

One Million Climate Jobs

Conference expresses its deep concern that unemployment figures released on 17 August showed unemployment had risen by both the ILO and claimant count measures, and that youth unemployment and female unemployment are at historically high levels.

Conference notes that the number of vacancies in the economy has dropped again, and that 1.26 million part-time workers are looking for full-time work.

Conference therefore condemns the Coalition government for failing to create jobs, while cutting training and education budgets, and slashing welfare benefits.

Conference therefore believes it is essential to offer an alternative based upon job creation – and believes this can be done while achieving other Party objectives, such as reducing energy loss, expanding renewable energy, building council housing and investing in public transport.

Conference applauds Labour-led Kirklees Council's for its 'warm zone project' in which every home in Kirklees which was suitable for loft and cavity wall insulation received this work for free over a three year period at a cost of £20 million – creating jobs and helping the environment. Conference calls for this programme to be rolled out nationally as part of a wider job creation strategy.

Conference notes the One Million Climate Jobs Now campaign, backed by a number of trade unions, including Labour affiliates CWU and TSSA, which calls for investment in electricity and energy production, refitting homes, public buildings and businesses, and building new homes to strict environmental regulations, and building new transport infrastructure.

Conference resolves to endorse the One Million Climate Jobs Now campaign.