

HOW CAN WE PROTECT WORKERS FROM **AIR POLLUTION** & OTHER CLIMATE RISKS?

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2025

UCU Conference Room, 4th Floor
Carlow Street, London NW1 7LH (nearest tube Mornington Crescent)

Workers are exposed to a wide range of climate risks. These risks exist in the here and now. Last year the Greater London Authority (GLA) published a Climate Resilience Review. TUCAN welcomed the review but called on regional and local authorities to work with trade unions and others to ensure that the gaps around climate justice and a worker voice are addressed.

It is designed to highlight some of the key areas that need engagement with the workforce. We will cover air pollution, flooding, extreme heat and other risks where workers are exposed to environmental impacts.

The seminar is part of an ongoing programme in the 2025 TUC Year of Climate Action to provide guidance and resources for unions on how to respond to this challenge.

This open seminar is organised by the University and College Union (UCU) and the Trade Union Clean Air Network (TUCAN), which is an alliance of 14 trade unions working with campaign organisations, supported by TUC LESE.

This is a hybrid event. Please **REGISTER HERE** indicating whether you will be attending in person so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

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Programme



10.00 Welcome address – Sam Gurney (*TUC LESE Regional Secretary*)

10.10 Panel 1: Air pollution and workers' health and safety

- *Chair – Marianne Quick (UCU Environment Policy Officer)*
- *Paul White (LB Wandsworth Cabinet Member for the Environment) and Jason Andrews (LB Wandsworth Air Quality Lead)*
- *Frank Kelly (Imperial College)*
- *Patrick Bennett (NEU Policy Officer)*
- *Livi Elsmore (Healthy Air Coalition)*

11.20 Break

11.30 Panel 2: Other climate risks

- *Chair – Mick Holder (TUCAN)*
- *Sophie O'Connell (Green Alliance Senior Policy Adviser)*
- *Graham Petersen (Greener Jobs Alliance)*

12.15 Keynote address – Mete Coban (*Deputy Mayor Environment, GLA*)) (*invited*)

12.30 Lunch, networking and refreshments

