

The Green New Deal (GND), articulated in most detail and most robustly by the Sanders campaign's \$16 trillion proposal, has captured the imagination of the climate movement and the broader left. The vision is clear; what has yet to emerge is a credible strategy to win it. While GND advocates put a "just transition" for labor at the center of their plan, many living-and-breathing labor unions are rightfully skeptical of empty promises. Not just this, but, as Naomi Klein points out, an effective climate justice movement must be a mass movement—it must be able to win primarily economic victories, something that major social movements of the past decades have struggled to do. How do we move past the advocacy and litigation-based model of climate activism to a mass movement rooted in working class institutions? Join Philly DSA as we debate what social and political forces will be needed to win a Green New Deal.

Readings

- Naomi Klein, "[Climate Change Is a People's Shock](#)," The Nation, September 16, 2014
- Jane McAlevey "[Organizing to Win a Green New Deal](#)" Jacobin March 26, 2019