

Leading Greens join TUC Congress to defend Workers' Rights

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Two leading Green Party figures will attend the TUC Congress in Brighton today. The Party's leader, Zack Polanski, will join a panel on How to Tax the Super-Rich. He is expected to say:

"The Green Party stands in solidarity with the TUC in saying there must be no watering down of Workers' Rights, which are at the heart of economic, social and racial justice.

"Keir Starmer's Labour have cut benefits, failed to invest properly in public services and refused to back a wealth tax. There will be no backsliding on your rights at work, on investing in public services and on fairer taxes from the Green Party. Workers can be sure to feel at home with us."

Meanwhile, Green Party MP Carla Denyer will join a panel on her Energy Jobs Bill, which would compel the government to set a timeline for phasing out oil and gas production and developing a comprehensive plan to harness the skills and expertise of workers in high-carbon industries. She is expected to say:

"My Energy Jobs Bill includes a furlough-style scheme to guarantee a proportion of wages for oil and gas workers, supporting them while they retrain and find new employment. This would be funded by a levy on oil and gas companies – who are currently abandoning their workers after spending years making obscene profits from polluting our environment.

"The Bill would introduce sectoral collective bargaining in the energy industry to protect the rights of workers, and it would extend the existing UK regulations on pay and conditions to cover all offshore workers.

"Crucially, the energy transition must be created in collaboration with trade unions and local communities."

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