

# COP26, climate change and just transition

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# What is COP26?

- COP stands for 'Conference of the Parties'
- COP26 is the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference
- The 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting where countries negotiate international agreements on climate change
- It will be held in Glasgow this November
- COP21 took place in Paris in 2015 - resulted in landmark Paris Agreement
- UK is hosting COP26 and holds joint presidency – UK gov under the spotlight
- Need more ambitious commitments to cut to emissions in next 10 years to limit warming to 1.5

# How is COP26 organised?

- 'Blue zone'
- 'Green zone'
- Side events
- 'Pavillions'
- Fringes
- Held over 2 weeks

## TUC priorities for COP26

We want to see **stronger international agreement** that includes concrete commitments to **just transition** and a **green recovery**.





**A just, green  
transition =  
a greener and fairer  
future that protects  
jobs, our health and  
the planet**

# What is happening in Wales?

- Welsh Government 2050 net zero commitment – ‘front loaded’ over next decade
- 2030 carbon neutral ambition for Welsh public sector
- WG is preparing its new Net Zero Wales plan – due in October
- Wales TUC want to see just transition clearly defined and embedded in the plan
- Key asks = involving unions and workers in planning, green job creation, green skills provision, job quality, transition agreements, green reps
- Positives = new CC ministry and WG support for green reps and fair work
- Barriers = funding gap on green jobs and recovery from UK gov and lack of employment rights at UK level

## Wales TUC just transition campaign

- A green recovery and a just transition - June 2020
- General Council statement 6 – May 2021
- Engagement in WG Net Zero Wales plan development
- Engagement with ministers
- Social Partnership
- Working with affiliates, TUC, ITUC in run up to COP
- Climate Cymru partner – part of wider civil society coalition in Wales
- Building workplace capacity
- Toolkit, courses and network





# Greener workplaces toolkit

Designed to support workplace action and campaigns.

- For green reps and whole branch
- Covers JT negotiations
- Practical action for greener workplaces
- Considers climate and nature
- Ensure workers have a voice in workplace changes

Download at: [www.tuc.org.uk/green](http://www.tuc.org.uk/green)





22<sup>nd</sup> September – Global Day of Action

## Less than 100 days to COP26 – key dates



**SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES**

- Big Green Week Sept 18-24
- CEPOW Sept 22
- Climate Strike/Day of Action Sept 24

**THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**  
SEPTEMBER 2021  
I'M IN. ARE YOU?

- **Also:** 2 x Wales TUC green/just transition courses in Sept
- COP26 31 Oct – 12 Nov - **Nov 6<sup>th</sup> public mobilisations**

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