

# WE NEED SOCIALIST CHANGE TO REVERSE CLIMATE CHAOS



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- Use the wealth and resources in society to invest in research into green technologies - including renewable energy and environmentally sustainable development.
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- A democratically planned, free to use, publicly owned transport system, as part of an overall plan against environmental pollution.
- A mass programme of socially useful and environmentally sustainable job creation to provide every young and working class person with a decent future.
- For a mass carbon neutral council house building programme to provide affordable secure environmentally sustainable housing for all who need it.
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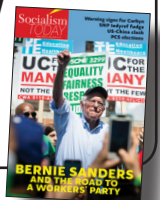


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The UN's climate change panel, the IPCC, says that it is 'code red for humanity'; that a rise of 1.5°C is unavoidable over the next few decades and rises above that are likely unless there is a major shift in how the world is organised. This will bring with it devastating consequences and misery to people all round the world. The extreme weather events witnessed over the summer – flooding, fires and heatwaves – are a taste of what is to come. The way things are going 'once in a lifetime' events will become the 'new normal.'

This report will come as no surprise. It has been clear for some time that with the world organised as it is there is no stable future on offer for most young and working class people across the world. There is no future on offer that includes a secure and well paid job, a decent home and even a world in which we can live comfortably and safely in. That's why there have been school strikes and protests of millions across the globe against climate destruction.

The previous IPCC report calculated the cost of the measures that would need to be carried out to prevent climate catastrophe would be \$900 billion a year. They would include at least a fivefold increase in investment in low-carbon technologies, such as wind and solar power, and in energy efficiency measures like building carbon-neutral homes.

One of the main slogans at the climate strikes was "system change not climate change". The system responsible for

climate destruction is capitalism. Capitalism is a system based on profit, within which big business places their short term gains ahead of the needs and wants of the majority of us. It is unable to utilise the technological wealth and resources necessary to avoid climate catastrophe. The major corporations that dominate the economy are responsible for the bulk of carbon emissions, and there is no prospect of them accepting a \$900 billion hit to their profits in order to take the action needed.

The leaders of the capitalist world are gathering in Glasgow in November to discuss what to do about the climate crisis. They know that people are angry at their inaction and the continuation of the polluting status quo. There will be pressure on them to come out with new agreements and be seen to be doing something about the issue. But as it shows when Trump pulled out of the Paris Accords, whatever is agreed will be worth as much as the paper it's printed on. And not only that it is likely to be too little too late. Here, the Tories have pledged to make the UK carbon neutral – but by 2050! This is miles off what is actually needed.

Capitalist governments in the nations where they are based, won't want 'their' corporations to lose out, and lose their profits to their global rivals. The problem of climate change is an international one. One government cutting its emissions can be undone by another pushing for quick profits by tearing up forests, building new fossil fuel power stations

and scrapping environmental protections.

So because the problem is international, the fight against climate chaos has to be international as well. We fight for a socialist world - one in which we can draw up a democratic plan to produce what we want and need, not what makes a profit for those at the top.

Because if the capitalists do take limited action on climate change, they will expect us – workers and young people – to pay for it, to protect their profits. We have already seen this with attempts to bring in congestion charges, punitive road taxes and more.

The wealth and resources are there in society, but they are in the hands of the super rich. You can't control what you don't own so we fight for the nationalisation of the big businesses and the banks under democratic workers control. This would lay the basis for a new way of running society, one that puts the wants and needs of humanity before a mad dash for profit.

It is only on the basis of a democratically planned economy, we can shift away from fossil fuels without workers being forced to pay with their jobs, conditions and their lives. It is possible to fully use the potential that exists already with new technological advancements and to push to develop new ones on the basis of a profit driven system. We fight for socialist change, here and across the world, so if you agree then join us.

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