

## **UNISON UK - Unions4climate Pledge**

UNISONs General Secretary Dave Prentis and UNISONs Energy Service Group sent a solidarity message to the ITUC at UNISONs National Energy Conference in June in Glasgow to support the ITUC representing the global trade union movement in the United Nations Paris Treaty on Climate Change in December 2015.

UNISON supports the call for a 'Just Transition' in the Treaty which will ensure that energy workers are placed at the heart of plans for a climate change transition to meet new energy efficiency and renewables targets.

UNISON is committed to campaign for:

- the UK government to include the UNs objective of a 'Just transition' to meet the UK's agreed Climate Change targets
- a UK national goal of a virtually carbon - free power sector by 2030
- a national infrastructure programme to ensure all UK homes meet an EPC (energy performance certification) rating of band C. Such a programme would support the creation of over 130,000 new green jobs, significantly reduce fuel poverty, reduce GHG emissions, reduce gas imports, lower demand and make home energy more affordable
- the reform and eventual phase out of fossil fuel subsidies
- Representation and organisation of UNISON members to influence and ensure that regulatory and environmental standards are as strong as possible
- Employer recognition of union-led "greening the workplace" initiatives across the public, private and voluntary sectors