

No climate justice without social justice

## **The OGBL supports the demonstration *UNITED FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE* on September 27, 2019**

For the week from September 20 to September 27, the international "Fridays for Future" movement is calling for a worldwide week of action to demonstrate in favor of the implementation of the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and a pro-active policy for more climate protection and climate justice. The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) also supports the action week launched by "Fridays for Future".

The OGBL fully agrees with the demands of unconditional compliance with the climate goals set out in the Paris Agreement (limitation of global warming to 1.5 ° compared to the pre-industrial era, net zero emissions by 2050) and the demand for an ambitious climate protection policy.

However, climate protection can only work if it is socially sustainable. The road to a low-carbon future must be fair and should leave no one behind. The OGBL has the following demands in this context:

- The ecological transition must be prepared prospectively on national level and in every economic sector. Measures must be taken now in order to secure career paths and expand continuing vocational training;
- Fiscal measures in the field of climate protection must ensure social justice and not primarily lead to loss of purchasing power for the consumer. In particular, a fair participation of corporations must be provided for;
- the introduction of free public transport must be accompanied by an expansion of the infrastructure and an improvement in quality in order to encourage more people (or even allow them in the first place) to use public transport;



- public investment in renewable energy, green technologies and research in this area needs to be strengthened;
- the energy sector must remain a public service and ensure access to energy for all sections of the population.

In support of these demands and more efforts to advance in the direction of climate justice in general, the OGBL participates in a broad alliance that prepares a national demonstration in the framework of the international Climate Action Week. It will take place on 27th September at 3 pm under the slogan "United for Climate Justice" in Luxembourg City. The OGBL calls for a massive participation in this demonstration.

Detailed information about the demonstration route and schedules will follow.

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