

The Green New Deal goes global

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The Green New Deal Group, of which I am a member, is actively supporting the launch of a Global Green New Deal today.

As the Guardian has reported:

People around the world need a “global green deal” that would tackle the climate crisis and restore the natural world as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, a group of politicians from the UK, Europe and developing countries has said.

They add:

The Global Alliance for a Green New Deal is inviting politicians from legislatures in all countries to work together on policies that would deliver a just transition to a green economy ahead of Cop26 UN climate talks in Glasgow this November.

The alliance includes Caroline Lucas, the Green party’s only MP, and Labour’s Clive Lewis, as well as MEPs, representatives in Brazil, Argentina, Indonesia, Malaysia and the US among other countries.

This initiative is important for a number of reasons.

First, we only have one planet. There is no way of avoiding climate change on it. In that case co-ordinated action is required.

Second, there are clearly lessons, methods and messages to be shared.

Third, issues like debt relief, and dare I say it, tax co-ordination are part of the process of tackling this issue.

Fourth, so too are ways of finding and negotiating appropriate trading balances.

A political grouping intended to help fund these balances in a chaotic world is vital. I am pleased that this new initiative is under way.