Possible article above, Amsterdam can be reached by Eurostar and, eventually, by bike!



Pushing off from the lights. Photo: Sasha Atkin Wasti

Bikes are everywhere. People often ride them with a distinctive and very dignified posture; leaning to the rear with very straight backs. And all sorts of people. Tall, grey haired elderly men cycling alongside each other holding a conversation, couples giving each other rides with extension seats on the back, families with the children in a cargo bike style bucket at the front - holds up to three - sometimes with a cover as you can see above, or perched on a crossbar seat or baby seat behind. Mums with kids alongside.

There are bike stands everywhere, bristling along the pavements outside apartment blocks like iron hedges, and bike lanes, clearly demarcated on every road; which are organised as follows: pavement, bike lane, pavement, car lane, trams, car lane, pavement, bike lane, pavement. Standardised. Rational.

Heavy wheeled black electric bikes - known as "fat bikes" - whizz along in the bike lanes too, but the push bikes don't hang about either. They come not single spies but in battalions. And fast. A critical mass that eclipses the car. What we need everywhere.

No one feels the need to wear lycra (or helmets). There is strength, and normality, in numbers. No one is intimidated by the rain. They just put on sou'westers and ponchos - sometimes not even that - and keep cycling. Bike on through the storm. Bike on through the rain. And you'll never bike alone.

People prioritise practicality over aesthetics; there were more old fashioned chain guards than I have seen for years and lots of people attach plastic crates - of the sort that you might store beer or milk bottles in -

between the handlebars on a frame over the front wheel to carry things in.

No one bats an eyelid if a cyclist rides their bike into a metro station. Railway stations have bike grooves running down stairs for cyclists to have an easier ascent or descent as you can see in the picture.

There are still cars, but motorists are generally outnumbered by cyclists and people using the trams. The deep almost atavistic clang of the tram bell is like a tocsin for car based cities.

Paul Atkin

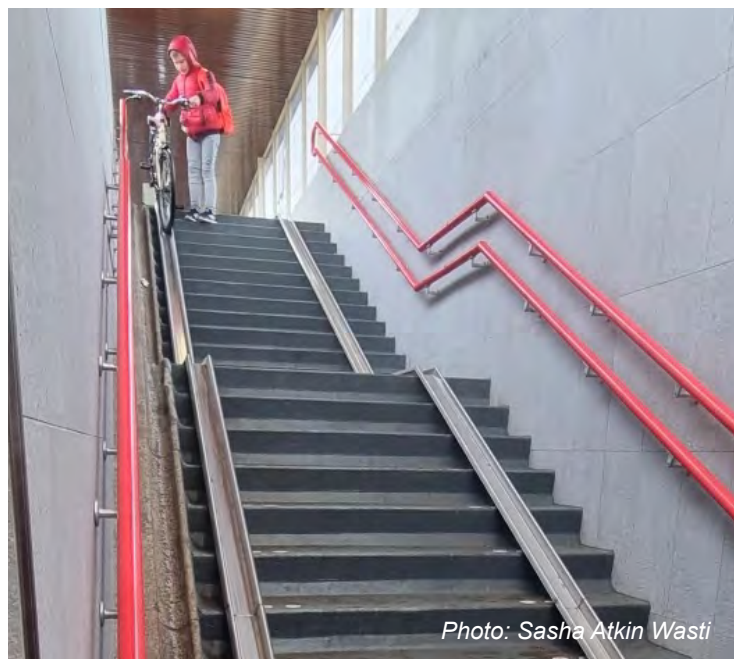


Photo: Sasha Atkin Wasti

Young lad gets his bike down the steps without bumps at Zaanse Schans station.



## Making tomorrow: building a workers response to the climate crisis



On Saturday 20 May around 250 delegates came to the Methodist Central Hall in Manchester for an event organised by the Climate Justice Coalition trade union group, titled *'We Make Tomorrow: a conference for building workers' power on climate and crisis'*. As the subtitle makes clear, the particular emphasis for this event was not so much climate change itself but the role of, and future for, workers in facing the existential threat climate change poses.

Greener Jobs Alliance was among the two dozen co-sponsors of the event, covering the spectrum from unions to NGOs to activist organisations. The day interspersed a number of plenary sessions with workshops aimed at generating cross-union discussion around different aspects of the climate/jobs intersection.

Just naming the workshops will give a good idea of what was covered:

- The fight to end carbon fuels in Britain while protecting workers,
- Jobs washing, false solutions & the fight for the decent climate jobs we need,
- Follow the Money,
- Building power in every workplace and in our unions,
- Democracy at work and transformation from below,
- Organising beyond the employment contract.

The plenaries included many fine speakers, but two in particular stick in the memory.

- **Garfield Hilton**, a GMB member working at Amazon's Coventry depot, described the courageous fight back by his members against the reprehensible employment policies of Amazon and, in particular, their vicious anti-trade unionism. In the face of practices that can only be described as inhumane (and hard to imagine in 21st century England) the workers are well organised and highly unionised, with Garfield describing eloquently some of the measures workers have taken to overcome the tyranny of the algorithm that creates that inhumanity.

- **Dario Salvetti**, an ex-GKN convenor and member of Colletivo di Fanriccia, who not only described the heroic struggle for union organising at GKN, and the occupation of the factory while raising demands for an ecological reindustrialisation, but also the heart-breaking struggle of he and his colleagues in the aftermath of the floods that had overwhelmed the area around Bologna, Italy, in the previous week or so. Nothing could make it more clear that resisting climate change is not, as some would have it, a 'middle class thing', but of direct impact on the lives of the poorest and lowest paid in our society.

Ultimately the workshops were the key activity of the day, generating connections between people and encouraging a coherent and compassionate response to the climate crisis in the context of the workforce we need to build.

The Climate Justice Coalition will be holding a meeting to organise next steps on 19 June.

[Register here.](#)

*Tahir Latif GJA Secretary*

### Clean Air Day on 15 June - 6.00 - 7.30

The Greener Jobs Alliance and the Trade Union Clean Air Network are holding an online meeting to review union actions on air pollution.

**Join the event** to hear from a panel of experts on actions we can take in all our workplaces to ensure workers are not breathing toxic and hazardous substances and chemicals and also hear from reps who are already taking action.

Global Action Plan has a **wide range of supporting resources** available that workers who are concerned about pollution levels in their workplace or community could use.

These include a social media pack, **a digital letter template link** to ask for air quality measures, newsletter and website copy, an event pack, content to help health professionals have conversations with patients about air pollution, assembly packs, lesson plans and activities, and many more.

The resources are structured by sector to make it as easy as possible to access, with dedicated resource hubs for: **Individuals**, the **Health Sector**, **Local Authorities**, **Schools**, **Campaign and Community Groups**.

In addition, there are resources available on the **TUCAN site**.

*Graham Petersen*



# Green Bites

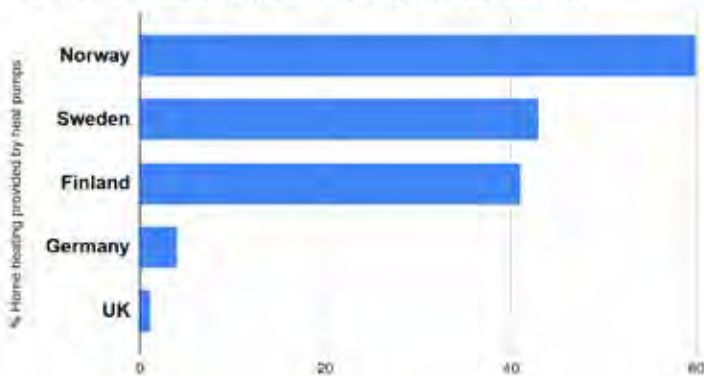
## Attacks on ULEZ fail to stem Tory losses

May's local council losses for the Conservatives have come despite a vigorous online advertising campaign in recent months; with dozens of Facebook ads attacking Sadiq Khan's planned extension of London's ultra-low emissions zone (ULEZ), despite the government having praised the scheme in 2021 for making a "significant impact on air quality".

The ads were seen three million times by voters in March and April, seemingly targeted at those on the periphery of the capital; a tactic that has failed to stem the party's election losses.

From [Desmog](#)

### % Home heating provided by heat pumps



One of the main arguments often deployed against heat pumps is that they don't work when it's cold. This observation does not seem to apply to Scandinavia.

From [BBC](#)

## Supporting the Greener Jobs Alliance

The GJA is a loose coalition of organisations involved in climate change work.

We wish to make it clear that the views expressed in our publications and activities do not necessarily reflect the position of all the organisations whom we work with.

We will always seek to make that clear by listing the organisations that have specifically signed up to a particular initiative.

82%

of board members at the top six US banks currently hold or have held positions with climate-conflicted organisations. This includes oil and gas firms, investment companies that finance polluting sectors, and trade associations known to lobby against climate action.

From [Desmog](#)

95%

Proportion of the lifespan of the average car spent parked. From [Possible's Blog and toolkit](#) on the need for Councils to have a parking policy to reallocate space away from cars to create healthier, more active, more connected communities.

2 billion

The number of people projected to be living in temperatures averaging 29C by 2030 at current rates of global temperature increase. This is outside the environmentally viable climate niche of 13 - 25C.

From the [Guardian](#)

\$1.7 trillion

Projected global investment in renewable energy in 2023, with solar power exceeding oil investment for the first time. From the [IEA](#)

2

The number of onshore wind turbines erected in the UK in 2022.

## New on the Blog

[National Conservatism's climate deniers](#)  
by Philip Pearson

[Climate & Ecology Bill: Uniting Solutions](#)  
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