

Join Fuel Poverty Action and National Pensioners Convention Winter Deaths Protest!

26 November 12pm, George V's statue, Old Palace Yard
Westminster



As always at this time of year, FPA will be joining with pensioners' organisations to mark the release of statistics on "excess winter deaths". Each year in the UK around 10,000 people die because they cannot afford to heat their homes. That figure is from before the pandemic and it's likely to be still higher now: Covid and cold homes do not go well together. FPA will join with the National Pensioners Convention and speak at the event on 26 November to mark these tragic, desperate, and avoidable deaths.

We will demand action. There is no shortage of money to help us keep warm:

- Oil corporations, internationally, are returning [exceptional profits](#) on the spoils of the extra high prices we are paying. During COP26 FPA wrote to its President, Alok Sharma, [demanding a windfall tax](#) on this money -- to be used to relieve fuel poverty.
- The UK Treasury could harvest as much as [£100 million from VAT receipts](#) on rising energy prices. Its 'Carbon tax' revenues could rise by [£1bn in revenue to the Treasury](#), on top of £4bn already made this year.
- This spring, the government closed down early the £1.5bn Green Homes Grant scheme, which was supposed to help UK householders insulate our homes. But the [National Audit Office found it was "botched"](#) and collapsed after just six months. The money has not been replaced.
- [30 UK millionaires are asking](#) for their billions to be used to support people who are struggling to survive. They have told the chancellor, "*We know where you can find that money – tax wealth holders like us.*"
- A wealth tax on the richest 1% of households in Britain – those with fortunes in the excess of £3.6m – could create at least an [additional £70 billion a year](#) -- a huge sum, around the same as the US\$100 bn a year that all the rich nations together claimed they couldn't find to support frontline countries to adapt to climate change!

Within a few miles of the obscene wealth of private individuals who have profited from contracts and price hikes during the pandemic, are millions of UK families and pensioners [going to bed hungry](#) or shivering in the cold. Families are rationing gas, electricity, and heating, sometimes to an hour or less a day. Children are unable to study, or play. Parents don't know how they will get through the winter. Almost every

health condition is exacerbated by cold. And people who are old, disabled, homeless, or suffering from a long term illness, are at risk of death.

Deaths from fuel poverty in this wealthy country are an obscenity. They're a result of deliberate policies on housing, fossil fuels, pensions, benefits, taxes, and wages. This cannot be allowed to stand.

JOIN THE PROTEST

Friday 26 November 2021, Midday. Please bring banners and publicise the event so that we have a good attendance. *If you can help with a portable sound system, please let us know!*

Assemble by George V's statue at Old Palace Yard Westminster opposite the House of Lords. Then march to 10 Downing Street where a letter will be handed in.

Speakers include TUC President Sue Ferns, Lord Prem Sikka, and Ruth London from Fuel Poverty Action.

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