

Pride Month Webinar: Cuba's Queer Rights Revolution, June 15

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Cuba's queer rights revolution

A PRIDE MONTH WEBINAR

Thursday **JUNE 15** 8 pm Eastern / 7 pm Central
6 pm Mountain / 5 pm Pacific

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*Serena Sojic-Bourne Real Name Campaign & FRSO • New Orleans

*Jordan David Lavender Guard • Los Angeles

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New York City: Protest the Parade, June 4

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75 YEARS TOO LONG

PROTEST THE PARADE

SUN. JUNE 4 | 10AM

West Side of 5th Ave at 58th St.

Enter from 6th Ave or the Central Park South



**From New York to Palestine
Occupation is a Crime**

Displacing lives since 48'
Nothing here to celebrate



PROTEST THE PARADE JUNE 4 @10AM
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From New York to Palestine, occupation is a crime!
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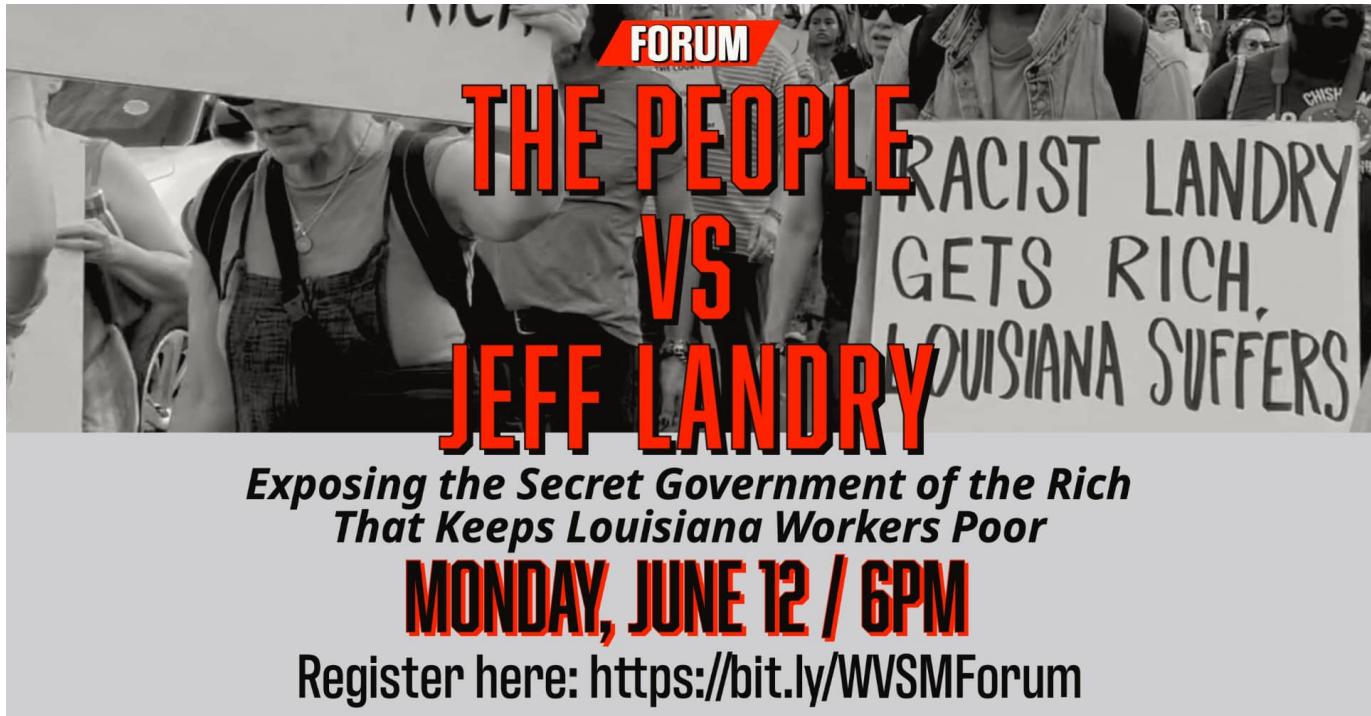
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- Solidarity fuels Writers Guild strike
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- San Diego celebrates Malcolm X Day
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- What's the matter with Montana? Deindustrialization and political reaction
- 'Cuban health assistance could make a huge difference in South Central and East LA'
- The People vs. LA Sheriffs: Justice for Andres Guardado!
- U.S. LGBTQ+ delegation travels to Cuba to learn about new Families Code
- Cuba's Conga celebrates advances in LGBTQ+ rights
- A drag show in Havana
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- U.S. judicial system's bias against workers
- Nakba was a crime! Palestine will win!
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New Orleans: The People vs. Jeff Landry, June 12

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MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

WVSM Forum: The People VS Jeff Landry

The Domino

Register here: <https://bit.ly/WVSMForum>

In 2002, Rep. Steve Scalise compared himself to David Duke “without the baggage” (no Klan hood). This is a good way to describe Attorney General Jeff Landry, who is running for governor. As top cop, Landry has illegally used his office to push every racist, anti-woman, anti-LGBT, anti-union, anti-worker, anti-immigrant, anti-environment, and anti-voting policy he could.

But who is Landry really working for besides his own profit-making corporations? Workers Voice has compiled the facts that every worker and political activist should know. Learn and discuss what's behind the drive of the right-wing and what's necessary to defeat them all.

A speaker will also address the Federal budget crisis and the dictatorship of the banks over our lives.

#WorkersUnite #FightTheRight #BailOutThePeopleNotTheBanks



Baton Rouge: Louisiana March for LGBTQ Youth, May 27

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SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023, AT 3:30 PM CDT

Louisiana March for LGBTQ Youth

Louisiana State Capitol

Before a single anti-LGBTQ, anti-child bill lands on his desk, we need to put public pressure on the Governor to use his veto power now. We also need to send a strong message to legislators who might already be thinking of orchestrating another BS veto override session. We're taking to the streets again to defend LGBTQ youth, and we want see folks from every part of Louisiana there with us.

Want to volunteer? Need a ride? Visit linktr.ee/realnamecampaignnola

Organization or media inquiries can be sent to realnamecampaignnola@gmail.com

WE DEMAND:

- VETO ALL ANTI-LGBTQ, ANTI-CHILD BILLS
- NO VETO OVERRIDE SESSION

- LET MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE CARE TO YOUTH
- MAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAFE FOR LGBTQ STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
- STOP ATTACKS ON LIBRARY AND INTERNET ACCESS
- STOP CRIMINALIZING KIDS



Brooklyn, NYC: African Liberation Day 2023 , May 27

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Join us for African Liberation Day 2023!

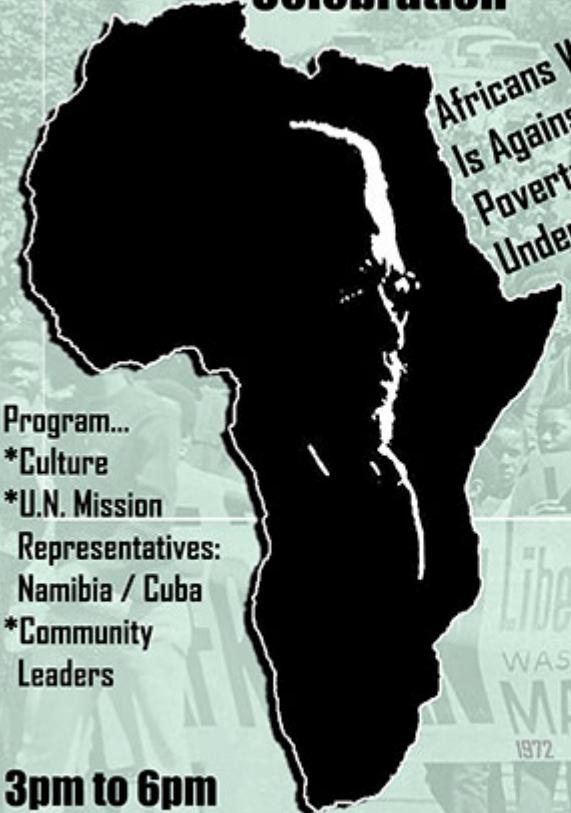
Africa's War Against Poverty and Underdevelopment

When African Liberation Day happened in 1973, Africans were fighting a war for decolonization, against Apartheid, and for human rights. Now the fight for Africans at home and abroad is against poverty & underdevelopment. Come celebrate what we've achieved and discuss which way forward at this crucial time.

RSVP 718-398-1766

[December 12th Movement](#)

African Liberation Day Celebration



Africans War
Is Against
Poverty and
Underdevelopment

Program...

- *Culture
- *U.N. Mission
- Representatives:
Namibia / Cuba
- *Community
Leaders

3pm to 6pm

Saturday May 27, 2023

Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza

1368 Fulton Street @ Marcy Ave, Brooklyn

Co-sponsors December 12th Movement / Office of City Councilman Chi Ossie / Elombe Brath Foundation / Info (718) 398-1766 / 012M.com



San Diego: African Liberation Day rally & Conference, May 27-28

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African Liberation Day

May 27-28, 2023

Rally & Conference

San Diego



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HANDS OFF AFRICA!**

Stop FBI Attacks on the African People's Socialist Party!

#HandsOffUhuru

HandsOffUhuru.org

Rally: Saturday

May 27: 12PM - 5PM

Conference: Sunday

May 28: 10AM - 2PM

6443 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92114

register at: tinyurl.com/aldsandiego

May 27, 2022 - Rally

Location: Southeast Community Spot
6443 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114
Time: 12:00 - 5:00 PM

May 28, 2022 - Conference

Location: Southeast Community Spot
6443 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92114
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Amazon Labor Union statement on Cuba: End the Blockade!

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From Chris Smalls, Amazon Labor Union president.

May 22, 2023

"On May Day, I joined a delegation of organizers on a trip to Cuba to show solidarity with the Cuban people and call out the injustice that is an economic blockade designed to harm workers and the people on the island.

Let's make one thing very clear: The blockade isn't designed to hurt the political leaders in Cuba or whatever nonsense people say to defend a Cold War-era policy. The blockade is designed to hurt the people - full stop.

Our group had to fill our suitcases with medical supplies like syringes and antibiotics because hospitals literally cannot access even basic life-saving instruments. Just imagine losing a friend or a family member just because American politicians are still so stuck in the past. They are willing to let folks die.

Enough. Show solidarity with the workers of Cuba and all of the people who have suffered for literally no reason, and join us in demanding an end to the blockade.

Nearly every country in the United Nations has called out the United States for its brutal economic sanctions on Cuba, all because they want to propagate the lies spread by massive corporations about the island. Massive companies are actually threatened by even just a small society that dares to exist without their profiteering.

Throughout its history, Cuba has been a bastion of workers' rights. And that's exactly why the rich and powerful are so dedicated to keeping the people there down.

But worker solidarity doesn't stop at the border - or any border. After decades of completely avoidable economic struggle, it's time for the United States to listen to the rest of the world and end this pointless blockade. Sign your name to show your solidarity.

In solidarity,

Chris Smalls
President
Amazon Labor Union

Emotional morning yesterday with US union, youth, community and political leaders who traveled to [#Cuba](#) to celebrate May Day. The affection and solidarity shown to [@DiazCanelB](#) for continue the struggle vs the blockade was exciting and energizing. [#CubaIsNotAlone](#) pic.twitter.com/P08Y6JVCNM

— Sandra Yisel Ramírez (@carantosan) [May 2, 2023](#)

Spanish version

Pronunciamiento Sindicato Amazónico Sobre Cuba: ¡Terminen El Bloqueo!

De Chris Smalls, presidente del Sindicato de Trabajadores de Amazon... [Del sitio web de ALU.]

POR FAVOR COMPARTE AMPLIAMENTE.

“El Primero de Mayo, me uní a una delegación de organizadores en un viaje a Cuba para mostrar solidaridad con el pueblo cubano y denunciar la injusticia que es un bloqueo económico diseñado para dañar a los trabajadores y al pueblo de la isla.

Dejemos una cosa muy clara: el bloqueo no está diseñado para dañar a los líderes políticos en Cuba o cualquier tontería que diga la gente para defender una política de la Guerra Fría. El bloqueo está diseñado para lastimar a la gente, punto final.

Nuestro grupo tuvo que llenar nuestras maletas con suministros médicos como jeringas y antibióticos porque los hospitales literalmente no pueden acceder ni siquiera a los instrumentos básicos para salvar vidas. Imagínese perder a un amigo o familiar solo porque los políticos estadounidenses todavía están tan atrapados en el pasado. Están dispuestos a dejar morir a la gente.

Suficiente. Muestre solidaridad con los trabajadores de Cuba y todas las personas que han sufrido literalmente sin razón, y únase a nosotros para exigir el fin del bloqueo >>

Casi todos los países de las Naciones Unidas han criticado a Estados Unidos por sus brutales sanciones económicas contra Cuba, todo porque quieren propagar las mentiras difundidas por las corporaciones masivas sobre la isla. Las empresas masivas en realidad están tan amenazadas incluso por una pequeña sociedad que se atreve a existir sin su especulación.

A lo largo de su historia, Cuba ha sido un bastión de los derechos de los trabajadores. Y es exactamente por eso que los ricos y poderosos están tan dedicados a mantener a la gente ahí abajo.

Pero la solidaridad de los trabajadores no se detiene en la frontera, ni en ninguna frontera. Después de décadas de lucha económica completamente evitable, es hora de que Estados Unidos escuche al resto del mundo y ponga fin a este bloqueo sin sentido. Firma con tu nombre para mostrar tu solidaridad.

En solidaridad,

Chris Smalls-Presidente sindicato amazónico (Amazon Labor Union)



Los Angeles: End the U.S. economic war on Cuba, June 25

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**Biden, take Cuba
#OFFTHELIST
of "State Sponsors of Terror"**

PROTEST
Sun. June 25th 2 pm
Westwood Fed. Bldng., 11000 Wilshire Blvd
L.A. supports National Network on Cuba's June 25 March on Washington!
TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE WHITE HOUSE!

Add your org to June 25 Ad Hoc Committee, volunteer or donate funds:
Phone 323 306-6240 or Email laprotest@june25.org

PLEASE INVITE ALL YOUR FACEBOOK FRIENDS TO THIS EVENT!

**End the
U.S. Blockade
on
Cuba**

For graphics to help spread the word on social media go to the Let Cuba Live Facebook page

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 AT 2:00 PM PDT
End the U.S. Economic War on Cuba!
Wilshire Federal Building



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Marching with Cuba's Cenesex on a historic MAY DAY

By Melinda Butterfield

Havana — May Day in Cuba. Nothing quite like it — even if it takes place a little later than expected.

Havana is renowned for its huge, colorful, and powerful marches every May 1, International Workers' Day. This year was already planned to be different. Because of severe fuel shortages caused by the U.S. blockade, it was decided to focus on local marches in Cuba's provinces and the various municipalities that make up Havana.

Then severe weather struck. Havana's May 1 celebrations had to be postponed. Instead, it was "the First on the Fifth" — the great workers' action was held on Friday, May 5, the 205th birthday of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism.

Another difference: in an additional move to conserve fuel for urgent people's needs, the usual march through the Plaza of the Revolution was changed to a mass rally along the Malecón, Havana's famous sea wall.

I arrived in Cuba from New York City on May 3 to attend the VII International Colloquium on Trans Identities, Gender, and Culture, hosted by the National Center for Sex Education (Cenesex), together with Serena Sojic-Borne, a comrade from the New Orleans chapter of Freedom Road Socialist Organization.

Comrade Mariela Castro Espín, director of Cenesex, invited the international delegates from Mexico, Italy, the United States, and other countries to join the center's delegation in the May Day action, a proposal we gladly accepted.

Queer youth for socialism

In the U.S., it's impossible to imagine a city full of workers rising well before dawn to defend the system they live under. U.S. workers are exploited by their bosses, lied to by politicians, overworked and underpaid, without universal health care or the right to housing.

How different is Cuba! In Havana, workers from every sector, along with students and other organized groups, began gathering by 4 a.m. As the international delegates walked by the University of Havana, contingents of young people were already starting to arrive, chanting, singing, and drumming.

Across the wide boulevard, workers representing Radio Rebelde (founded by Che Guevara) and other media outlets were gathering around their banners.



As we reached the intersection where Cenesex was gathering, outside a movie theater, comrade Mariela Castro was among the first to arrive — greeting people, keeping the group motivated and excited. Organizers from TransCuba Nacional, the national network of trans women, distributed trans flags to the many young queer people as they arrived and kept folk from wandering too far afield.

At the intersection where we gathered, we witnessed young people organized by the Committees in Defense of the Revolution (CDRs) blocking streets and directing traffic away from the marchers. A CDR leader took time to snap some group photos of our contingent for Mariela.

'Love is the law'

The dozens of queer youth who gathered with Cenesex, a majority of them Black Cubans, carried an enormous rainbow flag and a lead banner that read, "Por todas las familias, el amor es ley" — "For all Cuban families, love is the law."

This refers to the revolutionary new Families Code approved last year, which expands the rights of all families, including LGBTQ+ families and chosen families. May is also the International Month Against Homophobia and Transphobia and is celebrated in Cuba much like Pride Month is in the U.S.

For Cenesex and the networks of trans, gay, lesbian, and bisexual people, this is a key time to educate the queer community and the broader Cuban public about the provisions of the new code.

SAN DIEGO MAY DAY

- Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!
- Free Leonard Peltier!
- Free Them ALL!

► Biden sends troops to border

As we marched down the wide, dark street toward the Malecón, more people streamed into the contingent at each intersection. We took our place among the tens of thousands already gathered beside the sea, while revolutionary songs played over the speaker system that reached everyone in the rally.

Dozens of hands of all colors and gender expressions took hold of the massive Pride flag and shook it in time to beat. Beside the Cenesex group were health care workers' unions, unions of the economic ministry, parents holding small children on their shoulders, and portraits of Martí, Fidel, and Che, all awaiting the inspiring words of Ulises Guilarte, general secretary of the Cuban Workers Federation (CTC).

The beautiful sunrise over the sea slowly spread across the massive demonstration — a beautiful symbolic moment.

Together we sang, chanted, and celebrated the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, the achievements of socialism despite the punishing and illegal U.S. blockade, and the continuing struggles of the world's workers and oppressed.

Viva Cuba! El amor es ley! ☮

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