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£13 a day to self-isolate 'a slap in the face' for low-paid in England

Health secretary defends trial scheme's level of compensation for those who cannot work

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▲ A council worker sprays a social-distancing marker on the ground in Oldham, one of the areas where the trial is taking place. Photograph: Phil Noble/Reuters

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Coronavirus: £13-a-day self-isolation payments are 'an insult', government warned

The scheme is meant help those on Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits in high-risk areas, who cannot work from home.



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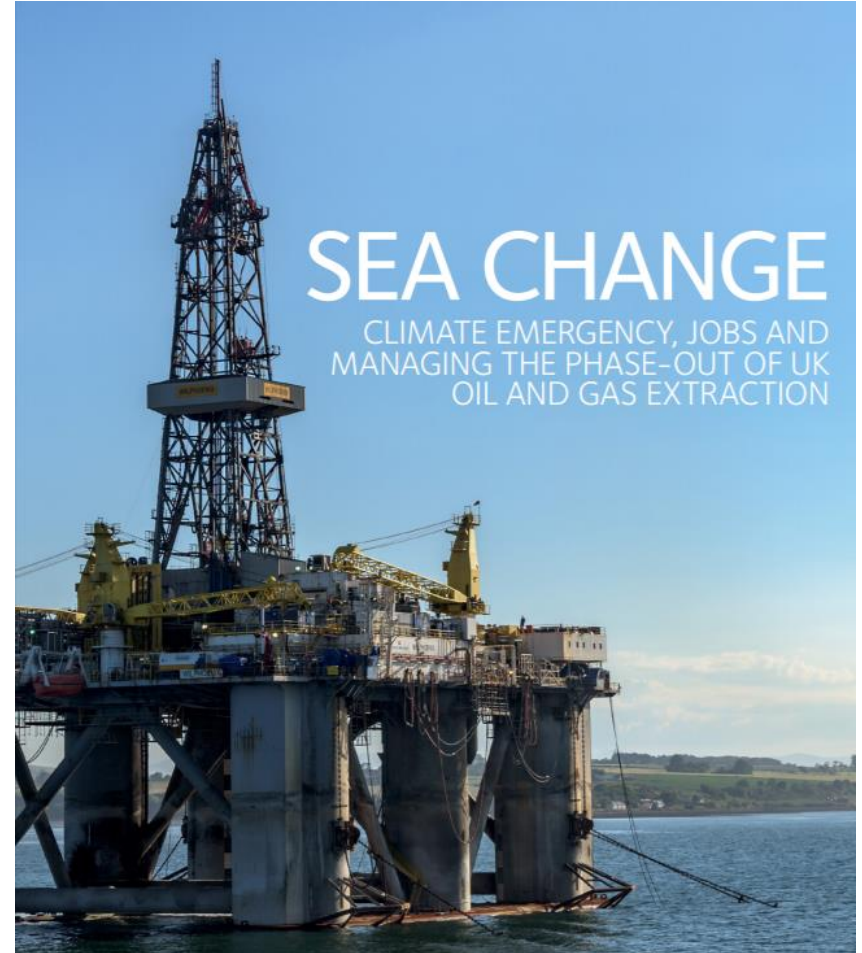
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If those jobs are outsourced and lost, it will be a devastating blow to the workers, their families and the local communities. In this crucial decade for climate action, green jobs like those at Alexander Dennis should be growing rapidly – not shrinking.



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4. **Strengthen democracy and human rights during these crises.**
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We face a climate emergency and a jobs crisis, with COVID-19 already costing tens of thousands of people in Scotland their livelihoods.

But committing to the climate action we need can help us to build back better. The Scottish Government **could choose to invest in creating thousands of good green jobs**, cutting climate emissions and building a better society for everyone.



Now more than ever, it is essential to come together to support each other, show solidarity with those most affected by the climate crisis and social injustice and push for a fairer world. Join our People Power Network to access resources, support, training, connect with groups in your area or start a new one, and get involved in bold and exciting campaigns to tackle the climate crisis and fight for a green and just recovery from COVID-19.

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