



## Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Pānui May 2022

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our network's first newsletter. We are planning to do regular newsletters, prior to each meeting.

### CEPOW – Climate and Employment Proof Our Work - 22 June 2022.

CEPOW Day is a call to workers around the world to invite their employers to engage in conversation about plans for climate resilience and a sustainable future. The CTU is encouraging all unions to be active on this day, presenting to our employer's on whether they have a plan to deal with climate change and what they are doing to ensure workers can be involved in this mahi.

We know that the tertiary sector has a major role in generating climate and sustainability knowledge, designing curriculum to support sustainability innovation, supporting "green" careers and employment transitions, and identifying how our institutions can reduce their environmental and climate impacts.

- [Find out more and register here.](#)
- TEU is partnering with NZEI to hold *Mātauranga Māui Climate Action for Educators*: two night training sessions on Wednesday 22 & 29 June, 7-9pm Attendees must go to both events. [Click here to find out more and register.](#)

### Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Meeting – Tuesday 14th June 4 pm

#### Agenda:

- Whakawhanaungatanga
- CEPOW – taking action

- TEC – late June we have a meeting with TEC and members of MOE to discuss our vision of climate action across our sector – tell us what we should be demanding.

### Across our Sector - Action and information of note.

- TEC investment plan guidance for 2023 includes (p. 34-38) embedding carbon neutral content and thinking among its broader priorities (add link to TU).
- Te Pūkenga has signalled its intention to create and implement a sustainability strategy and has undertaken a [Sustainability Stocktake Report](#)
- The Western Institute of Technology (WITT) has a monthly e-publication, **Energy Education**, to support upskilling of the energy sector. There is interesting content and they can be [accessed here](#).
- Facing the planned closure of the NZ Aluminium Smelter [Southland Just Transition](#) was established. [Murihiku Regeneration](#), led by four Ngāi Tahu hāpu, is a whānau-centric plan for the regeneration of Southland.

### TEU Conference 2022

Conference this year was a face-to-face event, in Wellington at the Brentwood Hotel on **Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May**. For more information on the exciting work we undertook, [check out last week's Tertiary Update story](#).

Tiakina te Taiao | Climate Action Network had time for a short caucus with some interested members.

This is an exciting and important time for our union with workshops being held at all branches over the next few months for members to share their views how our union should be structured and function as a 21<sup>st</sup> century Te Tiriti led union.

Members of the network are encouraged to attend every workshop. This is a great opportunity to ensure that our rules and structures are based on strong relationships, that we work closely with Māori, and includes just transitions, sustainability and climate justice through all that we do.

## World Environment Day – Sunday 5th June

- This UN international day engages governments and businesses to raise awareness and celebrate environmental action.
- 2022 is the 50 year anniversary of the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment and the theme this year is 'Only one Earth' with the focus on "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature".
- [Click here to find out more.](#)

## National Adaptation Plan

The Government's first National Adaptation Plan was recently released and has just closed for consultation. This plan does not mention tertiary education, but does talk about school-level learning. [Click here for more.](#) We are keen to see the final iteration of this plan.

## Budget Announcements

Most of the information related to climate change was released prior to budget day. For anyone who missed this information here are some links and commentary by the CTU and our own network co-lead Rachel Bolstad in Tertiary Update.

- [CTU backs need for a just transition in emissions reduction plan.](#)
- [Click here for the Emissions Reduction Plan.](#)

- Click [here](#) and [here](#) for the government press releases
- [Rachel in Tertiary Update.](#)

## Interesting Reading

- [Climate Justice: Why does it matter?](#)
- [The time is now" Education's contribution to a climate resilient future.](#)
- [Riding the tide home.](#)
- [Design Competition: Nature-based climate adaptation driven by indigenous knowledge.](#)
- [Walking backwards into our future](#)
- [Fighting for our future.](#)
- [Climate change and gender.](#)

## Coal Boilers to be removed from Schools

In case you missed it, the government has announced that [all coal boilers are to be removed from schools.](#) However, this still remains an issue in our sector. The solutions are not always easy.

One of our members (thanks Mark) noted UC is receiving significant public subsidy to adapt their old coal boiler for a 'biomass boiler'. Notwithstanding the obvious plus of moving off coal, the science of logging trees to burn them to give us power is flawed. [Click here](#) for a recent feature from the New Yorker on the (in)famous Drax plant in the UK.

## IPCC Report

[The latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#), the UN's body for assessing the science related to climate change, makes disturbing reading.

## Future meetings

Put these dates in your calendar, invitations to follow!

- August 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 4pm
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 4pm
- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 4pm