



NSCAG UPDATE, MARCH 2021

Webinars

A reminder about the next NSCAG webinar – ‘Regime change comes to the US: A Nicaraguan perspective’ to be held on Thursday 15 April at 6pm. Details and registration [here](#)

And a webinar being held by Viva! Bradford on 11 April where John Perry will speak about Nicaragua’s success with COVID and its treatment by the international media. Details and registration [here](#)

Violence Against Women

Nicaragua under the government of Daniel Ortega and the FSLN is deeply committed to gender equality and is ranked as the world's most gender equal country and highest ranked non-Nordic country according to the World Economic Forum. Constitutional reforms implemented by the Nicaraguan government in May 2014 established a minimum quota of 50 per cent women candidates for party political and public office and women’s participation in the social and economic life of the country has risen. Social programmes such as the provision of low interest loans and training for urban women have empowered women by giving them greater control of resources and increased

Over the past 14 years, the Nicaraguan government has invested in protecting and promoting women’s rights and respecting their right to have a life free from violence. Women are seen as the face and name of the Revolution and play a leading role in decision-making and the development of the country. As such, the invaluable contribution of women is recognised as a guarantee for development and for the strengthening and prosperity of the country.

At a time when the issue of violence against women is being hotly debated in the UK, the UK government could learn some lessons from Nicaragua about how to tackle the problem. Read more [here](#)

Nicaragua’s Indigenous Peoples

Between November 11 and 16, 2020, between the passing of Hurricane Eta and the arrival of Hurricane Iota, the Tortilla con Sal media collective visited Nicaragua’s Autonomous Region of the Northern Caribbean Coast. There they interviewed representatives of different Indigenous and Afro-descendant territorial governments in Siuna, Bilwi, Waspam and community members of the Miskito communities of Wisconsin and Santa Clara. They also spoke with cattle farmers, residents and officials from the municipalities of Siuna and Prinzapolka about various aspects of the area’s social and economic development. The interviews confirm the success of Nicaragua’s Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples in their historic struggle to reclaim their ancestral rights.

The conversations also confirm that the Indigenous peoples of Nicaragua’s Caribbean Coast have achieved progressive restitution of their rights in large part due to the commitment to

the reincorporation of the Caribbean Coast by the FSLN (Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional) ever since their historic program of 1969. While in government in 1987, the FSLN passed Law 28 "Statute of Autonomy of the Regions of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua". Later, while in opposition, the FSLN in 2005 managed to secure the passage of Law 445 "Law of Communal Property Regime of the Indigenous Peoples and Ethnic Communities of the Autonomous Regions of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua and of the Bocay, Coco, Indio and Maíz Rivers".

Read more [here](#)
and to read the interviews in their entirety see [here](#)

Please also see an excellent article by John Perry on a recent IACHR hearing [here](#)

Sanctions

Please see [here](#) for an interview with Erika Takeo, Friends of the ATC (Rural Workers Association) following the recent Sanctions Kill/Friends of the ATC 'No to Sanctions; Yes to Sovereignty' delegation to Nicaragua

Briefings

Tortilla con Sal have also produced a series of excellent briefings on various topics - these are all listed below:-

[Indigenous rights](#)

[Rights of people with disabilities](#)

[Anti-racism](#)

[Water](#)

[Health care](#)

Learn Latin American Spanish with NSC

Registration for Summer 2021 classes is now open! Classes start Monday 3rd May. We offer four levels – beginners, beginners plus, intermediate, intermediate plus.

Register [here](#)

Speakers

We are happy to provide speakers for international meetings you may be holding. Please contact Louise on nscag@nicaraguasc.org.uk if you'd like to invite someone.

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