

# Climate Justice means redistribution!

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## action for people not profit!



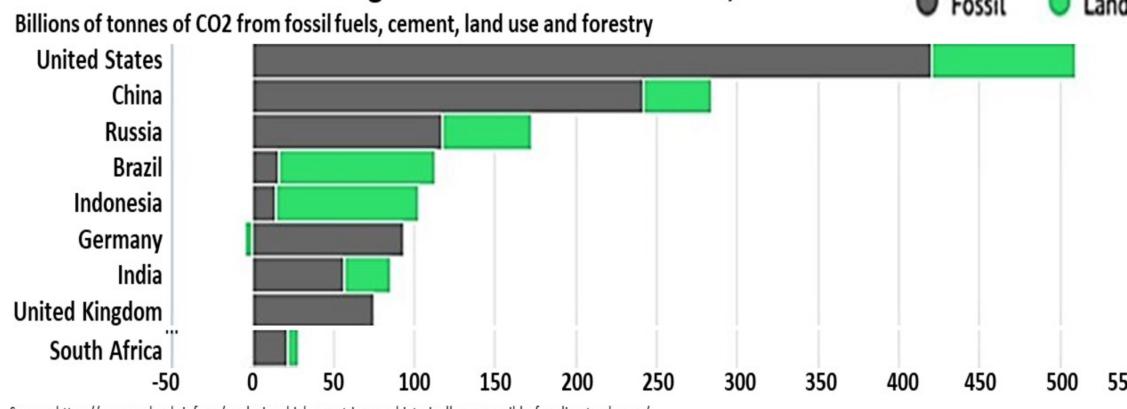
Ordinary working people should not be expected to pay the price for the climate emergency. It is not just workers across the UK who are facing food, water and fuel inflation. Hundreds of millions of ordinary people across the world are being forced into life-threatening crisis without help, *writes Tony Staunton from the Campaign against Climate Change.*

We are facing dramatic and colossal change as global warming impacts all aspects of life on earth.

The transition away from fossil fuel use and the resulting gas emissions that are destroying the world must happen now. That means all aspects of society have to change if we are to prevent global climate catastrophe. The question is, how to protect people through the transition?

There is only one solution - the wealth and resources produced by humanity locally and globally has to be redistributed to shut-down emissions and ensure a super-fast transition to a zero-emissions. Wealthy nations have to be expected to do more than those whose emissions are historically low or industrialised more recently. Right now, the opposite is the case, with the poor baring all the brunt.

### The countries with the largest cumulative emissions, 1850-2021



Research by Oxfam estimates that between 1990 and 2015, the richest 10% of humanity accounted for 52% of cumulative emissions, of whom the richest 1% accounted for 15% of the total. Compared to this, the poorest 50% accounted for just 7% of cumulative emissions.

Many in rich nations such as the UK justify their failure to stop fossil fuels by comparing our current emissions to countries like China and India, whose total annual emissions are currently high. This ignores important parts of the story, including emissions per capita, and historical responsibility.

Some countries, including the UK, have already far exceeded their own carbon allowance. Even if those countries cut their emissions to zero, this effort would not meet what is required according to their fair share. Those countries should pay towards the costs of the energy transition in the Global South.

**That would be Climate Justice!**



## Greenwash!

Oxford University reports that the UK is underprepared for climate change: investment into critical sectors like infrastructure, buildings and agriculture may be pushing the UK in the wrong direction, as well as leaving the UK financial sector exposed to systemic risks. Government action is not matching the urgency and risk. The UK's climate watchdog, the Climate Change Committee (CCC), warned in March that there is a "striking lack of climate preparation" from current green policies and that the current National Adaptation Programme introduced by the Government is failing to match the challenge of the climate crisis.

### Calling all activists and climate groups!

## Plymouth Climate Summit

Beginning the week of grassroots events during COP28

### Saturday 2nd December 2023



The need for concerted action on the climate emergency is huge. We are calling upon all environmental and climate groups to join together for a protest march and major climate summit in Plymouth at the start of the United Nations COP28 climate conference to be held in the oil state of Dubai, UAE. If you can help or take part, please email: [plymouthhub4climate@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthhub4climate@gmail.com)

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