

Labour conference backs energy workers' futures



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GMB Union says Labour conference's backing hundreds of thousands of energy workers will be welcomed in working class communities across the UK.

Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary said:

"Labour Conference's backing for the future of hundreds of thousands of energy workers will be welcomed in working class communities across our regions and nations.



“We support a Green New Deal but it can’t be based on running down industries and making tens of thousands redundant – that’s not how you take workers and their communities with you.

“That’s why the support for the creation of tens of thousands of new low-carbon nuclear jobs is vital, that’s why recognising the realities of the UK’s gas needs in the grip of a growing energy crisis is vital and that’s why a commitment to stop the mass export of offshore manufacturing jobs is vital.

“The Labour Party Conference has taken a big step forward towards ensuring that climate justice and economic justice go hand in hand as the UK plays its part in tackling the climate crisis.”

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