

Failure is not an Option!

Vestas face a long-term campaign to shame them over their treatment of employees.

Vestas claim they are 'Number 1. in Modern Energy', and indeed are responsible for developing much of the world's wind/renewable energy. But they've shown their true colours this summer – not so 'green' after all.

Despite it making more profit in the first quarter of this year than last, Vestas decided to close the factory on St. Cross Business Park, Newport, Isle of Wight, leading to the loss of 600 jobs. Unions were banned & working conditions deteriorating prior to closure, workers were told "if you don't like it, you know where the door is". Now 11 workers who occupied the factory in an attempt to save it are being denied any redundancy.

There will be a long-term campaign as a result. As Vestas like to say, we have the 'Will to Win', 'Failure is not an Option!'

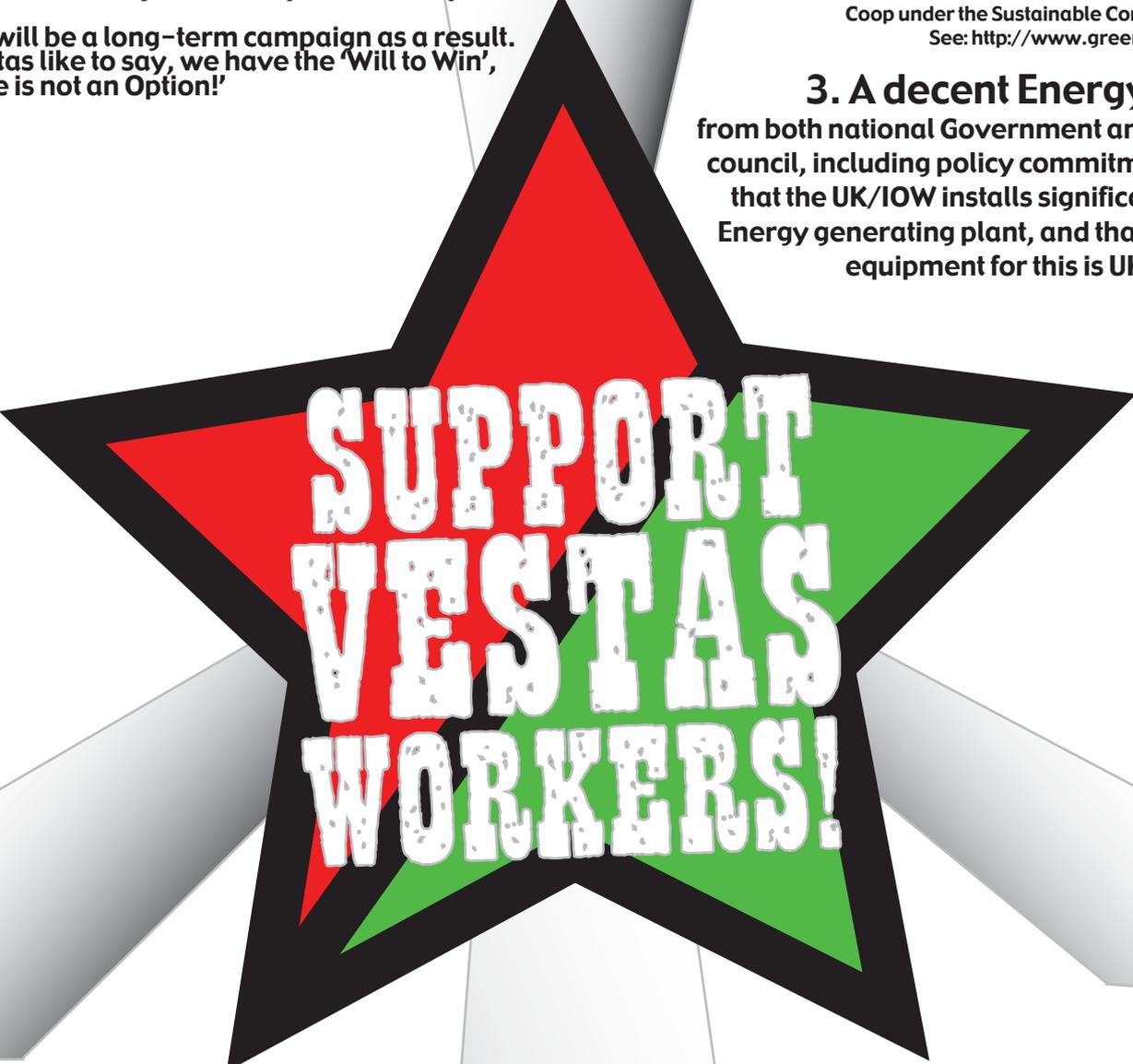
We Keep Fighting for:

1. Reinstatement & Redundancy
for the 11 sacked workers who occupied the factory in an attempt to save it (together owed £45,000), and improved Redundancy for all 600 workers. The Rail, Maritime & Transport Union (RMT) is collecting for a Redundancy / Hardship Fund. See: <http://www.rmt.org.uk/>

2. Re-open the factory –
under Worker Control,
through Nationalisation if necessary,
buyout by a consortium if not.

Leader of the Green Party, Caroline Lucas MEP has put forward a proposal to IOW Council that it turns the factory over to a Workers' Coop under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007. See: <http://www.greenparty.org.uk/news>

3. A decent Energy Strategy
from both national Government and Isle Of Wight council, including policy commitments to ensure that the UK/IOW installs significant Renewable Energy generating plant, and that production of equipment for this is UK/IOW-based.



**SUPPORT
VESTAS
WORKERS!**

**FOR JOBS! FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!
FOR A JUST TRANSITION NOW!**

We believe that being 'green' is about more than just not burning fossil fuels, and that 'Green capitalism' is no solution to the crises we face. The campaign to keep the Wind Turbine Blade Factory on the Isle of Wight open is also a campaign for worker's rights and for environmental justice and sustainability. Vestas' Newport factory was the only sizeable renewables production facility in the UK, but we're going to need to not only re-open this factory but set up more if we're going to avoid Catastrophic Climate Change. We also need to make a 'Just Transition' in polluting areas (such as the Coal and Car Industries) – to keep jobs and secure people's livelihoods – but at the same time to shift to sustainable and socially useful production.

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