

FACT SHEET #5: GREEN JOBS - HOW TO GET THERE
(I): LOCAL ACTION

Workplace action: the campaign for green jobs will start and end in the workplace - *sustainable production* of good and services is the key !

- build a base among the membership at the workplace and in the local, for *greening the workplace* (Fact sheet # 4)
- *create* green job committees in the local, and where feasible, joint committees in the workplace that would plan how to “green” existing jobs and where new green jobs could be created in the organization.
- *include in collective bargaining* the reduction of toxic substances, wastes, energy and water use, recycling materials, byproducts and components, greening of workplace surroundings, redesign of products and services to make them more sustainable.
- negotiate job security and *Just Transition* to pave the way for national schemes.
- make green jobs a *union issue*, with conferences, union networking, alliances with other workers, youth outreach, and work in Labour Council - all for the common goal of a *green economy*.

Community action:

- build alliances, with the local community and *community organizations* interested in working with labour for the *greening of local industry*;
- work to prevent community groups from building alliances with your employer at the expense of the union;
- *build alliances* with environmental organizations, the social justice movement and public advocacy groups; *Educate, learn*, and give-and-take with local organizations, e.g. over *Just Transition*
- *contribute* to community environmental work, e.g. over pesticide use in schools;
- *publicize* green job creation, e.g. in schools and at community events;
- participate as labour in *Earth Day*, April 22.

Political action at the municipal, provincial, territorial and national levels:

- work to change *government policies* towards green job creation and Just Transition;
- work for *green taxes* and effective environmental *regulations*;
- work for *alliances beyond the local community*, e.g. the national union industrial hemp campaign;
- zero in on *corporate polluters* and bad actors; give credit where credit is due; and
- *don't give up!*