

# A Year of Trade Union Action for Climate



In 2024, the TUC **voted** to back a **Year of Trade Union Climate Action**, engaging with community and climate justice groups. It will kick off this autumn, with a key moment of global solidarity in November during the UN climate negotiations, COP30, in Brazil. We want active support from as many national trade unions as possible – but a really powerful year of action can only be built from the grassroots up.

Last month's NEU conference passed a climate motion including a commitment to support members in organising workplace events during the year of action.

Let's do this in every trade union!

**The UK trade union movement is split on policies towards climate action, militarism, re-armament and nuclear weapons. Let's change that this year!**

**Build a united campaign for Welfare not Warfare, Climate not Nuclear Weapons! Call it:**

- A National Climate Service to direct emissions reductions and social adaptations eg. retrofitting homes
- Make Winter Fuel Allowance universal, ensuring all pensioners don't freeze to death in their own homes – costing £1.5 billion
- Lift over a quarter of a million children out of poverty by lifting the Child Benefit Cap – costing £2.5 billion
- Halt cuts to benefits for disabled people, including Personal Independence Payments (PIP) – costing £5 billion

**Building a mass public movement against the threat of climate catastrophe and war can pressure the government to change direction. Ending poverty is a prerequisite to protecting the working class from the extreme weather and economic disruption that has already begun.**

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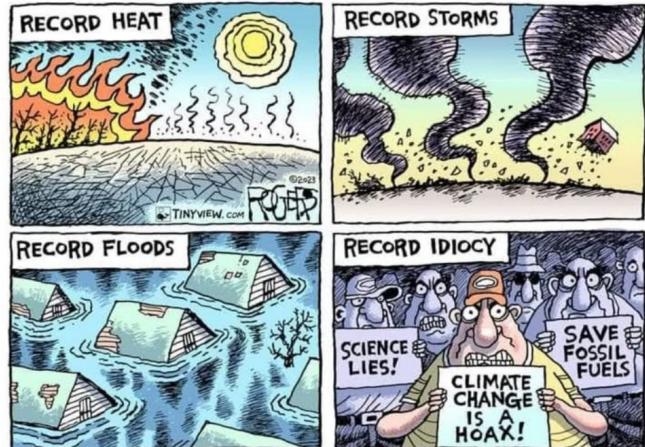


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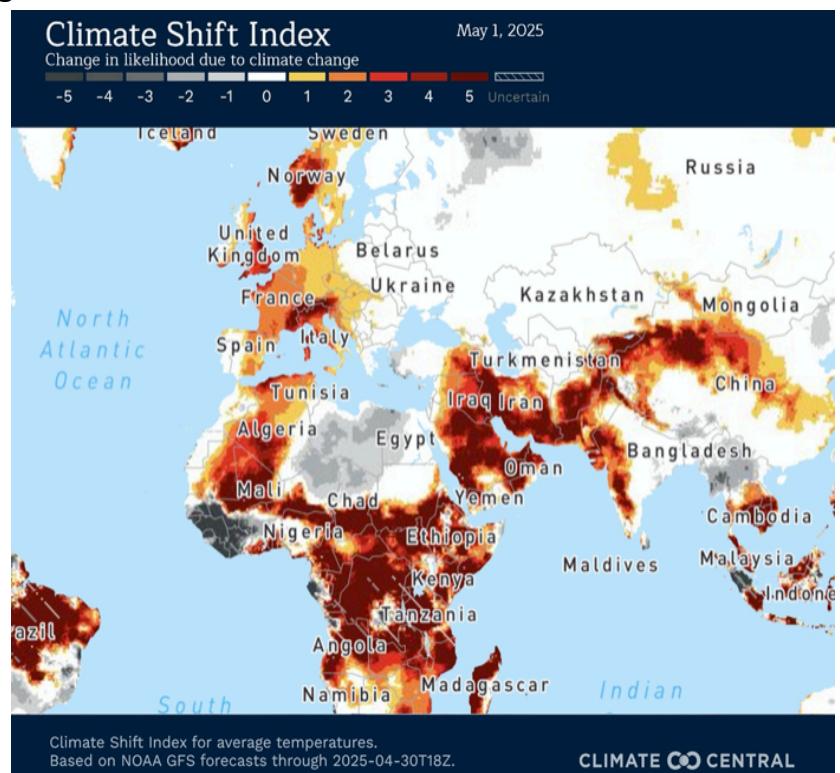


With emissions increasing, 2C+ climate shift is baked-in making climate collapse an existential threat in the coming decades.

At our meeting on Wednesday 7th May we heard from trade unions supporting the year of action and from grassroots campaigns on key climate issues such as fuel poverty and heat exposure at work. Now we must build for a year of action from the grassroots up, in our unions, our workplaces and in our wider communities.

Our actions will kick off this autumn, with a key moment of global solidarity in November during the UN climate negotiations, COP30, in Brazil and a Climate Summit in Plymouth on Saturday 15th November 2025 – join us!

Unions have always been at the forefront of struggle for changes that make life better for working class people. Now is our time to step up again for this ultimate struggle to protect the very conditions of life, safety and fairness for our communities and the generations to come.



Climate Shift Index for average temperatures.  
Based on NOAA GFS forecasts through 2025-04-30T18Z.

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