

Model Motion for Affiliates

This branch/trades council/organisation notes:

- We are facing a catastrophic crisis! Climate change will cause rising sea levels, more frequent and severe extreme weather events, mass extinction of wildlife. In turn this will impact the safety of our communities and the security of our food supply.
- The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned us that we must cut carbon emissions by 45% by 2030, and reach carbon neutrality by 2050, or we risk the planet heating beyond 1.5 degrees. If we fail to curb our carbon emissions and the average global temperature continues to increase, we risk triggering feedback loops that we would have no hope of stopping. Currently, carbon emissions continue to rise.
- Despite this stark warning by the scientific community, governments and employers continue to act as if there were no crisis at all.

This branch/trades council/organisation believes:

- Capitalism is the driving force behind the climate crisis, as well as growing inequality at home and abroad. We must call for a 'just transition' to a green, just society that ensures a high standard of life and democratic participation for all.
- That organised workers are the most effective force for social change and need to play a leading role in the climate justice movement.
- That the most important tool workers hold is that of withdrawing our labour, and that we should work towards the repeal of draconian anti-union laws as well as building confidence amongst workers to take action on climate in the here and now.
- That the workers' movement should be actively building towards a general strike as our most powerful weapon to combat the climate crisis and advance the wider interests of the working class.

This branch/trades council/organisation resolves:

- To affiliate to Earth Strike UK (Affiliation fees are based on a suggested donation of £20-40 for local union branches, trades councils and organisations, £40-60 for union regions and regional organisations and £80-100 for national organisations)
- To provide Earth Strike UK with names and contact information of one or more members who will serve as a point of contact with Earth Strike UK.
- To seek to instigate and support action against climate change in the workplace and to show active solidarity with youth strikes, environmental organisations and indigenous groups on the frontline of the climate struggle.

A list of affiliated branches, regions, trades councils and organisations will be hosted on our website. To let Earth Strike UK know of your decision to affiliate please email affiliate@earth-strike.co.uk or fill in the online form at www.earth-strike.co.uk/action/union-affiliation