



NSCAG JULY UPDATE

Dear Colleagues

Solidarity event 'Another way is possible: Nicaragua's social economy and co-operatives' Saturday 15 July, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Seventy per cent of Nicaragua's population is employed in the social economy: small and medium sized businesses and farms, co-operatives, associations, and as self-employed workers. How do these sectors organise and what difference has 16 years of Sandinista government made to their lives? The event will also be a celebration of the 44th anniversary of the Sandinista Revolution.

Speakers: Nick Hoskyns who has worked with co-ops in Nicaragua for the past 20 years, Ben Southern-Thomas who took part in a recent Friends of the ATC delegation, and Nicaraguan Ambassador to the UK and Ireland, Guisell Morales. Chair: Albert Tucker, ETICO, the ethical trading company.

To register see [here](#). If you would like to be connected remotely, send a message to campaigns@nicaraguasc.org.uk and we will send you a link.

NSCAG AGM

There's still time to register to attend the NSCAG AGM which will take place also on Saturday 15 July at 11.30am (same venue as the solidarity event). If you would like to attend, please email Louise on nscag@nicaraguasc.org.uk and she will send you details.

Webinar recording and podcast

A recording of a webinar held on 18 June – '*The ALBA-TCP: First Fair Trade Agreement in the World and how the US tried to destroy it*'- with government representatives from Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua – see link [here](#)

In episode 21 of the Alborada podcast *Indestructible: Latin America* Rodrigo Acuña speaks to author, lawyer and human rights activist Dan Kovalik about Nicaraguan politics, past and present – see link [here](#)

Forthcoming webinar

23 July, 8pm UK time – '*Why is Nicaragua important in today's world?*' – hear from visitors to Nicaragua for the 44th anniversary of the Revolution. They will offer first-hand observations of the July 19 festivities, tours of hospitals and clinics, visits to renewable energy and agroecology projects interchanges with Afro-descendant and indigenous communities and meetings with government officials – to register see link [here](#)

Nicaragua Now

The latest issue of the magazine *Nicaragua Now* produced by our sister organisation Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign is now out. The magazine focusses on the rights to food, health care, education and gender equality. It can be downloaded [here](#)

São Paulo Forum

The XXVI Plenary Session of the São Paulo Forum closed by adopting important resolutions that strengthen the work of the Left, Progressive and Revolutionary Governments and Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean. The meeting took place from June 29 to July 2, 2023 in Brasilia, Brazil.

Delegations and international guests at the Forum rejected the campaign of disinformation and fake news against Nicaragua's government and leaders – see link [here](#) – and the session concluded with a condemnation of the US blockades against Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela – see link [here](#)

International Court of Justice

Thirty-seven years ago, on June 27, 1986, the International Court of Justice condemned the United States for President Ronald Reagan's bloody terrorist war against the people of Nicaragua. The ICJ ruled that the US government had violated international law in its attacks on Nicaragua and that it owed Nicaragua reparations in the order of \$US17 billion. To this day, the US had refused to pay Nicaragua the reparations it owes. Today, the Nicaraguan government is demanding that the United Nations take action. For more see [here](#) and [here](#)

Gender Equality

According to the latest edition of the [Global Gender Gap Report of the World Economic Forum](#) (WEF), in Latin America, Nicaragua is the country that has made notable progress in reducing the gender gap. Globally, Nicaragua occupies the seventh position, surpassed by five countries in Europe and New Zealand. The report states Nicaragua is first in: women professional and technical workers, women technical workers, women's educational attainment, women's literacy, women's enrolment in third-level education, women in Parliament and women in Ministerial positions. See more [here](#)

Attempted Coup 2018

In the third of four articles, Dan Kovalik and John Perry show how the initial support for the attempted coup in 2018 peaked and then faded under a wave of kidnapping, torture and deadly violence – see link [here](#)

In solidarity



Louise