



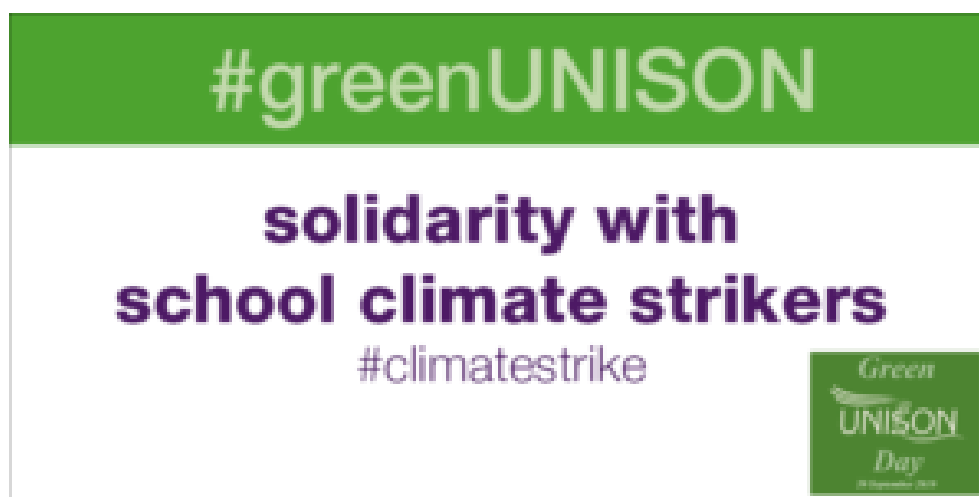
This is a list of some suggestions for branch activities on Friday 20 September

Green UNISON Day

#greenUNISON #climatestrike

Do let us know what you plan as we'd be keen to share good ideas for action on the day. Indeed, you might like to plan a week of activities as the school climate strikers are organising a whole week of action from 20-27 September...in Scotland www.sycs.org.uk and globally <https://fridaysforfuture.org> Check the website www.unison-scotland.org & our Green Network Facebook www.facebook.com/greennetworkunisonscotland for updates as we get closer to the day – also UNISON UK is going to be urging branches UK wide to join in, so we'll let you know when there is info on the website. www.unison.org.uk

Some green workplace pledge and solidarity with the school climate strikers materials are available in the resources section at the bottom of this online page: <https://unison-scotland.org/green-unison-day-20-september-we-must-act-on-the-climate-emergency>



The aim is to engage members and employers, highlight the climate emergency, green workplace action and to show solidarity with the school climate strikers.

NB: The Green Network is preparing a questionnaire to employers about what action they are taking to tackle climate action. We'd encourage branches to include this as one of the branch activities, alongside anything else you plan. Details in early Sept.

Some ideas for branch action in no particular order:

- actions to support UNISON's campaign for the local government pension funds to divest from fossil fuels; <https://shareaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/17.12.19-UNISON-LGPS-DivestGuide.pdf>
- arranging to plant a tree – the best system of carbon capture and the best storage technology - and symbolic of the need to restore forests (branches could arrange to organise some tree planting on the day or a future date, asking members to pledge to sponsor a tree)
- inviting a school student climate striker to speak at a lunchtime meeting, or attending a local lunchtime school climate strike rally or showing a clip/film of Greta Thunberg speaking
- a stall/stalls with blank or sample pledge posters for members to write their own/use and share on social media (examples of pledges: cycle to work, plant a tree, email cllrs on pensions divestment, plastic free Friday etc.). Members can also show support for the strikers using solidarity posters and pledges and sharing on social media
- making 20 September a day when large numbers of members opt to cycle or walk to work – or swap their car for public transport – do a photoshoot to share on social media
- inviting school strikers to address workplace or branch meetings and/or ask employers to invite the strikers to meetings at council/health board head offices. UNISON's Glasgow City branch, after inviting a school climate striker to speak to the branch, have given financial assistance and asked other Glasgow branches to do likewise
- promoting the day by publicising it to members in advance and, in particular, briefing members in schools on the climate strike movement, encouraging them to be supportive of school students taking action
- calling on employers to declare a climate emergency and to work with UNISON and other unions, public sector bodies, employers and communities to devise plans within six months to address the emergency
- publicising UNISON policy on councils taking a lead on renewable energy by setting up municipal energy companies to generate and locally distribute electricity
- creating an international focus, with a speaker or film/film clips in a presentation or on a stall highlighting the impact of climate change on the global south, encouraging discussion in a short meeting or at the stall

LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS AND IDEAS – email f.montgomery@unison.co.uk