



**9 ways to
support
climate
activism in
education
settings**



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1. Unionise!

e.g. UCU, NUS/SOS-UK, NEU



STUDENTS
ORGANISING FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
UNITED KINGDOM

2. Demand transparency from your institution

Current Scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions?

Targets & action plans?

Governance & accountability?

3. Embed climate education, action & justice across the whole curriculum

Join the dots: decolonise ... decarbonise ... democratise

4. Get time and recognition for climate action

staff workload allocation

union facility time

sabbaticals

sustainability jobs

CPD / training

promotion criteria

staff/student/institution awards

course credits for projects

reduce your working hours if possible



5. Use pledges and petitions

Easy ways to engage people and secure commitments.

6. Protect the right to protest

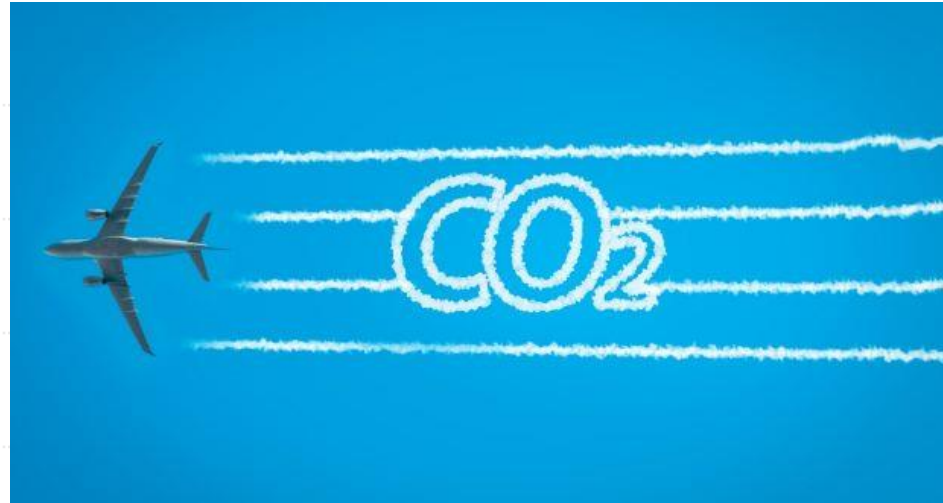
on campus and in public places



7. Publicly support climate action & other activists

Build alliances and motivate people. Nurture climate-friendly behaviour, leadership and new social norms.

8. Challenge greenwash, waste & high-emission activities e.g. academic flying



9. Be brave and persevere

This stuff is difficult. Nobody has all the answers.
But don't let fear or uncertainty stop you!

Useful links

www.ucu.org.uk/environment - info and training for UCU Green Reps.

www.eauc.org.uk/sustainability_commitments - list of all Universities and Colleges and what (if anything!) they have committed to do.

www.climatelearningresources.org.uk - resources for climate learning across different subject areas. Climate Learning Month (November 2021) in the run-up to COP26.

www.teachthefuture.uk - youth-led campaign. Includes a teachers' network.