



All Unions should support this call!

With those who have outsourced their brains, and opened their wallets, to the US MAGA movement, saying that “stupid net zero is the next Brexit” (N. Farage) while energetically spreading lies about the costs, it is vital that the trade union movement doesn’t fall into step behind them. If we want a just transition we have to campaign for it. If we want a decent plan for workers in the North Sea, or anywhere else, we have to put one forward, It’s not going to come from anywhere else. But if we can get that process institutionalised through the COP process, that will help workers here, and everywhere else on the planet too.

In the run up to the COP next month, at which the Brazilian presidency has signalled its intention to make just transition a key outcome - making this a **breakthrough moment** if governments rise to the occasion - the Climate Justice Coalition, together with War on Want, Oxfam, and other UK groups and trades unions have co-drafted a civil society letter to Ed Miliband calling on the UK Government to:

- Publicly commit to supporting a Belém Action Mechanism to implement a just transition at COP30. This would be a new institutional structure through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to support countries and communities navigating the transition. Designed to be participatory and inclusive, this could provide technical and financial assistance, cement the participation of people necessary to enable ambitious climate action, protect rights (labour, human, gender, Indigenous, youth and farmers) and be a major step toward linking global climate negotiations with national and local realities.
- Work constructively towards a strong, inclusive, and well-resourced outcome under the Just Transition Work Programme.
- Guarantee the active and equal participation of workers, communities, Indigenous Peoples, women, youth and other affected groups in decision-making.

All our unions should be supporting this letter, and we’d urge GJA supporters to take this up through our union structures. It is due to be launched on October 13th, so we have a week!

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Paul Atkin ED

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Trade Union Round Up

TRADE UNION YEAR OF CLIMATE ACTION

Year of Trade Union Climate Action launches

Reading through this edition of the newsletter will tell you that the Year of Trade Union Climate Action is well and truly under way. This is much needed, as an antidote to the relentless and disturbing focus on right wing tropes (to use a polite term) about migration, dominating the media and political discourse and distracting us from the fact that there is an existential crisis out there.

The Year of Action commences at slightly different times in different sectors, but broadly runs from Autumn 2025 to Autumn 2026 and launches definitively with the days of action planned to coincide with COP30 in Brazil on 14 and 15 November.

Climate change is, of course, more than 'just' an existential crisis. The reason trade unions in particular need to be concerned with climate is that climate denial, or even just business as usual, threatens the workforce with a cliff edge; as activities such as drilling for oil and gas and flying become increasingly untenable. By contrast, climate jobs offer the lifeline for continued, long term and secure employment and are potentially huge in number.

The list of actions planned by unions is considerable and growing.

- **UNISON** has developed a comprehensive plan for webinars and training sessions.
- **PCS** also has a climate week planned for November at which guest speakers will provide lunchtime briefings on different aspects of the climate crisis.
- The education unions **NEU** and **UCU** are planning a major education/climate conference for next spring in addition to ongoing activities.
- **BFAWU** – following the passing of their motion at TUC reaffirming a commitment to the Year of Action – will be promoting awareness of the food growing and production aspects of climate action, often neglected in the rush to focus on energy and fossil fuels.
- **North-East, Yorkshire and Humber region of TUC** is kicking off its Year of Action activities with an online event on 14 October.
- **NEU** and **UNISON** will once again be providing a Trade Union Non Government Organisation delegate each to COP30, and NEU is financing another TU delegate from the Global South.

At a more general level, key dates to note for which maximum participation is sought:

Tuesday 21 October 7.00pm – online meeting, Why The Climate Crisis Is An International Working Class Issue: Building Global Solidarity with International Speakers including Sabrina Fernandes, Brazilian sociologist and political economist working on just transitions, ecosocialism and Latin American politics.



**RESIST
RECLAIM
RISE UP
FOR SYSTEM CHANGE!**

[More details of the meeting here.](#)

Friday 14 November – day of UK workplace actions

Saturday 15 November – global day of protest The latter two dates are timed to take place during COP30 in Belem, Brazil. [See here for further details of these events.](#)

Tahir Latif GJA Secretary

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Big Step Forward at TUC

An important step forward was taken by the trade union movement on September 10, when TUC Congress passed BFAWU's Motion 75, reiterating the commitment a year of climate action during 2025-26 and, in particular, promoting and supporting mobilisation around a workplace day of action on 14 November and the global day of solidarity on 15 November, during COP30 in Brazil. The task facing climate activists is to build to make these actions as effective and widespread as possible and to raise the profile of solutions to the climate crisis as a positive alternative to the currently dominant anti-migrant, racist and pro-genocide narrative.

While the motion itself seeks to energise and galvanise workers everywhere to campaign for radical changes that would benefit all, an amendment to the motion proposed by Unite was also passed and undermines to some extent that positive energy. The amendment states that ending fossil fuels – an existential necessity – ‘can only be ended when a fully funded workers plan for jobs has been agreed and delivered in full.’ This is already TUC policy, and a separate issue to the intent of this motion, so its necessity here was somewhat questionable.

Despite significant opposition to this amendment from the more progressive unions, it was narrowly passed, following a statement in support of it from the General Council, contributions from the floor severely curtailed and the chair's refusal of a card vote.

No one in the climate movement within trade unions disagrees that a plan to protect workers during a transition to renewables is essential, and that the whole movement must unite around it, but the amendment poses problems that need to overcome if we are to secure a long term future for workers across the whole economy:

1. The climate crisis is an existential threat to communities everywhere, including the UK and across the globe. The idea that it can be used as a bargaining chip in a conventional union/employer negotiation is to misread the scale of the issue.
2. Placing a caveat on climate action constrains the movement's ability to campaign for the transformation of an economy that is offering little to workers and will have a disastrous impact in terms of jobs, livelihoods, homes, public services, cost of living.
3. Jobs in the North Sea are dwindling and are forecast to continue to reduce at an alarming rate, even with continued investment and exploration (see GJA Newsletter 74 for details). What we actually need is to come up with our own plan for a secure transition for workers as quickly as possible and campaign on that.
4. By including such a regressive position in an otherwise positive motion, we are confirming the worst right wing stereotypes about trade unions, leaning in to Reform's 'net stupid' argument, and driving workers to blame the wrong things.

Despite the significant reservations about the amendment, the positive elements of the motion remain. It is now for all of us to start building towards the Year of Action, starting with the day of workplace action on 14 November and the global solidarity protest on 15 November.

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Retrofit, climate and jobs: Why unions must lead

This fringe meeting at TUC Congress was organised by Fuel Poverty Action and the Peace & Justice Project to promote and publicise the Retrofit for the Future campaign which also numbers ACORN, Medact and GJA among its supporters. A clash with a Palestine fringe

meeting limited the number of attendees but it was still a worthwhile and valuable meeting that reinforced the centrality of retrofit to the climate jobs issue.

Following a brief video message from Jeremy Corbyn (detained in Westminster by a crucial parliamentary vote) the meeting heard from several excellent speakers:

- Stuart Bretherton, FPA, a key figure in the campaign
- Toby Sedgewick, ACORN, a local Brighton-based campaigner
- Dr Suzy Nelson, Architects Climate Action Network
- Paul Kershaw, Social Housing Action Campaign
- Artin Giles, Peace & Justice Project

Contributions centred on the importance of avoiding what has gone wrong with privatised retrofit efforts to date, the criticality of comprehensive training programmes for insulators and other workers, and the urgent need for affordable social housing, free of predatory private landlords, that is also liveable and sustainable. Important points were also made about sympathetic upgrade of historic buildings and houses, making use of methods and materials already in existence, and ensuring that a rigorous programme extends to schools and other public buildings.

The three key demands of the campaign as it progresses are:

1. A workforce skills plan
2. Protecting Private Renters
3. Accountability for retrofit work

Although there was no specifically designated motion at Congress on retrofit, building the campaign within trade unions over the next year and passing a motion of support in 2026 would provide essential support to this important campaign.

Tahir Latif GJA Secretary



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public services greener

**Unison Plan for Year of Trade Union
Climate Action**

Unison's timetable of events from January on is an immensely useful framework that other unions and campaigns can coordinate with and adapt. **Check it out here.**

Unison members can sign up for their **Green Newsletter here.**

Energiesprong retrofit in Nottingham https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Energiesprong_retrofit_in_Nottingham.jpg

Trade Union Round Up

Climate risks – Workers on the frontline

The hottest summer on record in the UK has exposed workers to increasing risks. Summer 2025 is the warmest on record for the UK - Met Office

Everything from air pollution to working in extreme temperatures is being magnified by climate change. Emergency service personnel are often at the sharp end, but every worker faces occupational health and safety hazards from climate impacts throughout the year.

There has been plenty of talk about the need for climate adaptation and resilience, but very rarely do we hear about the toll it is taking on the workforce. Politicians prefer to talk about public health rather than occupational health. Employers may declare climate emergencies, but they don't consult with employees about plans to address it. For example, workplace activity is the biggest source of air pollution in the UK, and yet this is hardly referenced in the policies coming from central, regional and local government.

In the UK we need to adopt the approach advocated by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in their latest report on Climate Change and workplace heat stress:

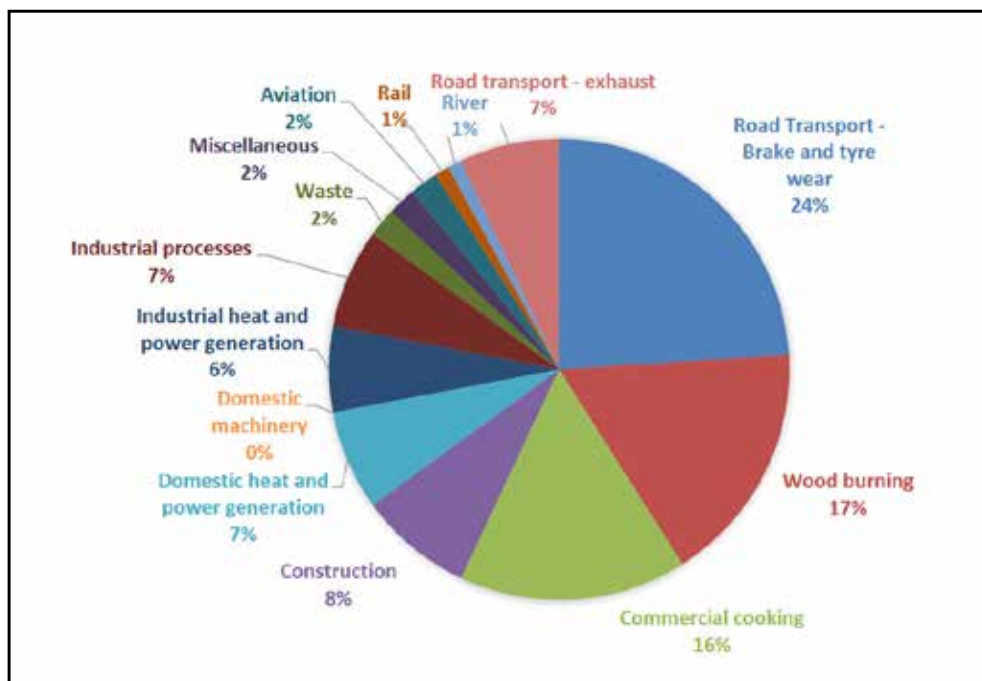
“The development of occupational heat-health recommendations and policies must involve key stakeholders, including managers and employers, workers, trade unions, representatives of self-employed persons, experts in environmental, physiological, ergonomic safety, health and safety representatives, occupational health experts and representatives from local authorities.” Climate change and workplace heat stress: technical report and guidance.

In a timely development a project was launched in August 2025, to help trade unions to develop policies that address these concerns. Greater Manchester Hazards Centre, the Trade Union Clean Air Network and the Greener Jobs Alliance are developing a pack of education materials for Safety Reps and other Workplace

Representatives. Janet Newsham, from GMHC urged unions to sign up. *“Reps will be given support to ensure the worker voice is heard. In the TUC Year of Climate Action 2025-26 tackling workplace climate risks must be a priority”* **More information here** or contact Janet Newsham Telephone 0161 884 4229 or email mail@gmhazards.org.uk

Transport is a major polluter and much of this is work-related. When you factor this in with industrial emissions then work is the direct and indirect source of most air pollution. A breakdown of emissions in London from 2019 illustrates this.

Sectors contributing to PM2.5 emissions in London



Source: **London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory 2019**

This shows that most emissions are linked to industrial processes and related work activities. 37% (Construction, Commercial cooking, Power generation and Industrial processes) are direct consequences of occupational activity. The 35% caused by transport emissions are often directly related to work activity. Even much of the 24% linked to domestic generation has a work activity component given the huge increase in working from home.

In other words, well over half of air pollution experienced in the capital is work-related.

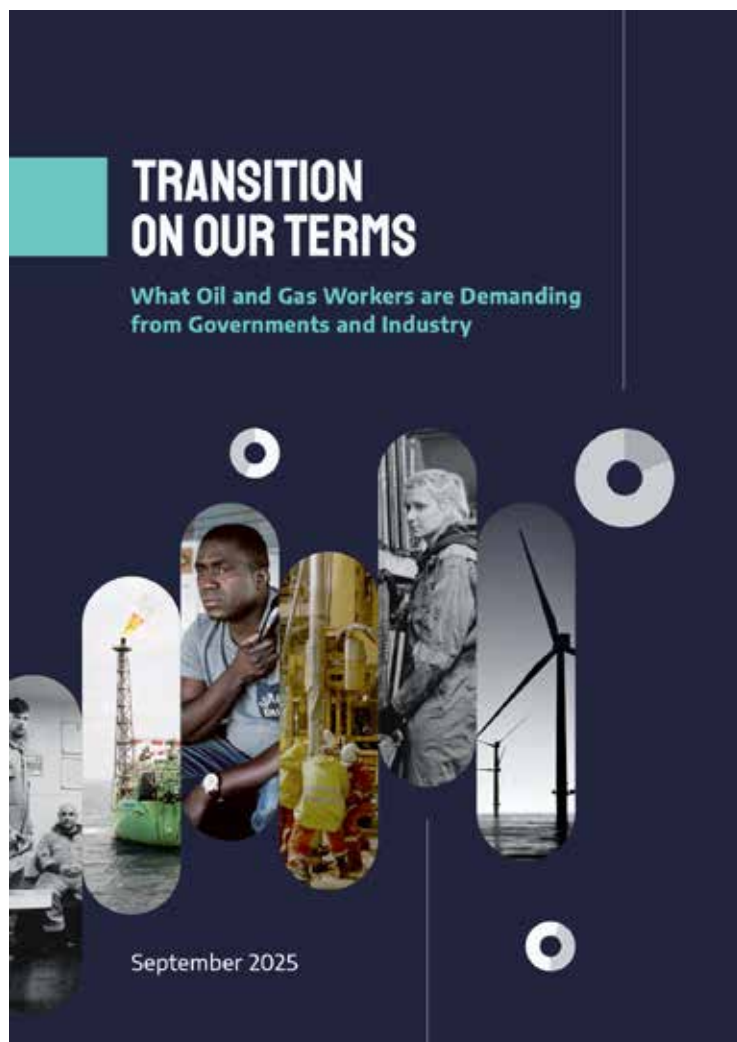
Graham Petersen

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Transition plan for the North Sea - what the workers are demanding

The majority of the 415 respondents surveyed for the **Transition on Our Terms Report** from Platform supported the following proposals for steps the UK government could take to enable a Workers' Transition:

92%	support the introduction of a jobs guarantee -financial support to oil and gas workers who are not able to find equivalent, alternative employment or have left employment to retrain.
90%	support further investment to upgrade UK ports so they can be used for energy projects
89%	support the expansion of public and community owned energy production
88%	support fully funded training for offshore and onshore oil and gas workers
87%	support mandating energy companies to provide employment pathways for oil and gas workers
86%	support placing conditions on new renewables projects to meet minimum levels of community investment and job creation, including a wage and conditions floor
85%	support investing in wind manufacturing to create jobs in Scotland and the North East of England
81%	support taking ports under public control, as key national infrastructure
81%	support introducing sectoral collective bargaining for trade unions across the energy industry and supply chain.



Critically, oil and gas workers want to see their employers doing more – with two thirds (77%) saying the industry isn't doing enough to help them and fewer than 1 in 10 happy with the support they get from the industry. Almost all (89%) want oil firms to be forced to provide pathways out of oil and gas and into other industries. **Full Report here.**

This looks like the plan the offshore unions should be campaigning for, especially as only 26% of the respondents were union members.. Ed

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The 36th National Hazards Conference 5 - 7 September 2025

Hazards Conference 2025 Report

The 36th National Hazards Conference was held at Keele University in September 2025. Congratulations to the organisers for another successful event with over 200 attending in person plus others online. Two thirds of the delegates were first timers which illustrates that the rank-and-file health and safety movement is alive and kicking.



Graham points to the way forward!

Graham Petersen attended on behalf of the Greener Jobs Alliance, and Mick Holder represented the Trade Union Clean Air Network. Together they ran the workshops on 'Assessing employers' climate policies.' Both sessions highlighted the link between Climate and Health and Safety issues. They provided an opportunity to introduce reps to the new Climate Risks project that was launched in August. This will provide a set of resources for union activists to engage with employers on climate adaptation policies at work. They will cover topics like air pollution, extreme temperatures, flooding and other weather-related events, and structural integrity of buildings.

There were plenary sessions on Can AI Ever be Good for our Health? This was followed by one on Dealing with Violence and Stress at Work It included a presentation from Jonathan Havard, RMT H+S Officer, which referenced **the cross-union motion that was passed a few days later at the TUC Conference.**

The plenary on Workers Health Crisis amid a Lack of Enforcement highlighted the major concerns about the crisis of lack of protection from the enforcement bodies. The final session was From Climate Crisis to Choking Air – What Can Safety Reps Do? This focused on the need for safety reps to be at the centre of the planned campaigns for the TUC Year of Climate Action.

Graham Petersen

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Party Conference Round Up

Reform UK - forward to the apocalypse!

Having outsourced their brains to the US MAGA movement, and being the fully paid up voice of the fossil fuel industry, Reform,

- voted to scrap the 2008 Climate Change Act*: which established the UK's legally binding framework to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.
- aims to slash taxes and regulation on North Sea oil and gas companies
- relaunch fracking
- Scrap renewable energy projects

**The incredible fading Conservative Party is meeting after we go to press, but Kemi Badenoch has already reinforced her little Miss Echo reputation by endorsing this move and pledging to do away with not only the UK's 2050 net-zero target but all interim carbon budgets recommended by climate scientists and replace it with a strategy for "cheap and reliable" energy, that would actually be more expensive in the short term, and cost the Earth by mid-century. The Tory/Reform position on this is demolished very effectively by the [New Economics Foundation here](#). Ed*



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The Lib Dems - a little bit forward, a little bit back?

- Scrapped their 2045 net-zero target and aligned with the Labour government's 2050 goal instead.
- Agreed to support the rollout of small modular reactors and a transition plan for North Sea oil and gas workers.
- Restated support for the government's 2030 Clean Power goal, which aims to remove fossil fuels almost entirely from the energy mix by the end of this decade.



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Labour

There were no specific climate motions at this year's Labour Conference and it barely figured in Keir Starmer's leader's speech; while Rachel Reeves bigged up "*Labour's support for new nuclear, carbon capture and rail projects*" (one out of three ain't good) according to [BusinessGreen](#), and characteristically made "*no mention of wider climate and net-zero strategy*", perhaps because she's so busy opening new airport runways and is reported in the [Daily Telegraph](#) saying that she supports "*homegrown energy*", including oil and gas extracted from the North Sea."

Energy Secretary Ed Miliband was more on the ball announcing a permanent ban on fracking, confirming the [ban on new oil and gas exploration in the North Sea](#)* and arguing that the government is fighting against a "*global network of rightwing billionaires*" who are undermining net-zero plans for their own "vested interests" and that the Conservatives and Reform UK are 'importing a net-zero culture war' and, if ever elected to government, will betray every young person and all future generations by "waging a war on clean energy". So accelerating the green transition - meeting a target of creating 400,000 extra clean-energy jobs- is key to winning the argument with the public. During the reshuffle, Miliband was offered another post (housing) but was in a strong enough position to turn it down.

**The need for a just transition plan for workers in this sector is common ground across the trade union movement, which is why the unions in the sector should put one forward so we can all get behind it. Ed*

Reports on the Conservative and Green Party Conferences in November issue, and the launch of Your Party in December issue.



Reality checks: A “flashing red light” for fossil fuels

The **Power Up Report** from the We Mean Business coalition argues that, with demand for fossil fuels set to peak and start declining this decade, producers of oil, gas and coal may be overestimating future markets and setting themselves up holding unsupportable stranded assets.

According to Net Zero Tracker's **Net Zero Stocktake 2025**, the number of large listed US-based companies with net-zero emissions targets has increased by 9% year-over-year, showing a divergence between the private sector and federal government on climate action.

According to the **International Energy Agency's September Oil market report** global stocks are forecast to rise by an untenable 2.5 million barrels per day on average in the second half of this year as supply far outstrips demand.

The pro fossil provincial government in Alberta Canada is reporting a **budget crisis driven by falling oil prices.**

The **Financial Times** reports that “The world’s biggest oil and gas companies are cutting jobs, slashing costs, and scaling back investments at the fastest pace since the **coronavirus market collapse**” and “Spending plans have been reined in, with some projects paused or put up for sale as groups seek to balance the books.”

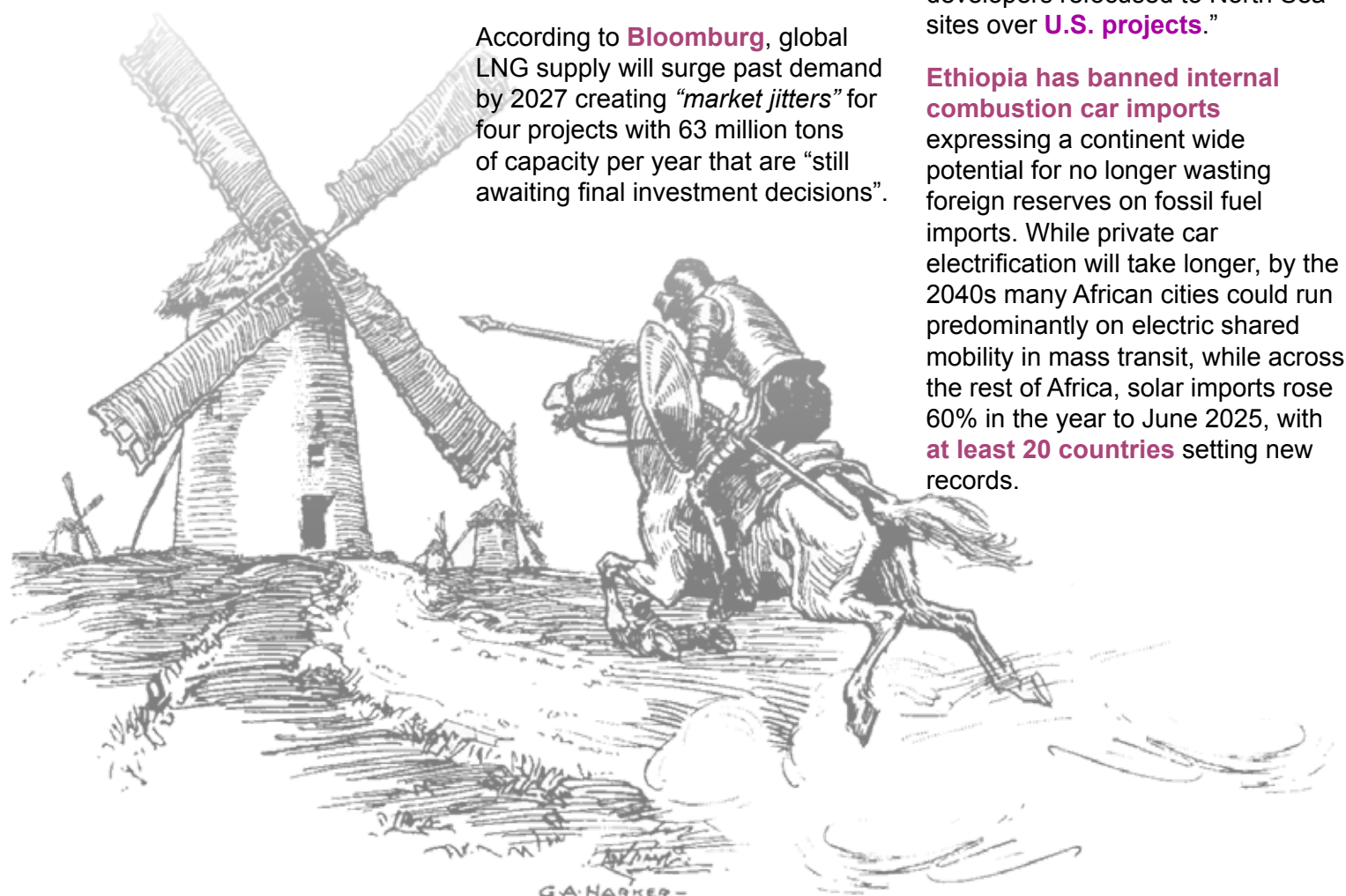
In the U.S. shale industry, the FT has **reported** that colossal fossil ConocoPhillips is cutting one-quarter of its work force. Kirk Edwards, president and CEO of Odessa, Texas-based Latigo Petroleum is quoted as saying *“this isn’t just a Conoco problem, it’s a flashing red warning light for the entire U.S. oil and gas industry.”*

According to **Bloomberg**, global LNG supply will surge past demand by 2027 creating “*market jitters*” for four projects with 63 million tons of capacity per year that are “still awaiting final investment decisions”.

Meanwhile, the **New York Times** notes that Trump's attacks on the wind power industry have put *"thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of investment"* at risk and Politico reports on how Trump's "bid to kill wind power" is "imperilling" some Republican lawmakers whose communities have seen wind as an economic boon.

And, despite Trump, solar and wind accounted for **91% of all new US electrical generating capacity** added in the first half of 2025, according to a review of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) data by the Sun Day Campaign. This is even though **overall investment in renewable projects in the US** has dropped by 36% this year, with investors shifting to Europe especially, which has seen a 63% rise, particularly in **offshore wind**, where several developers refocused to North Sea sites over **U.S. projects.**”

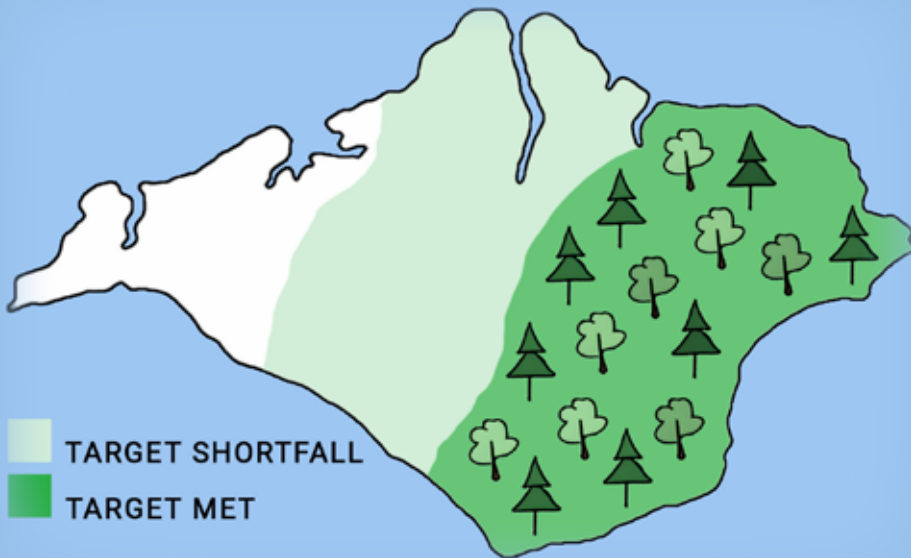
Ethiopia has banned internal combustion car imports expressing a continent wide potential for no longer wasting foreign reserves on fossil fuel imports. While private car electrification will take longer, by the 2040s many African cities could run predominantly on electric shared mobility in mass transit, while across the rest of Africa, solar imports rose 60% in the year to June 2025, with **at least 20 countries** setting new records.



As big as the Isle of Wight?

15,600 hectares of new forest is set to be planted in the UK this year. That's equivalent to 40% of the Isle of Wight.

The annual target, however, is just under double that at 30,000 hectares.



Novel thinking

A [Wall Street Journal](#) newsletter recently noted the debate around “overcapacity”, in the context of the rapid growth of solar in Africa, commenting: “There’s a novel dimension to China’s clean-tech boom. It’s possible, in the context of climate change, to estimate the ‘correct’ production volume – not based on current levels of supply and demand, but on what’s required to limit global warming.”

Use values, not exchange values!
Where will it all end? Ed

If you don’t speak its name, will it go away?

The US Department of Energy has added “climate change” and “emissions” to a [“banned words list”](#).

NATO’s rising military budget threatens climate goals

The planned surge in **Nato nations military spending** could generate 1,320m tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over the next decade if it is met, according to a new report from Scientists for Global Responsibility, an independent organisation of scientists, engineers and architects.

The analysis, drawing on 11 academic studies, estimates that every \$100bn (£73bn) in defence budgets adds 32m tonnes of carbon pollution.

Military emissions from fuel-intensive planes, warships and armoured vehicles, global supply chains and the effects of war itself, are already vast but not included in the Paris Agreement and therefore mostly unaccounted for. They made up about 5.5% of global emissions in 2019, more than aviation and shipping combined.

Nato has pledged to raise budgets to 3.5% of GDP for each member state, a move the report says will add as much pollution as 345 gas-fired power plants. This would play a significant role in breaching Paris climate goals.

NB The headline pledge is actually 5%, with 1.5% of it accounted for in wider infrastructure spending that could support the military too, so the impact of these targets would be even more damaging if met. The cuts required to meet them pose a political crisis. Ed

Let the train take the strain

When new rail lines are built, or old ones are reopened, they tend to be massively popular:

- Half a million passengers have travelled on the **Northumberland Line** since it opened in December 2024.
- The reopened **Dartmoor Line** was an instant success, with passenger numbers far exceeding expectations.
- Amazingly, one in every seven national rail journeys are now made on London’s **Elizabeth Line**!

From [Campaign for Better Transport](#) and see their Report on the connection between [Rail and sustainable growth](#), which notes that rail investment delivers between £2.50 and £4 for every £1 invested.

Reasons to be cheerful...

In a setback for Donald Trump's weird hostility to "windmills", a **U.S. federal judge has ruled** that Revolution Wind, a nearly complete offshore wind project halted by the U.S. administration, can resume. And the information from the US climate.gov website, which was shut down in the summer, is to be "revived by volunteers" as **climate.us** with an "expanded mission".



The Most Terrifying Adventure of the Windmills by Charles A Doyle <https://commons.wikimedia.org>

More than 60% of emerging and developing economies are leapfrogging the US and Europe in clean electrification. From Kenya to Vietnam; Morocco to Brazil, the adoption of solar, wind and battery storage is outpacing not only fossil fuels, but also the business-as-usual strategies of many rich economies.



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Concentrated solar power plant in Morocco

Building a "new power system" will be a "top priority" during **China's 15th five-year plan** period, according to Xinhua. "Annual grid investment is expected to further increase in 2026-2030 from the already high levels achieved during the **14th five-year plan** period". **CCTV** writes that green innovation will be "especially important" under the 15th five-year plan and the **People's Daily** indicates that the party leadership's view is that "green development is the defining feature of China's high-quality economic growth".

Which begs the question of why China's NDC for the COP seems to be so understated - projecting an annual increase in renewable capacity up to 2035 that would run at half the rate of current installations - which might be considered taking underpromising and overdelivering to extremes; but the reduction pledge is for all greenhouse gases which, as "reducing non-CO2 emissions is typically more challenging than mitigating CO2 a 7 - 10% in net GHG emissions from peak levels usually implies a higher level of CO2 reduction", according to a recent briefing from **Nature**, so a 10-12% overall reduction would put the country on course for carbon neutrality by its target date of 2060.



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India has cut taxes on renewables and raised them for coal, while simultaneously doing away with a key coal levy. **Clean-energy growth** – with solar installations dominant – means that power-sector CO2 could peak by 2030; and, during the first half of 2025, India's CO2 emissions from fossil fuels and cement grew at their slowest pace since 2001.



Vidhana Soudha is illuminated at night using solar power

Boiling a kettle in the UK in 2025 now produces less than 10 grams of CO2, compared with over 40 grams in 2010. The carbon intensity of UK electricity is now less than a quarter of what it was in 2015. Most of this is driven by the rapid growth of solar power.

House builders in the UK will be required to install water-saving features in new developments under government plans to tackle water scarcity issues that have held up housing schemes in some parts of the country.

Events

Kick-starting the Year of Trade Union Climate Action



Real social justice and meaningful climate action require worker mobilisation. Winning fairer working conditions, futureproofed industries, safe work in a changed climate, impactful climate action, and sustainable, desirable futures for our communities will take concerted action from working class communities—trade unions in alliance with climate justice campaigns

Join the TUC, local climate justice campaigners, and trade unions to launch the **Year of Trade Union Climate Action** in our region. Hear from key voices on the urgency of this action, how we can win change, and how you—workers and allies in communities and workplaces across our region—can be part of it

The need for change is urgent. The opportunity is ripe. Let's make 2025-26 the year that we turn the tide

TUC North East, Yorkshire & Humber (NEY&H)

Tues 14 October
7pm-8.30pm
Online

Register at:



Confirmed speakers include

- Sarah Wooley, general secretary of **BCFWU**;
- Dave Pike, regional secretary of **TUC NEYH**;
- Miranda Duncombe, lead coordinator for **Heat Strike**;
- Toby McKenzie Barnes, co-founder and organiser at the **Worker-Climate Project**;
- Catherine Porritt, co-founder of **Just Transition Wakefield**.

But we want to hear from you too! The floor will be entirely open to all campaign leads for you to tell us all about the great work you're already doing and where you'd love collaborative partners.

Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/QzCbdKADdL> today. And please share this with colleagues, comrades, and collaborators.



National Emergency Briefing

on the climate & nature crisis

Nov 27th • Westminster Central Hall

Has your MP confirmed yet?



Invitation-only

Scientists are warning that the climate and nature crisis is proving more severe than first thought, so the fossil fuel industry is pouring money into disinformation campaigns.

That's why, on 27 November, eight of the UK's most respected experts will gather in Westminster's Central Hall for the National Emergency Briefing. This event will provide MPs and other national leaders with the clearest possible account of the escalating risks to our food, health, security and economy.

Is your MP attending? Check with your postcode here: www.nebriefing.org

They will then set out credible, science-based pathways to tackle the crisis, cutting through confusion and vested interests. The event will be followed

by a major campaign to put pressure on MPs at constituency level, with a documentary of the event to be screened around the UK early next year.

This aims to create a tipping point towards genuine emergency action; breaking out of our failing business-as-usual. It has wide support, from Wildlife Trusts and the Church of England to Greenpeace and Avaaz. But this is an invitation-only event, and it needs MPs to show up to maximise impact.

Please visit www.nebriefing.org to check whether your MP has committed to attend. If they haven't, please email them directly through the site: and share this with friends, family and colleagues. A few minutes of your time could make the difference.

This event is doing what the government should be doing, so we should make sure our MPs show up.
Ed

Green Bites

**\$8
billion
p.a.**

The cost of supplying **universal access to clean energy for cooking**. About the same as the **increase in UK military spending** since 2023.

14/16

2026 World Cup stadiums 'unsafe for play' as they are likely to breach temperature safe-play limits as climate change progresses. The forthcoming World Cup could be "the last of its kind" in North America; and by 2050 11 of these stadiums will be 'unplayable', according to the **"stadiums at risk" report**.

187

The **number of constituencies potentially threatened by fracking** if a Reform/Conservative government tried to revive it. As two out of three people oppose fracking, this could be a material factor in campaigning in these constituencies between now and the next General Election.

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Amount of New Oil and Gas investment needed in a pathway to a 1.5C temperature increase according to the **International Energy Agency**.

0.7%

A new study concludes that if all available safe carbon storage capacity were used for carbon dioxide (CO2) removal, this would contribute to only a 0.7C reduction in global heating.

99.1%

Proportion of Uruguay's electricity produced by renewables. It took them 5 years. They have reduced cost by a factor of two, created 50,000 jobs (3% of the whole workforce) and are exporting renewable energy surpluses to Argentina and Brazil.

43%

How much cheaper it would be to **supply energy to data centres through a microgrid** comprising offshore wind, solar, battery storage, with residual gas back up than using a SMR. This would also relieve stress on the overall grid.

10%

According to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), the UK's net zero economy grew by 10 percent in 2024, employing almost a million people in full-time jobs.

Word of the Month: "Pragmatic"

We are constantly being told, sometimes by people in the trade union movement, that it is **"pragmatic"** to prolong the use of fossil fuels more than we need to. It seems to be the go to word to indicate a sensible, grown up approach to the climate crisis from people who think that being appropriately alarmed by it is **"alarmist"**. But, as Bill McGuire pointed out in the **Guardian** last month **"A recent report by the UK Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and Exeter University forecasts that a 2C global temperature hike by 2050 would see a 25% collapse in the global economy and 2 billion people dead. This is what the end game of a "pragmatic" climate strategy looks like. The truth is that on a rapidly heating planet, a pragmatic approach means that we are playing Russian roulette with all six barrels loaded. The only question is just how big a mess we will make when we pull the trigger."**

Statistic of the Month

Every 1% gain for renewable energy translates into a roughly 3% loss for fossil fuel use—one point for the usable energy the industry supplies, and two points for the energy it wastes. **So we get more with less.**

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Quotes of the Month

"The science demands action. The law commands it. The economics compel it. And people are calling for it."

Antonio Gutierrez at the UN Climate Summit

"The great fear of Trump and his billionaire backers in the petrochemical and infotech industries appears to be that humanity could come together to find a solution to shared problems. For them, this would mean regulation, stagnation and higher taxes on the rich."

Jonathan Watts Guardian

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