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Editorial; Putting fuel on the fire

With a **new report from Transition Economics** showing that Reform UK's anti climate policies will risk almost 500,000 jobs inside 3 years and 1.4 million by 2040 a sharp exchange between Climate Minister Katie White and her Conservative Shadow Andrew Bowie at the recent New Statesman Energy and Climate Change Conference shows a fundamental rift in British politics.

Bowie tried to cover his embarrassment at Conservative backtracking on climate policy by claiming that having a debate was more *"interesting"* than having a consensus. He also complained, with breathtaking chutzpah, that the transition is not being handled justly. White's response, *"if you accept climate change, what is the better way to deliver?"* went unanswered.

And Bowie is on the rational, cynical end of denial, trying to deflect and make smoke and distract with second order issues. When it comes to Reform we are dealing with a level of argument that revels in unhinged delusions, a much more natural vehicle for mainlining Trump into the British body politic.

The local elections look like putting them in charge of a lot more local authorities, despite their record in those they won last year, which will in turn boost the platform they have on national and international questions.

So a key task for this week is to pull out all the stops to minimise that damage and work together to block them in as many wards as we can. And the task from May 8th is to continue to mobilise against their backlash at national and local levels.

This has a direct link to campaigning on the fossil fuel driven increases in the cost of living and the war that is giving it such a vicious upward spike.

The GJA has put out a blog meant to catalyse debate to campaign on shared principles across the labour, green and peace movements. We are putting forward these four.

1. To stop the crisis we need to stop the war
2. War profiteering is unacceptable
3. The transition is the solution
4. Crisis measures must be social justice measures

Paul Atkin Ed

The full blog is here and we welcome comments at gjanewsdesk@gmail.com by Sunday 10 May 2026.

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Quote of the Month

"Cheap, clean renewables will win out in the end as countries seek to conflict-proof their energy mix".

The Economist

Unions call for EU heat law on workers' memorial day

The growing number of people dying because they are forced to keep working in extreme heat requires the EU to strengthen workers' rights to meet the rising threat of climate change.

That is the message trade unions will give European Commission representatives on International Workers Memorial Day this year.

- There has been a **42% increase** in heat-related workplace fatalities in the EU since 2000 – the fastest increase of any part of the world;
- The number of people exposed to heat waves at work in the EU has **increased by 60%** over the last 20 years;
- 47% of people say they have felt too hot at work, but **just 15%** say action has been taken to keep them safe;

When temperatures rise above 30°C, the risk of workplace accidents **increases by 5-7%** and, when temperatures exceed 38°C, accidents are between 10% to 15% more likely.

At a **conference** in Brussels organised by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and European Trade Union Institute, workers' representatives will highlight the need for legislation to ensure employers

work with unions to put in place common sense measures, such as the provision of drinking water, access to shade, and breaks in work.

In 2023, the European Commission issued guidance on employers' responsibility to people working in high temperatures. But **research** shows that employers have demonstrated "*reluctance to adopt preventive measures*" and a "*refusal to accept the inclusion of [heat] specific measures*" in collective bargaining agreements.

That contributed to a spate of preventable deaths last summer, including an agriculture worker who **died** in Spain after harvesting fruit in temperatures exceeding 40°C, two construction workers who **died** after collapsing with heat stroke, and a **50-year-old** who died after his body temperature rose to 42,9 °C while working in a distribution centre in France.

That is why the ETUC is calling for legislation on maximum working temperatures to be included in the forthcoming Quality Jobs Act.

NEU Conference

Passed an amendment to a motion to campaign against the Far Right with points noting

- that they are "trying to block action to mitigate the climate crisis."
- the far right and the fascists are spreading a false narrative that immigrants, refugees and net zero/environmental policies are to blame for the problems in many people's lives
- these organisations are funded largely by American-based fossil fuel money

And commits the union 'as well as publicising and educating on matters of concern to educators regarding the environment, tackling myths about climate change and climate denial and for districts to affiliate to Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) and the Campaign Against Climate Change, both nationally and locally.



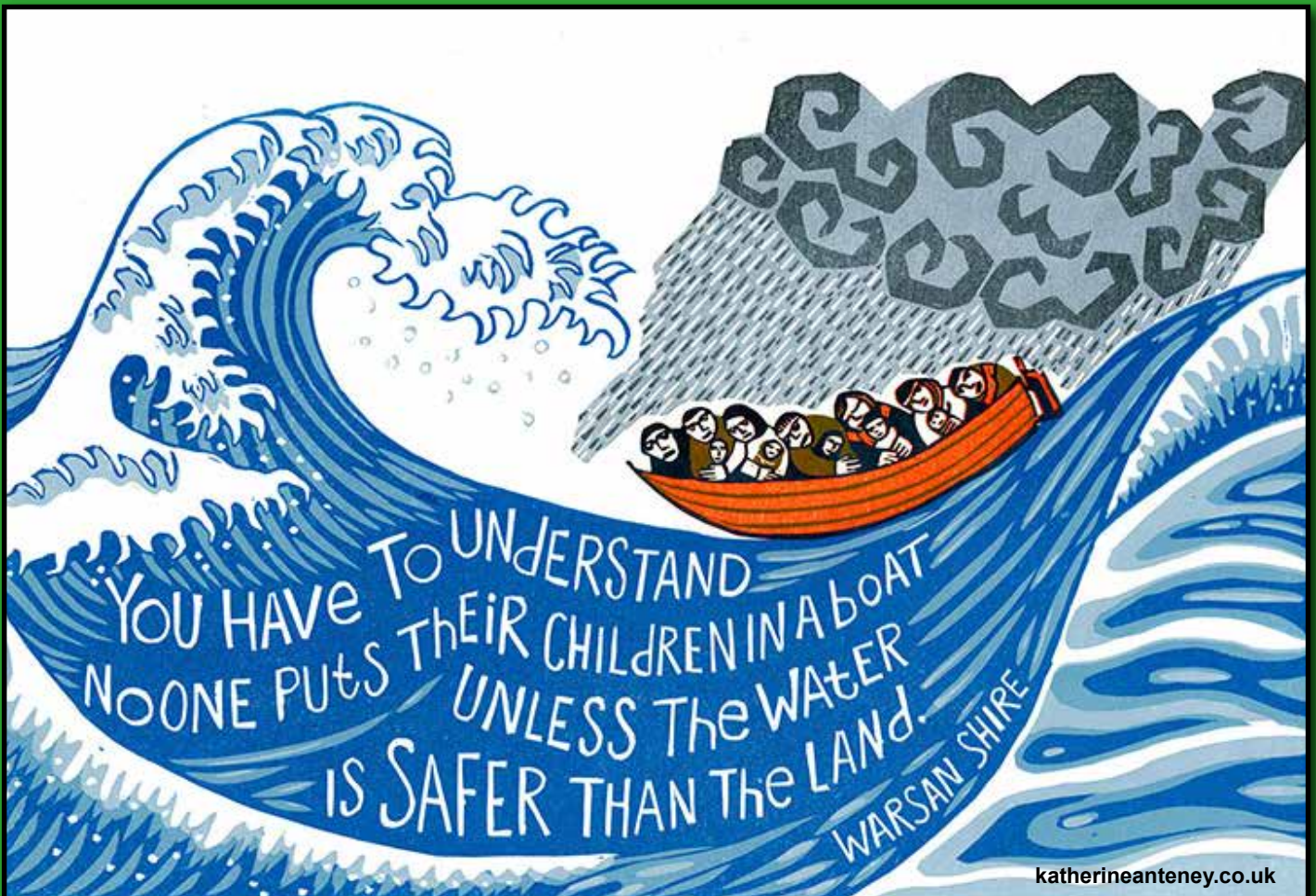
Zack Polanski drops by the NEU Climate Change Network stall at NEU Conference.

Year of green activity

UNISON Year of Green Activity

The theme for May is facility time for green reps. Other unions in a shared workplace can work together in this. The other focus is education, with a webinar for members.

In June there will be UNISON conference and the theme is centred on social media messaging for Refugee week using this image. Members of other unions can and should join in with that.



An important point to make to colleagues and beyond is that the very real prospect of the Gulf stream being overturned in the next century will make this country effectively uninhabitable - -with Arctic sea ice as far South as the Wash in mid winter, an inability to grow food, infrastructure designed for a benign climate cracking in winter temperatures ranging from -20 to -40C and Summers hotter than now. So, millions, if not everyone, will become climate refugees heading South. Something to consider when contemplating refugees currently heading North. Ed

War Fall Out

Although fossil fuel companies are frantically digging in on future stranded assets in response to the blockade of the Straits of Hormuz, with

- Exxon weighing a major push into Nigeria's deepwater oilfields and taking early steps towards drilling off the coast of Greece,
- Chevron expanding in Venezuela, Egypt and the Gulf of Mexico.
- BP taking stakes offshore of Namibia,
- TotalEnergies signing exploration deals in countries including Turkey

this crisis is shifting the tectonic energy plates under their feet.

- **Global oil demand plummets by most since pandemic** The IEA reports that soaring prices, shortages of supplies and the near-total loss of air travel in the Middle East had led to a drop in demand that was almost unprecedented in its speed and severity. Global oil demand fell 3.4% in March and is expected to tumble a further 1.1% in April to 100.4m barrels a day, its lowest in more than three years" and "demand for 2026 as a whole was now expected to fall... the first annual decline, excluding the pandemic, since the world's economy froze up in 2009 during the biggest economic recession since the Great Depression."
- At the same time there will be **no widescale return to coal**.
- **As the UN Development Programme reports** that: "More than 32 million people worldwide could be plunged into poverty by the economic fallout from the Iran war, with developing countries expected to be hit hardest" and hard hit **Asian countries have to apply demand containment**: remote working for public servants, limiting air conditioning and encouraging public transport, they are also having to confront the costs of fossil fuel reliance and **thinking twice about doubling down on LNG**.
- As Reuters reports that **the UK is being shielded from the worst impacts** of the war by record wind output
- **The European Union plans to reduce electricity prices and roll out clean energy more quickly** to reduce people's exposure to soaring oil and gas prices driven by the Iran war. The European Commission has set out **44 measures** to curb energy bills, and wean Europe off fossil fuels faster, to reduce vulnerability to increasingly frequent energy shocks, as every delayed investment in energy transition risks greater cost at a later stage. The EU executive in May will propose legal changes to the bloc's taxation rules that would ensure

electricity is taxed at a rate below that of fossil fuels, and make it easier for governments to cut energy-intensive industries' electricity taxes to zero. This plan has, nevertheless, been criticised for its failure to impose a windfall tax on war profiteering, in the context that the WSJ notes that the surge in energy prices as a result of the war has provided the oil industry with a "windfall of cash that is expected to help it venture into territories previously out of reach".

Taxing them so they can't and financing the transition from that would be win-win. Ed

- **France unveils electrification plan to cut fossil-fuel dependence** French prime minister Sébastien Lecornu has announced a national electrification plan to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and "strengthen the country's energy sovereignty". This will nearly double annual support for electrification, from €5.5bn to €10bn by 2030, targeting housing, transport, industry and digital infrastructure." It targets 1m heat pump installations per year - with a ban on gas boilers in new homes from the end of this year - and two-thirds of new car sales being electric along with cheap electric-vehicle leasing. It aims to replace 20% of France's annual gas imports with domestic electricity by 2030. **Lecornu is quoted in le Monde**, saying: "As long as we depend on oil and gas, we will continue to pay the price for other people's wars."
- **Spain's continued investment in renewables** – wrongly blamed for the **blackout** a year ago – has led to it being "relatively protected" from rising oil prices.



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- Meanwhile, the Greens group in the European parliament has called for **a ban on the non-essential use of private jets** amid fuel shortages, Italy is saying that **the energy crisis puts its plans for defence spending in doubt** and Sweden may need to **restrict how much energy citizens can use** if supplies remain disrupted.
- **India is looking at a plan to subsidise electric hobs** "to move at least some households from LPG to solar-powered electricity usage" as the district of Banda in the state of Uttar Pradesh recorded a maximum temperature of 47.6C, making it the "hottest place in the world".

- **Boom in China's energy storage exports** China's exports of large-scale energy storage systems rose 130% in the first quarter of 2026, while residential systems grew 65% year-on-year, building on the 144% surge in new overseas orders for energy storage in 2025. The supply crunch in the Persian Gulf causing rising oil and natural gas prices and a renewed emphasis on energy security is boost demand for batteries and EVs. China's electric vehicle (EV) exports rose 77.5% year-on-year, with those of batteries and wind turbines increasing by around 50%. The export surge of Chinese batteries reinforces "**early signs of demand for alternative power sources to counter the global energy-supply crunch**"
- In this context, the **head of the World Energy Council, Angela Wilkinson**, warned that the global energy transition could be delayed by decades if countries choose to build their own supply chains rather than utilizing China's existing production capacity.

At the same time as governments shift policies, people are doing the same.

- The **Financial Times** says: "*UK households turn to solar panels as energy bills bite.*"
- The **Guardian** says: "*Record number of homes in Great Britain turn to green energy as fuel prices soar*" and that interest in electric vehicles (EVs) has "*surged across Europe since the start of the war in Iran, as the rising cost of petrol highlights the cheaper power available from a plug. Online marketplaces in the UK, Germany, France and Spain reported huge increases in inquiries about EVs since the start of the conflict in February.*"
- **Reuters** "sustainable switch" newsletter is titled: "*Middle East conflict spurs switch to EVs*" and notes that "*used EV sales in Europe have been boosted by the war*".
- The **Financial Times** says "*western carmakers*" including Volkswagen, BMW and Renault are "*among those considering*" range-extended EVs that "*have a small engine that acts only as a generator to top up the battery*"
- The **Sunday Times** runs a comment under the headline: "*The case for getting an electric car is becoming harder to ignore*" noting that "*switching could save you as much as £1,400 a year*".
- The **Wall Street Journal** notes that "*High gas prices are tempting Americans back to EVs.*"
- **Reuters** reports how, in the face of a fuel crisis, "*interest in electric trucks has picked up in Australia, one of the most road-freight dependent countries in the world*".

Unionreps Webinar: Energy Shockwaves - What Trump's War on Iran Means for UK Manufacturing Jobs

Wed, 13 May 2026 - 14:00 to 15:00

Contact: tuceducation@tuc.org.uk

This timely webinar brings together trade unionists and energy experts to explore how Trump's illegal war on Iran translates into real-world risks for jobs at home—and what we can do about it.

What we'll cover:

- How conflict-driven oil and gas price spikes affect UK energy costs
- The knock-on impacts for manufacturing industries
- The real experiences of workers on the frontline, and an exploration of what trade unions can demand now to protect jobs and industries
- The role of industrial decarbonisation in building long-term resilience

Join us to understand the risks, hear directly from workers and experts, and discuss the demands needed to safeguard UK manufacturing jobs in an increasingly unstable world.

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All at Sea

Using government and industry data - including OBR price forecasts, NSTA production scenarios and Ofgem regulatory filings - [a briefing paper from Cleantech for UK](#) finds that a fossil-intensive pathway would cost UK consumers an estimated £190 to 335bn more than continued cleantech investment, while still leaving the country importing around 80% of its gas by 2050. Far from delivering energy security, new North Sea licences would reduce import dependency by a maximum of 2% in any given year.

At the same time, [research from Redwater Insights](#) finds that safely removing old oil and gas infrastructure from UK waters could play a key role in supporting oil and gas workers and communities as production declines. Provided that the government ensures operators meet their legal obligations to decommission, and takes steps to relieve supply chain bottlenecks, decommissioning the UK Continental Shelf could deliver the following benefits over the next decade:

- Source of £25.6bn of investment
- More than 30,000 jobs supported annually
- Critical skills bridge for 15,000 workers
- £6.8bn direct economic contribution to the UK
- Opportunity for investment in innovation

However, these benefits are not guaranteed, and require the government to plan proactively, coordinate resource allocation, invest in infrastructure, and enforce operator liabilities. Without this, decommissioning activity could fall dramatically below forecasts while costs balloon. A status quo approach risks disrupting UK supply chains, eroding the skills base, and ultimately shifting clean-up liability onto taxpayers.

This could, and should, be part of union transition demands for the North Sea, with support from the rest of the movement. Ed



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Press Gang

[A recent study of UK newspapers](#) over a four-month period in 2023 finds that more than 70% of comment articles on net-zero in four “right-wing outlets” contained “at least one misleading statement”.

A recent example from last month that contains *two* is a report in the [Mail on Sunday](#) covering a poll that, it claims, suggests voters want the Labour party to lift its ban on drilling in the North Sea “to stop households being hammered by the cost of the Iran crisis”; when

1. There is no ban on drilling in the North Sea; there is a ban on new oil and gas exploration licenses.
2. It takes an estimated 28 years for new licenses allowing new oil and gas production to come on stream, so allowing them couldn’t provide “protection” to households from the current crisis.

In a similar vein, the [Daily Telegraph](#) describes the Jackdaw and Rosebank fields hyperbolically as “The lost gas fields that could power Britain for decades” when [data analysed by Uplift](#) shows that the Jackdaw field would, if developed, only displace around 2% of UK imports, while Rosebank would only displace another 1%.

“Renewables are highly competitive and, for this reason, low-profit. Fossil fuels are uncompetitive and high profit. Media proprietors, like almost all billionaires and hectomillionaires, gain exceedingly by investing in them. If it is sometimes hard to tell the difference between fossil-fuel lobbyists and the billionaire press, this is because there isn’t one.” George Monbiot in the Guardian

Other reality checks



NOISE POLLUTION 

HEATHROW EXPANSION

276,000

ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS
ANNUALLY

756

MORE PLANES OVER LOCAL
COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY

42

EXTRA AIRCRAFT EVERY HOUR

MORE PLANES = MORE NOISE



Full details from No 3rd Runway Coalition [here](#) and on the financial implications [here](#).

Ask a Doctor

The [2025 Lancet Countdown report](#) found that 12 of 20 key health indicators tied to climate change have hit record highs. Heat deaths among over-65s are up 70% in two decades. In 2023, an extra 124 million people faced food insecurity due to droughts and heatwaves. The [WHO projects a minimum of 250,000 additional deaths per year by the 2030s](#) from malaria, flooding and heat alone.

This is happening now. Vector-borne diseases are spreading into new regions. Floods are destroying clinics in low-income countries. People forced from their homes by climate breakdown are among the least able to access care.



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A question of priorities

After the 2022 energy crisis, the EU and UK spent 1.8 per cent of their GDP on the **energy transition** while China spent 3.8 per cent.

At the same time, the EU and UK found €368 billion more than China for their military budgets, which occupy a larger share of their economies. With a few exceptions, Europe's strategy has left it dependent on liquefied natural gas imported from the US, vulnerable to coercion through Washington's '**energy dominance**' agenda and exposed to the aftershocks of the US and Israel's illegal wars.

From [City of Peace](#) on the LRB blog by Rebekah Diski and Khem Rogaly

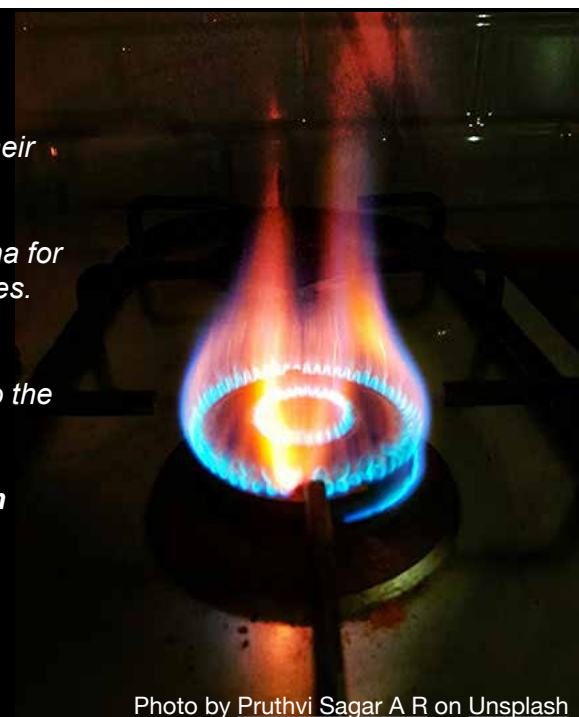


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Optimism of the Intellect



Protesters in Hanover call for VW to convert to public transport, not tanks. *Photo from Robin Wood*

Optimism of the Intellect

By the end of last year, **renewables capacity made up 49.4% of the world's total electricity capacity**, a rise from 46.3% the year before. The data also showed that the rate of growth also increased, from 15.1% in 2024 to 15.5% in 2025.

93% of all electricity capacity added in the United States in 2026 is expected to come from solar, wind and batteries; as the *"Trump administration's attempts to stymie the industry have floundered in court"*.

The UK's grid could "soon" run without fossil fuels for the first time since 1882 following a **2% drop in emissions in 2025**, according to provisional government data.

Rachel Reeves has said she is planning to cut the link between electricity and gas prices, to reduce energy bills. The government will shortly set out details of how the wholesale price of electricity could be set more often by renewables, rather than gas. Even the **Sun** reported that *"households are in line to save hundreds of pounds a year"* in this *"major shake-up of the energy market"*.

The Springwell Solar Farm, between Lincoln and Sleaford - the UK's largest power-producing solar farm - capable of powering 180,000 homes has been approved and is expected to start producing electricity from 2029, much to the annoyance of the Mayor of Lincolnshire who prefers people to have to pay through the nose for fossil fuels instead.

The UK's National Energy System Operator (NESO) is to offer households and businesses financial incentives to use more electricity when there is abundant renewable energy supply which could mean *"free electricity"* at some times.

Public EV charging is now cheaper than petrol in the UK.

The Government has published its **integrated transport strategy** for England. Although it does not set a goal for shifting journeys from private cars to more sustainable modes, it nevertheless promises *"simpler, more affordable and more joined-up journeys"*, and includes:

- A focus on people's daily needs, from accessible train stations to somewhere to sit at the bus stop.
- commits to more integrated 'tap-and-go' ticketing, to make journeys by public transport smoother and simpler.
- aims to improve the way housing is planned and built, so that new homes are focused in well-connected locations. (At the moment, most new housing developments are very car-dependent.)

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- promises to focus on transport poverty, which limits people's opportunities and their access to services.
- commits to set up a Mass Transit Taskforce, which - among other things - should make it easier for more tram and light rail networks to be built.

A step, and a bus trip, in the right direction.

Meanwhile, around the world, especially in Asia, municipal authorities are turning to free public transport to shield people from the worst effects of the sharp increases in oil prices caused by the US-Israeli war on Iran.

In Pakistan, the state of Punjab (the largest state in the country, with 125+ million population) and the capital, Islamabad, have **made public transport free** for a month.

- The state of Victoria in Australia has also **made public transport free**, temporarily.
- Municipal authorities in Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, are **considering** a permanent scheme.

And in Europe, Progressief Nederland (PRO), formerly known as GroenLinks-PvdA, has proposed a **public transport discount card that would be dubbed the "Nederland-ticket"**. The 49-euro travel pass would allow users unlimited travel on buses, trams, trains and metros during off-peak hours, effective for three months.

Power prices in Poland "turned negative" on two consecutive days last month "as bright, windy weather sparked a surge in renewable electricity supplies".

The sale of used EVs in the US has grown 12% in the first quarter of 2026, as petrol prices pass \$4 a gallon while the **Times** says that "soaring fuel prices" in the UK are "pushing people towards EVs" and electric car sales have **surged by 69% in France**.

France has just announced tenders for seven offshore wind projects totaling 10 gigawatts, alongside smaller solar and onshore wind tenders.

Germany's Social Democrats are blocking the Friedrich Merz government's plans to build a fleet of new gas power plants, unless the legislation includes "carve-outs for renewables".

Lawmakers in Maine have approved a **statewide moratorium on new data centres**, the first legislation of its kind in the US at a time when AI expansion is facing "intense scrutiny" while **balcony solar is starting to pick up** across the country.

Legislation in Nova Scotia allowing companies, municipalities and First Nations sites to build up to 1 MW of onsite solar energy generation has led to an 82% increase in installation in the last year including 99 new commercial solar installations completed during 2025. While distributed solar on rooftops is even stronger, with a total capacity of about 110 MW, about six times the commercial total, the demand for onsite generation is one we can incorporate into workplace green bargaining here too.

China added 66.4 gigawatts (GW) of new energy storage capacity in 2025, up 51.9% year-on-year, and accounting for 58.6% of the global total and is projected to build an additional **300GW worth of new wind and solar this year**, which will take it up to half of the country's generating capacity.

And in the US, **a federal judge has blocked the Trump administration** from "enforcing a series of ...unlawful roadblocks that had led to renewable energy developers canceling or delaying numerous wind and solar projects nationwide."



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.

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Lunch & Learn May 7 1pm

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Price Spike, Job Losses: How Trump's War is Hitting UK Industry

Chris Robson, Chemical worker
Craig Stewart, TUC

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Over 2,000 chemical workers in Teesside face an uncertain future, with thousands more jobs at risk.

Rising energy prices, made worse by Trump's war in Iran, are pushing UK industry to the brink. We'll hear directly from workers and organisers about what this means on the ground, and discuss how the climate movement can stand in solidarity at a critical moment.

TUCAN AGM

Monday, 15 June 2026 11-12.30am

UCU head office, University and College Union, Carlow Street, London, NW1 7LH

The TUCAN (Trade Union Clean Air Network) AGM is taking place on Monday, 15 June, 11.-12.30am. It is being held at the UCU National Office in London. This will be a hybrid meeting in the lead up to Clean Air Day on June 18th. All supporting organisations are invited to attend, please let me know if you are joining us, so we can arrange refreshments.

Please reply to the email address below for details of the online link.

TUCAN AGM Agenda

11.00	Welcome and overview of TUCAN activity
11.15	Speaker: Barry Gardiner MP
11.30	Speaker: Union Officer TBC
11.45	Questions and contributions
12.10	TUCAN Work Plan 2026 & election of officers & steering group
12.30	Networking & refreshments

If you have any further items for the agenda please email janet@gmhazards.org.uk

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Online seminar

Shaping industrial policy to benefit workers
Union perspectives on industrial policies, economic transformation and climate action

The ITUC Just Transition and Climate and the Economic and Social Policy departments invite you to an online seminar on industrial policies, economic transformation and climate action to

- provide a briefing for trade unions on the state of play of industrial policies and broader economic transformation agendas and the implications for decent work and global climate commitments.
- include presentations from experts
- and a forum for exchange between unions on their experiences and priorities around green and worker-friendly industrial policies and economic transformation.

Thursday 28 May 2026 12:00-14:00
BST Online (Zoom).

Register [HERE](#)

- Interpretation in English, Spanish and French.

Registered participants will receive the Zoom link and the agenda. For more info contact amalia.hammarlund@ituc-csi.org

ECOSOCIALISM CONFERENCE 2026



Saturday 30 May 2026 10am to 6pm

+ After party nearby with really long speeches (only joking – it will be music!)

Location: London South Bank University

[Full details, speakers and tickets here.](#)

Hosted by [Ecosocialist Action Network](#)



This Is Not Inevitable: Standing up to AI and Big Tech

Saturday, June 27

Mechanics Institute, Manchester. 10.30-16.30

Following on from the CACCTU webinar in February - which focused on the climate and environmental impacts of AI - and which you can watch [here](#), the aim of the conference is to bring together the different strands of concerns and resistance to AI, with everyone attending three sessions:

- The uses of AI in war and surveillance
- The climate and environmental impacts of data centres
- How AI is affecting our jobs and wider society and the action that trade unions are taking

Each will have a speaker panel followed by group discussion.

More details coming soon, but you can [reserve your place here](#)

[Guest tickets for non-members here](#)

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shipments of LNG imports saved in March by **Germany's solar boom**.

€100m

Solar power has **saved Europe more than €100 million per day** since 1 March.

\$16.2 Trillion

The impact of climate damage on the United States since 1990. Self harm takes many forms.

90%

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

96

The number of times that **lobbyists for Offshore Energies UK** and its members, which include BP, Shell and a host of major oil and gas firms, have met UK and Scottish ministers since July 2024 – a rate of more than once a week - aiming to overturn the ban on new North Sea drilling and to end the windfall tax on energy profits. The Department of Energy Security and Net Zero has nevertheless rightly said *"Issuing new licences to explore new fields cannot give us energy security and will not take a penny off bills. We remain focused on supporting a fair, orderly and prosperous transition for the North Sea."*

36 days

Of additional gas supply provided by the 100s of additional licences granted by the last Conservative government. So much for "Get Britain Drilling Again"!

£1 billion

Worth of gas imports saved in March in the UK due to record wind and solar output. On an annual basis this is worth five times the £2.5 billion avoided by domestic North Sea gas production in the whole of **2025**.

102.5%

The average cost overruns for nuclear power projects. So, when an initial figure is published for how much a particular project will cost, it's safe to double it to get an accurate picture.

84.53%

Of China's green bonds accounted for by state owned enterprises. As a response to this imbalance the Ministry of Ecology and Environment convened financial regulators, major banks, and private enterprise representatives to announce eight coordinated measures to promote the private sector's low-carbon transition.

15%

Of average UK electricity bills could be saved by plug in solar panels, which will be available in the next few months.

3 square miles

The total area needed for the 62,000 rapid EV chargers needed to meet demand in the UK by 2030. This has been reported as 1,900 acres, which sounds like a lot, but evidently isn't. It's about the same as 60% of Heathrow airport in tiny plots all across the country and a lot less than the footprint of the country's 8,365 petrol stations. There are already **116,052 EV chargers in the UK** compared to 60,802 petrol pumps.

New on the debate blog

- [Rail Union calls for Free Fares to cut cost of living in response to war on Iran](#)

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