

# **UK Student Climate Network**

# **Green New Deal**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

**The Green New Deal will fundamentally restructure our economy to deliver good jobs and a liveable future. As part of the Green New Deal collectively you are signing on to these minimum standards:**

- 1. Rapidly and completely reach an emissions neutral United Kingdom through a government-led, ten year mobilisation for a just and prosperous transition including the infrastructure needed to benefit all communities and workers.**
- 2. Create millions of new well-paid and secure jobs ensuring sustainable and meaningful livelihoods for all workers, including those in today's high emissions sectors.**
- 3. Massively reduce social and economic inequalities with investment targeted in communities where it is most needed in the UK as a result of historic and current oppression, and the green economy that emerges will operate equitably and work in the interest of these communities.**
- 4. Protect and restore vital threatened habitats and carbon sinks, and ensure the provision of clean water, air, and green spaces, securing a safe and healthy environment for all.**

**5. Build a resilient society prepared for impacts of climate change that are now unavoidable, readying ourselves in unity to meet these challenges in a way that protects the most vulnerable including; deindustrialised communities; the global south; deprived rural areas; communities of colour; migrant communities; low-income workers; women; the elderly; the homeless; people with disabilities and young people.**

## **Why do we need a Green New Deal in the UK?**

**It is now clear that we need a bold and radical plan to fight the climate crisis at the scale that scientists say is necessary. To do that we need to transform our economy and society at the speed necessary to prevent climate breakdown. We need to do what is required of us - not simply what is seen as politically possible.**

**To make that happen, we propose to massively shift the debate on climate change in the UK. Through a high-profile and interventionist campaign, GND UK will fundamentally alter the political and public conversation on climate action. We will shift the conversation away from the small incremental changes currently being demanded and proposed in Westminster. Instead, through this radical intervention we will create the unstoppable political momentum needed for bold, dynamic and creative cross-government response to climate change.**

**A decade of austerity has crippled communities across the UK, and people are ready to take back control of their economic and environmental futures. A GND would put people and planet first -- harnessing the energy of many who have been left behind by business as usual.**

**It will be a movement of people who want to see a new approach to running our economy for radical action on climate change, creating a vehicle for the energy and passion of campaigners across the UK, and bolstering the European and trans-atlantic climate movements. It would also spark and inspire the wider environmental movement to adopt a more urgent and radical approach to climate campaigning - platforming and adding capacity to this national campaign.**

## **Green New Deal organising principles**

**The Green New Deal UK will be movement led. We will do the work necessary to put those most affected by climate change in the UK and globally at the heart of this campaign - this includes communities who are marginalised in the UK by race and class issues specifically. Those communities will not just be the spokespeople for the Green New Deal UK - they will be at the centre of developing the political strategy, policy proposals, and movement coordination. A GND could be the collective movement response to any crisis that might happen: freak weather, hot summers, economic crash post Brexit.**



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