

NSCAG SEPTEMBER UPDATE

World Peace Day Event, 21 September, 6pm

Join local Peace Educators and visiting Nicaraguan teacher Guillermo Bustillo Chavarria for an informal discussion on peace and education to celebrate the United Nations World Peace Day. Latino food available from 6pm. Talks begin at 7pm. Event ends at 8:30pm. Venue: La Ruca Café upstairs at 89 Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8AS. Tickets free but donations welcome.

Forthcoming Webinar

'Nicaragua Webinar: The Nicaraguan Community Policing Model', 24 September 8pm UK time - How do the Nicaraguan police sustain one of the lowest crime rates, and highest levels of citizen trust, in all of Latin America? A key answer is their much-heralded community-based model. Find out more at this webinar organised by our international partners, the Nicaragua Solidarity Coalition – further info and registration <u>here</u>

Ben Linder Solidarity School

Join this 9-week virtual course to study and strengthen solidarity with Nicaragua and its popular organisations like the Asociación de Trabajadores del Campo (Rural Workers' Association). This course is available in English and Spanish. Classes will be taught from highly experienced internationalists, agroecologists, and organizers. This course is meant for anyone who is interested in strengthening internationalism. The course will run from 23 September – 18 November. Details <u>here</u>

Sanctions Impact on Nicaragua

What is the U.S. track record in Nicaragua and how has the country been impacted by sanctions imposed by the United States? Professor Rick Kohn, Erik Mar and Camila Escalante recently addressed these questions and discussed a current piece of legislation which is being considered by the U.S. Congress and which, if passed, will impose new sanctions on Nicaragua. A transcript of the remarks from Richard Kohn, Professor at the University of Maryland can be found <u>here</u>

Delegation report back

'We are building the Caribbean Coast of our dreams' – by Susan Lagos, report back from Friends of the ATC (Rural Workers Association) Caribbean Coast delegation, June 2023 – see link <u>here</u>

See also an essay written by delegation member Jonah Blaustein – link here

Latin America Conference – Save the Date

The Latin America Conference 2024 will take place on Saturday 27 January 2024, 10am – 5pm, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BB. Book your place now! See link <u>here</u>

Forthcoming delegations

'Power and Protagonism: Women in Nicaragua' – 6-14 January 2024. Details here

'Rights of Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Peoples in Caribbean Coast Autonomous Regions' - 20-31 January 2024. Delegation organised by Casa Ben Linder and Alliance for Global Justice. Details <u>here</u>

Housing

Popular education facilitator Winnie Narváez Herrera reports on how public institutions and the *Victorias de Noviembre* housing co-operative have worked together not only to build houses but also to strengthen their local community – see link <u>here</u>

Putting People First

Roger McKenzie of the Morning Star reports on Nicaragua's free family and community model of healthcare and the role of 'brigadistas' in assisting pregnant women and rural populations. See link <u>here</u>

Speakers

We are always pleased to provide speakers for regional/branch meetings, so if you would like someone to come along to one of your meetings, please email Louise on nscag@nicaraguasc.org.uk

In solidarity

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