

# Going Green at Work

**Green Unions at Work**

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# Political Backdrop



SAY NO TO THE  
GOVERNMENT'S  
TRADE UNION BILL AND  
YES TO WORKERS' RIGHTS



Cuts, cuts and more cuts...



# Greening the workplace



- Aims
  - Making the workplace a focus of climate action and reducing its environmental impact.
  - Providing training to union environmental reps.
  - Supporting unions to work on a key business goal: cutting carbon.
  - Extending the consultation agenda to include a new bargaining issue: climate change.

# Key activities



- Green fairs and events
- Surveys and quizzes
- Bespoke training
- Negotiations

# Collective bargaining





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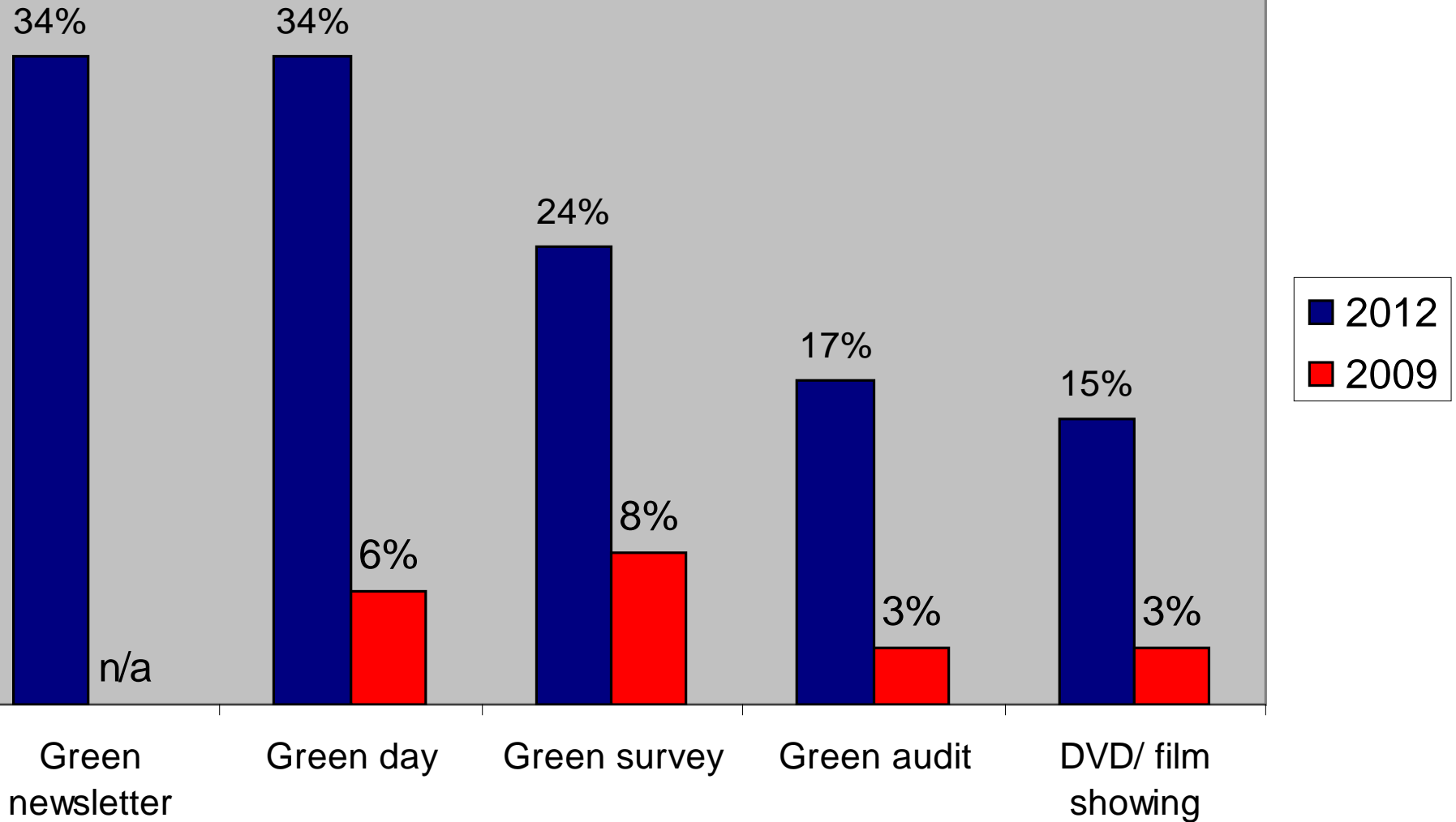
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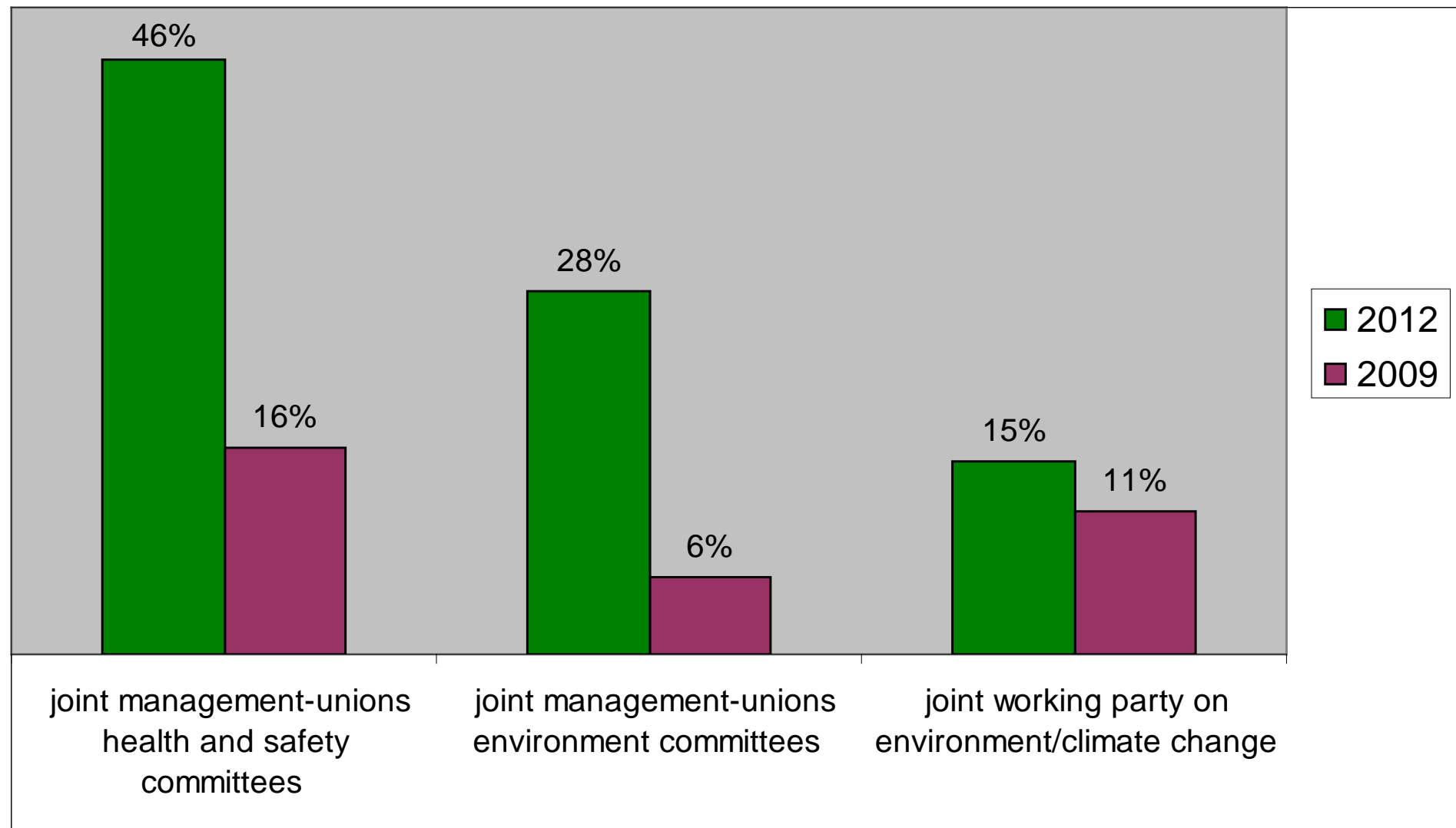
# Union green action 2009 - 2012



(Labour Research Dept., 2009, 2012)



# Collective bargaining on green issues



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and UNITE the union





Unite / InBev  
Carbon Footprint  
Reduction Program  
Project J.U.P.I.T.E.R.  
Join Us People in Tackling  
Energy Reduction  
Magor Brewery

# GreenWorks

TUC GreenWorkplaces Project Report 2008-10

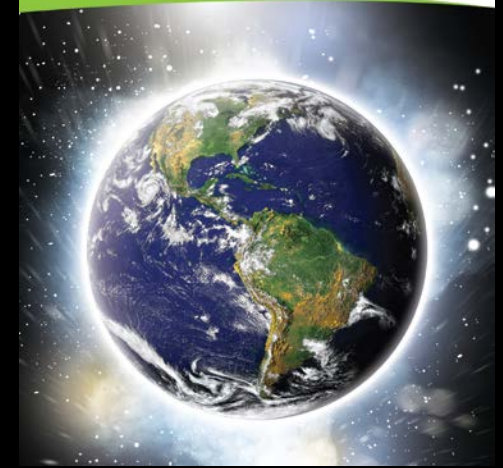


## The Union Effect: greening the workplace



## Unions and climate change

A guide for union reps



## Targeting climate change

A TUC Education workbook  
for trade unionists



**GREEN**  
WORKPLACES  
A GUIDE FOR  
UNION REPRESENTATIVES

## Go Green at Work

A handbook for union  
green representatives



# Lessons learned and best practice

- Employers and governments must see unions as part of the solution.
- Give unions green rights and powers to negotiate to push for change.



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**“I’d like to see this happening in every  
organisation”**  
*(trainee ‘green’ rep, National Library of Scotland)*

**Any questions?**

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