

GREEN ACTION AT WORK CAMP

Unions and the environment

Trade unions are responding to the challenge of climate change by actively promoting sustainable policies at work. Workplaces burn energy, consume resources and generate waste – they are the most obvious starting point to tackle climate change and sustainable development issues.

How can we live and work more efficiently, get more from less, and re-use resources? What can trade unionists do to change how we work now?

Trade unions face difficult decisions and have to represent workers across all sectors of the economy. They have taken up the cause of sustainable development and join with environmental groups for international action.

But unions have their own contribution to make. The unique role played by union reps can be harnessed to promote change at work.

The Tolpuddle Green Action at Work Camp aims to provide practical help for trade unionists who want to make a difference at work.

Participants will hear from experts as well as sharing ideas and learning from case studies. The format will be a mixture of structured discussion groups and workshop sessions.



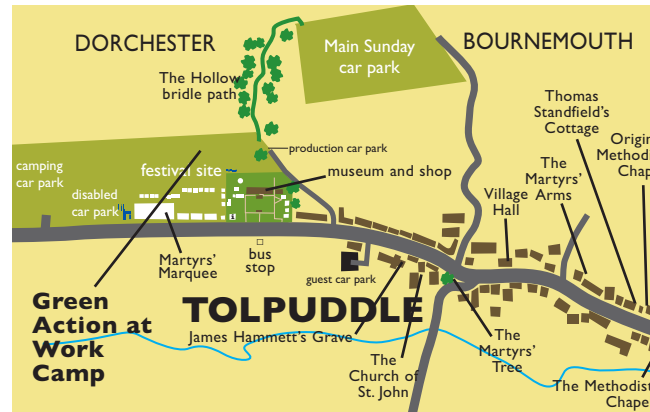
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Tolpuddle Village

The village of Tolpuddle is set in glorious Dorset countryside just a few miles from the World Heritage coast. In 1934 the TUC bought a small piece of land and built six alms cottages for retiring farm workers.

The meeting room became a small museum and the gardens the centrepiece for the annual rally. The cottages remain as retirement homes for agricultural trade unionists.

The neighbouring field offers space for camping, even with its slight slope. The marquees will provide spaces for the Green Action at Work sessions.



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Help change the way we work
Join a unique programme for union
members before this year's
Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival

**Wednesday 15 July to
Sunday 19 July 2009
Tolpuddle, Dorset**



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The camp will be in the field next to the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Museum and Cottages in the small village of Tolpuddle in Dorset. Participants are expected to provide their own tents. Toilets and hot showers are provided.



Programme

The camp will start at 1pm on Wednesday 15 July. The programme will be a mixture of short presentations and discussion groups. Sharing ideas and learning from each other will be encouraged.

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Food

Participants will have to pay for their own food. Vouchers will cost £55 per person to cover arrival on Wednesday to lunch-time on Friday.

Catering will be provided by Henry's Beard, a local organic supplier. From Friday evening there will be a wide range of festival food stalls.



Martyrs' Festival

On Friday evening the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival begins and will include a wide range of activities, entertainment, politics and music.

The big day of the Festival will be Sunday 19 July when thousands of people from all over the country come to celebrate trade unionism and the part played by the six farm labourers of Tolpuddle who dared to form a union. For the programme see www.tuc.org.uk/tolpuddle



Who should attend?

The camp is open to trade union members who wish to develop their understanding in climate change and

ways to protect the environment through change at work. It is intended as a way to develop environment champions or representatives.

What to do next

You will need to make sure you are able to attend by arranging time off work. We would expect your union to pay your travel costs. The nearest rail stations to Tolpuddle are Moreton, Dorchester South and Dorchester West. We can provide bus and taxi details and will try to pick you up from the station once we know your time of arrival. Some introductory materials will be sent to you before the camp starts and you will receive a more detailed programme.

Want to know more?

To find out more about this unique opportunity contact the South West TUC on 0117 947 0521 or email southwest@tuc.org.uk



Registration form
Green Action at Work Camp



Name _____

Union _____ Branch _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

email _____

Daytime phone _____

Male Female

Do you define yourself as disabled? Yes No

Do you have any special dietary/access requirements:

You will need endorsement by your union:

Signed _____

Name _____

Position _____

How to register
Return the form to South West TUC by **8th June**
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