Labor and Climate Change: Opportunities for Engagement

At both the local and national level, we’ve been looking for new ways for labor to play a productive role in climate mitigation efforts. We lobbied for unions to back Gina McCarthy as head of the EPA, laid out why the National Climate Assessment represents an opportunity for labor to move to the forefront of protecting workers in the era of climate crisis, and continued our popular education on about what 400PPM means for working people.

Civil Disobedience as Law Enforcement

LNS co-founder Jeremy Brecher wrote a piece that is flying around the social networks on the rights and responsibilities of all citizens to protect our planet. “Two years ago I was among more than a thousand people who committed civil disobedience at the White House to oppose the building of the Keystone XL pipeline. Since then many more have been arrested around the country, often blocking the actual pathway along which the Keystone XL is being constructed. Nearly 70,000 people have vowed to risk arrest if the State Department recommends that the president approve the pipeline..." More >>

Re-Imagining our Ocean Economy

LNS has also begun organizing around a vision for a just transition for fishers and other ocean workers buckling under the pressures of overfishing, climate change and acidification. Brendan Smith has been making waves charting a course towards a new blue-green economy to save our seas - and ourselves - with his work profiled in the New Yorker, Fast Company, National Geographic. We’ve also been building bridges between Appalachian coal workers and fishers in order to link the struggles of workers impacted by the demise of extractive industries. Here’s an article on the common cause amongst fishers and coal workers that came out of the Appalachia’s Bright Future conference hosted by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.