

Latin America in the front line

Dayschool, Saturday 7th October 2023



Peru: 70+ protestors killed during suppression of resistance to a right-wing coup in Dec 2022.

Ecuador: Indigenous protestors play flutes outside national assembly during June 2022 general strike.

Cuba/Haiti: Cuban doctor in Haiti. Cuban doctors have saved over 400,000 lives in Haiti since 1998.

Chile: Mapuche youth leading massive, sustained protests against racism, inequality and corruption.

Quaker Meeting House, St James St, Sheffield S1

Hosted by Sheffield Trades Council, Sheffield Cuba Solidarity Campaign, Chile Solidarity Network, Jubilee Movement Sheffield, Alborada, Sheffield Left

Reasons to come to the *Latin America in the front line* dayschool

- * Economic and ecological crises are bearing down with *greatest intensity* on workers and poor people in Latin America and other regions of the global South, made much worse by reckless exploitation of their natural resources and living labour by capitalist corporations based in Britain and other rich countries;
- * Struggles in Britain against austerity, union-busting, climate destruction, profiteering corporations, racism & fascism and much else *are indissolubly connected* to struggles against these same evils in Latin America;
- * We have much to learn from the *often much more advanced experiences* of workers and youth in Latin America;
- * Solidarity, and seeing ourselves as part of the world, *makes us stronger*.

Programme

9.45 – 10.15 **Registration; Tea + Coffee**

10.15 – 11.00 **Welcome & Introduction to Dayschool**

Workshops I	Cuba resists tightening US blockade Aymee Diaz Negrin, Embassy of Cuba; Dr Emily Morris, Institute of the Americas
	Latin America: debt, climate, poverty Esteban Servat - Argentinian activist, co-founder of Debt for Climate
	British corporations, ecocide & repression in Latin America Andy Higginbottom - 12 October Platform / Colombia Solidarity Campaign
	Brazil – ‘Lula’ returns ... but the far right has not gone away Ali Rocha, Brazil Matters

12.30 – 13.20 **Lunch** (bring your own food, or there's plenty of places to grab some)

Workshops II	Colombia with Petro: Possibilities and Challenges Colombia Solidarity Campaign
	Chile: 50 years on https://chile50years.uk/ 50 years since the revolutionary process and its defeat; why it's relevant today. Dr Sergio Vasquez; Maria Vasquez-Aguilar, UoS PhD candidate
	Trade unions and social struggles in Latin America 13:20 Cath McAndrew, Landworkers' Alliance ; Guy Cowman-Sharpe UoS PhD candidate
	Peru: indigenous people lead resistance to right-wing coup 14:50 Betty Rhaza, 12 October Platform / Red Internacional Todas las Sangres / Movimiento Micaela Bastidas-UK

15:00 – 16:15 **Final Plenary** Reports, issues from workshops; response from panel

£5 unwaged, £10 waged. Register in advance – <https://www.event-brite.co.uk/e/dayschool-latin-america-in-the-front-line-tickets-691570645417>
– or come on the day!

