Tackling the environmental and economic crises

One Million Climate Jobs

With temperatures rising to unprecedented levels in 2016, climate scientists say we face a climate emergency. To avoid catastrophic climate change, we need drastic cuts in the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases we put into the air. That means leaving most of the existing reserves of fossil fuels in the ground, transforming our economy into one fit for the future.

The One Million Climate Jobs report, backed by eight national unions including the National Union of Students, shows that we can create a million secure government jobs: in renewable energy, in increasing energy efficiency by insulating homes and public buildings, in hugely expanding cheap public transport to get people and freight onto cleaner forms of transit, and in developing the "green skills" that we need through education and training. This is the alternative both to austerity and to Government inaction as the world slides towards climate catastrophe.

“A fantastic tool for mapping the kind of climate justice future we should all be working towards.”
Naomi Klein

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There are now campaigns in several countries fighting for mass government programmes for climate jobs. Most of them started with union support, and all of them are trying to build an alliance of unions, environmentalists, NGOs, and faith groups.

At the Paris climate negotiations the international trade union movement called for urgent action to cut emissions and a just transition to a sustainable economy. In the UK, eight major unions backed the latest edition of One Million Climate Jobs, and others have recently passed motions to support action on climate change.

But this is not a fight that can be won from the top down. Local engagement is needed to convince people that decent jobs and protecting our planet are not mutually exclusive. So whether you are a member of a trade union or not, please join the campaign!

- Read and share the One Million Climate Jobs report - download and order copies at www.campaignnc.org/climatejobs
- Get in touch with local trade union branches (more about engaging with unions at www.campaignnc.org/workingwithunions)
- If you're in a union, get your local branch to pass a motion affiliating to the Campaign against Climate Change
- If you'd like to do more, e.g. organise a public meeting, contact info@campaignnc.org

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