

THE CASE FOR
**CLIMATE
JUSTICE**



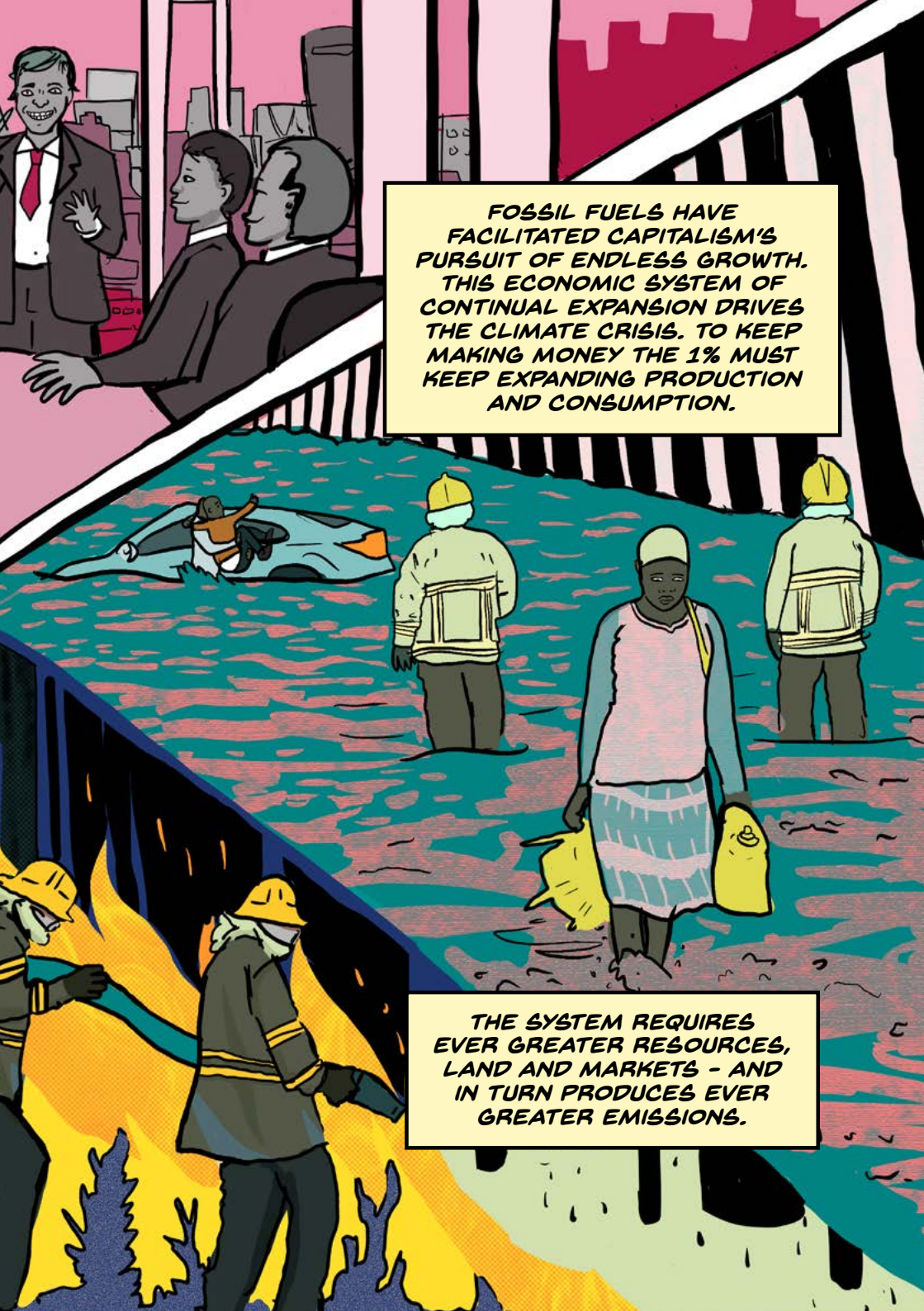
 **Global
Justice**
Now

*CLIMATE BREAKDOWN
IS WREAKING HAVOC
ACROSS THE WORLD.*

*RECORD HEATWAVES, AND
MORE FREQUENT AND
DEVASTATING HURRICANES,
FLOODS AND DROUGHTS
ARE ALREADY DESTROYING
THE LIVES OF MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE.*

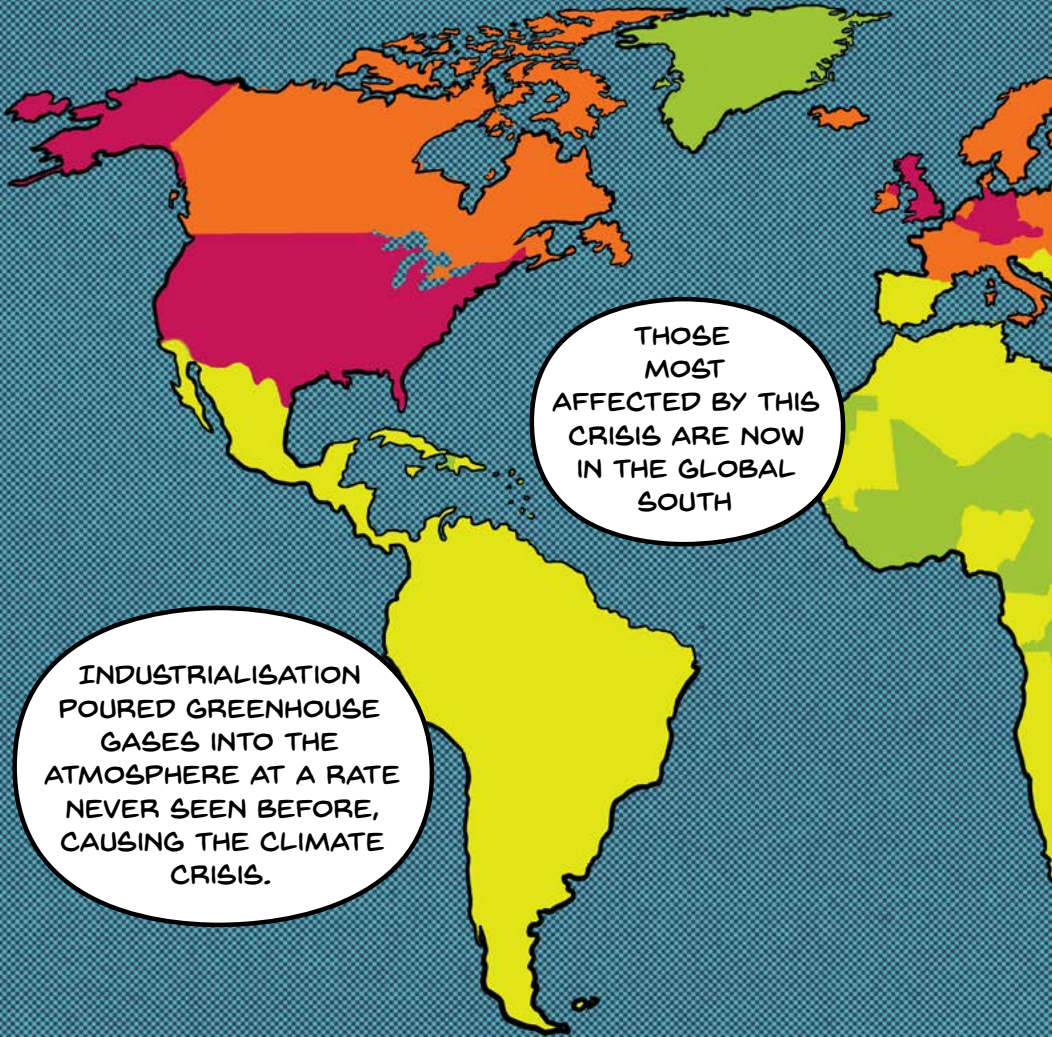
*BUSINESS AS USUAL
HAS LED US INTO
THIS MESS; WE
NEED SOMETHING
RADICALLY DIFFERENT
TO LEAD US OUT.*

**BUSINESS AS USUAL IS
WRECKING THE PLANET**



FOSSIL FUELS HAVE FACILITATED CAPITALISM'S PURSUIT OF ENDLESS GROWTH. THIS ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF CONTINUAL EXPANSION DRIVES THE CLIMATE CRISIS. TO KEEP MAKING MONEY THE 1% MUST KEEP EXPANDING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

THE SYSTEM REQUIRES EVER GREATER RESOURCES, LAND AND MARKETS - AND IN TURN PRODUCES EVER GREATER EMISSIONS.

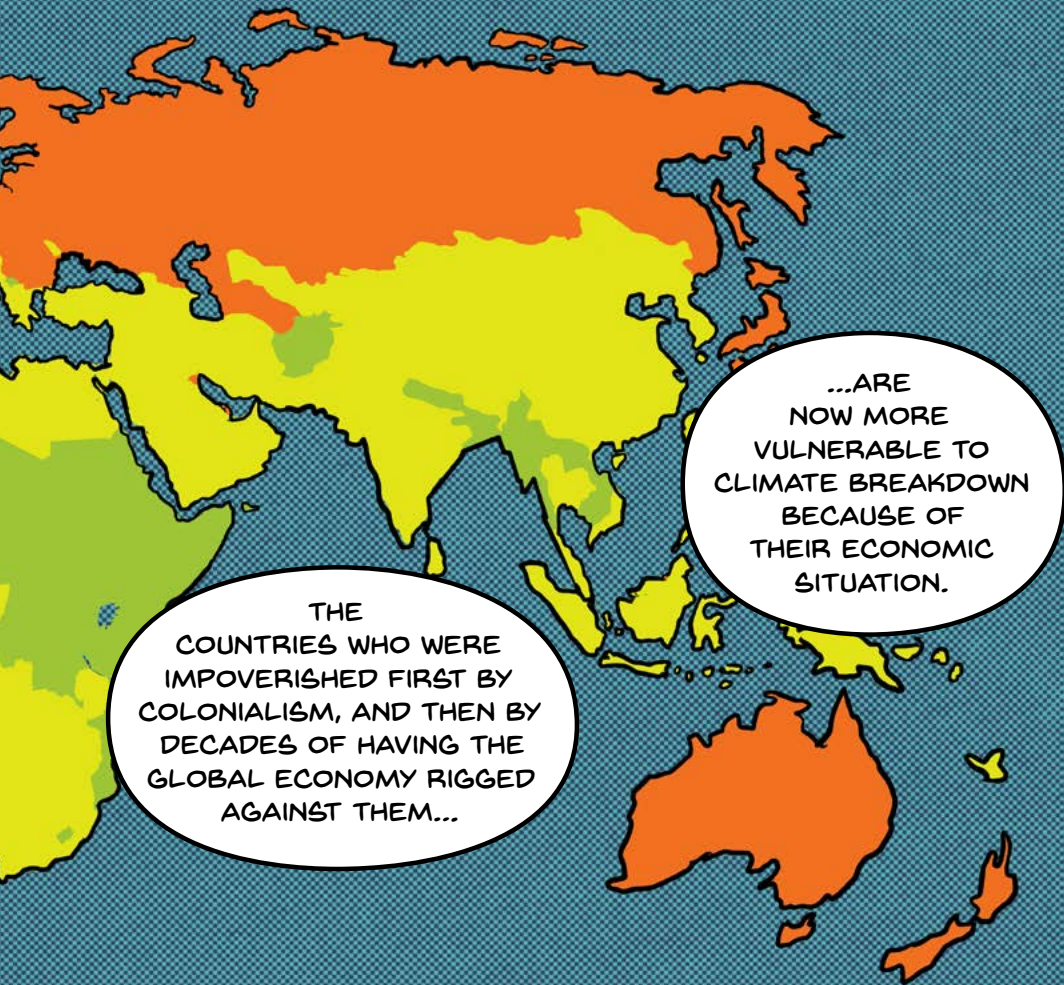


THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY THIS CRISIS ARE NOW IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

INDUSTRIALISATION Poured GREENHOUSE GASES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AT A RATE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, CAUSING THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

THE COUNTRIES MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE (SMALL ISLAND NATIONS, MUCH OF AFRICA AND ASIA) ARE OFTEN THE LEAST RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

THE UK IS AMONG THOSE COUNTRIES WITH VERY HIGH HISTORICAL EMISSIONS. WE HAVE MADE A MUCH BIGGER CONTRIBUTION TO THE CRISIS THAN COUNTRIES WITH LARGE POPULATIONS SUCH AS CHINA AND INDIA.



HISTORICAL EMISSIONS

PER PERSON TONNES OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT EMISSIONS (TCO₂E), 1850-2014



LESS THAN 10



BETWEEN 10 AND 300



BETWEEN 300 AND 1000



MORE THAN 1000

MAP USES EMISSIONS FIGURES FROM THE WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE.

CO₂ LONIALISM, RACISM AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS ONLY BLACK PEOPLE. HOWEVER, IT IS COMMUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH THAT BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WHETHER PHYSICAL - FLOODS, DESERTIFICATION, INCREASED WATER SCARCITY AND TORNADOES - OR POLITICAL: CONFLICT AND RACIST BORDERS

WE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH ARE FEELING THE IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS ALREADY. WHILE THE ELITE IN THE GLOBAL NORTH ARE OFTEN ABLE TO LIFT THEMSELVES FREE FROM THE MOST SEVERE ASPECTS OF THE CRISIS. THEY FORGET THAT THE CLIMATE CRISIS WILL EVENTUALLY SPARE NO ONE IF REAL ACTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN TODAY.



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BLACK LIVES MATTER UK

COLONIALISM VIOLENTLY DECIMATED ECONOMIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH, CHANNELLING WEALTH AND RESOURCES BACK TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES LIKE THE UK. THIS RESOURCE THEFT, AS WELL AS WEALTH FROM SLAVERY, WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH SET THE CLIMATE CRISIS IN MOTION.



THESE COLONIAL RELATIONSHIPS REMAIN AT THE HEART OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. THE POOREST COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE WORLD CONTINUE TO BE PUSHED FROM THEIR LAND AND ROBBED OF THEIR RESOURCES WHILE INDIGENOUS LAND DEFENDERS ARE TARGETED AND KILLED IN ORDER TO KEEP THE FOSSIL FUEL ECONOMY IN MOTION.

JUST 100 MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 70% OF GLOBAL EMISSIONS. BIG BUSINESSES, FROM BANKS TO AGRIBUSINESS, CAR COMPANIES TO OIL GIANTS, HAVE CONSISTENTLY USED THEIR ECONOMIC AND LOBBYING POWER TO PREVENT EFFECTIVE CLIMATE ACTION AND INVENTED USELESS, FALSE SOLUTIONS SUCH AS CARBON TRADING INSTEAD.

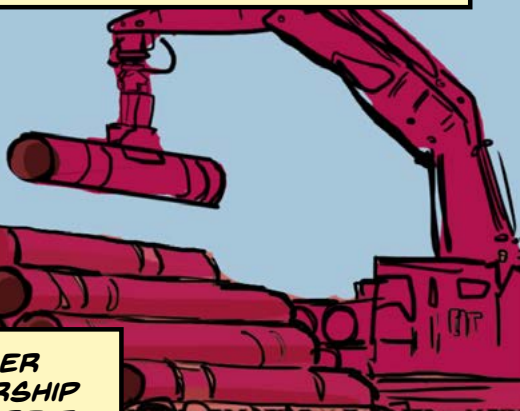
CORPORATE POWER DRIVES CLIMATE BREAKDOWN

FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS, A SET OF EXTREME FREE-MARKET IDEAS HAS BEEN TURBO-CHARGING THE CLIMATE CRISIS. 'NEOLIBERALISM' HAS INCREASINGLY DOMINATED INTERNATIONAL POLICY MAKING, RESULTING IN WIDESPREAD PRIVATISATION, AND GOVERNMENTS RELINQUISHING THEIR POWER TO REGULATE BIG BUSINESS.

INEQUALITY HAS RISEN AND CARBON EMISSIONS MULTIPLIED.

JUST WHEN WE NEED STRONGER REGULATION AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND MORE TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE CLIMATE ACTION, WE'VE GIVEN THE TOOLS AWAY.

GETTING REAL ON CLIMATE CHANGE MEANS LEAVING FOSSIL FUELS IN THE GROUND, SHIFTING AWAY FROM INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AND REDUCING ENERGY DEMAND. TO DO THAT WE NEED TO ROLL BACK CORPORATE POWER.



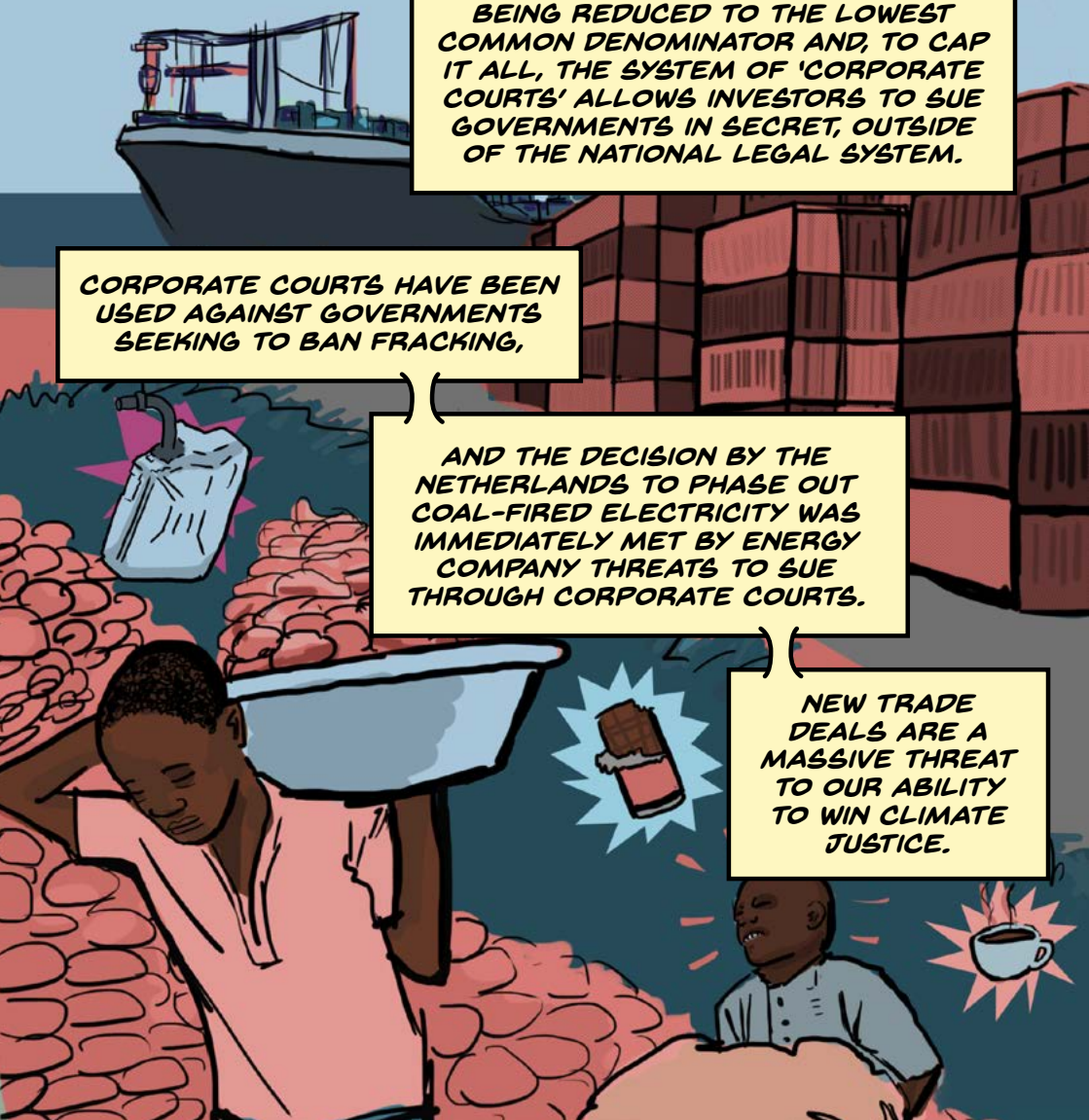
YET MODERN TRADE DEALS READ LIKE A LIST OF CORPORATE DEMANDS LOCKED INTO INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE CLIMATE IMPACT OF EVER LONGER SUPPLY CHAINS IS ONE RESULT, BUT SUCH DEALS OFTEN HAVE FAR WIDER CONSEQUENCES. THEY CAN DO ANYTHING FROM PREVENTING GOVERNMENTS FROM BRINGING PRIVATISED SERVICES BACK INTO PUBLIC HANDS, TO STOPPING COUNTRIES BANNING THE DIRTIEST FOSSIL FUELS.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS RISK BEING REDUCED TO THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR AND, TO CAP IT ALL, THE SYSTEM OF 'CORPORATE COURTS' ALLOWS INVESTORS TO SUE GOVERNMENTS IN SECRET, OUTSIDE OF THE NATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEM.

CORPORATE COURTS HAVE BEEN USED AGAINST GOVERNMENTS SEEKING TO BAN FRACKING,

AND THE DECISION BY THE NETHERLANDS TO PHASE OUT COAL-FIRED ELECTRICITY WAS IMMEDIATELY MET BY ENERGY COMPANY THREATS TO SUE THROUGH CORPORATE COURTS.

NEW TRADE DEALS ARE A MASSIVE THREAT TO OUR ABILITY TO WIN CLIMATE JUSTICE.



TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

CLIMATE BREAKDOWN WILL HIT THE LEAST WELL-OFF HARDEST, WHILE THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE ENJOYED MOST BY THE WORLD'S RICH. SO IT'S THE HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY OF WEALTHY COUNTRIES IN THE GLOBAL NORTH TO LEAD ON EFFECTIVE CLIMATE ACTION. BUT CLIMATE JUSTICE ALSO MEANS THE WEALTHY 1% NEED TO BEAR THE COSTS OF THE TRANSITION.

THE 'GREEN NEW DEAL' IS A PROPOSAL IN BOTH THE UK AND ELSEWHERE FOR MASSIVE GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TO TOTALLY DECARBONISE THE ECONOMY, NOT JUST THROUGH RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUT THROUGH A TRANSFORMATION OF OUR TRANSPORT, FARMING AND MORE.


A 'JUST TRANSITION' WOULD REPLACE CARBON-INTENSIVE JOBS WITH GOOD-QUALITY GREEN JOBS AND REBALANCE ECONOMIES AFFECTED BY DEINDUSTRIALISATION AND THE DOMINANCE OF BIG FINANCE, UNITING WORKERS IN THE GLOBAL NORTH WITH WORKERS AND AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH. TRANSFERS OF CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY AND FUNDING TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH ARE ALSO VITAL, ALONG WITH A COMMITMENT TO WELCOME CLIMATE REFUGEES.



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AND ACTING WITH COUNTRIES AND
COMMUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL
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CLIMATE ACTION GLOBALLY.**



OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM NEEDS A BIG OVERHAUL...

...TO TRULY DEAL WITH THE CLIMATE CRISIS WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM A SYSTEM BASED ON GROWTH AND CORPORATE PROFIT-MAKING.

DEMOCRATISING THE ECONOMY CAN ALLOW US TO TAKE DECISIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CLIMATE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. A COMBINATION OF PUBLIC AND CO-OPERATIVE OWNERSHIP OF OUR ENERGY SYSTEM, FOR INSTANCE, CAN LEAD THE WAY TOWARDS AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL AND A SYSTEM THAT PUTS PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT.

EXAMPLES OF THIS KIND OF 'ENERGY DEMOCRACY' CAN ALREADY BE FOUND AROUND THE WORLD. IN SPAIN, SOM ENERGIA ('WE ARE ENERGY' IN CATALAN) IS A CO-OPERATIVE SET UP IN 2011, AT A TIME WHEN THE LARGEST TWO ENERGY COMPANIES CONTROLLED 80% OF THE ENERGY MARKET. IT NOW HAS 63,000 MEMBERS AND GENERATES 17GWH/YEAR OF SOLAR, WIND AND BIOGAS ENERGY.

IN COSTA RICA 99.7% OF THE ENERGY MIX IS RENEWABLE THANKS TO A STATE-OWNED ENERGY PROVIDER, WHICH TOGETHER WITH FOUR RURAL ENERGY CO-OPERATIVES IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING OVER 99% ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY - AN UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH.



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OF OTHER THINGS
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CARE, HEALTH,
EDUCATION, FREE
TIME AND CULTURAL
LIFE.





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Solidarity with front line communities

WORLD

POSSIBLE



RESPONDING TO CLIMATE BREAKDOWN MEANS LEARNING FROM INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLES, FORGING SOLIDARITY ACROSS MOVEMENTS AND BORDERS. IT MEANS NOTHING OTHER THAN BUILDING OUR COLLECTIVE POWER TO CHALLENGE GLOBAL ELITES AND REMAKE OUR WORLD.

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TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO FOCUS NOT JUST ON CARBON EMISSIONS BUT ALSO ON SYSTEMIC QUESTIONS OF RACISM, COLONIALISM, EXPLOITATION AND CORPORATE POWER.



THOSE WHO MOST BENEFIT FROM THE SYSTEM REMAINING AS IT IS WILL NEVER VOLUNTARILY TAKE THE STEPS WE NEED TO STOP THE CLIMATE CRISIS. BUT TOGETHER WE CAN FORCE GOVERNMENTS TO ACT.

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AS THE REALITY OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS HITS HOME, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE REFUSING TO SEE THEIR FUTURE DESTROYED BY THE GREED OF THE FEW. TAKING A LEAD FROM THOSE COMMUNITIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE BREAKDOWN, LET'S BUILD A MOVEMENT TO WIN CLIMATE JUSTICE!

CLIMATE BREAKDOWN ISN'T JUST AN ECOLOGICAL CRISIS, SERIOUS THOUGH THAT IS. IT IS A CRISIS WHICH EXACERBATES MUCH OF THE INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM IT IS ROOTED IN. BUT LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE, ECONOMIC SYSTEMS ARE MAN-MADE.

BY BUILDING A CLIMATE JUSTICE MOVEMENT THAT CHALLENGES THE POWERFUL, WE CAN MAKE A WORLD WHERE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AND THE PLANET MATTER MORE THAN CORPORATE PROFITS.

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