


# ENGINEERING FOR PEACE, JOBS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

a one-day conference organised by

Tyne & Wear County Association of Trades Union Councils and the North East People's Assembly

**10 am – 4 pm Saturday 9 November**

PCS meeting room, Unite the Union Building, John Dobson Street, Newcastle upon Tyne

Inspired by the ideas of the **Lucas Plan** of the 1970s  
see the film, *'The Plan that came from the bottom up'* 

and focusing on the themes of

**JUST TRANSITION/GREEN NEW DEAL**



## ROBOTICS & AUTOMATION



## ARMS CONVERSION/ DEFENCE DIVERSIFICATION



**DEMOCRATIC LOCAL PLANNING**  
*and WORKER ENGAGEMENT*

**TYNE &  
WEAR  
COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION**



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Registration, refreshments
- 11.00 Opening Plenary
- 12.15 Film, *The Plan that came from the bottom up* (short version), about the Lucas Plan of the 1970s
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Workshops 1:  
*Arms Conversion/Defence Diversification  
Democratic Local Planning*
- 14.15 Workshops 2:  
*Just Transition/Green New Deal  
Robotics and Automation*
- 15.00 Reports for Workshops
- 16.00 Close

### AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME?

The Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards' Combine's Alternative Corporate Plan of 1976 was a pioneering effort by workers at the arms company to retain jobs by proposing alternative, socially-useful applications of the company's technology and their own skills.

Today, we are facing a convergence of crises: militarism and nuclear weapons, climate chaos, austerity and the destruction of jobs by automation. Yet production still follows the dictates of the market, not of social need or environmental protection.

We have to change not just what we produce, but how we produce it, and to think politically about technology. It's in our hands: we have to show that alternatives are possible and achievable.



## SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

*confirmed so far*

- JAMIE DRISCOLL** *North of Tyne Mayor*
- BETH FARHAT** *TUC Northern Region Secretary,  
member of the Environmental Justice  
Commission of the Institute for Public  
Policy Research*
- TAM KIRBY** *Unite Scotland Apprentices  
Coordinator and Chair of Fife People's  
Assembly*
- CIARAN PINKNEY** *USDAW North East Area Organiser*
- JOHN ROUTLEY** *former Lucas Aerospace Combine  
shop steward*
- LLOYD RUSSELL-MOYLE** *MP for Brighton Kempdown,  
member of Labour's Defence  
Diversification team*

UK Schools Climate Network - North East and North East Labour for a Green New Deal also invited.

### REGISTER NOW:

*tickets are £3 waged/£1 unwaged at  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/init/KDFDFDE>.  
Lunch will be provided but you need to book in  
advance. For further information email  
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