

Workshops at Labor in the New Energy Economy:

(We will be adding additional workshops in the coming weeks)

Bargaining Strategies: How can your union make the most for the membership and the environment at the bargaining table? Share ideas with people who have fought for everything from employer subsidies for energy efficient appliances to successorship clauses for utilities investing in wind and other renewables

Jobs in the New Energy Economy I: Job Creation: The future energy industry will create many jobs for building trades, utility workers, manufacturing unions, and others. What policies are needed to promote this job creation and what strategies do we need to keep them union?

Jobs in the New Energy Economy II: Vulnerable Workers: The new energy economy will put some workers' job security at risk. What strategies do we employ to protect the interests of miners, refinery workers, and other industries reliant on fossil fuels?

Emerging Leaders: What will your union look like thirty years from now? What direction do you want your union to take now on energy issues to ensure the long-term viability of the labor movement? This workshop will explore green collar jobs and the training that will be needed. This workshop is geared towards union members under the age of 35

Applying Political Pressure: More and more legislators are recognizing the need for quick action to prevent climate disruption. This workshop will provide examples of how labor has not only come to the table, but set the table with labor-friendly options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Membership Education: Sometimes members have a hard time understanding why their union is involved in energy issues, and sometimes we aren't sure how to help them understand. Take advantage of the latest research on how to convey what you know about the relevance of the new energy economy.

Emerging Technologies and How to Promote Them as Union Technologies: Coal gasification, carbon capture, wind, solar, biofuels, and other technologies all have a role to play in the new energy economy. This workshop will help you understand the potential for some of the leading technologies and help you devise a strategy for promoting them in your state.

Green Conversion: In a climate of layoff and closings, some unions are pushing their employers to invest in clean technologies that will keep their worksites thriving into the future.

Building Coalitions: The old union adage has never been more true: united we stand, divided we beg. Sometimes we can gain even more strength when we unite with community and environmental groups. This workshop explains how strategic partnerships can make us stronger and provides tips for creating them.

Job Training for Green Collar Jobs: Community colleges and union apprentice programs are vital to building the workforce needed for the new energy economy.

No More Business as Usual: Unions have many tools for persuading employers to engage in the new energy economy. But when employers insist on business as usual, unions may have to think outside the box. Examples include unions that have directed pension fund assets into specific projects, using their capital to gain greater influence over political and investment and ultimately job creation opportunities.