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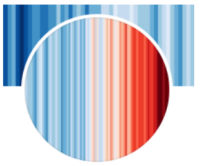
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The international climate protests through November, including more than 500 marching in Plymouth, proved the forward development of the Movement of Climate justice this year, writes Tony Staunton from the Campaign against Climate Change. But the failure of the COP27 Climate Conference summit to take action appropriate to the scale and urgency of the climate crisis, and its capture by fossil fuel interests mean that the world will continue to heat up.

## No Money

Despite the creation of a new "Loss & Damage" Fund, no money has been forthcoming from governments to help with reparations to the countries of the Global South. Many are suffering the worst chaos of climate catastrophe whilst being responsible for the least of the emissions of global heating gases that are destroying the climate and ecology.

The unmet bill for loss and damage from climate disasters will continue rising, along with the unbearable human cost. We have to go beyond the COP process to put maximum pressure on governments and Corporations to cut emissions now! Mass Direct Action, promoting the political action of millions of people, is the way forward.

## The Climate Crisis is a Cost-of-Living-Crisis

Nurses, teachers, civil servants and Posties, barristers and railworkers, paramedics, fire fighters and BT engineers are all planning to strike this winter over the cost-of-living.

Poverty is a killer and so is the Climate Crisis. The current fuel and food price-hikes are caused by rising profits of oil & gas companies, supermarkets & processed-food manufacturers, not by wage demands or workers' greed. It's right to strike. Any wage rise below the rate of inflation - 11% this month - is a pay cut when we're already losing spending power.







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Plymouth marched for Climate Justice on 12th November as part of the international campaign to lobby the COP27 Climate Conference in November 2022: A popular chant was, "One struggle, one fight—climate justice, worker's rights." The demonstration was joined by activists from the Unite, Unison, UCU, NEU, USDAW, ASLEF & PCS trade unions.

Not only are the rich getting richer off the backs of the pandemic and global economic crisis, but they're allowing the climate crisis to worsen.

Scientists are detailing the impact of extreme weather on human societies now and in the near future:

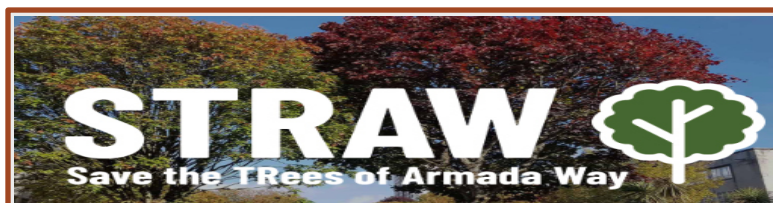
-  **fuel shortages** and electricity outages caused by storms, fires and floods;
-  **food shortages** caused by crop failures (already down by a third in the UK due to last summer's two heatwaves);
-  **deepening housing crisis** due to poor insulation and negligent landlords; and
-  **corrupt authoritarian governments** as the scramble for resources breeds war and militarised borders.

We need action, now, to invest in emissions reductions and adaptations to social infrastructure.

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