

Fracking

Zone: Campaigning

This conference notes:

1. That the government is committed to extreme energy, exposing 64% of UK territory to unconventional fossil fuel extraction. In the process it has cut subsidies for onshore wind, solar and efficiency measures which would reduce UK carbon emissions.
2. That Nottingham University conducted a survey illustrating unconventional energy extraction has no social licence in the UK with less than 1 in 4 supporting the plans.
3. That the government are cutting 80,000 pages of regulation and guidance; 74% of the rules governing the UK environment, in the face of Cuadrilla having legally disposed of two million gallons of radioactive waste into the Manchester Ship Canal.

This conference believes:

1. That hydraulic fracturing and all types of extreme energy extraction should be banned in the UK.
2. That a sustainable energy future depending on renewables is achievable.
3. That environmental regulations and guidance protect the living spaces of the community, the health of workers and prevent the industrialisation of our countryside.

This conference resolves:

1. To support local communities opposed to fracking and other forms of extreme energy generation.
2. As a direct challenge to the austerity agenda, to campaign for the creation of 1,000,000 green jobs by calling for investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
3. To campaign for rescindment to all cuts in environmental regulation with the aim of protecting the environment, workers health and living spaces of the community.