

**WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST * NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH VESTAS WORKERS
SAVE JOBS * SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT * SAVE VESTAS**

VESTAS WORKERS FIGHT ON FOR 600 JOBS

After two weeks occupying their factory, the Vestas wind turbine workers were evicted by bailiffs at the court order of company bosses last week. Far from being the end of the campaign, the Vestas workers and their supporters are stepping up their efforts to pressurise the Government to intervene and save these green jobs. The workers now intend to picket the plant at Newport, Isle of Wight, to prevent Vestas from taking back complete control of it, and the machinery and the turbine blades that are still inside. At the East Cowes Vestas factory supporters are staging a rooftop protest in solidarity.

**Workers demand the government steps in.
If they can nationalise the banks, why can't they
nationalise Vestas to save the jobs and industry?**

Wind turbines are a profitable industry. From Jan-March 2009, Vestas made a net profit of £56million, up from £33million in the first quarter of 2008. Vestas is moving overseas because its bosses are greedy for even higher profits. The company has just been given £6million of public money – for what? So 600 more workers can join an unemployment queue heading towards 3million?

The government talks about 400,000 green jobs in the next five years - let's make it start with Vestas. Further, we demand no Vestas workers are victimised for fighting to defend jobs from this greedy multinational.

It is possible to win this campaign, if we keep up the momentum. The main focus will be to build and maintain the picket, but meetings and fundraising can help to do that, through encouraging people to visit, paying for transport to the Isle of Wight or the expenses of those supporters who are helping to maintain the picket.

Support the Vestas workers – email savevestas@gmail.com

Pressurise Government: Email Mandelson: www.bis.gov.uk/contact-us/ministers-1

Complain to Vestas through vestas-celtic@vestas.com or 01925 857 100

Pass a resolution of support in your trade union or organisation

Send a donation payable to 'Ryde and East Wight Trades Union Council' to 22 Church Lane, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2NB

For more information: see <http://savevestas.wordpress.com/> or the workers' union: www.rmt.org.uk. <http://ventnorblog.com/topic/vestas-sit-in/> -a local news site with videos.