

# Climate Jobs Now!



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**The direct action on show by trade unionists on strike shows the real power of working people in this time of crisis, writes Tony Staunton, President of the Plymouth Trades Union Council.**

Railworkers in the trade unions of RMT, ASLEF and TSSA are mounting picket lines in August to show their strength of resolve for rights at work, decent pay, secure jobs and conditions of service. Engineers and office staff employed by BT and members of the CWU are on strike. Royal Mail postal workers are preparing for strike action, whilst teachers, college workers, civil servants and firefighters are all organising for potential struggle with their employers.

## Outrageous Profiteering

In all these cases, the privatisation of transport, utilities and public services including education is seeing record profits for the rich but low pay for us (see overleaf). **People have had enough.** On top of a decade of austerity cuts, rocketing bills are hitting hard, forcing families to make impossible choices. Fuel companies and supermarkets are recording record profits while bills go through the roof. The sense of injustice is everywhere.

## Renationalise to save the Climate!

The cost of living scandal is also a climate scandal. The UK is particularly vulnerable to oil and gas price rises. Again, this is because of government choices: refusal to tackle the UK's dependence on fossil gas alongside deliberate removal of support for home insulation, leaving our homes drafty and expensive to heat.

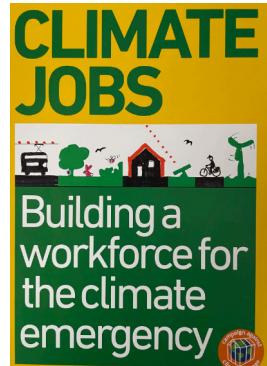
## Cut Profits to invest in the workforce

As gas prices rise, the UK oil and gas industry is set to rake in around £18 billion extra profit from ordinary households' soaring energy bills. Tax-payers subsidise the fossil fuel companies that are exploiting the people whilst destroying the environment and causing climate collapse. We have to take back control of these services. We have to fight for a National Climate Service ending investments in oil, gas and coal and using the taxation and revenue to cut global heating emissions. Trade unions are key to this fight.

**CLIMATE JOBS:** Building a workforce for the climate emergency



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## Diary of Events:

**Saturday 20th August:**  
Trade Union march through Plymouth City centre:  
Renationalise Rail, Transport and utilities! Support the strikes! Fight Austerity and Climate Collapse!  
Assemble Guildhall 11:30am. Rally at North Cross.

**10th - 13th September:**  
**Extinction Rebellion (XR) Festival of Resistance**, London, plus Plymouth banner drops and flash events.

**17th-18th September:**  
Global Climate Justice & Jobs Conference on-line:  
[www.globalclimatejobs.org](http://www.globalclimatejobs.org)

**24th Sept-2nd October:**  
**Great Big Green Week**. Visit the Climate Centre, 67 New George Street PL1 1RJ - Actions and Talks

**8th October: Campaign against Climate Change**  
Climate Jobs Conference on Zoom:  
[www.campaigncc.org](http://www.campaigncc.org) Trade Unions.

**14th October: End Fossil Fuels Now!** Westminster, London (XR) and Plymouth events

**15th October:** Art for Climate Justice Festival, Plymouth. Go to [www.Plymouthhub4climate.org](http://www.Plymouthhub4climate.org)

**5th November:** People's Assembly march for Climate, London and regional events.

**12th November: Plymouth Climate Justice March** - COP27 protest from 11:00am at the Plymouth Guildhall

**September 17 -18th**  
**Online Conference**

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An international discussion to strengthen the strategic vision of the global Climate Justice Movement

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