

Help set-up a worker- and community-based campaign to oppose the closure of the Vestas wind turbine factory.

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We want to assist and build the existing campaign on the Island, and get the national environmental movement behind it. A public meeting is planned for July 3rd, and we would like to publicise it widely, getting workers and local people to come along to discuss the possibilities of direct action and industrial action to save the plant.

A number of possible tactics exist to keep the factory open and producing turbines. A campaign of direct action to prevent the plant and machinery from leaving, supported by workers and the local community, could draw media attention to the issue, and open up negotiations with the company. Industrial action by the workers, especially a factory occupation supported by the local community and activists from national movements could physically prevent the gutting of the plant, and could open up channels with the company and the government to keep the factory running, ideally running as a cooperative.

What can we do?

Come to the Island and help build the campaign. Activists from Workers Climate Action will be on the Isle of Wight from June 26th until July 3rd, publicising the planned public meeting, talking over issues with workers and local activists, and attempting to build confidence to enable direct action and occupation. Join us for a few days and build a campaign to save the most important industry in the UK.

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