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# An industrial strategy for people

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## “ Scotland needs an industrial strategy ... a strategy for people not for big business. ”

**It must be able to protect the future of our communities, defend workers' rights and provide fulfilling and economically sustainable jobs.**

**Neo-liberal policies have cost Scotland 400,000 manufacturing jobs since 1979.** Whole areas of Ayrshire, Central Scotland and Fife are still scarred by unemployment as a result of the politically-motivated closure of the coal industry. More recently, as a result of **Tory austerity cuts**, 50,000 jobs have gone in local and central government services and, since 2015, 200,000 in oil and gas. **For years Scotland has suffered from an investment strike by big business** – with investment managers and hedge funds dictating mergers and sky high dividends at the expense of long-term investment in plant, R&D and skills. This is the crisis we face as a fifth of all remaining jobs are under threat from **automation**.

The conference will consider the **radical alternatives that now exist for an activist pro-worker industrial strategy** – public ownership, a state investment bank, state aid, public sector holdings in major companies to ensure investment and innovation and the use of public procurement to require contractors to guarantee workers' rights and to source regionally.

The keynote speaker will be **Richard Leonard, leader of the Scottish Labour Party** who in 2017 launched the party's new industrial strategy. The conference will also hear **Kirsty Blackman of the SNP** who will speak to the party's programme for economic development, union leaders representing key sectors of the economy and the **Caterpillar team** who will describe the consequences of neo-liberal industrial policy for one community in Lanarkshire.



The conference will take place in the **STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow** (Kelvinbridge Underground). The Conference will be chaired by Denise Christie.

## **10.45** Registration

**11.00** Chair's opening remarks: Denise Christie

## **11.10** AN INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE

Richard Leonard  
Lynn Henderson  
Roz Foyer  
The Caterpillar team

## **12.30** Lunch

## **1 p.m.** Discussion groups

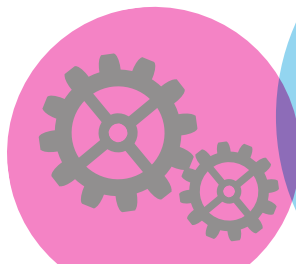
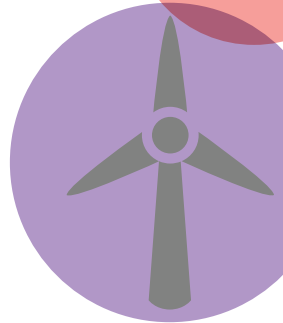
a) **AN ACTIVE INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY** versus **GLOBAL CAPITAL, WTO & EU**  
Samantha Ritchie, Ian Davidson (chair)

b) **INVESTMENT & INNOVATION: PUBLIC VERSUS PRIVATE**  
Vince Mills, John Foster (chair)

c) **COMMUNITIES AND DE-INDUSTRIALISATION**  
Tam Kirby and the Caterpillar team

## **2.30** LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – POWER TO END THE GIG ECONOMY

Reports from discussion groups  
Jackson Cullinane  
Kirsty Blackman MP  
Tam Kirby  
Samantha Ritchie



## Speakers

Kirsty Blackman	MP Aberdeen North; SNP Westminster spokesperson on the economy
Denise Christie	Secretary FBU Scotland; Chair Scottish Labour Left (Morning Star Supporters Group)
Jackson Cullinane	Head of Unite Scotland's Political, Research & Campaigns Unit
Ian Davidson	Chair of ROSE
Roz Foyer	Senior Organiser Unite Scotland
Lynn Henderson	Scottish Secretary PCS
Tam Kirby	Fife People's Assembly; Unite Scottish EC
Richard Leonard	MSP Central Scotland; leader Scottish Labour Party
Vince Mills	Secretary, Scottish Labour Left (Morning Star Supporters Group)
Samantha Ritchie	Labour Party activist



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