

ABOUT THE LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SOLIDARITY MONTH

Throughout the year, many grassroots organizations based in Toronto conduct activities in solidarity with social and political movements that are in resistance and are the basis for progressive transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean. In an effort to highlight these struggles and to link them with local struggles in Canada, member organizations of the Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Network (LACSN) are organizing a Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Month in February 2012.

Events and activities through the month aim to:

- Generate a dialogue amongst Canadians about issues faced by different communities in Latin America and the Caribbean and strengthen collaboration amongst civil society organizations.
- Share Latin American & Caribbean experiences on struggles around austerity, privatization and corporate dominance and link them to local struggles.
- Demand that the Canadian government cease trade and investment practices that erode democratic rights, self-determination and sovereignty of communities and nations in the region.
- Highlight and expose corporations that violate human rights and foster a climate of fear and militarization in communities affected by Canadian investment projects.



LACSN is a non-profit, independent, and democratic organization formed to strengthen collaboration and support the work of over 13 member organizations. These groups work in solidarity with the progressive and democratic transformation processes taking place in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Latin American & Caribbean Solidarity MONTH



February 2012

Calendar of Activities

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND @ 6:30PM – PUBLIC FORUM

Free Education for Everyone: Conversation with Chilean student Leader Camilo Ballesteros of the Chilean Students' Confederation

Sponsors: Casa Salvador Allende, Barrio Nuevo, L@tinas, LACSN, LATUC, CERLAC, CAW Local 2002

Location: OISE, 252 Bloor St. West, Room 2-211

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH @ 5:00PM – PUBLIC EVENT AND OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SOLIDARITY MONTH

Celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of Bolivarian Revolution in Venezuela

Sponsors: CBLR-Bolivarian Circle Louis Riel, Hands Off Venezuela, LACSN

Location: Quacker's Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave.(St. George Subway, North of Bloor)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH @ 7:00PM – CUBAN FILM NIGHT & SOCIAL

FILM - Habana Station: Explores two distinct faces, from the everyday life in two children. 2011, Dir. Ian Padron

Sponsors: LACSN & Cuban Consulate General of Toronto

Location: 5353 Bloor Street West, Suite 205

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH @ 7:00PM – COMMUNITY ACTIVIST DISCUSSION

Bill C-323: Bringing civil action against corporations that violate human rights abroad

Sponsors: Mining Injustice Solidarity Network, MISN

Location: Centre for Social Justice, 849 College Street

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH @ 1:00PM – PUBLIC FORUM

Free Education for Everyone: Conversation with Chilean student Leader Camilo Ballesteros of the Chilean Students' Confederation.

Sponsors: see February 2nd event.

Location: York University, Nat Taylor Cinema (102 Ross North)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH @ 7:00PM COFFEE HOUSE & FUNDRAISING EVENT

A Night of Music, Poetry & Cuban Landscape art exhibit

Sponsors: International Festival of Poetry in Resistance, LACSN, Casa Maiz

Location: Casa Maiz, 1280 Finch Ave, West, 2nd Floor

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH @ 5:00PM – CHILEAN FILM & SOCIAL

Violeta Se Fue A los Cielos: A portrait of famed Chilean singer and folklorist Violeta Parra. 2011, Dir. Andres Wood

Sponsors: Victor Jara Cultural Group

Location: CUPE 4400, 1482 Bathurst Street, 4th floor

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH @ 7:00PM – PUBLIC EVENT

Stop Canadian Environmental Injustice - building a movement to challenge Harper's environmental injustice agenda

Sponsors: Common Frontiers, Toronto Bolivia Solidarity Network & LACSN

Location: OISE, 252 Bloor Street West, Room 2212

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH @ 7:00PM – PUBLIC FORUM

Haiti, Solidarity and Social Justice. With Roger Annis(THAC-Vancouver) and Nicole Phillips(Institute for justice and Democracy in Haiti)

Organized by: Greater Toronto Workers Assembly (External Education and Political Development cttee and International Solidarity Cttee), Toronto Haiti Action Committee and LACSN.

Location: Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil St

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH @ 5:00PM – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

VOCES POLITICAS(political voices): Interactive discussion examining Ecuadorian & Bolivian constitutions and indigenous concepts of "Buen Vivir" or "Vivir Bien"

Sponsors: L@tinas

Location: Beit Zatoun House, 612 Markham St

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH @ 2:00PM – FILM & DISCUSSION

Colombia: Mining Injustice Chronicles & Social Conflict

Sponsors: Colombia Action Solidarity Alliance - CASA

Location: OISE, 252 Bloor St. West, Room # 2211

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD @ 7:00PM – PUBLIC FORUM

ERODING DEMOCRACY: Free Trade Agreements & resource extraction in Latin America. Presenters Manuel Pérez Rocha (IPS Washington) & Prof. Anna Zallik (York University)

Sponsors: LACSN

Location: Ryerson University, 78 Victoria Street, Rm POD 250

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH @ 5:30PM – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

From Occupy to the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement - A Discussion on Organizing

Sponsors: Latin American Trade Unionists Coalition, Education Sub-committee.

Location: OPSEU Office, 31 Wellesley St. East (across from Wellesley subway)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH @ 9:30PM – CLOSING PARTY & FUNDRAISER

Latin American Solidarity Month, Feat. Ruben "Beny" Esguerra & Luisito Orbegoso, DJs eL man (Dos Mundos Radio) & no-capitalista.

Sponsors: LACSN

Location: Vida Lounge, 1345 St. Clair Ave. West @ Lansdowne Ave.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 29TH @ 5:30PM ECUMENICAL SERVICE – 7:00PM PUBLIC FORUM

Remembering Bishop Samuel Ruiz: Justice & Indigenous Rights in Mexico and Canada. Speakers Fr. José Avilés Arriola(Diocese of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas) & Bishop Mark Macdonald(Anglican Church of Canada)

Sponsors: Canadian Jesuits International, Development and Peace, Jesuit Forum, KAIROS Canada, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund – Anglican Church of Canada, The United Church of Canada.

Location: Loretto College, Blue Room, 70 St. Mary Street (Bay & Bloor)

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