

A NEW LUCAS PLAN FOR POST-COVID SOCIAALLY USEFUL JOBS?

An online event on how worker-led industrial conversion to deal with the coronavirus pandemic is a model for the future.

<http://lucasplan.org.uk/events-news/>

May 13 2020, 7pm- 8.30 pm online

See video at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7ZHbrq_bD8&feature=youtu.be

Chat Column

19:03:17 From Nathalie Paravicini to All panelists : Hello, thanks for doing this - Is this going to be recorded?

19:03:22 From Tony Dowling : hello everyone, from Gateshead 🙌

19:03:23 From Janet Newsham to All panelists : Hello everyone from Janet Newsham

19:03:24 From Sam Mason to All panelists : Yes

19:03:26 From Michael Reinsborough to All panelists : It will be people joining for five minutes or more

19:03:44 From Jacquelyn Burke : Hi from Oldham

19:04:04 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists : Hi I'm Allison from Manchester :)

19:04:06 From Mair Perkins to All panelists : Hello! From Derby

19:04:06 From Nicola Maunders to All panelists : Hi from Wymondham near Norfw

Q & A Column

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Chat Column

Q & A Column

19:04:07 From aljch to All panelists :
Allan from Mancs

19:04:08 From mike hales to All
panelists : hello all - greetings from brighton

19:04:09 From Richard Holland : Hi
there, Richard Holland aka Luddite
Bicentenary here

19:04:09 From Anne C to All panelists
: hi from Chester

19:04:11 From Tim Jones to All
panelists : Hi from Oxford

19:04:12 From Tom Sutton : hiya from
Leeds

19:04:12 From Heather Blakey to All
panelists : Hi from Unite in Bradford.

19:04:12 From Melanie Dicks to All
panelists : Hello from Melanie in Shepherds
Bush, London! :)

19:04:12 From Dr Syed Mustafa Ali to
All panelists : Greetings from London.

19:04:13 From Steve Wilkins to All
panelists : Hi from Kent Steve Wilkins

19:04:15 From
gailchester@blueyonder.co.uk to All
panelists : Hello from Gail

19:04:15 From Martin Beveridge to
All panelists : Hi from Martin in Amherst,
Massachusetts

19:04:15 From Nicola Maunders to
All panelists : Wymondham near Norwich

19:04:17 From Nathalie Paravicini to
All panelists : Nathalie Paravicini,
Naturopathic Doctor, Pacific Green Party,
Portland ORegon USA

19:04:20 From Moyra Jean to All
panelists : hello from Matlock, Derby Peace
Week

19:04:20 From Steve Walker to All
panelists : From Leeds...

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19:04:21 From Steve : Hi from Kegworth, though a Derby lad!

19:04:23 From Michael Reinsborough : Welcome all from the New Lucas Plan!

19:04:23 From Nicola Beglin to All panelists : Hello to all Am here from Exeter. Nicola

19:04:23 From Steve Ongerth to All panelists : Richmond, California, US!

19:04:23 From gailchester@blueyonder.co.uk to All panelists : This is brilliant.

19:04:25 From Okopi Ajonye to All panelists : Hi Okopi Ajonye from Sweden, but often from Manchester

19:04:25 From Nora Rätzel to All panelists : And even people from Spain, hello

19:04:26 From Lyn to All panelists : Lyn from Cardiff

19:04:26 From Anat Greenstein to All panelists : hi from Israel/Palestine

19:04:26 From Andrea Oates to All panelists : Hi Andrea from Labour Research Department (via Nottingham)

19:04:27 From David Griffiths : Hi, David from Huddersfield

19:04:31 From Martha Kellerhals to All panelists : Hello everyone from Bern, Switzerland!

19:04:31 From Martin Levy to All panelists : Hi, it's Martin Levy from Newcastle TUC

19:04:34 From Emily Norgang to All panelists : Hi everyone, Emily from Ottawa, Canada

19:04:35 From Elaine to All panelists : Hi from Bury

19:04:39 From Simon Pirani to All panelists : hi from Greenwich

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19:04:43 From Rachel to All panelists
: Hi from Central France

19:04:46 From SARAH EBELEWICZ to
All panelists : Hi everyone- Srah Ebelewicz
from Norwich

19:04:49 From Ken Ball to All
panelists : Hi Ken from Brighthouse

19:04:50 From Janet Newsham to All
panelists : I am from Preston

19:04:51 From Romyne Phoenix to
All panelists : Hi from London

19:04:52 From David Uzzell to All
panelists : Hi, David from Godalming

19:04:52 From Alex to All panelists :
Hi, Alex from Manchester

19:04:53 From Steve Ongerth to All
panelists : Also: I am one of the cofounders of
the IWW Environmental Union Caucus, so this
presentation is of interest to us. :-)

19:04:53 From Tony Staunton to All
panelists : hi from Plymouth UK - Plymouth
Climate Council

19:04:54 From Tahir Latif to All
panelists : and from Portsmouth - tahir

19:04:57 From Jonathan Rosenhead
to All panelists : Hi fro Hackney South and
Shoreditch

19:04:59 From Ayo Isinkaye to All
panelists : Ayo from London

19:04:59 From Rodney Nicholls to All
panelists : Rodney Nicholls with Unite
Momentum and XR from Bradford

19:05:03 From Steve Walker : Hi from
Leeds

19:05:04 From sogand Bah to All
panelists : Hi from London

19:05:04 From Richard Billam to All
panelists : Richard Billam - hi from Exeter,
Devon

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Q & A Column

19:05:06 From Nathalie Paravicini :
Nathalie Paravicini, Naturopathic Doctor,
Pacific Green Party, Portland ORegon USA

19:05:07 From Rhythm Jain to All
panelists : Hello, I'm Rhythm from India 😊

19:05:08 From cath fromleeds : hi
from Chapeltown, Leeds

19:05:10 From David Somervell to All
panelists : Greetings from Edinburgh - where I
first heard about the Lucas Aerospace
Shopstewards' Plan while campaigning against
Torness nuclear power station in SCRAM days
in 1977/78

19:05:13 From Karen Bell to All
panelists : Hi, Karen from Bristol

19:05:15 From Jess Hines to All
panelists : Jess from Cornwall.

19:05:15 From Jackie to All panelists :
Ki from Liverpool

19:05:21 From kolyaab@yahoo.co.uk
kolyaab@yahoo.co.uk : Hello From Dorothy
and Kolya in Chatham

19:05:22 From Tim Greenwood to All
panelists : Tim from Walthamstow

19:05:22 From Imti Choonara : Imti
Choonara from Derby Peace Week

19:05:27 From aljch : Allan from
Manchester

19:05:30 From John Routley to All
panelists : Hi everyone, always happy to bring
Solidarity from Birmingham. The Home of
Lucas.

19:05:30 From Christopher Keene :
Chris Keene, Now No

19:05:48 From
Ian.Hewitt@phonecoop.coop to All panelists
: Hi Ian from Nottingham - struggling with the
technology.. ..if you need a hand let me know.

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I am not sure whether my mic is working though.

19:05:50 From Christopher Keene :
Chris Keene Norwich

19:05:59 From Galaxy A40 to All
panelists : hello from Bradford

19:06:16 From N Waltham-Smith to
All panelists : HI—Naomi from Camden. Trying
to get my uni colleagues to devise a new
Lucas Plan for HE :)

19:06:27 From Michael Reinsborough
to All panelists : We have over 100 attendees
so I think we will get more over the next five
minutes

19:06:28 From Nicola Maunders to
All panelists : Good to see someone else from
Norfolk!

19:06:29 From Stina Thanner : Hi from
Sweden and the Right Livelihood Award,
which Mike Cooley received in 1981!

19:06:34 From
gailchester@blueyonder.co.uk to All
panelists : Some people have signed up in the
last 5 minutes!

19:06:36 From Karen Bell : Karen Bell
from Bristol

19:06:47 From Adrian Ely to All
panelists : Hi everyone. Adrian E from
Brighton & Hove. Thanks for organising this.

19:06:49 From John Routley to All
panelists : Thanks Sam Great to see so many
people from around the world joining in.
Special wave to Phil and Hilary,

19:06:58 From David King to All
panelists : Last 30 seconds!

19:07:34 From Steve Ongerth : Hello
from Richmond, CA, US.

19:07:52 From Dimitris Stevis to All
panelists : Hello from Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Q & A Column

19:08:21 From David Griffiths to All panelists : Hello to Phil you won't remember me, but when I was secretary of Labour CND in the latter 1970s we met over a couple of conversion events. David Griffiths

19:09:02 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : Hello from the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The UN Office of Disarmament Affairs released an excellent occasional paper two weeks ago "Rethinking Unconstrained Military Spending" and the last chapter is on conversion.

<https://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/occasionalpapers/unoda-occasional-papers-no-35-april-2020/>

19:10:03 From Martha Kellerhals : Hello everyone from Bern, Switzerland!

19:10:43 From Bryan OSBON to All panelists : Hello from Bryan OSBON - Madras Cafe

19:10:59 From Hilda Palmer : Hi from Salford, Greater Manchester Hazards Centre and Hazards Campaign Hilda Palmer

19:11:28 From Kate Hod to All panelists : Hello all. Admin please tell us all how many are on the webinar. Thank you. And pity that you haven't allowed the participants to access the private chat so we can network. Hopefully the next webinar will.

19:11:41 From Nick J : Hello from Denver, Colorado USA

19:11:55 From Des Loughney to All panelists : Hello from Scottish Hazards

19:12:08 From Seo Dale : Hi all, from London

19:12:47 From Frank Hammer to All panelists : Hello Rebecca - from Frank in Detroit

19:13:01 From Rachel : Hi from La Corrèze, France

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19:13:10 From Jonathan Hannon to All panelists : Hello from Galway, Ireland. Home of Prof Cooley

19:14:13 From Ioana - Cerasella Chis to All panelists : Hi everyone, I'm Ioana - trade union activist and PhD student - Birmingham, UK (<https://materialbodies.work>)

19:14:38 From Tony Dowling : The covid crisis is a driver, but also - and perhaps more importantly - the driver is climate change

19:15:33 From Nicola Pilkington to All panelists : from Nicola to all panellists

19:15:54 From Mike Hales to All panelists : Fridays for Future - one of the most pivotal movements?

19:16:25 From Linda Walker : Hi from Glossop and Green New Deal Manchester

19:17:17 From Moyra Jean : Moyra from Derby Peace Week

19:17:19 From Alyn Ware to All panelists : Hello from Alyn Ware (Prague), Move the Nuclear Weapons Money campaign and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament.

19:17:39 From Michael Reinsborough to Bryan OSBON and all panelists : Hi Brian I hope you are well. Because we have a lot of attendees we will not be taking hands but you can put any question to the chat or into the Q&A at the end. Or send me a note if it something else

19:18:08 From Rodney Nicholls to All panelists : sorry will have to leave reception not good keeps freezing

19:18:31 From Sam Mason : Yes please do put questions in the Q&A

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19:19:42 From Tony Dowling : I have just been reading The Lucas Plan book, well worth £15 of anyone's money:
https://www.google.com/search?source=hp&ei=6zm8XtjzG5KWa9iagcAH&q=the+lucas+plan+book&oq=the+lucas+plan+book&gs_lcp=ChFtb2JpbGUtZ3dzLXdpei1ocBADMgUIIRCgATIICEQFhAdEB4yCAghEBYQHRAeMggIIRAWEB0QHjIICCEQFhAdEB4yCAghEBYQHRAeMggIIRAWEB0QHjoCCCK6DggpEIMBEIsDEKgDEJoDOg4IKRCDARCLAxCFaxCoAzoFCAAQgwE6AggAOgsIABCLAxCjAxCoAzoOCAAQgwEQiwMQowMQqAM6CwgAEIsDEKgDEKMDog4IABCDARCLAxCoAxCjAzoLCAAQiwMQqAMQpAM6CwgAEIsDEKQDEKgDOg4IABCDARCLAxCoAxCKAzoOCAAQgwEQiwMQpAMQqAM6CwgAEIsDEJgDEKgDOg4IABCDARCLAxCoAxCCazoOCAAQiwMQqAMQowMQpAM6CAgAEBYQChAeOgYIABAWEB5Q9S1Y2HNgnwnpoAHAAeACAAYsBiAGrDZIBBDE1LjSYAQCGAQGwAQm4AQI&client=mobile-gws-wiz-hp

19:20:15 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists : Here's the old documentary from 1978:

19:20:18 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pgQqfpub-c&t=3s>

19:20:57 From Ian.Hewitt@phonecoop.coop : The book is available from Spokesman Books - see their website for details.

19:21:41 From Ioana - Cerasella Chis : Hi everyone, I'm Ioana - trade union activist and PhD student - Birmingham, UK (<https://materialbodies.work>)

19:24:13 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : Thank you Phil

19:24:16 From Tony Tinley : apologies I have to leave to attend the Derby trades council.

19:24:51 From Jonathan Feldman : Hello, Jonathan Feldman from Stockholm University. We're cooperating with Hilary

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Wainwright and local activists like Joel Benjamin in London to launch a Global Teach-In on May 26, 2020. We want to take the conversion idea globally! I'm a big Phil Asquith fan. For more details, see www.globalteachin.com (17 countries, about 30 locations). Regards, Jonathan

19:25:21 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : Great finish Phil, yes we need to make/remake the future - thanks for that note of hope!

19:25:35 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : Phil, what a great, inspiring speech! Would you publish your speech somewhere so we can share it?

19:25:39 From mike hales to All panelists : Thank you Phil

19:25:42 From Kate Hod : Wonderful speech, Phil. Thank you.

19:26:13 From Ken Ball to All panelists : Thanks to Phil for a great summary.

19:26:26 From Hilda Palmer : Brilliant speech Phil. Thanks

19:26:31 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists : So many companies are now owned by gigantic global corporations whose aim seems to be to extract as much profit as possible and stash it in offshore accounts, and a Labour party that is now considerably less left wing than it was in the 70s, is this a barrier and if so, how do we overcome it?

19:27:47 From Jacquelyn Burke : Thanks Phil and thanks for mentioning Trident. I'm one of the workers at Greater Manchester & District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, which is why I'm here.

19:28:13 From Hazel Roy to All panelists : Hallo I'm Hazel Roy from Manchester. I was in Birmingham in the 1970s when the Lucas Plan was being developed and the fact that their manifesto for change is still hot news 40 years later proves it huge

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importance-but how do we get these valuable ideas back on the govt agenda post Covid?

19:28:44 From Francis Stuart to All panelists : Hi from Glasgow and the STUC. Great speech Phil

19:29:08 From nicola pilkington to All panelists : From Nicola Pilkington

19:29:32 From David Griffiths : Hi Jacquelyn, I worked for CND in the mid-70s, when we were greatly enthused by Mike, Phil and his colleagues.

19:29:54 From Phil Asquith to Tamara Lorincz and all panelists : the webinar is being recorded thanks phil

19:30:02 From Marigold Bentley to All panelists : Very important to remind ourselves of this amazing piece of work and to apply the learning to today especially anti militarism and for sustainability. Thank you for organising it and presenting to us. Please Jonathan Feldman let me have details of the teach in (Marigold from Quakers)

19:30:18 From Jacquelyn Burke : Hiya David. We are very enthused all over again :)

19:30:43 From mike hales to All panelists : The Lucas Combine's strategy changed the course of my life in 1974 :). Never looked back!

19:31:03 From David Griffiths : And recent weeks have shown how quickly things can be repurposed given the will

19:31:11 From Ian.Hewitt@phonecoop.coop : Message from Nicola Pilkington in questions section - Can't introduce myself nicola pilkington from suffolk

19:32:02 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : co-organised by Tyne & Wear County Association of Trades Councils and the North East People's Assembly, we help a successful conference back in November

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'Engineering for Peace, Jobs & Climate Justice' based around the Lucas Plan. Here is a link to a report:

19:32:22 From Phil Asquith to David Griffiths and all panelists : exactly phil

19:33:41 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : Sorry, the link wont work. However, I believe there is the potential to roll out such conferences to build support

19:33:54 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists : RMT are brilliant

19:34:01 From Martha Kellerhals to All panelists : Such amazing and inspiring work that the Lucas team did! I am eager to learn more and will certainly get the book. I hope to find ways to apply some practices to the dysfunctional, destructive, extractive textile industry. I believe textile and apparel production can return to being regional and local industries - even operated as cooperatives - engaging more people in their communities and give back to local economies. Unfortunately, I have to leave early. Thank you very much for organizing this informative and motivating event!

19:36:42 From Bryan OSBON to All panelists : http://www.bruno-latour.fr/sites/default/files/downloads/P-202-AOC-ENGLISH_1.pdf?dm_i=56G9,78X9,125TX,Y,S3G3,1

19:37:45 From mike hales to All panelists : I. was in ICI. Wrote living thinkwork out of that. Was with Hilary & Mike C at the GLC

19:37:46 From Phil Asquith to Francis Stuart and all panelists : thank you. phil

19:38:42 From Phil Asquith to Ken Ball and all panelists : thank you. phil

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Allison Fewtrell 07:33 PM

I posted my question in the general chat by mistake:

So many companies are now owned by gigantic global corporations whose aim seems to be to extract as much profit as possible and stash it in offshore accounts, and a Labour party that is now considerably less left wing than it was in the 70s, is this a barrier and if so, how do we overcome it?

Marc Hudson 07:35 PM

Is the key question not the same one it ever was - who will bell the cat? If you answer "only grassroots groups taking control of corrupted organisations like trades union hierarchies" then you only push back the question a bit - how will it be different next time? How do we "not reproduce the status quo"? What is it that we, now, as progressives, need to start doing DIFFERENTLY? What is pathological and conservative in our cultures that we need to look at? Who will bell the cat?

John Routley 07:36 PM

As a result of the current Pandemic we have seen very clear examples of Engineering Conversion and to a certain degree Micro Conversion activities taking place. From the Production of Ventilators to face masks. We have also seen Economic Conversion taking place across the Globe on a scale that we almost cant comprehend. Can the panel suggest how we can organise to ensure we keep this momentum going before we go back to the Neo-Liberal Globalisation that is destroying our Planet?

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19:38:57 From Michael Reinsborough to All panelists : Now 150 people present and it continues to go up slightly

19:38:59 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : Ah, this might be a link that works: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eaUUMQ8isETAzPKTLCS37UlkqAjgfU9C/view?usp=drivesdk>

19:39:06 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : thanks Hilary!

19:40:01 From Michael Reinsborough to All panelists : four questions in the Q&A so far

19:40:26 From Steve Ongerth to All panelists : Rebecca, are you familiar with and connected with Iron and Earth?

19:41:51 From Mair Perkins to All panelists : Hi everyone, I'm part of some climate activist groups in Derby. We want to run a campaign to have Rolls Royce adopt the Lucas plan.

Our local council and Rolls Royce are currently lobbying for airline bailouts. We're hoping to ally with unions, disarmament groups and anyone else who wants Roll Royce to change their business practices.

Please feel free to contact me at mairperkins2@gmail.com

Background info:

<https://unitetheunion.org/campaigns/rolls-royce-play-your-part-in-rebuilding-our-economy-dont-slash-jobs/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/live/2020/apr/01/markets-covid-19-recession-factories-uk-banks-cancel-dividends-coronavirus-business-live?page=with%3Ablock-5e849cbb8f0866297e9f5048>

<https://www.marketingderby.co.uk/news-library/2020/5/7/one-of-our-great-cities>

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Kate Hod 07:39 PM

The 2016 event was not attended officially by PAAA. Since one of Unite's AGS Steve Turner has at last LP conference given interview to say how he wants to be involved in green jobs and now that Laura Pidcock is involved with that coalition is there a way forward through PAAA?

Inigo Antepara 07:43 PM

Hi Phil, thank you for sharing your experience. During the discussions before presenting the plan, apart from trying to find a useful production for the society, did you talk about the hours spent at work? Something like reducing the working hours or a different labor market thanks to the basic income

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19:42:10 From mike hales to All panelists : michaelhales@mac.com

19:45:20 From David Somervell to All panelists : Story from December 2019: <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/dec/19/oshawa-general-motors-plant-closure>

19:49:52 From Moyra Jean : Green Jobs ?Oshwa? how is that written please

19:49:57 From Jacquelyn Burke : YES Rebecca. Absolutely right.

19:50:07 From Janet Newsham to All panelists : well said Rebecca

19:50:16 From Tony Leah to All panelists : Green Jobs Oshawa

19:50:20 From Ania Plomien to All panelists : oshawa with an 'a'

19:50:27 From Ian.Hewitt@phonecoop.coop : I think it's Oshawa

19:50:33 From Tony Leah to All panelists : GreenJobsOshawa.ca

19:50:35 From Michael Reinsborough : We'll be taking questions at the end of the three speakers. You can put them now in the Q&A tab on the bottom of your screen

19:50:41 From David Amos : Ottawa

19:51:01 From David Somervell to All panelists : <https://www.greenjobsoshawa.ca/news.html>

19:51:18 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : Thanks Rebecca. Great stuff

19:51:26 From Hazel Roy to All panelists : Spot on Rebecca

19:51:27 From Seo Dale : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oshawa_Car_Assembly

19:51:32 From Kate Hod : Suggest we all join Chris Williamson's resistance initiative.

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Seo Dale 07:46 PM

In my work, mainly in the public sector, I have noticed a shift in attitudes in procurement, the idea that direct provision or changes in procurement to have a closer relationship with suppliers of goods and services to drive necessary change and social aims is often seen as 'too hard' or outside of the 'norm'. Often this is officer-led. In the short term what practical support can we give to workplaces to learn from the Lucas plan and transform the way they use their labour, directly deliver services and procure services to reorientate towards use-value aims, rather than see the continuation of lowest common denominator cost-based procurement?

Kate Hod 07:46 PM

There will I guess be an election for GS in GMB soonish. Can we ask the people standing to pledge to support a new Lucas Plan? Or do we abandon GMB?

Tony Dowling 07:49 PM

As chair of People's Assembly North East I hope that, as Kate Hod asks, the PAAA will get involved. In fact, I believe that it is essential that the post-coronavirus situation sees plans proposed by the wider movement for re-engineering the economy to use socially useful production for need not profit - it seems to me that there will never be a better moment to argue for a New Lucas Plan to solve what will be an insoluble problem for global capital. What do the panel think?

Hilda Palmer 07:51 PM

Brilliant Rebecca!!

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I know Sam is signed up as am I. One of the objectives of the political strategy is defence diversification and more explicitly, to: "update the Lucas Plan on defence diversification"

See - <https://resistfest.co.uk/a-firm-foundation/>

19:51:45 From Ken Ball to All panelists : Thank you Rebecca, inspiring.

19:51:55 From Nick J : <https://www.facebook.com/GreenJobsOshawa/>

19:51:55 From Norma : I agree with Hilary that the role trade union movement is key to change. the problem is that young people are not joining unions in any great numbers. We can learn from the past but to move forward we need young people and for trade unions to make alliances with other movements as outlined by Rebecca. do you think there is an appetite for this within the any trade unions

19:53:03 From Christopher Keene : could the Tories be persuaded to introduce a Green New Deal?

19:53:13 From Rebecca Keetch : GreenJobsOshawa.ca and we are also on facebook.

19:53:27 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : Great speech Rebecca, can you also publish your speech somewhere? The Canadian government has just announced a deadline extension for bids for a new fleet of fighter jets. Canada is planning on spending \$19 billion (not including life cycle costs) for 88 fighter jets. Canada has no trouble wasting tax dollars on new weapons systems.

19:53:59 From Frank Hammer to All panelists : for Rebecca: the US government didn't just threaten GM at Kokomo and Warren, Trump used the Defense Production Act. to compel GM to produce PPE. I'm an advocate for its broader use. should we not

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kolyaab@yahoo.co.uk kolyaab@yahoo.co.uk
07:53 PM

is now a moment for struggles for nationalising of plants WITHOUT compensation for the companies?

Steve Ongerth 07:54 PM

What are the prospects of building a coalition of yourselves with groups like Trade Unions for Energy Democracy, Labor Network for Sustainability, Iron and Earth, the IWW Environmental Union Caucus (which I am part of), La Via Campesina and the like and building a global movement?

Marc Hudson 07:54 PM

Bell the cat - all the mice are very upset that a cat is marauding and eating them. They hold a meeting, and all agree that it would be very good if the cat were to wear a bell, to warn them of its approach. The meeting is very happy and about to break up. Then one of the old, wise mice says "fine, but who will bell the cat?"

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go down this path because its trump in control?

19:55:49 From Jonathan Feldman : HR101, Conversion Bill, backed by House Speaker Jim Wright (before he was deposed). US House of Representatives.

19:55:52 From mike hales : Is the municipal/city level important in the mix.As distinct from national government?

19:57:39 From Hazel Roy to All panelists : Young people do not identify with Trade Unions - its a major obstacle. In the 1970s if your politics were progressive it was a given to join a Trade Union. Thatcherism destroyed the power of the Unions and created a disjunction where young people no longer visibly see the intrinsic power of and necessity to join Trade Unions. We need a massive education and recruitment drive in the TU movement to recruit and educate young people.

19:57:50 From mike hales : This might be related to what Phil spoke of in Europe - <https://reflowproject.eu/>

19:58:02 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : what will be crucial is ensuring that any 'plan' is explicit in arguing for no job losses

19:58:51 From Kate Hod : Quick online search gives this meaning: To bell the cat means to attempt or agree to attempt an impossibly difficult task that if achieved, will benefit the entire community. The idiom bell the cat comes from a fable attributed to Aesop called the Mice in Council.

20:01:41 From Michael Reinsborough : Thanks I hadn't heard that fable!

20:01:45 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : In 2013, Eleanor Norton, Democrat representative District of Columbia introduced the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion

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L H 07:55 PM

how do we extend the plan ideas to our local communities and their local councils now reactionaries in power at national level including in all major parties? The example of the GLC may be helpful?

You would like to answer this question live.

Marc Hudson 07:55 PM

<https://grammarist.com/idiom/bell-the-cat/>

Austin Harney 07:56 PM

How do we apply pressure on unions including the large ones to organise international strikes for green deals on workers against these multi - national companies? Visteon was threatened by an international strike in 2008 of which could have involed workers in Europe, Canada and the United States.

Richard Billam 07:57 PM

I agree with everything that's been said, but we can't rely on business or government to implement such plans. Yes, trade unions need to come on board, but we need to reach those workers who aren't unionised. Green Jobs Oshawa shows one way but who's going to lead that here? A lot of people are saying things must change after Covid-19 passes. We need a strategy to harness that wish.

Linda Walker 08:02 PM

How can we put diversification or repurposing at the heart of the 'Build Back Better' campaign and the Green New Deal?

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Act.<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2419/text>

20:02:49 From Tony Dowling to All panelists : Hilary is right, we need to combine the needs of climate change with what will be the post-covid economic crisis to build a movement for system change to socially useful production

20:04:52 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : This webinar is making me think of Swedish diplomat Inga Thorsson who pushed for conversion plans in every country in the 1980s at the UN. She chaired a special Disarmament and Development UN committee and produced an important report calling for disarmament, demilitarization and conversion. The world should have listened to her.

20:05:21 From Austin Harney to All panelists : I have asked a question in how we do apply international strikes for green deals for workers. You can refer to the question and answer section.

20:05:53 From mike hales : Yeah,! Production occurs right through civil society. The reorganisations needs to mobilise unions, but go beyond the product market and labour market?

20:06:20 From David Griffiths to All panelists : Need to go now, so many thanks for putting this on,

20:06:37 From Tamara Lorincz to All panelists : The New Democratic Party in Canada has failed workers and has failed to show any leadership on conversion, disarmament, just transition and green economy.

20:07:22 From Tim Jones to All panelists : Great that Novaramedia #TyskySour with John McDonnell is at 9pm instead of 8pm this evening! Double bill of inspiration!

Kate Hod 08:07 PM

Wales has quite a good set of laws on environmental aspects, eg just ended consultation on Circular Economy. Hilary mentioned N Wales Airbus and ventilators. Any ideas of what to do, how and with whom specifically in Wales to push this New Lucas Plan?

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20:07:31 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : the examples given are where workers are losing their jobs. How do we enthuse or interest people who are not losing their jobs?

20:08:00 From Tim Jones : Great that Novaramedia #TyskySour with John McDonnell is at 9pm instead of 8pm this evening! Double bill of inspiration!

20:08:24 From Tom Sutton : 3 keys for me from Lucas: 1) combine - form a wide alliance but as slow as necessary to build trust; 2) have a 'nuts and bolts' plan, not a wish list; 3) be pre-emptive, stay pre-emptive, and trust your own knowledge and skills as workers

20:08:43 From aljch : thanks tim jones

20:09:27 From Phil Asquith to Tom Sutton and all panelists : definitely phil

20:09:53 From Seo Dale : I recommend anyone to go to the Armaments museum in Eibar in the Basque Country as well. It shows how the then workers' firm Alfa de-vested from armaments into light industrial goods. Unfortunately there was a change of structure but I recommend it if you're ever in the area!

20:11:05 From Kate Hod : @Tom S - Endorse your 3 keys. Sound.

20:11:45 From Steve Walker : And Poptel was a worker co-operative

20:11:55 From Richard Billam to All panelists : Mondragon was a response to the suppression of the Basques by the Francoist regime. It involved the creation of a network of workers' co-ops supported by a regional savings bank. That financial independence was probably its greatest strength.

20:12:10 From Tony Dowling : the key message from The Lucas Plan is that workers themselves have the solutions! we need to

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Tony Leah 08:10 PM

Rebecca mentioned that her union, Unifor, called for a boycott of Mexican-made vehicles, which seems to harm international solidarity. What is the way to organize that unites workers in different countries?

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find a way to unleash the vast potential for self-organisation that exists but is unavailable due to a lack of democratic control of industrial strategy

20:15:27 From Clara Wood to All panelists : Is anyone else having connection problems? My connection dropped and I couldn't get back in for about five minutes.

20:15:35 From mike hales : Hilary referred to commons . . Commons (=commoning) are so important. A commons IS a commons bcos it's stewarded by the commoners (contributors, beneficiaries). Commons is a political commitment, not just an legacy commitment or an environmental commitment. Fundamentally mutualist.

20:15:52 From John Routley : Phil highlighted that in the beginning The Lucas Combine was created as a result of the common problems that impacted on ALL workers. Initially it was the Issues relating to our Pensions. The outcome was a Combine that had 9 Unions across 13 sites representing some 18,000 employees. Egos were put aside along with traditional past differences between White and Blue collared Unions. Any future collaboration to create a Broadchurch of Trade Unions, Community Groups, Political groups, Peace and Green organisations and Activists must find it within themselves to also put differences aside to create the Alliances required to move the movement forward. labour,

20:16:23 From Michael Reinsborough to Clara Wood and all panelists : Hi Clara - sorry the difficulty with connection. Glad you're back.

20:16:54 From Inigo Antepará to All panelists : I worked 12 years at the Mondragon group. There was nothing similar to the Lucas Plan, nothing coming from the workers-members to change the production. Perhaps this lack of flexibility/innovation, or whatever, drove the plant of domestic appliances to close 10 years ago

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Bryan OSBON 08:13 PM

Pierre Charbonnier demonstrated it: after a hundred years of socialism limited just to the redistribution of the benefits of the economy, it might now be more a matter of inventing a socialism that contests production itself. 6 Injustice is not just about the redistribution of the fruits of progress, but about the very manner in which the planet is made fruitful. This does not mean de-growth, or living off love alone or fresh water. It means learning to select each segment of this so-called irreversible system, putting a question mark over each of its supposed indispensable connections, and then testing in more and more detail what is desirable and what has ceased to be so.

full article:

http://www.bruno-latour.fr/sites/default/files/downloads/P-202-AOC-ENGLISH_1.pdf?dm_i=56G9,78X9,125TXY,S3G3,1

Francis Stuart 08:16 PM

How do we ensure any new red-green coalitions don't simply operate like NGOs ie. make demands of Government and mobilise an existing activist base? How do we bridge the gap between talking about socially useful production and building real power that threatens capital in communities and workplaces? For example, green bans in Australia in the 1970s would seem to be a good example of construction workers unions working with community groups to refuse to build on greenspace and low-income households.

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20:17:44 From Tony Dowling : Very good point John Routley

20:17:55 From Michael Reinsborough to All panelists : Local discussions will be happening in the next few weeks in London, Derby, and Newcastle. Email to join. If you would like to set up local meetings in your community let us know and we can help. email at info@breakingtheframe.org.uk

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20:18:43 From Marc Hudson to All panelists : Further to my cat belling question - this blog post may be of interest <https://marchudson.net/2020/04/01/the-four-cs-coronavirus-capitalism-climate-and-cats-belling-of/>

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20:19:33 From John Routley : Hi Richard Billam, there is a 30 minute film about the Plan. I am sure one of us from the Lucas Combine would be happy to come and speak to your group sometime in the future. Best wishes John Routley

20:19:48 From Marc Hudson to All panelists : and this one, slightly more recent <https://marchudson.net/2020/04/22/economists-the-post-coronavirus-world-and-that-cat-in-need-of-belling/>

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20:21:42 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : Is that cat belled?

20:21:45 From Ian.Hewitt@phonecoop.coop : To Richard Billam - there is a 30 min version of the film available from Steve Sprung (film maker). Hosting sessions with trade unions in the regions is a great idea. We are hoping that regional groups will get established to do such things as an outcome from this event

20:21:46 From aljch : Love Rebecca's cat

20:21:49 From John Routley : Rebecca has your Cat got a Bell on its Tail?

20:22:11 From Clara Wood : A cat on screen is obligatory in Zoom

20:22:27 From Nicola Maunders to All panelists : Love your cat Rebecca

20:22:33 From Richard Billam to All panelists : Hi John, I know, I've seen it, but the longer one has some essential details - it's just TOO long.

20:22:34 From Jacquelyn Burke : Cats always welcome

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Phil Newton 08:20 PM

should not we be a losing technology

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20:22:37 From Nathalie Paravicini to All panelists : I think the Universal Living Wage is an elegant solution supporting international solidarity (salaries pegged to local cost of living, whereby housing is not more than 30% of a family's income)

20:23:22 From Christopher Erswell to All panelists : is the cat a maoist?

20:23:26 From Michael Reinsborough to Phil Newton and all panelists : Hi Phil if you put your question in the Q&A that would be great

20:24:00 From Michael Reinsborough to Phil Newton and all panelists : So sorry we are not taking raised hands unfortunately because we have so many people here

20:25:48 From Marigold Bentley to All panelists : Key legal support to the McLibel campaign with Dave Steele and Helen Morris as mentioned by Hilary just now was given by Kier Starmer.

20:25:51 From Janet Fenton to All panelists : AS an internationalist Scottish peace and environmental campaigner, thanks for a great and inspiring webinar, I'll be doing my best to bring influence on our slightly more progressive government to consider your perspectives, and also we'll be using these ideas in our vision for a better greener fairer Scotland and its global contribution.
Janet Fenton

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20:28:03 From Richard Billam to All panelists : The point Phil makes about international links is good and the main reason the UK should have stayed in the EU.

20:28:07 From Michael Reinsborough : Keep in touch you can join the announcement email list (1-2 emails per month) or if you would like to be involved in the discussion list (1-5+ emails per week). email at info@breakingtheframe.org.uk

20:28:37 From Michael Reinsborough to Roger Barley and all panelists : Hi Roger so sorry we are not taking hands because we have so many people

20:28:50 From andy : like John Routley's working together idea andy giess Guildford... thought provoking evening thanks

20:28:59 From Michael Reinsborough to Roger Barley and all panelists : But you can put your question in the Q&A

20:29:16 From Tony Dowling : Think global, act local

20:29:26 From Anat Greenstein to All panelists : please send the ways to be in touch through the event rite page

20:29:38 From Michael Reinsborough to Roger Barley and all panelists : I'm sorry we haven't been able to cover all questions but please also email us and happy to respond

20:29:48 From Jonathan Feldman : Think and act globally, nationally, regionally.

20:30:00 From Jacquelyn Burke : This meeting has been brilliant. I've created lots of notes and pledge to make more links and to help organise in our region.

20:30:08 From Nicola Maunders to All panelists : Very interesting ideas and an excellent webinar. Thank you very much to all the panellists and the cat

20:30:08 From SARAH EBELEWICZ to All panelists : Thanks to all the speakers- very interesting evening. Sarah Ebelewicz

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Phil Newton 08:29 PM

should we be better avoiding technology and towards as a greeneenology ? as a green overalled 5yr apprentice in 1960 leaving the l.pool Victor works for a music diploma course conversion it was due to 2 events from within the works; a rock band in the stores in a EAU strike and philharmonic sponsored industrial concerts .Phil Newton

Nathalie Paravicini 08:30 PM

I agree - I think there must be a mass re-education of the general population about the possibilities - and that is at the local level; buy local , support local businesses, address corporate "personhood" (in the US) and ascert nature rights, etc.

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20:30:18 From Michael Reinsborough to Anat Greenstein and all panelists : We will be in contact again with all participants in the next few days, Thanks Anat

20:30:59 From Mr Flibble to All panelists : @rebecca agreed

20:31:06 From Kate Hod : Hear hear Rebecca

20:31:09 From Jacquelyn Burke : If not now, when?

20:31:16 From Allison Fewtrell to All panelists : Thank you so much, fascinating discussion!

20:31:21 From Heather Blakey : Unite Community is about unionism beyond workers - if you're organising locally in the UK, please link up with your local Unite Community branch!

20:31:27 From Bally to All panelists : Thank you !

20:31:32 From Anat Greenstein to All panelists : thank you very much

20:31:33 From Jon White : Great webinar - local so key and building coalitions around the local structures. Thank you so much all.

20:31:40 From Ann Tunnicliffe to All panelists : Brilliant webinar.

20:31:42 From David King : If you want to follow up on this meeting, contact the New Lucas Plan
info@breakingtheframe.org.uk

20:32:00 From Bryan OSBON : put up 'our Agenda now, before we get composited out ! Great meeting.

20:32:18 From Michael Reinsborough : Local discussions will be happening in the next few weeks in London, Derby, and Newcastle. Email to join.
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20:33:03 From Simpson to All
panelists : Thank you Dublin Council of Trade
Unions. Tommy Simpson. Keep up the good
work.

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next few weeks in London, Derby, and
Newcastle. Email to join.
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20:34:08 From Ron to All panelists :
Donated. Scroll up in case you missed how to
donate 👍👍

20:34:14 From aljch : Thank you
everone

20:34:46 From John Routley : Lucas
Combine Shop Stewards are hoping to launch
a new Web Site soon. Phil Asquith Brian
Sailsbury and John Routley Mick Cooney

20:34:53 From Mr Flibble to All
panelists : Thank you!

20:34:56 From Michael Reinsborough
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Nathalie Paravicini 08:34 PM

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Nathalie Paravicini 08:35 PM

Thanks

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20:35:17 From jonathan essex to All panelists : Thanks.

20:35:19 From Tony Dowling : Thanks everyone, hope to see you all again 🍷🍷

20:35:30 From Tom Sutton : cheers

20:35:42 From Rachel : thanks everyone

20:35:48 From Romaine Phoenix to All panelists : Thank You

20:35:59 From Michael Reinsborough : Thanks everyone

20:36:17 From Galaxy A40 to All panelists : thank you.

20:36:19 From Michael Reinsborough : We will be back in touch by email to everyone

20:36:41 From 768773 : thank you - inspiring - how to get recording? Jo, Derby

20:36:42 From Kate Hod to All panelists : You still have people listening - so you know. Thank you. solidarity

20:39:02 From Sam Mason : We will circulate the recording to all attendees. thank you

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