



EARTH DAY

22 April 2026



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THE EARTH IS BURNING

DON'T VOTE FOR
THE ARSONISTS ON 7 MAY

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World in Flames. Don't vote for the arsonists

Fossil fuels will now cost the Earth, in more ways than one.

The immediate human cost of Trump's war on Iran is appalling. And it has caused a massive energy supply shock. This will get worse the longer the war continues. It has already caused immense damage. The International Energy Agency says that some oil and gas fields in the Gulf will take 6 months to get back up and running and others will take "much longer" even if the war were to stop tomorrow.

There are three massive consequences of this.

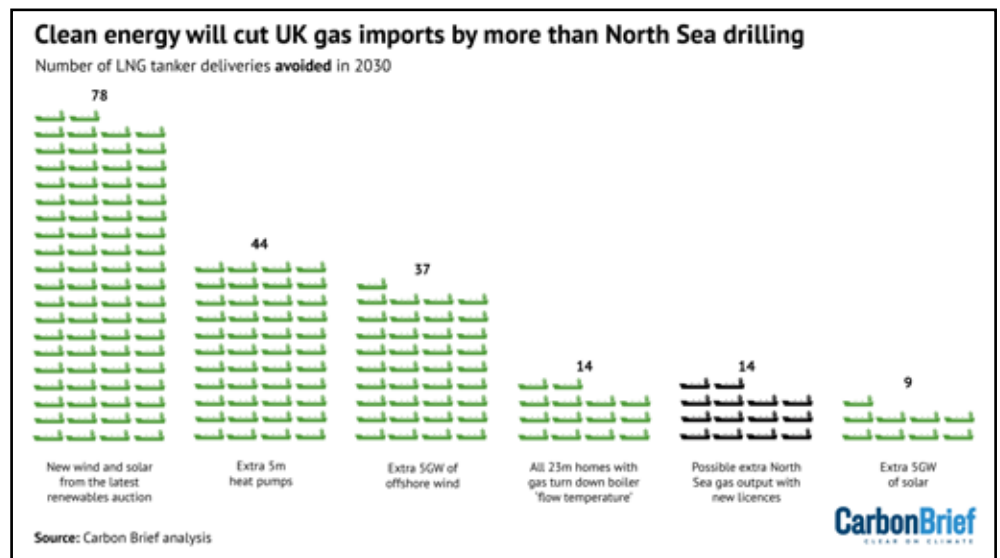
1. **A sharp drop in oil and LNG supply**, leading to the most vulnerable countries turning back to coal and vulnerable communities back to scavenged wood or dung for heat and cooking

2. **A rise in the price of fossil fuels** as a result. In the first month of the war this has been cushioned by large buffer stocks and the release of strategic reserves, which will largely be depleted by early April. Prolonging the war beyond now will lead to an even sharper price spike. This is immensely profitable for fossil fuel companies - with 'exporters and traders of American LNG set to accumulate roughly **\$870 million per week** in additional margin above their pre-crisis baseline' - but makes FF energy even more expensive compared to renewables and is already having a big impact on the cost of living - with the **Times predicting average energy bills of £2,500 a year** and EDF, which supplies about 2.7m households, saying that one in eight of its customers is already more than 45 days overdue on them, even before the current surge in wholesale prices feeds through.

3. **A recognition from both states and individuals that a quicker shift to renewable energy is a way to avert such energy supply shocks**, because there are no pinch points for wind and sunshine. That can be seen in the UK government bringing forward the next Contracts for Difference auction and the sharp spike in domestic demand for solar panels and EVs since the start of the war.

Running counter to this reality we have shameless campaigns from the FF companies demanding cuts in windfall taxes, even as they make the biggest windfalls for years, and from Reform and the Conservatives to go slower on energy transition and drill for more oil and gas in the North Sea, as if this would be "the answer to the energy crisis" (K Badenoch).

In making these demands they never quantify what impact they expect it will make. This is because it would have *no* impact on prices and virtually none on production or saving jobs or reducing imports. **This graph from Carbon Brief** and their fact check on **9 misleading myths about North sea oil and gas** shows the absurdity of their posture.



The trade union and climate movements should be clear on two things.

Even if the government caves in to US pressure to allow new North Sea licences, this will not stop the hemorrhaging of jobs. Lifting the ban, while damaging, would prove that. So, if it is lifted, everyone will still have to fight together for the jobs guarantees, retraining and redeployment also needed if the ban stays in place.

With the world burning, the arsonists of Reform and the Conservative Party, who would throw extra fossil fuels onto the flames, and were initially gung ho to join in the war that is forcing bills up, should not be allowed anywhere near any source of power; so we should be mobilising through our movement to oppose any vote for them on 7 May.

Our poster above, **which can be downloaded** for noticeboards (and windows) is a small contribution to that campaign.

Paul Atkin Ed



Marching towards victory on the Together demonstration. Photo SLAW

Together demonstration - an apology

In our last edition we invited supporters to come and meet us around the GJA banner on the Together demonstration against the far right on 28 March. However, as the demonstration was so big - at 500,000 more than three times the size of Tommy Robinson's "Unite the Kingdom" (by deporting your neighbours) march in September - we weren't able to find each other! A good problem to have, on balance.

Gorton and Denton aftershock

UNISON comment *"The Greens won for a simple reason. Many traditional Labour supporters, in Manchester and across the country, want to see progressive values robustly defended against the far-right, not gleefully abandoned."*

"A Labour government should be standing up for workers, defending migrants and refugees, and taking the fight to Nigel Farage rather than letting him set the agenda."

"Under Keir Starmer the party is failing on every count, leaving the Greens to fill the vacuum."

"Cosying up to the rich and powerful, and protecting their interests whilst attacking ordinary working people and the left has singularly failed. The prime minister is now reaping the electoral consequences of that strategy."

"If the government wants to survive, it urgently needs to stand up for workers and defend our fundamental values."

UNISON general secretary Andrea Egan



Photo: Ian Pattinson flickr.com/photos/spinneyhead/

SERA comment *The Greens' win clearly shows that the environment is not an electoral weakness and Labour must give up any anxieties about this. Voters in Gorton and Denton may not have been thinking of the environment as their number one concern, but they were absolutely not turned away by it. The result echoes what polling research has long demonstrated: people vote for politicians who speak up for the environment.*

*But while the Labour Government has a strong record on climate action, its rhetoric about nature hampering growth has been damaging. Labour environmentalists must now take this opportunity to drum home to the Labour Government that it is time for a reset. **Protecting and restoring nature is a priority for the general public, and so should it be for a Labour Government** that we know is committed to delivering real change for communities.*

From a **longer comment here**

Year of green activity

TU Year of Climate Action UNISON Campaign themes for April and May

April

Global Earth Day 22 April

Energy Sector highlight. Webinar Find out more about how our members in the energy sector are particularly affected by the move to Net Zero and the importance of a fair process for the changes ahead

May

Facility time engagement

Education highlight. Webinar There are many ways climate change is impacting education settings – join our webinar to find out more.

The webinars are open to Unison members and [links can be found here.](#)

National Emergency Briefing Film out 7 April

One focus for union Earth Day activities could be to organise a showing of the NEB National Emergency Briefing film. The NEU Climate Change Network is suggesting that members in schools and Colleges try to get their managements to set up such a showing as a staff meeting or CPD session and, failing that, that union groups show it to focus discussion among members on how to shift the culture of their institutions and mobilise members to that end.

This film is very useful and hard hitting, but there are two issues that need challenging.

- General Nugee commends the National Security Policy for its "whole society approach", but this is not the whole society approach we need to empower everyone to understand and reduce the impact of climate breakdown, but to mobilise them behind militarisation and the 5% of GDP target demanded by Trump; which would be an additional £70 billion a year. Meeting this would suck the life out of any other investment, including green transition at home and abroad. Overseas climate aid is already being sharply cut - even as the Intelligence Services report that unmitigated climate change is a security risk; a report that the government initially sought to suppress because it undermines their war drive choice.
- Angela Francis talks about "the UK" having a record of "coming together" to face fundamental challenges. But the entire right wing of UK politics has come together to deny either the reality of climate change and/or the feasibility of doing anything about it. This would lock us into fossil fuel dependence on the US at ruinous expense. So, the counter coming together that we need will have to break with that and, as the rest of the panel implied, the unsustainable lifestyles of the wealthy, most of whom will resist this (and are already doing so). Ed

Details on arranging a showing can be found on the [NEB site here.](#)

Other things you can do on Earth Day

Earth Day is on Wednesday 22 April. While any day is a good day to raise awareness of the climate crisis, there's a particular significance to Earth Day which makes that date appropriate for taking action in your workplace.

The scale of the first Earth Day, when an estimated 20 million Americans took part in rallies, marches, and teach-ins, was only possible because of financial and practical support from the United Auto Workers (UAW) trade union. The national organiser for Earth Day later said *"Without the UAW, the first Earth Day would have likely flopped."*

On the CACCTU [website](#) there are links to further information about this history, and also some resources you can use - on the 22nd, Earth Day, on the week around it, or any time:

- Posters to put up on your union noticeboard about Earth Day and the trade union year of climate action.
- A climate quiz which can be used at stalls or in meetings. How much do members know about the climate crisis: how it's affecting us now, why it's a social justice issue - and why more drilling in the North Sea won't help our energy bills?
- Flyers (**contact CACCTU if you would like hard copies**)
- A workplace survey about climate action for green reps or anyone who'd like to know about their fellow workers' concerns about climate change and where they might like to take action (template to adapt)

Claire James CACCTU

In the GJA we have also produced the poster that leads this Newsletter (with accompanying short quiz) to bridge mobilisation on Earth Day to the local elections on May 7, suitable to be printed off for noticeboards, or windows and/or sent round as a meme on all the social media you have with a request that recipients also pass it on. **They can be downloaded from here.** Ed



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.

[Visit our website](#)



Climate and Nature Education Conference 14 March. Photo Suzanne Jeffery

Big success for Education Climate Conference

Over 300 educators attended the Climate and Nature Education Conference in London on 14 March organised by NEU, UCU, Unison, the Ministry of Eco Education and others.

Discussions covered all aspects of education policy and activism, from curriculum content to greening school grounds and travel, organising school climate action plans and developing sustainability teams, student activism and union workplace organising and bargaining.

This was as large as the Climate Education conference organised by the NEU and others in 2019, on the crest of the wave of school student strikes and the first wave of XR actions, at a time of hope that a government would be elected that would treat the climate emergency as an emergency.

A conference of this size in a period of right wing greenlash and government caution and retrenchment shows a determination to mobilise the majority who are in favour of more climate action; partly through the institutional gains - like curriculum improvements, the need for climate action plans and sustainability leads in all schools, the national education nature park and so on, that were achieved through that first push.



Climate & Nature Education Festival

Part of the trade union year of climate action

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Trade Union Round Up

PCS Maps Out Election Campaign: Fairness, Public Services, Fighting the Far Right



Photo by Mick Holder

As Wales approaches the Senedd election on 7 May 2026, PCS is stepping up its campaign to ensure union voices are heard. The election is particularly significant, with sweeping reforms increasing the number of Members of the Senedd from 60 to 96 and introducing a new proportional representation system designed to make every vote count more equally.

PCS Cymru has launched a comprehensive manifesto outlining the union's key demands for candidates, rooted in democratically agreed policies and the lived experiences of members across Wales. The campaign focuses heavily on better funding for Wales, challenging the structural underfunding created by the Barnett Formula and calling for devolved control of the Shared Prosperity Fund and fair HS2-related funding.

The union is also prioritising fully funded public services, opposing all cuts to jobs, pay and conditions, and demanding increased staffing to meet community needs. PCS highlights poverty, climate change, equality, and tax justice as central areas where political leadership must deliver transformative change.

PCS's campaign stresses its commitment to anti-racism, anti-fascism, and rights-based policy, standing firmly against division and bigotry. It also champions employment rights, hybrid working fairness, and a just transition to a green economy.

To maximise impact, PCS is engaging directly with candidates, hosting events, and providing members with tools to question politicians on their commitments. The union will share candidate responses with members ahead of polling day, ensuring transparency and informed voting.

As political uncertainty grows, PCS's campaign offers a clear, member-focused vision for a fairer Wales built on strong public services and social justice.

John Moloney Assistant General Secretary PCS

Campaigning from PCS has staved off an immediate threat from the Scottish government to funding for Wave Energy Scotland, the world's largest wave technology innovation programme, but this remains under threat, with a year's funding extension subject to further discussion.

More details here. Ed

Manchester unions call for free public transport

Manchester Trades Union Council has supported a call by transport workers for free public transport.

A motion passed on 11 March said zero-fares transport would be "simpler and more attractive to use" and would reduce traffic congestion.

Free public transport could "help tackle the cost of living crisis" and "reduce inequality, social exclusion, isolation and loneliness", the motion said. It could make a major contribution to reducing Greater Manchester's contribution to climate change, reduce air pollution and ticket litter.

It would reduce conflict between transport workers and the public, and allow resources to be redirected from ticketing and enforcement to more services and better customer service.

The Council resolved to support efforts by the Greater Manchester Transport branch of Unison, to set up a zero-fares campaign in the city.

For info on the growth of free public transport pledges in the French local elections see the [Fare Free London Blog here](#). Ed



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The International Energy Agency's 10 emergency measures to cut energy demand

- Work from home where possible to save petrol.
- Reduce highway speed limits by at least 10km/h to reduce fuel usage.
- Encourage public transport to reduce oil demand.
- Limit car access to roads in large cities through a number-plate rotation scheme.
- Increase car sharing.
- Encourage efficient driving for commercial vehicles through load optimisation and vehicle maintenance.
- Divert LPG use from transport to preserve it for essential needs like cooking.
- Avoid air travel where possible.
- Encourage electric cooking and other options to reduce reliance on LPG.
- Help industrial facilities switch between different petrochemical feedstocks to free up LPG.

It is noteworthy that some of these measures have been applied by countries in Asia hit harder and earlier than in the West: where the reflex seems to be to carry on as normal until an emergency response becomes unavoidable; and necessarily more severe at that point. The parallel with their response to the climate crisis is evident. Ed

Who benefits from a Fuel Duty freeze?

Another campaign from the right is to keep the fuel duty freeze in place, supposedly to cut costs for motorists, but it seems that, while *“another fuel duty freeze would do little for the average motorist, it would do a great deal for retailers. The RAC has found that following previous freezes retailers **refused** to pass on the benefits of fuel duty freezes to consumers, with MPs noting that they were instead used to **boost** their bottom line.*

*In 2022, retailers raised prices by 2p following the 5p cut in duty, while at the same time supermarket fuel margins actually **increased**. If the chancellor u-turns on fuel duty tomorrow, it would mean £17 billion in lost revenue. That's a tantalising windfall for retailers looking to increase their margin, not motorists looking to cut the cost of living.”*

*From **Forget fuel duty freezes** by Gideon Salutin on Labour List*

Climate Fiscal time bomb for EU

A new NEF report reveals that the EU is vastly underestimating the impact of climate change on economic stability. The analysis shows climate damage could drive the EU's debt-to-GDP ratio 58 percentage points higher than official projections by 2050. But, if they invest in climate action now future debt increases can be reduced. [Read the report to find out more.](#)



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Oily magic money tree

Data from the End Fuel Poverty Coalition (EFPC) finds that for each month that energy prices remain at levels seen in March, **an energy profits levy could raise over £200 million in taxed revenue**, an annual income of £2.4 billion of annual income. Combined with additional offshore corporations tax on profits generated by energy firms, campaigners estimate the state could take in £427m a month or £5.1bn a year.

Police heat

A county-level study in the US from 2013-24 suggests *“higher temperatures are associated with increased risk of police violence”*.

Heathrow expansion will mean much more noise

There are known health impacts to being exposed to aircraft noise.

- Up to 2.2. million people would suffer from an increase in noise pollution by 2050 with an expanded Heathrow.
- 653,900 people will fall within the Department for Transport's 'significantly affected' 54 decibel noise contours.
- About half of these, 323,684 people, will fall into this category for the first time.
- A further 419,803 people already significantly affected by noise will receive a doubling of flights overhead.

Successive Governments have not set or defined an acceptable level of noise pollution, ignoring a request by the Transport Select Committee in 2018.

Hundreds of thousands of school children across London and the South East are already exposed to aircraft noise above 54 decibels, the sound level threshold that has a negative effect on their behaviour, memory and cognitive development. Any expansion will only increase the harm caused by aircraft noise pollution.

The very real negative costs of Heathrow expansion will fall on individuals as well as society as a whole. The physical and mental health of well over a million people is at risk, and this will have major implications for the NHS and social services.

[More details here](#)

THE REAL COST OF HEATHROW EXPANSION

-  **£100bn**
Carbon Abatement Costs
-  **£20bn**
Public Transport Improvements
-  **£25bn +**
Health Impact

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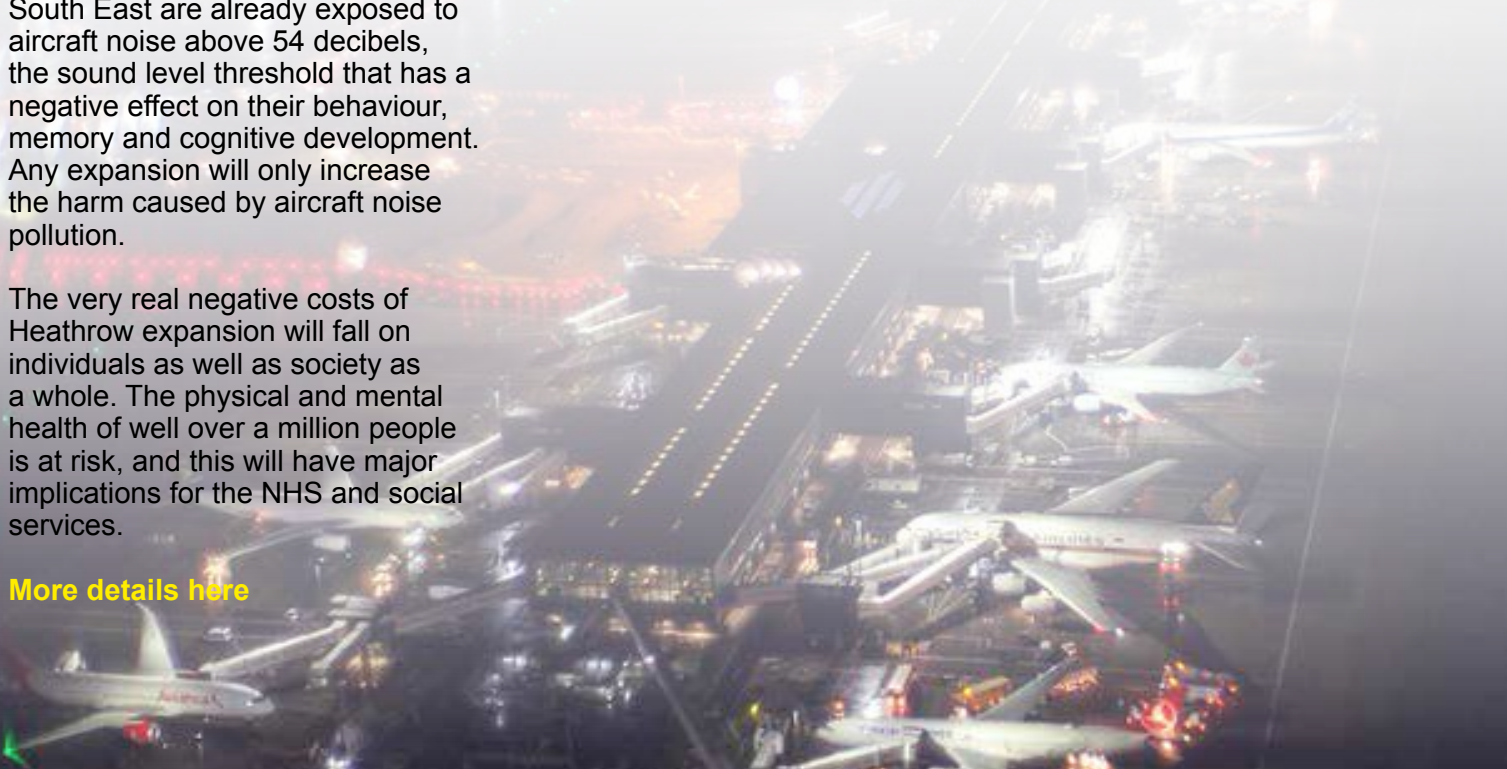




Photo by Mick Holder

Frack and ruin in Lincolnshire

Reform's Lincolnshire Mayor Dame Andrea Jenkyns wants to preserve the Lincolnshire countryside from being "desecrated" by solar panels, but is quite happy for American fracking companies to wreck the county by blasting it with chemicals in search of shale gas.

Fracking is currently banned in the UK, but Dame Andrea — who thinks climate change isn't real — has been meeting with Heyco, a giant US corporation, that wants to overturn the ban and drill in Lincolnshire.

Jenkyns has met with fracking companies four times and said that she is "very supportive of fracking". In the US, fracking has devastated rural areas, caused an increase in earthquakes, reduced air quality, and contaminated nearby drinking water supplies.

Meanwhile, [the Guardian reports](#) that an increasing number of constituents in Reform MP Richard Tice's Boston and Skegness constituency, where 91% of homes are at serious risk of flooding, exacerbated by rising sea levels, are getting frustrated by Reform's climate denial and [the FT reports](#) that "Farage's Reform UK drops pledge to nationalise water and energy companies."

Press Gang

In the same way that Bertolt Brecht once said that “Art is not a mirror, it's a hammer” we should always be aware that journalism is not a mirror but a distorting lens.

While all eyes were on the **Daily Mail's prospective take over of the Daily Telegraph**, the paper was in fact being sold to the German conglomerate Axel Springer, owner of *Politico*, *Business Insider*, and the newspapers *Bild* and *Die Welt*.

Axel Springer's largest shareholder is the U.S. private equity giant KKR, which has major investments in oil, gas, and coal.

KKR is also a **major shareholder** in Marshall Wace – the hedge fund run by Paul Marshall, co-owner of GB News, which posted new annual losses of £26 million this week.

So, an American private equity firm, which donated \$1 million to Donald Trump's inauguration last year – and is infamously nicknamed the “barbarians at the gate” – now has financial ties to two major right-wing UK media outlets. From **Desmog**

New research by IPPR and Persuasion UK finds that, in 2025, online news coverage of net zero was more than two and a half times as negative as public sentiment. Only around a quarter of the public have oppositional views towards net zero, yet negative online news made up around 71% of coverage. This warped view nevertheless has had an impact on Labour MPs, with at least 57 percent assuming public support is lower than it is. From **Labour List**

Too much Yang? Industrial self sabotage in the Highlands

The stated aim of the DESNZ is for the UK to become an “*electrostate*”. In that context, you'd expect that if a company came along offering a £1.5 billion investment in a windfarm factory near Inverness, that would generate 1,500 high skill, well paid jobs making high end turbines (not just metal bashing jackets and towers) while offering to reduce offshore wind costs by 40%, and bring electricity prices down to 11p per kilowatt-hour in three years, the government would be keen to welcome them in.

Instead, as the company is Min Yang, the **US Embassy issued dire warnings** that allowing the investment would be a “*national security risk*” and the government has caved in, abandoning what could have been the corner stone of the “*Great British Supply chain*” that unions like the GMB have been campaigning for for years. **Kate Forbes**, for the Scottish government described this as “*sabotage*” of “*Scotland's industrial future*”.

This flags up a strategic problem. If the UK is to make the fastest, most effective energy transition, it has to engage with China; which is where most of the investment to that end is happening. That's irrespective of any differences of opinion on other matters. The Scottish government's international arm, Scottish Development International (SDI), has offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Shenzhen to foster collaboration in areas like life sciences and technology, for exactly that reason and the UK government has also sought cooperation below the radar, possibly in the hope that the White House won't notice. **This will become increasingly imperative as the transition picks up speed.**

But, the US under Trump is trying to sabotage that transition at home and abroad and, no doubt, the warnings from the Viceregal building in Vauxhall were accompanied by (unpublicised) threats in the traditional manner. The bottom line here is that failure to make the energy transition is the biggest national security risk there is; so allowing the US a veto on inward investment shows the harm that subordinating the country to them is doing. Min Yang itself is still engaging with the UK government and hoping to invest in the future after a change of policy.

Ignorance is strength

The Daily Mail is describing investigations by OFCOM into right wing media outlets speaking power to truth on climate as an “*Orwellian*” assault on free speech. Another Mail inversion is a **frontpage** story in which Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch and “*some of Britain's top business chiefs*” call Labour chancellor Rachell Reeves a “*petrol profiteer*” because increased higher petrol and diesel prices generate higher tax receipts; which should, of course, be left to the fossil fuel companies that - somehow - don't merit that description! Truly double plus good doublethinking.

**WAR IS
PEACE**

**FREEDOM IS
SLAVERY**

**IGNORANCE IS
STRENGTH**

Optimism of the Intellect

In just three months at the end of 2025 **Australia** added 2.1 gigawatts (GW) of new electricity generating capacity across nine solar and wind projects, as well as another 1 GW/2.3 gigawatt hours (GWh) of battery storage. This new solar and wind capacity **proved critical** to meeting spikes in energy demand during the intense heat waves of the Southern summer. Australia is also considering **a liquefied natural gas (LNG) windfall tax** as global prices soar.

According to the **South China Morning Post** China is *"determined to go full steam ahead with electric vessels"*, in the *"next phase of its clean energy revolution"* (inappropriate metaphor notwithstanding) and on 5 March 2026 in Shenzhen, **BYD unveiled a 1,500-kW flash-charging system** generating 400 km of range in five minutes and a second-generation Blade Battery delivering over 1,000 km per charge. This sort of thing is one reason why **BYD is now outselling Tesla in the UK** by 7 to 1. In January and February this year, **China's production of wind turbines and lithium batteries for energy storage** rose 28.7% and 84% year-on-year, respectively and Chinese manufacturers have already moved into mass production of sodium batteries for both transport and large-scale energy storage as they look to find alternatives to lithium. While **50 new coal power stations** were commissioned in 2025, **147 were shut** or planned for closure, including 13 above 200MW. With **decommissioned photovoltaic modules projected to reach approximately 20 million tonnes by 2050** and turbine blade waste expected to hit 3 million tonnes by 2035, the state-owned CHN Energy's Longyuan Environmental Protection subsidiary has launched a facility capable of recovering silver, silicon, glass fibre, and carbon fibre from the country's earliest-generation clean energy infrastructure.

Rail Fares in England have been frozen this year and £16.8bn has been allocated to city regions outside of London to provide integrated travel networks.. **Updated government planning requirements** mean that developers in England will need to install solar panels and heat pumps in all new homes from 2028. This is a stronger requirement, but is one year later than originally planned. Plug-in solar panels that can be placed on balconies will also be sold in supermarkets in the coming months. This could help cut electricity bills *"as they can be directly connected to the mains power within a home"* and would particularly benefit renters.



Image by This_is_Engineering from Pixabay

Octopus Energy says it has seen solar panel sales rise sharply since the start of the Iran war, with households also opting for larger arrays of panels. Sales were up 54% in March compared with the same period in February. Other suppliers are also seeing a surge in interest. There has also been a "huge jolt" in enquiries about electric vehicles. The UK government now has a £1bn scheme to help businesses **switch to electric trucks and vans**. Energy secretary Ed Miliband has told Labour MPs that he is *"committed to looking at unhitching electricity prices from gas in order to bring down household bills."*

A **report** published this week by the Renewable Energy Association, the UK's largest renewables trade body, found that jobs in renewable energy in the UK now outstrip those in oil and gas: with 145,000 jobs in the renewable energy sector in 2025, compared with 115,000 in oil and gas.

Meanwhile, **the UK's renewable output hit a record high** on March 25th, *"helping to blunt the impact of the Middle East war on power prices"*. The country's solar and wind fleet produced about 34 gigawatts (GW) of electricity around midday, according to data from the National Energy System Operator. This pushed gas generation down to just over a gigawatt, just 2.4% of the power mix. This *"limited the country's exposure to higher fuel costs driven by the hostilities surrounding Iran"*.

Pakistan's rapid adoption of solar power in the past few years is helping cushion the impact of the surge in fossil fuel prices due to the US attack on Iran. Analysis by Renewables First and the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air shows that the country will save at least \$6.3bn in 2026 by using solar power instead of importing expensive oil and gas.

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The number of UN sustainability goals currently on target to be met by Turkiye (hosting COP 31 in November).

\$1.8 trillion

The cost to the UK and EU from reliance on fossil fuels for energy during the last war driven price spike. How much will the residual reliance cost this time?

40%

Increase in China's solar generation to 1,170 terawatt hours (TWh) in 2025, surpassing wind at 1,130TWh for the first time.

\$4 billion

spent each year by the fossil fuel industry promoting its own technologies and demonising renewables, far more than the wind, solar and battery storage industries combined.

50%

of China's installed capacity of wind and solar power belongs to state-owned enterprises. "

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The number of bids in a US Federal auction for oil and gas drilling licences in Alaska in March as the prospect was "too expensive, too risky. Too much capital required. And there's not enough oil and gas to make the investments pencil out."

2.4%

Drop in UK carbon emissions in 2025, with the amount of coal use now back to the level of 1600 - when Shakespeare was writing Hamlet - and a "34-year low in demand for gas".

50%

Of households in the UK know they can access a Government grant of up to £7,500 for a heat pump, and fewer than one in five are aware that their mortgage provider could help them with green home upgrades.

90%

EU target emissions cut by 2040. This is 85% actual cuts and 5% in "carbon credits".

1%

The proportion of UK land area needed for renewable energy generation by 2050. This is just under 94 square miles; equivalent to the area covered by the borough of Tonbridge and Malling in Kent, so no great threat to food production.

100

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has announced that the installation of solar panels has helped an initial 100 schools cut bills, with 250 schools to benefit from the roll-out in total. Once the full 250 have been done it will only take another 88 years to do the rest of the 22,000 schools in England. Every little helps, but we need a lot more urgency than this.

New on the debate blog

- [GJA AGM hears about Just Transition in Scotland and the 'reset' nobody wants](#)
- [Curriculum Review – not business as usual on climate, but we need more urgency](#)
- [A Primer on Carbon Capture and Storage Pipelines](#)

And here is the link to the latest TUCAN newsletter.

- [TUCAN Newsletters - Greener Jobs Alliance](#)
It contains plenty of updates on union action in the battle against air pollution.



Graphic of the Month

Where does the UK get its gas from?

Other

3.1%

USA

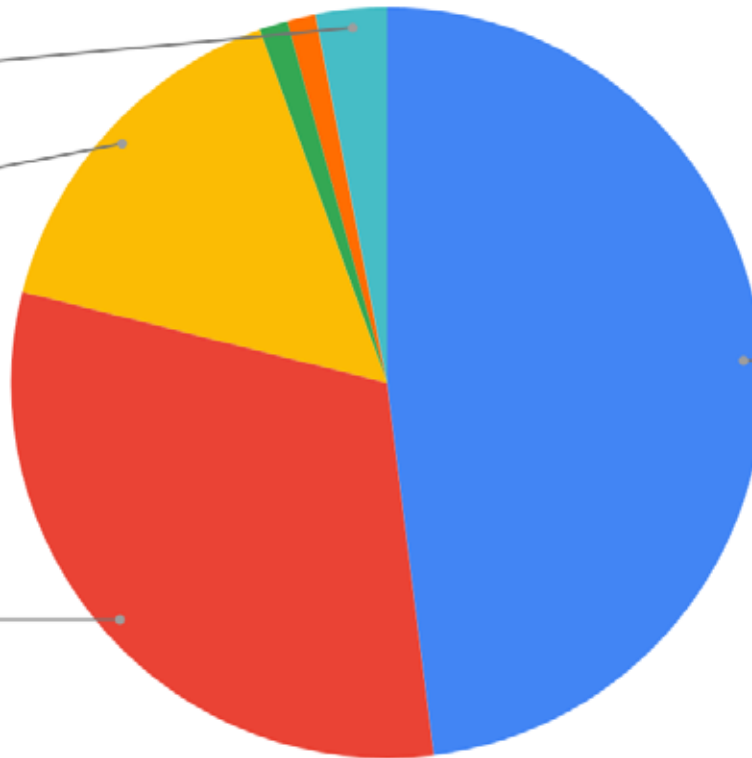
15.6%

Domestic

30.9%

Norway

48.0%



The two slivers showing 1.2% of supply are from Qatar and Algeria. The blocking of the straits of Hormuz nevertheless increases the global gas price regardless of where it is sourced. [Figures from Sunsave](#)

NB UK gas consumption fell by 20% between 2021 and 2025. Without that fall, bills would be even higher.

Quotes of the Month

“Whatever Trump does next, unless he actually starts carpet-bombing solar farms, it’s unlikely to threaten a development model based on renewable energy...almost every action the Trump administration takes in the area of geoeconomics screams ‘diversify and insulate’ at its trading partners” **Alan Beattie** [Financial Times](#)

“Price stability and lower system costs requires not just new energy technology but a different energy economy: reformed markets, public ownership of essential infrastructure and investment that works for bill-payers rather than bondholders. Clean power can break our dependence on gas, but only a public power system can stop the extraction of rent.”

Mathew Lawrence [Director Common Wealth](#)

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