

The conference

The huge social and economic changes that are needed to dramatically reduce carbon emissions are of vital interest to trade unionists, as are the methods by which they can be achieved. This conference is a chance to engage and debate with each other on these crucial issues. Campaigners and researchers from the trade union movement will address a series of workshops on a variety of related issues.

We are also hosting three forums to examine crucial debates for those concerned about the environment. The discussions around the future for nuclear power, coal and aviation are controversial ones within our movement. We hope that these debates will help clarify the issues for delegates.

As the world looks forward to the signing of the Kyoto Treaty's replacement later this year, our closing plenary will look at proposals for a new treaty and how trade unionists can support and join the international protests calling on world governments to sign a climate treaty that will have social justice at its heart.

Registration (10am-11am)

King's College London, Franklin-Wilkins Building
Entrance on Stamford Street, London SE1
Tel: 020 7836 5454

This venue is fully accessible

Nearest stations: Waterloo tube and rail

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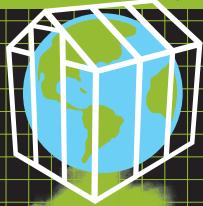
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2nd Trade Union Conference

Saturday 7th March 2009



Speakers include

Chris Baugh (PCS), Tony Keams (CWU), Jean Lambert MEP, Ian Lavery (NUM), Mark Lynas, John McClean (GMB), John McDonnell MP, Caroline Molloy, Ann Pettifor, Dave Prentis (UNISON), Phil Thornhill (CCC), Matt Wrack (FBU)

Affiliated unions include

CWU, Connect, FBU, PCS, RMT and UCU

Admission £10 (£5 concessions)

King's College London, Franklin-Wilkins Building, Stamford Street, London SE1

Opening plenary (11am-12pm)

Trade unions and climate change – are we making progress?

Dave Prentis, General Secretary, UNISON, Matt Wrack, General Secretary FBU, Chris Baugh, Assist. General Secretary PCS, Barry Lovejoy, UCU, John McClean, National Officer GMB, Phil Thornhill, National Coordinator CCC

Workshops (12pm-1.30pm)

Forums (2.15pm-3.45pm)

A. Workplace environment reps

Speakers: Paul Hampton, *Labour Research Department*, Graham Petersen, *Unison Environment Rep*: The speakers join current environment reps from around the country to discuss theory and practice of being an environment rep and how you can become one too.

B. Fighting for a just transition

Speakers: Danny Faith *GMB Branch Secretary Heathrow (pc)*, Caroline Molloy, *Researcher – Environment Unite*: If 'dirty' carbon polluting industries close what happens to the workers? How do we move to a low carbon economy in a socially just way? What are the implications for the unions?

C. Towns and cities

Speakers: Sarah Parker, Glyn Robbins, Over fifty percent of humanity lives in cities. This workshop looks at the strategies and solutions urban populations can use to deal with climate change.

D. Economics of climate change

Speakers: Ann Pettifor, co-author *Green New Deal*, Graham Turner, author *The Credit Crunch* How will the economic situation impact on attempts to stop climate change? Will a recession mean reduced emissions? Can investment in green industries and jobs be part of the economic solution?

E. Food production, diets and climate change

Speakers: Esme Choonara, co-author *Hunger in a World of Plenty*, Jayant Patel, *Vegetarian Society*, Jackie Simpkins, *War on Want*: Food production and distribution is a major contributor to climate change. We discuss the changes we need to implement for a just global food system.

F. How can we make transport sustainable?

Speakers include: Jason Torrance, *Sustrans* Is there a realistic alternative to private cars? This workshop will look at how we can change the way we commute and travel to reduce the impact of transport on the environment?

G. International perspectives post-Kyoto

Speakers: Joseph Healey *Green Party*, Philip Pearson, *TUC Senior Policy Officer Climate Change* We need international agreement and action on climate change but Kyoto failed. How can we get an international agreement which is effective, equitable and just?

H. Are renewables a solution to climate change?

Speakers: Dave Elliott *Open University*, Nick Rau *Friends of the Earth* Renewable energy generation is part of most plans to deal with climate change. This session will examine the prospects for renewable energy generation and whether it could provide all our power needs.

I. Methods of struggle

Speakers: John Jordan, *Climate Camp*, Tony Kearns, *CWU*, John Stewart, *HACAN* The *Climate Camps* have demonstrated the vibrant and imaginative approach to campaigning of many young activists. What can the trade union movement learn from them and they from us?

1. WHAT FUTURE FOR COAL?

Speakers: Ian Lavery, President of the NUM and Paul Morrozo of Greenpeace

Coal is often cited as a dirty fuel, one that we need to use less of in future if we are to change the trend towards global warming. But what will happen to the communities dependent on this industry and what about carbon capture technologies: can they really clean up emissions? Can coal provide clean energy as well as much needed jobs?



2. WHAT FUTURE FOR NUCLEAR POWER?



Speakers: Martin Empson, author of *Climate Change – why nuclear power is not the answer* and Mark Lynas, author of *Six Degrees – our future on a hotter planet*

Moving away from carbon intensive power generation is key to dealing with the question of long term climate change, but to what extent should nuclear power be part of the energy mix? Those in favour argue it is carbon neutral. Opponents point out problems with waste and other dangers. Come and take part in the debate about this key issue.

3. WHAT FUTURE FOR AVIATION?

Speakers: John McClean, GMB, John McDonnell MP

Aviation is set to further increase carbon emissions, so how will the government plan to reduce the total amount to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050? With the threat of climate crisis, the current economic recession, and uncertainty regarding the supply and cost of fuel, what role will aviation play in the economic, employment and environmental future of our lives? Can the aviation industry become part of an integrated transport and business plan that offers new sustainable employment opportunities?



We have chosen to present forums rather than debates to enable fraternal discussion on the key facts and arguments around these vitally important issues, rather than simply a polarised exchange.

Closing plenary (4.00pm-5.00pm)

Towards Copenhagen

Tony Kearns, Senior Deputy General Secretary CWU, John McDonnell MP, Jean Lambert, Green Party MEP, Jonathan Neale, Campaign against Climate Change

The last session of the day will take contributions from the floor, so anyone who wants to speak will get the chance. Our final guest speakers will draw together major themes of the conference and will give thoughts and guidance on the lead up to Copenhagen.