

World Social Work Day - No-one Left Behind: Climate Change and Social Work (International, Local and Youth Perspectives) | BASW England

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I recommend reading this, the Chatham House Climate Change Risk Assessment from 2021, which says we have only a 1% chance of staying below 1.5C degrees global average heating, and only 5% chance of staying below 2C degrees <https://www.chathamhouse.org/2021/09/climate-change-risk-assessment-2021>. We are not safe now at 1.2C degrees global average heating and have already set in train some effectively irreversible impacts, such as sea level rise.

The latest IPCC report clearly states that half of humanity already live in the high risk zone now. Many of these people have done least to cause the climate emergency. Global emissions are still rising when they should be being drastically cut by governments. We will pass 1.5C degrees in the next decade, and it will be catastrophic for millions in the global south and much of the natural world. For example, 90% of the worlds coral reefs will be dead by then, and 100% of them at 2C degrees. Here is Antonia Guterres launch speech - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-yfYxtZ9zQ> and here is a 15 minute independent user friendly video summary of the overview of the report's findings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SH9wlbjKyU>

I referred to this peer reviewed study in my Talk – I strongly recommend reading it - <https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/04/28/1910114117> - the Future of the Human Climate Niche, which shows that by 2070 (if not before) between 1 and 3 billion people will be left outside the climatic conditions that have served humanity well for 1000s of years

There can be no peace or justice with fossil fuels. So many of the invasions, wars and conflicts around the world have fossil fuels at their core – oil and gas revenues fund wars, wars are fought over oil and gas supplies, wars cause enormous ecological destruction and military emissions in themselves, and in turn the climate breakdown caused by fossil fuels leads to droughts, crop failures, radicalisation and conflict. Our own British military expects 3.5 degrees of global heating!... a future that is beyond the ability of civilisation to adapt and survive

There will be no peace until we just stop oil, gas and coal.

The International Energy Agency stated in 2021 that there could be no new fossil fuel projects globally if we are to have a hope of staying below 1.5C degrees global average temperature rise. And yet the UK government intends to grant 40 more!

Please actively consider being part of communities of people taking nonviolent direct action and civil resistance from April onwards to demand that the UK government immediately halts all licensing and consents for new fossil fuel projects in the UK. You can find out more at <https://extinctionrebellion.uk/next-uk-rebellion/> and also at <https://juststopoil.org/>