



Climate Connectors

Why:

Australians live on one of the driest continents on Earth, which puts us right in the firing line of climate change. We have already seen the terrible effects of climate change, including bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef, increases in fires and drought, and more severe storms such as Cyclone Larry. The cost of extreme climate events in economic terms is unsustainable; and in human terms shocking.

But Australia is also in a great position to be a world leader in renewable energy and create thousands of jobs and new exports. Many Australians believe Climate Change to be an important issue that we as a country, as organisations, and as individuals have a responsibility to take serious action on to ensure a secure and sustainable way of life for future generations.

Who:

The Union Climate Connectors is a joint campaign between the Australian Conservation Foundation and Australian Unions.

What we're campaigning for:

We want to raise awareness and action in workplaces and communities around Australia.

Our broader goals align with the Southern Cross Climate Coalition:

- Strong leadership by Australia in the lead-up to, and, at the crucial Copenhagen climate negotiations this December.
- Ambitious implementation of climate solutions to provide 1 million Australian workers with new or up-skilled clean energy jobs

When and How:

Between August and December members of unions from around Australia will be completing tasks in their workplace, home and community to build awareness and understanding about climate change. These activities will be themed to coincide with community events both locally and globally, such as Walk to Work Day and National Recycling Week.

Union Climate Connectors will receive action kits by post or email, and phone calls to follow up each kit and provide support. We'll also hold Face to Face "Connector Trainings" in major centres in conjunction with ACF's The Climate Project and the ACTU Organising Centre.



Connector Training dates:

For Brisbane:

Tuesday 22nd September, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 22nd September, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

For Melbourne:

Thursday 24th September, 1.30pm – 4.30pm (TBA)

Thursday 24th September, 6.00pm – 9.00pm (TBA)

For Sydney:

Tuesday 29th September, 1.30pm – 4.30pm (TBA)

Tuesday 29th September, 6.00pm – 9.00pm(TBA)

To sign up as a Climate Connector go to <http://www.climateconnectors.org/>

For more information on the Clean Energy Jobs campaign see

<http://www.cleanenergyjobs.com.au/action.html>