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"Pragmatism" in a hard Winter?

It's evident that Trump has no easy way out of the war on Iran, which means that fossil fuel energy prices will stay high, with a 4% rise in the price cap from October and more on the way. This is short term good news for the energy companies, which are making huge windfall profits from the high prices, but bad news for everyone who has to pay them. This is increasingly driving people and countries to renewable energy and vehicle options as a cheaper and more stable alternative.

The succession of bad harvests that are becoming a new norm are already pushing up food prices.

If the Burnham government means what it says about prioritising the affordability of everyday life it will have to put its money where its mouth is.

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The GJA, with input from Fuel Poverty Action, CND and CACCTU has a model motion to focus this discussion in union and party branches based on three principles.

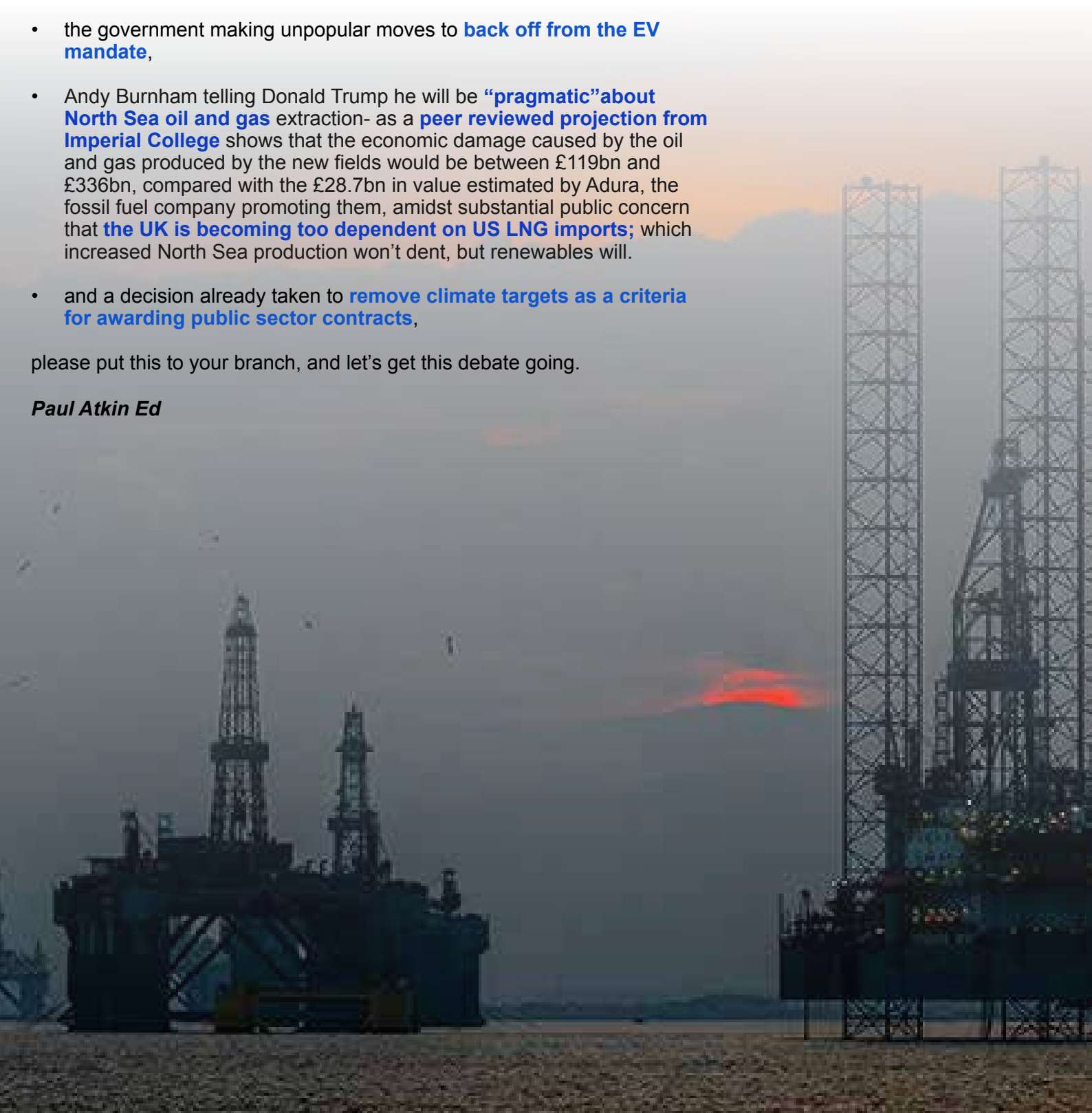
- 1. To stop the crisis, we need to stop the war, tax war pro its and transfer military spending**
- 2. The transition to renewable energy and energy conservation is the solution.**
- 3. Crisis measures must be social justice measures.**

This can be [accessed here](#) and the fuller statement that goes with it is [here](#). In the context of

- the government making unpopular moves to [back off from the EV mandate](#),
- Andy Burnham telling Donald Trump he will be [“pragmatic” about North Sea oil and gas](#) extraction- as a [peer reviewed projection from Imperial College](#) shows that the economic damage caused by the oil and gas produced by the new fields would be between £119bn and £336bn, compared with the £28.7bn in value estimated by Adura, the fossil fuel company promoting them, amidst substantial public concern that [the UK is becoming too dependent on US LNG imports](#); which increased North Sea production won't dent, but renewables will.
- and a decision already taken to [remove climate targets as a criteria for awarding public sector contracts](#),

please put this to your branch, and let's get this debate going.

Paul Atkin Ed



Trade Union Round Up

TUC calls for windfall tax on bank profits to cut energy bills



The TUC is calling on the government to introduce a **social tariff** that would help to cut energy bills for the majority of households.

A social tariff is a discount on energy bills based on household income.

It means all eligible households get a cut in their energy bills, with the greatest support provided to the lowest income households.

The TUC's proposal for an emergency energy social tariff to help a majority of people with their energy bills. It would see:

- A 30 per cent reduction to total energy bills for the 17 per cent of households with income below the relative poverty line. This is a saving of up to **£517 per year**.
- A 20 per cent reduction for a further 33 per cent of households whose income is above the relative poverty line but below the median household income. This would be a saving of up to **£345 a year**.
- A 10 per cent reduction for the additional 15 per cent of households whose income is between the median and mean of household income. This would be a saving of up to **£172 a year**.

In total, this would mean that two thirds of households would benefit.

This would cost just under £4billion a year, £6 billion is made permanent at slightly lower rates (25% for the poorest 17%, 15% for the below median 33%) and could be funded by a windfall tax on bank profits, by increasing the Bank Surcharge from 3% on profits over £100 million to 16%, which would raise £5 billion a year. Matching the 35% windfall tax on energy companies would raise £12.5 billion a year.

UNISON promotes branch showings of NEB Film during its Green Film Festival month

**2026
Year of Green
Activity**

**Film
Month**

**Invitation to screen the National
Emergency Briefing**

As part of this Film Festival we would also promote Branch Screenings of the National Emergency Briefing

Following the landmark National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, they are taking the message into communities across the UK in a 45- minute public information film accompanied by advice on how to have a structured audience discussion afterwards. UNISON supports the work of the NEB and would encourage branches to consider arranging a screening for members at some point during this Year of Green Activity

Visit nebriefing.org/host-the-film or scan the QR code below for details on how to arrange a screening.

Trade Union & Campaigning Round Up

Inclusive climate adaptation: shaping the UK's national adaptation plan

At the end of July, Friends of the Earth held an important event bringing together climate campaigners, trade unionists, disability justice activists, equalities campaigns and those on the front line impacted by floods, heatwaves, and coastal erosion for a day full of learning, collaboration, challenge and connection.

- We started the day with opening remarks from FOE Chief Executive Asad Rehman who outlined the importance of uniting together to form the most effective voice to challenge the climate crisis, and the extreme weather impacts that result from it. FOE then presented its work on the legal challenge to the government's inadequate National Adaptation Programme, setting out why climate adaptation policy must work for everyone and why inclusion and equity need to be at its heart.
- We then heard from Emma Geen, who shared her inspiring craftivism and disability justice exhibition, reminding us of the power of creativity, lived experience and storytelling in driving change.
- Fran DiGiorgio Youth Action Lead and Disability Justice Campaigns Specialist, then introduced the social model of disability, sharing the unique approach we have developed through our work alongside disabled young people and how those experiences have been transformed into demands for social change. The event was shaped by Fran's expertise in both disability justice and climate campaigning, bringing a political sharpness to how we framed adaptation as a rights issue, not a vulnerability narrative. We also had an insightful contribution from Inclusion London around solidarity in practice. It was a powerful reminder that disability justice is about removing barriers, redistributing power and ensuring disabled people are at the heart of shaping the decisions that affect their lives.

From there, we moved into workshops on flooding, heatwave impacts and coastal erosion. Bringing together people from disability justice organisations, trade unions, homelessness organisations, equality organisations, lived experience activists, academics and environmental justice organisations created something really special. A special shout out to Save Hemsby Coastline group who came to share their very real and devastating experience of losing their homes to coastal erosion, and to Flooded People, Coastal R and Dr Shiwei for sharing their expertise which ranged from the lived experience of people facing floods, to the impacts of heatwaves on mental health.

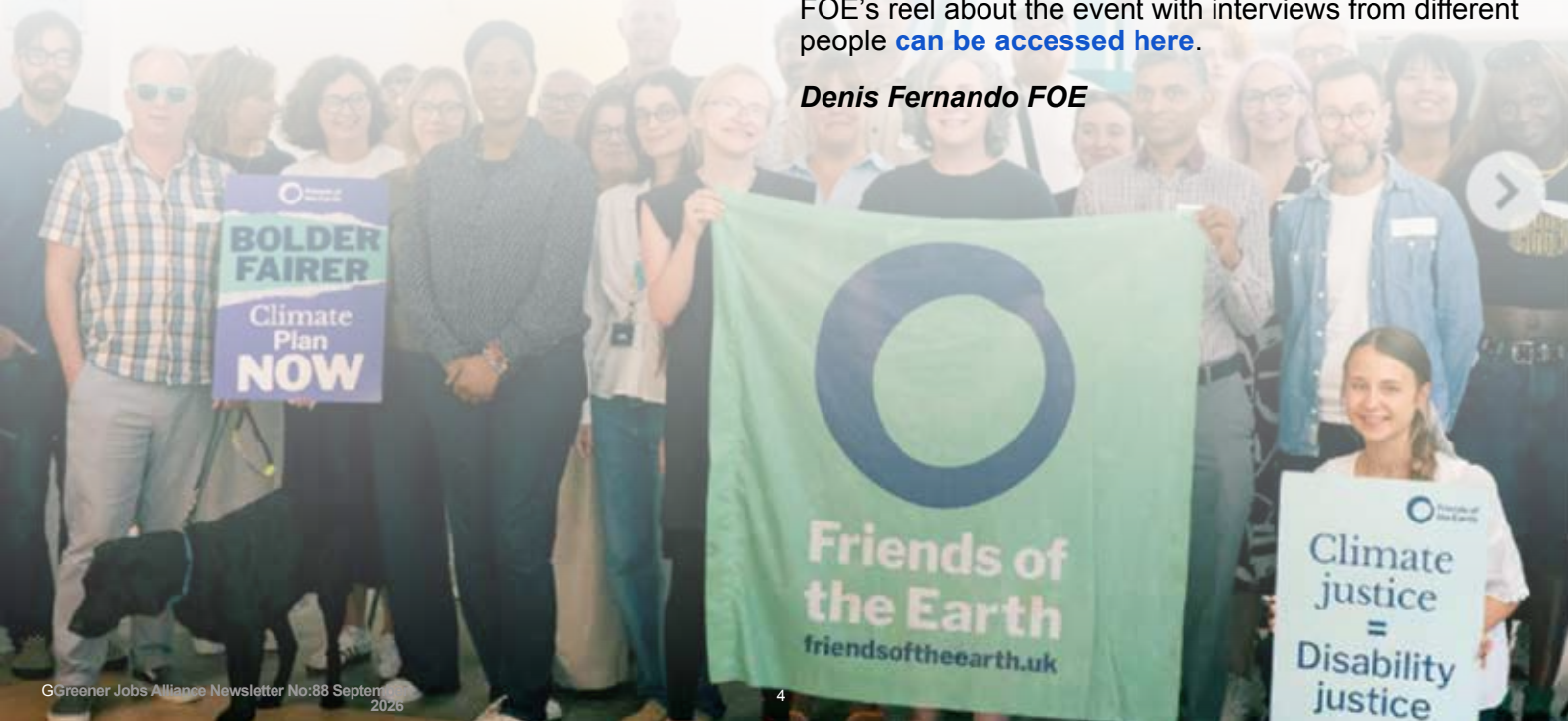
There was a real sense that everyone had something valuable to contribute, and by weaving together these different perspectives we were able to better understand the challenges different communities face and, importantly, begin identifying influencing messages for the government's next adaptation programme. It really demonstrated that better climate adaptation comes from designing solutions with people, not for them.

One of our demands of the national adaptation plan is that it fully consults with communities in order to ensure it is effective in its protections. Another thing that really stood out was how much participants appreciated the fact that we had used our resources to convene this space and to democratise our policy and campaign expertise. Rather than simply presenting our work, we created opportunities for people to engage with it.

The event showed what inclusive climate adaptation looks like in practice: bringing together diverse voices, investing in accessibility, sharing our expertise generously, building meaningful relationships and creating spaces where everyone can shape the influencing narrative.

FOE's reel about the event with interviews from different people [can be accessed here](#).

Denis Fernando FOE



Trade Union & Campaigning Round Up

Resource Box

Here is the heatwave hotspot map

The map is in a dropdown half way down the page where you can put your postcode in.

And here is the flood map

Both allow you to put in your postcode and pull up impacts of heatwaves and floods in a locality, so that people are empowered to be able to talk to their MPs, councils, Mayors and communities to make positive change on these issues



Polanski's Three Point Emergency Response

Describing climate breakdown as *"the biggest threat to this country since the Second World War"*, Green Party leader Zach Polanski called on Andy Burnham to *"act with the urgency we need."* with three proposals on immediate impacts.

- Significant mitigation against the impacts of extreme heat on people, including through introducing *"a free accessible cool space in every locality"* and *"financial support for households so they can heat proof their homes"*.
- A *"robust wildfire prevention strategy"* with a *"fire service with the resources it needs to tackle blazes when they come"*, including *"firefighting helicopters"*, funded by increased taxation on fossil fuel firms, which are *"profiting from fuelling these infernos"*.
- Water to be brought back into public ownership.

Winning a maximum working temperature for workers



The GJA and TUCAN attended the briefing held on 19 August. organised by TUC's LESE's Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition Network, and Health and Safety Committee.

Union reps spoke about their experiences of working in extreme heat. Huma Huq, the TUC Health and Safety Policy Officer, outlined a range of union responses.

Emma Howard-Boyd, Chair of the [National Heat Risk Commission](#) talked about the need to include occupational health in the work of the Commission. She offered to arrange a meeting with unions in the autumn. We welcome this opportunity to make the case for worker climate risks to be part of the consultation.

In [the latest TUCAN newsletter](#) the link between extreme heat and air pollution is set out.

Graham Petersen

Reality checks/war shocks

Never mind, money can be made...

Barclays Bank has advised its clients on how to profit from the El Niño weather event, urging them to see the disruption it will cause as a potential “*money-maker*” and Fossil fuel firms including BP, Chevron, and Shell are expected to double their combined net income to \$45bn in the current quarter of this year. Nevertheless, **BP is cutting 700 “non-frontline” jobs**, citing “*potential oversupply and lower oil and gas prices*”.

CCC Report Card: Unsatisfactory - Must Try Harder

The Climate Change Committee finds credible progress in clean electricity and surface transport, but much weaker plans for buildings, industry and engineered removals. The UK remains off track for its 2030 target. The bottleneck is no longer simply a shortage of ambition. It is the slow movement of electrification into homes, factories and everyday infrastructure.

Drought hits food production and prices

More than 100 firms, including Tesco, Waitrose and Sainsbury’s have issued an “urgent call to action” to protect food security and reduce import dependence, as extreme weather threatens supplies.

Reducing import dependence seems an oddly limited approach when the NFU is simultaneously warning of food shortages from domestic production because of the drought, which follows three bad harvests in a row. At the beginning of August, the wholesale price of tomatoes was up by more than 60%, iceberg lettuce by 90% and potatoes by more than 40% as farmers struggled to grow in consistently high temperatures. Even those with irrigation systems and reservoirs on their farms said that water was running low.

Adaptation remains further behind. Coastal flooding, overheating, agricultural risk and water scarcity are already shaping decisions, but investment still tends to arrive after the damage is done rather than before it. Insurance cannot carry the whole burden. Nor can private finance. The benefits of prevention are spread too widely and over too long a period. Public institutions still have to coordinate the response and absorb some of the early risk.



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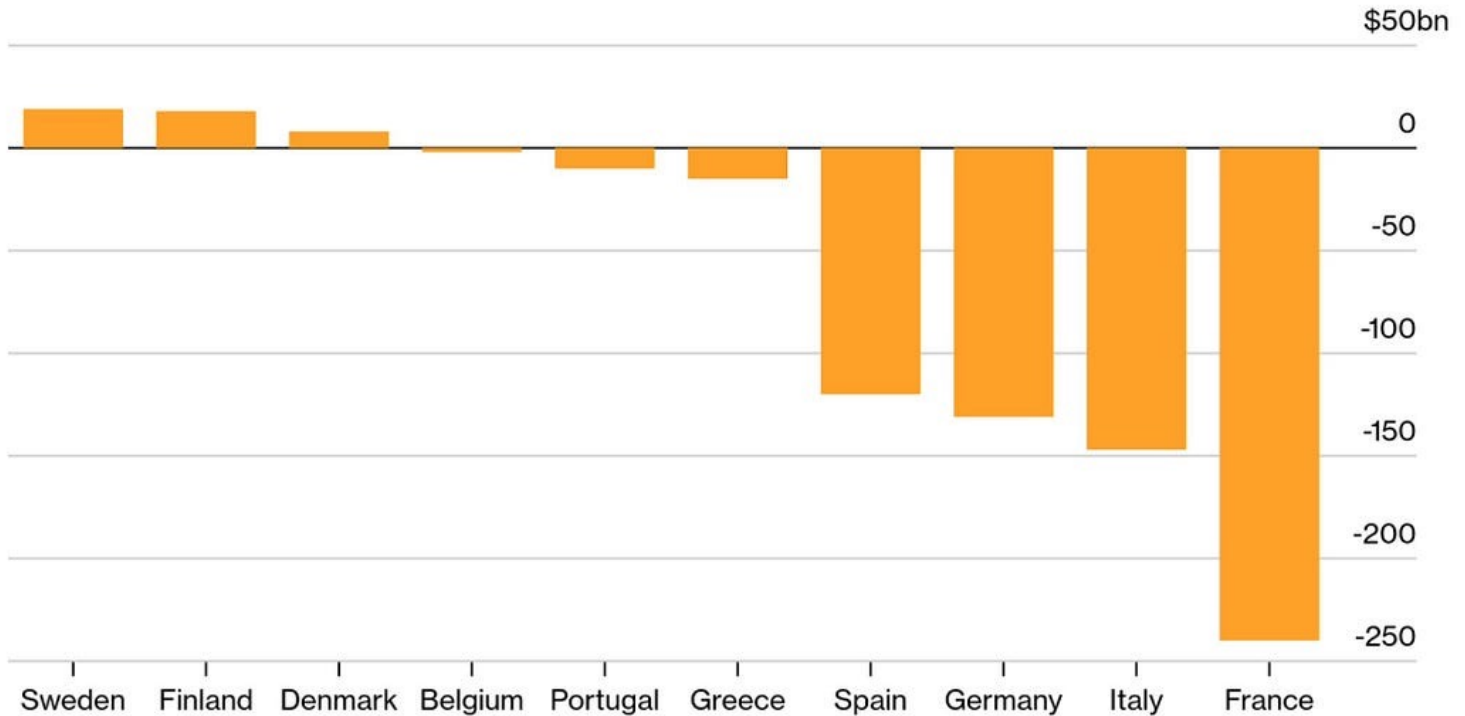
Reality checks/war shocks

The short term eye watering costs of not meeting climate targets

Mixed heat impacts

High temperatures will hurt large EU economies most

Cumulative GDP loss



Note: Cumulative GDP loss from sustained extreme heat stress (2026–2030) relative to the historical climate baseline

Source: Oxford Economics, Allianz Research

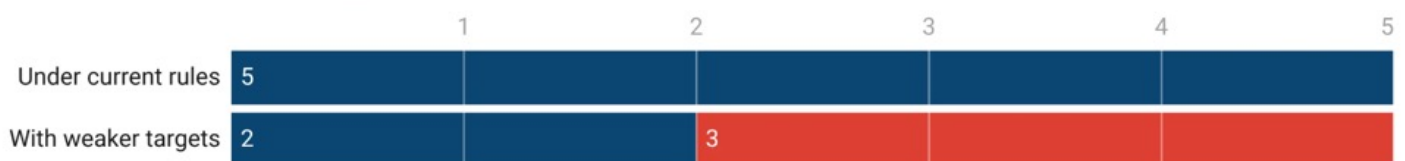
Bloomberg

In the case of the UK “by the end of 2030, expected output losses alone from heatwaves will come to at least £25bn”, but that’s not the half of it; as heat creates a feedback loop in which expected returns on capital decline, investments fall and productive capacity is reduced, leading to stagflation.

Weaker EV targets could cost UK consumers £3bn a year by 2030

Annual savings in 2030 from cumulative BEV sales 2026-2030, £bn

Annual BEV savings in 2030 Extra costs under weaker rules



Source: Carbon Brief analysis, T&E, ECIU

CarbonBrief

Carbon Brief’s assessment that the weaker EV targets being contemplated by the government will cost drivers £3billion in increased running costs by 2030. **Electrification cuts the cost of living.**

Reality checks/war shocks

Meanwhile, in Canada, drivers will shell out an extra \$53.8 billion in fuel costs, and additional “climate change-induced global damages” will hit \$94.2 billion, as a result of the Carney government’s decision to repeal the federal Electric Vehicle Availability Standard while delaying implementation of more stringent rules for vehicle tailpipe emissions. Lose, lose.

Scotland’s North Sea oil revenues declined by 12%, to £3.2bn, in 2025-26 and the industry regulator has said that, “*Oil companies operating in the declining North Sea will have to rapidly speed up the decommissioning of their wells as more fields run down, an industry regulator has said.*” Part of the transition is a lot of jobs doing that work. **BP is also selling off its last assets** in the North Sea, hardly a vote of confidence in its future from a fossil fuel major.

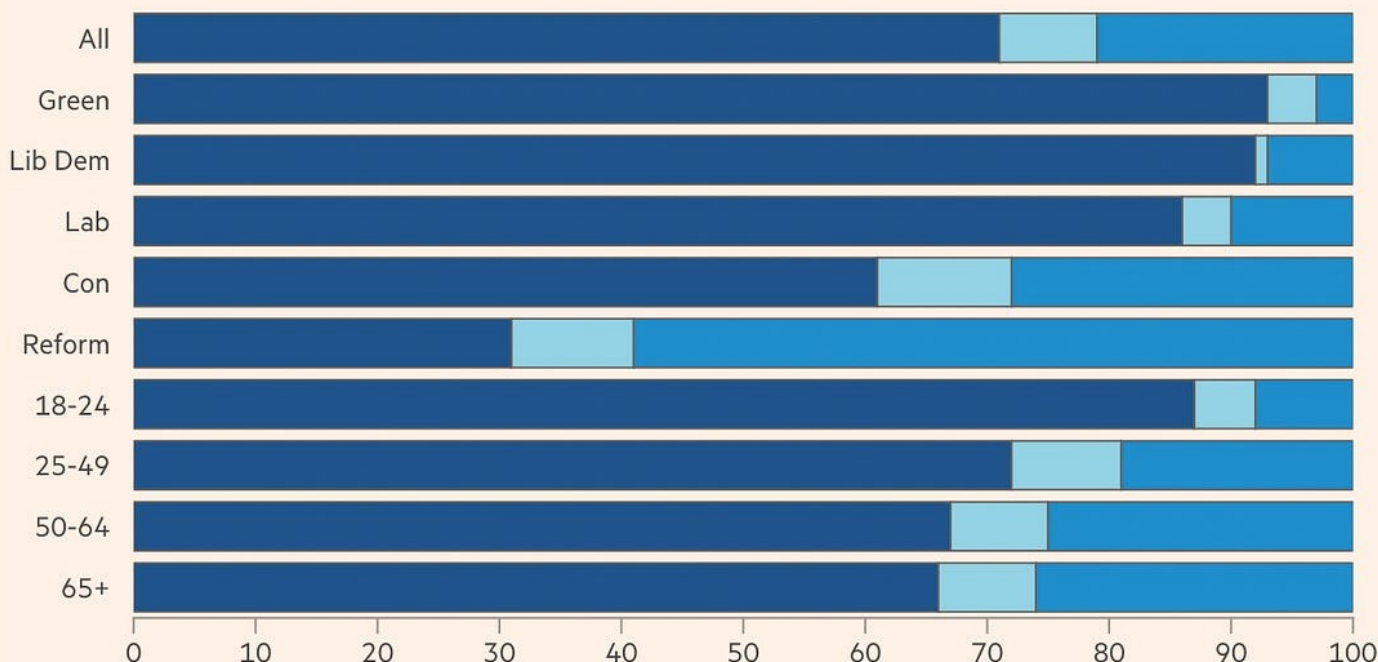
Trump administration cuts workplace heat protections

In one of his first directives last year Trump froze all pending federal rulemaking, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s proposed heat safety regulations, which would have required employers to provide water, shade, and rest breaks when temperatures hit 90F (32C). This has been described by the **New York Times** as “*a gentler approach on employers*” who really should be relieved from the unbearable pressure to treat their workers like human beings. Some Republicans are seeking to abolish OSHA entirely.

Most UK voters link hot weather to climate change

Views on whether the June heatwave was caused by climate change, by age and party support (%)

Very/fairly likely Don't know Very/fairly unlikely



Reform are out of step with “the people” and the Conservative leadership is out of step with its supporters. Younger people have a better grasp of reality than their elders, but even over 65s altogether are twice as likely to recognise the reality of climate change as all Reform supporters.

Reality checks/war shocks

A humdinger of a debate on the Right

In the middle of the heat wave at the end of July there was a humdinger of a debate in the Daily Telegraph.

- Starting with a warning from Tim Stanley that the Right risks making itself ridiculous with its pretense that climate change either isn't happening or, if it is, isn't as bad as all that, or, if it is bad, is someone else's fault so we don't have to do anything about it.
- Followed by a rejoinder from Lord Frost using the old chestnuts that transition is costly - when it actually saves us resources and money at the same time - and dismissing the impact of shaving tenths of a degree off heating (when we can see the effects of the failure to do that all around us).
- Stanley's message was reinforced by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, who has been a rare voice of relative sanity at the Telegraph, in his article **Badenoch must reverse course on net-zero before she destroys the Tories**. As he put it "*Kemi Badenoch has chosen an abominable political moment to flirt with climate nihilism. The anti-green backlash has already peaked and electrotech is fast winning the global economic argument. The great European fires of 2026 are psychologically different from earlier heatwaves. Sensors have recorded temperatures of 1,100C in the convection firestorms of the French Gironde, hot enough to create pyrocumulonimbus conditions that generate their own wind systems... If Badenoch's argument were that rigid climate laws are tying us in knots, perverting policy and fuelling lawfare, then I would agree. If her aim were to mobilise capitalism to turbo-charge our clean-tech successes, then I would applaud. But that is not her message. Her outrage is directed at wind, solar, batteries and electric vehicles. There comes a point when you have to conclude that the Tories have gone Trumpian on the existential issue of our time, competing with Nigel Farage's crypto party for fossil funding and the backlash vote.*"

- This drew forth **a rather limp response** from Badenoch herself, with her usual combination of confused thinking and condescension, conceding that "*climate change is real*" but arguing simultaneously that trying to reach Net Zero by 2050 is wrong, that the government doesn't have a plan, but the plan they do have over regulates the market. Her alternatives to "*left wing policies*" in the plan she says that the government doesn't have boils down to additional adaptation plus nuclear power stations and more gas: so an attempt to respond to damage, but no attempt to prevent it, and an option for the most expensive possible source of power instead. Genius.
- While Stanley noted on Any Questions that his initial article brought forth howls of outrage, and some threats, from the Telegraph's doughty readers - some of them no doubt typed in green font - a **letter from WWF chief executive Tanya Steel** to another article from Sunday Telegraph editor Alister Heath, arguing that we should stop worrying and learn to live with the heat, made the poignant and powerful observation, that should strike home in traditionalist hearts in a Summer of seared sere fields; "*If we ignore the warnings [of climate change], Britain will cease to be the green and pleasant land that we love.*" Cue mass choirs singing *Jerusalem*.

The Conservatives have since released a report arguing for more gas and nuclear as a path to cheaper electricity based on presuming that gas prices will be low and stable (just like they have been) that gas plants are cheaper to build than they are (and there is no 7 year waiting list for turbines) that nuclear power stations can be built more quickly than they ever have been, with no cost overruns, contrary to all experience hitherto, and will not generate extremely costly electricity, unlike now, and a series of other cost projections based on wishful thinking that "*have more holes in them than a Swiss cheese.*" This one will run and run. Ed

Press Gang

Analysis, by the Fire Brigade Union, examined top UK national newspapers from the first heat health alert on Friday 22 May to Friday 31 July, tracking how many articles including the phrase "wildfire(s)" also referred to "climate change" or a similar term such as "climate" or "global warming". It found that 65.4%, almost two thirds, did not.

Gareth Tovey, Executive Council Member for Wales at the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) said: "*when coverage treats wildfires as isolated events rather than part of a worsening climate crisis, it risks making an increasingly dangerous situation look normal.*"

Which can only be intentional. Ed.

Reality checks/war shocks

Nuclear power stations crisis - Badenoch (and Meloni) take note

With the Danube running through Budapest at just 10cm deep in 40C temperatures by mid August, Hungary has had to switch off its nuclear power station at Paks because there is not enough river water to cool it. The 80GW of solar that Hungary has installed in recent years takes the pressure off during the day, but in the evenings the costs of running additional fossil fuel power plants is estimated to **cost the country over \$600m**.

Romania has also issued a state of alert for its energy sector due to low Danube levels, and has already shut down one nuclear reactor and may have to close a second. Romania is now also speeding up the grid connection of new renewable sources and battery storage units.

Reform can't do sums

In rescinding its climate declaration Wakefield Council reckons it has saved £175,000.

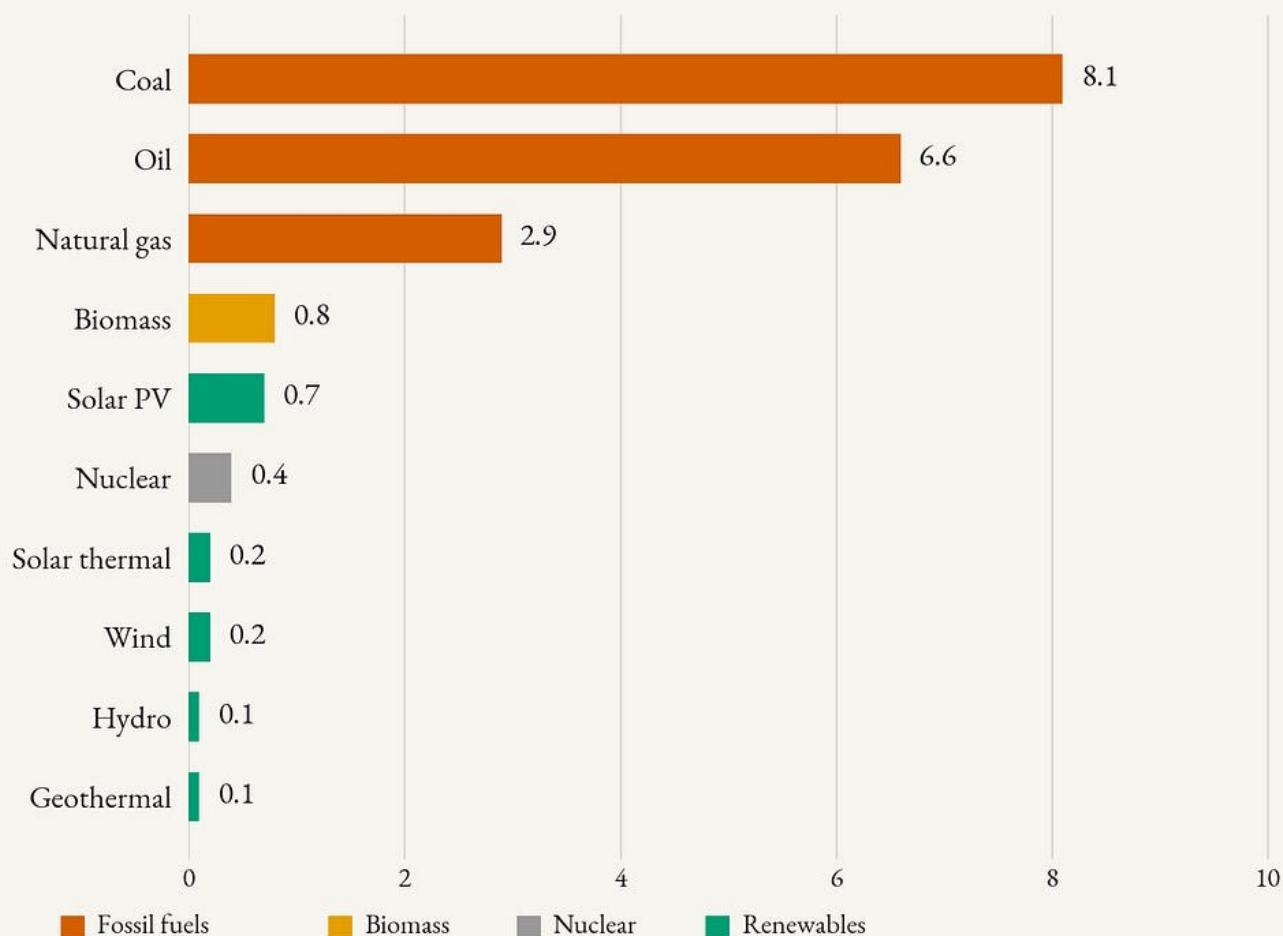
The team that had been working on climate projects has brought in £4-5 million in the last 3 years.

Do the maths. Quids out.

The more we go for renewables the more we cut the External costs of Electricity Generation

Burning things carries the biggest hidden costs

Median hidden (external) cost of electricity by source, US cents per kWh



Source: Sovacool, Kim & Yang (2021), global meta-analysis of 318 electricity externality estimates. Median values shown.

Jan Rosenow

Coal's external costs run to roughly 12 times those of solar PV, 41 times those of wind, and 87 times those of geothermal. From Jan Rosenow's [Bright Spots Substack](#)

Optimism of the Intellect

Despite Trump...

87% of new utility scale power installations in the US so far this year **have been renewable**.

Portugal's government has approved a temporary tax on windfall profits from oil and refining companies.

More of Germany's electricity came from wind and solar power (44%) than fossil fuels (43%) for the first time ever in 2025.

UK solar panel installations hit a 15-year high in 2026 and homes with solar panels could effectively **"run air con for free"** during heatwaves.

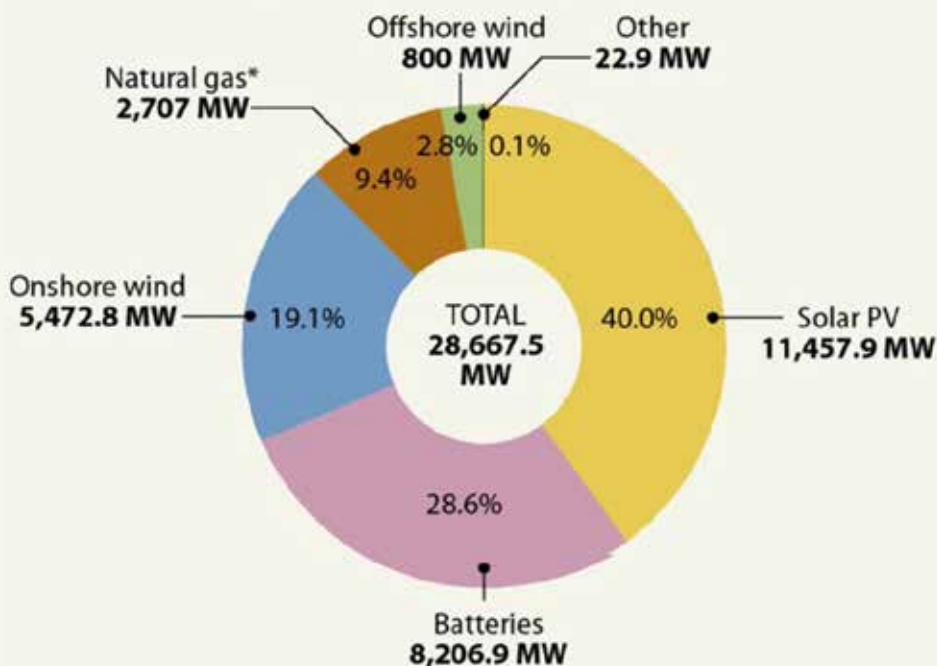
Nottingham's Workplace parking levy has funded two tram lines and driven 9.7 million extra public transport journeys a year.

The Year So Far in Power Plants

Solar and batteries dominated new power plant deployments in the first half of 2026, continuing recent trends. While gas plants were a small part of the mix, they could see a sharp increase as data center developers drive new demand.

NEW U.S. POWER PLANTS

Summer generating capacity in megawatts, by type, Jan.-June 2026



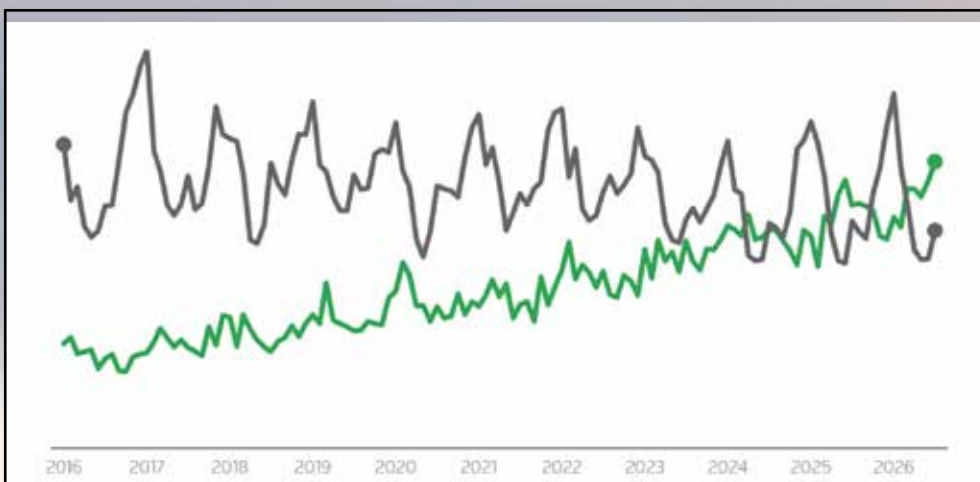
*Includes combustion turbine, combined cycle and internal combustion engine.

SOURCE: Energy Information Administration

PAUL HORN / Inside Climate News

OPEC Cuts Oil-Demand Forecast and now expects global oil demand to grow by 580,000 barrels a day, down from their previous projection of 780,000 barrels a day.

The writing on the wall for gas in Europe



Europe electricity generation from natural gas plants vs solar + wind farms
Grey line = Gas Green line = Solar + Wind



Chinese Africa energy investment triples

Chinese investment in Africa 2000-2024, by top sectors



“The lower cost of green energy has consistently driven Chinese investment despite the trade war and now countries that have been working with China on green energy might see benefits from less energy price volatility caused by the Iran war,” **Christoph Nedopil Wang**, a China energy and finance expert at the University of Queensland and the Green Finance & Development Center in Shanghai. Belt and Road Initiative Investments in the first half of 2026 ran at double the rate of 2025.

Solar power is projected to surpass coal as China’s largest source of generation capacity at some point in the third quarter of this year.

In 2025 while coal-mine proposals increased, **“new capacity additions fell nearly 40%”**, due to declines in China and Australia’

The **“smaller steel companies responsible for nearly 40% of India’s crude steel production** could cut their electricity bills by about a third while sharply reducing carbon emissions by switching to renewable energy”.

South Africa’s constitutional court blocked offshore exploration led by Shell along the country’s Indian Ocean “wild coast”, in a “setback for the oil major after years of legal challenges by local communities and environmentalists”.

A **recent study** found morning temperatures in cities were 6.5% lower in park areas, while pollution levels were over 11% lower.



Photo: QZheng W on Unsplash



In the trade union year of climate action, after a summer of heatwaves, drought and wildfires, the reality of the climate crisis is upon us. Join us at our TUC fringe meeting to hear from trade unionists whose members are on the front line dealing with the impacts of climate breakdown.

To help understand the context of what we are facing, we'll show a short film with brief highlights from climate experts at the National Emergency Briefing.

Then discussion will focus on how trade unions can lead the way in demanding action which meets the true scale of the crisis and centres the needs of workers and communities. This means delivering decent unionised jobs, comfortable and affordable low carbon homes, high quality public transport and better health.

This meeting is in the Brighton Centre as an official TUC fringe, so open to TUC delegates only.

Start time: 18.45 (or after TUC formal business ends) Meeting Room 1D

THE CLIMATE CRISIS A TRADE UNION ISSUE

WORKERS PLANET
BRIGHTON
2026

Saturday 12th September
Brighthelm Centre

This year's event will aim to learn from good practices of workplace climate action and organising against the far right, while understanding our struggles within the bigger picture and the world we live in. As repression of social movements is increasing, how do we organise for resilience at work and in our communities?

Speakers - more tbc:

- Mothin Ali, Green Party
- Asad Rehman, Friends of the Earth
- Sophie Bolt, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
- Suzanne Jeffry, Campaign against Climate Change Trade Union Group
- Heat Strike
- PCS Department for Net Zero

[Register here](#)





Are you getting your **FAIR SHARE** of the weather?

Saturday 19 September 10.00am - 5.00pm

Energy from the wind and sun are bountiful, and can be nearly free.

Low cost energy is available – but it's mostly better-off households who gain far more than their neighbours. This is unfair to all who are not part of the 'energy elite' who can afford to kit their homes out with solar panels and drive EVs. Especially as we're also getting too much of the weather as we die of the heat in poorly protected homes and workplaces. There will be workshops, training sessions, a live **Fuel For Thought** educational, and more!

[Book tickets here](#)

Lowestoft's On The Edge festival

Includes a screening of the National Emergency Briefing film, followed by debate and discussion with national and local experts.

St Mark's Church, Oulton Broad, 1.00pm, Saturday 17 October. See here for further details:



No non-radical futures available
Winning for the Climate, Winning for Workers

TRADE UNION YEAR OF CLIMATE ACTION

Conference 31st October 2026

**No Non-Radical Futures Available:
Winning for the Climate,
Winning for Workers**

**31 October, 10.30-16.30, Crowndale Centre,
218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD**

The Trade Union Year of Climate Action has also been a year of frightening heatwaves, wildfires and floods. Without strong action we'll continue to see these impacts escalating, hitting the poorest hardest, and bringing global tipping points closer. Normalising this as the new reality would be disastrous for working class people globally.

Too many people are struggling to make ends meet, while the richest profit at the expense of people and planet, and the far right grow by exploiting this misery. Dangerous new wars are being waged which destroy lives and deepen these crises. Business as usual is not an option. It's time for the trade union movement to step up and demand a 'just transformation' towards a liveable planet as well as a fairer and more peaceful society in line with the reality of the climate and ecological crises we face.

On 31st October join us for a conference to build on the year of action.

The conference will be focused on three themes:

- A just transformation - towards a liveable planet and a fairer society
- Joining the dots to strengthen the climate movement within trade unions
- Defeating climate denial and misinformation as the crisis deepens

[Tickets available to book now](#)

More information about workshops and speakers soon!

€ 36
billion

Impact of this year's heatwaves on the German economy. The longer we wait to mitigate, the worse these impacts will get.

70%

Of UK onshore wind farm developers' life cycle spending takes place in the UK, and for every £1 in post-tax profit a developer makes, around 37p is typically invested back into the local community. A record number (45) of onshore wind farm applications were submitted in the year to March.

54%

Of people want to see fossil fuel companies paying for the damage caused by flooding or wildfires, while 45% believe these firms should pay compensation to the public for loss of income or livelihoods and personal payments to anyone injured, traumatised or bereaved by climate-induced weather disasters and 41 per cent that they should be held fully financially accountable for the role they are playing in driving extreme weather.

1%

of Scotland's onshore wind capacity owned by communities. In Denmark since 2008 developers have been **required** to offer communities at least a 20 per cent stake in new wind farms. In Germany, one **study** estimated that 40 per cent of renewable capacity is citizen-owned.

0.01%

Of the UK's solar installations in 2025 suffered fires in 2025. Not the "solar tinder box" reported in the ever proportionate Mail on Sunday.

0.35C
per decade

The current rate of global heating. After removing the effects of El Niño, volcanic eruptions, and solar cycles, researchers found that the planet has heated at roughly 0.35°C per decade over the past ten years, compared with just under 0.2°C per decade from 1970 to 2015. The acceleration, which becomes visible around 2013 to 2015, appeared across five major global temperature datasets with more than 98% statistical certainty. Lord Frost take note; shaving tenths of degrees downwards instead up up is the path to safety.

>70%

Of global corporate vehicle fleets added no new diesel or petrol vehicles to their stock last year. The writing is on the wall for fossil fuel vehicles.

20

The number of staff out of 6,613 at the Department for Environment Food and Rural affairs who are **working on climate adaptation**.

0

The number of fossil fuel cars in the top ten spots in the Autotrader online marketplace's list of the United Kingdom's fastest-selling used cars for July, the first time there has been none. 2 were hybrids. 8 were fully electric.

40,000

The number of **"pothole-related breakdown calls" in a month driven by the heatwave** according to the AA, as the heat melts the bitumen and causes the roads to crumble and form **potholes**, a process that will happen even quicker if the roads are in a poor condition to begin with.

TUC Supplement 2026

Every Year the GJA produces a short summary of motions going to the TUC Congress that have an explicit climate dimension to them, and points to some that don't but could.

This is necessarily a comment on [the draft motions](#), the raw material submitted by unions, which are then negotiated into a shorter agenda by pulling together those that are compatible with each other in the compositing process. What emerges from what used to be called "smoke filled rooms" will drop some ideas and emphasise some others, as initial bargaining positions are smoothed out into a form that the proposers aim to be able to win a majority; if not the Holy Grail of consensus

Like all human institutions, the TUC isn't perfect, but this attempt to bring to bear the collective experience of organised workers is unique and vital, and we hope that this newsletter helps play its part in that.

[Read it here](#)

Quote of the Month

"The climate emergency kills and that's why it's not enough to address the consequences, which we do; what we have to do is reduce its causes, anticipate its effects, and, consequently, better prepare our country to protect people's lives."

Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez



Supporting the Greener Jobs Alliance

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

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