

Hi

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 'Fossil Fools Day', we launched a new UK campaign for a shift from fossil fuel subsidies to subsidies for the zero-carbon economy. The campaign is called 'Climate SOS: Shift Our Subsidies' ([shiftoursubsidies.org](https://shiftoursubsidies.org))

We're inviting groups to sign up as supporters of this campaign.

In a climate emergency, the UK Government is spending billions of pounds each year propping up the fossil fuel industry at home and overseas. This is driving up carbon emissions.

The Covid-19 health and economic crisis could make this situation even worse as governments decide on whether to spend trillions on rescue packages for fossil fuel and high-carbon industries as well as on stimulus packages to re-start their economies. It is essential that the UK Government takes this opportunity to 'build back better' by giving no 'no-strings' bailouts of fossil fuel and high-carbon industries and by ensuring that stimulus packages are geared to investing in the zero-carbon economy.

We demand that the UK Government tells the truth about its fossil fuel subsidies and shifts taxpayers' money from fossil fuels and industrial-scale bioenergy (from land-use change) into energy efficiency, non-emissive renewable energy, public transport and nature restoration. The UK Government also needs to show leadership in COP 26 and other international meetings to advocate and support urgent international action to be taken to end fossil fuel subsidies.

Full details can be seen in our 'Declaration' which can be read on <https://shiftoursubsidies.org/our-declaration/>

Individuals can sign up to support this Declaration and our five demands to the UK Government here <https://shiftoursubsidies.org/support-our-demands/> or here <https://www.change.org/p/uk-mps-shift-uk-subsidies-from-fossil-fuels-to-the-zero-carbon-economy>

(There is further explanation of our views on our Frequently Asked Questions page <https://shiftoursubsidies.org/faq/> )

You may also be interested to read the 'Climate SOS Statement on Shifting Subsidies after Covid-19' <https://shiftoursubsidies.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/climate-sos-statement-on-shifting-subsidies-after-covid-19.pdf>

As we have already said, alongside our engagement with individuals we're inviting groups to show their support for this campaign.

Please can you discuss this within your group?

Please contact us to let us know that your group supports this campaign if your group

- a) Has read and agreed with our analysis in the SOS Declaration,
- b) Has read and agreed with our five demands to the UK Government,
- c) Is happy to be added to our mailing list,
- d) Is happy to let your members know that you support our campaign and to direct them to our petition <https://shiftoursubsidies.org/support-our-demands/> and 'Ask your MP/MSP/AM/ MLA' page <https://shiftoursubsidies.org/ask-your-mp-msp-am-mla/>

We value equally the support of the smallest group and the largest NGO. We will display the names of supporting groups on our website (<https://shiftoursubsidies.org/our-supporters/>) in

alphabetical order. We will not display any groups until we have ten supporting groups. After that point, we will update the page twice per month with the names of groups who have contacted us by the first Wednesday and the third Wednesday of each month.

Your group may well not be in a position to sign until it has resumed post-COVID face-to-face meetings or you may be able to agree this online.

We will send this message once per month over the next three months. If we remain in 'lockdown' during all of this period, we may also send this out one more time once 'lockdown' is over, later in 2020 or in 2021. We will not send it to any group who has already let us know that they support the campaign or to any group who requests that they be sent no more messages about this from us.

Please get in touch with us if you have any comments or questions.

Best wishes

The Climate SOS Team

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