

Signatories to the Women's Manifesto on Climate Change As of 15 May 2007

We, the undersigned organisations, believe strongly that climate change is a women's issue. We wholeheartedly support the priorities for action as stated in this manifesto:

- The UK to take a strong lead
- Equal involvement of women and men in decision-making
- Investment in renewable energy
- More environmentally friendly products
- Tougher CO2 emissions targets.

Within our own organisations, we are committed to furthering the aims of this manifesto and to considering the women's perspective in our work on climate change.

Organisations

ActionAid UK

Richard Miller, Executive Director
174 staff members

Airport Watch

Sarah Clayton, Coordinator
400 individual members and 40 local or national groups

Breast Cancer UK

Clare Dimmer, Chair

Capacity Global

Maria Adebawale, Director

Carplus

Antonia Roberts, Co-director

Climate Outreach Information Network (COIN)

Tim Baster, Executive Director

Green Alliance

Stephen Hale, Director
450 members

Kudos Research

Teresa Lynch, Head of DP Employees

National Alliance of Women's Organisations

Zarin Hainsworth, Chair

Practical Action

Margaret Gardner, Marketing and Communications Director
40,000 members

Research that Works

Sue Porter and Chris Seeley

Rights of Women

Ranjit Kaur, Director
Over 250 members and member organisations

Sustrans

John Grimshaw MBE, Founder and Chief Executive
40,000 supporters

Tearfund

Ben Niblett, Campaigns Team Leader
200,000 supporters

The Fawcett Society

Dr. Katherine Rake, Director
2,000 members

The Lazy Environmentalist

Polly Higgins, CEO and Founder

Women's Advisory Council, UNA-UK

Suzanne Long, Chair

Women's Environmental Network - Southampton & Waterside

Gwynne Wallis

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Sheila Triggs, President, UK
250 members

Women's Resource Centre

Vivienne Hayes, Director
308 members

WWF-UK

Colin Butfield, Head of Campaigns

Individuals**Christine Bone**

Administrator of the MSc in Responsibility and Business Practice, University of Bath

Fay Buglass

David Chaytor, MP
Bury North

Kerry Edens
Support Officer, Transport 2000

Prof. Lynn Frostick
Director, Environmental Technology Centre for Industrial Collaboration, University of Hull

Liz Goold
Independent Consultant, Facilitator at COIN

Ann Link
Co-founder, Shared Energy
Former Coordinator of Women's Environmental Network

Dr Caroline Lucas
Green Member of European Parliament for the South East Region

Judi Marshall
Professor of Organizational Behaviour, University of Bath
Director of Studies, MSc in Responsibility and Business Practice

Charlotte Salazar
Manager

Skye Sandhu

Elizabeth Sidney
WAFE

Emily Thornberry, MP
Islington South and Finsbury

Bernadette Vallely
Founder, Women's Environmental Network
Founder, Save the World Club
United Nations Global 500 Laureate for environmental work

Sheena Whittingham

Kathy Wormald
WEN Trustee

Endorsements

“The manifesto launched today marks an important step forward in the campaign against climate change, bringing women’s groups together to demand faster, firmer action on reducing emissions in all sectors.

We know that climate change is both a factor in, and a cause of, global injustice, and that its effects are felt disproportionately by those least responsible for the emissions that are fuelling it.

By recognising the fact that not only are women already paying a heavier price for climate change than men – and that’s only set to get worse – but that they are under-represented in the debate, both economically and politically, this manifesto makes an environmental case for the greater involvement of women in all areas of public life, especially politics and business.

Tackling climate change isn’t just about protecting our security here in the UK: it’s about creating a more just global society. Promoting equality between men and women is an essential component of the way Greens believe we should do so. This manifesto echoes that view, and I hope it will be deeply influential at all levels of campaigning and government.”

Dr Caroline Lucas, MEP, Green Party

“It gives me great pleasure to be given this chance to endorse the WEN/NFWI ‘Women’s Manifesto on Climate Change’ which has been launched so successfully here today. As chair of the DTI’s Expert Group for Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) I am particularly pleased to see the focus on increasing the numbers of women involved in decision making positions on environmental policy, and in industry and science. My group has recently been involved in developing a 5 year forward strategy for increasing the involvement of Women in STEM areas of the workplace, building on that outlined in SET FAIR in 2002. In this we identify several key ‘Transition Points’ where women leave the STEM areas. These include end PhD, where many women leave laboratory sciences, and all of the key promotion steps beyond this.

For example, in spite of increasing numbers of female undergraduates over all, there are still comparatively few women professors across all the sciences including those vital to the environment such as Chemistry, Physics and Engineering. I would therefore like to say well done to all concerned with this manifesto and I hope that you achieve all your aims- the sooner the better!”

Dr Lynne Frostick, Director, Environmental Technology Centre for Industrial Collaboration, University of Hull; Chair Department of Trade and Industry Expert Group for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

“A sophisticated understanding of the needs of women and the environment is long-overdue. The Fawcett Society is delighted to endorse the women’s manifesto on climate change and echoes its call for the equal representation of women in environmental decision-making.”

Zohra Moosa, Policy Officer, Fawcett Society

“As a social enterprise working on environmental and social justice Capacity Global is pleased to endorse the Women’s Manifesto on Climate Change. It is part of our advocacy programme to

tackle climate change and ensure that the the Third Sector support vulnerable communities locally, nationally and globally. As part of this work we have also written for the Every Action Counts project (supported by DEFRA) The Third Sector Declaration on Climate Change to be launched in June 2007. For further information please contact eac@capacity.org.uk or www.capacity.org.uk.”

Maria Adebawale, Director, Capacity Global

“In my community and thousands of communities across Africa, climate change is already having an impact. This means that women are hit first. Women are forced to go far in search of water and firewood. Girls are pulled out of school to help their mothers... fathers go far in search of work. Women often walk miles and miles to queue for hours waiting for food.

I am honoured to be here today to endorse this manifesto. Women are often forgotten but I am pleased to be able to see that on this occasion, women are not forgotten.”

Sharon Looremata, Practical Action Kenya