

Motion Date: 12th March 2019
Motion Title: School and College Student Climate Strikes

This Branch notes:

Climate change threatens the future of young people and workers across the planet. The main polluters are large corporations which are simultaneously responsible for attacking the rights, pay and conditions of workers.

Tackling climate change and improving the working lives of our members are intertwined and require us to confront big business, its owners and political representatives.

School and college students, those with the most to lose from global warming, walked out of their class in their thousands on 15 February to protest against the human activity causing climate change. They have pledged to continue and expand their action until their concerns are addressed.

This Branch notes that as a result of this action, some students have been penalised through detentions, exclusions and arrests.

This Branch condemns these reprisals and believes that the right to strike and the right to protest are fundamental to any civilised, democratic society.

This Branch therefore resolves to stand in solidarity with all students striking or protesting against climate change through the following:

1. Offering practical support to students engaged in organised climate change protests, publicly condemning reprisals against them, and supporting any student defence campaigns as necessary;
2. Raise these issues through our political networks and utilise the political influence we have on the Labour Party in particular to address climate change; and
3. Campaign to raise awareness of global warming, and for investing in renewable energy, green jobs and sustainable housing.