

Dear Colleague

UNISON is supporting a nation-wide coalition of organisations to begin an unprecedented mobilisation of pension fund members and the public to petition their pension funds in support of oil sands resolutions due to be voted on at the BP and Shell AGMs this Spring. The UNISON staff pension fund has co-filed resolutions to the Shell and BP AGMs.

**Your pension fund will hold shares in BP and Shell on your behalf. We are asking you to help mobilise the power of your pension fund it's your money!**

**Important** - Please don't forget to circulate the details of our unique database and letter sending service to your UNISON members.

For LGPS members add your voice click on the link <http://fairpensions.org.uk/unison/tarsands> put the name of your employer in the search box follow instructions and it will send an automated email to your fund administrator. It only takes two clicks of a mouse from your computer!

For all other pension fund members: <http://fairpensions.org.uk/tarsands/action>

Pension fund democracy has begun. Since last week, more than 1,200 people have gone online to register a protest with their pension fund about BP's and Shell's involvement in exploiting Canadian tar sands. This action could just be the start of a broader movement to enfranchise pension fund members over a range of investors' issues from bankers' bonuses to labour standards and more women on the boards of our companies.

Read the attached leaflet on why this campaign inside the oil companies matters!

Go here for further information on this UNISON campaign - <http://www.unison.org.uk/capitalstewards/tarsands.asp>

**Dave Prentis, General Secretary of UNISON** has said "UNISON's staff pension co-filed these resolutions and now we're getting the word out to our 1.3 million members in Britain's public services, encouraging them to express support to their pension funds and savings institutions. Our members' pension funds have an estimated investment value of £250bn so at UNISON we understand the need for a low carbon economy. We're not convinced that exploitation of tar sands is a responsible choice for the future. These resolutions demand the clear answers from the oil companies our members need and deserve."

Thank you for your support!

In solidarity

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