

Latin American, Australian & Asia Pacific Solidarity Gathering
Program Schedule
Melbourne Trades Hall
Corner of Lygon and Victoria Street, Carlton

DEFENDING WORKERS AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS!
BUILDING BRIDGES AND GLOBAL RESISTANCE AGAINST
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS!

Friday November 12

- 12:00 – 5:00pm Registrations (LASNET Space Trades Hall basement)
5:30 – 6:00pm Press conference (Community & Local Media)
6:10 – 7:00pm Welcome to the Country (Robbie Thorpe Kulin nation),
Introduction gathering objectives
7:00 – 8:00pm International dance & Aboriginal Traditional Music
8:00 – 9:00pm Introduction International & Local Speakers

Saturday November 13

- 09:00 – 10:00am Registrations, Stalls allocation, Snack bar open
10:00 – 10:30am Gathering opening Welcome - New Chambers Council, upstairs
10:30 – 12:30pm Main Session - New Chambers Council, upstairs Trades Hall

"Workers Organising and Resisting Multinational Corporations"

Chair: Rila Mallia, CFMEU-NSW

Topics: Unions role with multinationals, Casualisation, Sub-contractors, OHS, Repression, Militarisation, Paramilitaries, Meaning of FTA (Free Trade Agreement), No to FTA with Colombia, role of State and Political Parties, What is IIRSA? (Initiative for the Integration of South American Infrastructure). Role of popular, progressive and socialist governments in solution

Key Speakers from: Colombia (SINTRACARBON), Colombia (SINALTRAINAL) Chile (MINING UNION FEDERATION), Bolivia (Factory Workers), Venezuela (SIMON BOLIVAR COORDINATOR), Australian Trade Unions

- 12:30 – 1:00pm LUNCH - Meeting Room 1
1:00 – 1:30pm Story Telling, Meeting Room 1

1:30 – 3:30pm II Main Session - New Chambers Council,

"Indigenous/Aboriginal struggles for Self-determination, Sovereignty, Autonomy and freedom"

Key Speakers: Mapuche (Chile), CONAIE (Ecuador), Walluu (Colombia), Indigenous speaker (BHP in South Australia), **Barbara Shaw (NT Intervention Australia)**, Bougainville, West Papua, Philippines

Topics posed:

- Mining and Forestry (land conflicts with MCs)
- Cultural genocide (NT intervention, no to bicentenary in Americas)
- Displacement and land rights
- Self determination, sovereignty and autonomy (El buen Vivir, Treaty)
- Are popular, progressive and socialist governments the solution?

3:30 – 3:45pm BREAK

3:45 – 5:45pm III Main Session - New Chambers Council

"Human Environment" "Protecting & Saving our Planet"

Chair: Anthony Kelly from PBI-Australia

Key Speakers: Wayuu (Colombia), MST (Brasil), Radio Mi gente (EL Salvador)
Australia: Foe Coordinator (FOE), Anthony Ames Foe Australia, Representative from anti-GM campaign), Bougainville, Bolivia, Representative Australia-Cuba Friendship Society-Melbourne (ACFS).

Topics posed:

- Food Sovereignty
- Climate Change resistances and struggles (Hazelwood)
- Workers and climate change
- El Buen Vivir
- Multinational Corporations and environmental destruction
- Displacement (environment, homelessness, urban environment)
- Alternative Media
- Are popular, progressive and socialist governments the solution?

6:00 – 6:30pm Gathering briefing, feedbacks

8:00 – 12:00mid Latin American Party-Fiesta, Uniting Church 251 High St. Northcote, Latin Band "Madre Monte" \$5 \$10

Sunday November 14

10:00 – 10:30am Summary of Saturday - New Chambers Council, upstairs Trades Hall

What we need to achieve and what is needed? How should we achieve this?

10:30 – 12:30pm IV Main Session - Global Solidarity – New Chambers Council

Building alliances and resistances against multinational corporations

10:30 – 11:00am Open forum on what solidarity entails.

11:00 – 12:00am Solidarity pairings. (15 minutes per talk)

- Coca Cola Campaign (Rebecca Harrison and SINALTRAINAL)
- Campaign against Monsanto (Jessica Harrison and MST)
- Campaign against BHP (Wayuu and ACE)
- Colombia Delegation (PBI and LASNET)

12:00 – 12:30pm Questions!

Issues to discuss:

- What is solidarity?
- Styles of organising (direct democracy, political parties, autonomous Organising)
- Differences between charity and solidarity
- Campaigns

12:30 – 2:00pm Lunch, Entertainment and Bulletin Board Activity

2:00 – 4:30pm Discussion tables (workshops), Rooms TBA

The idea of the workshops is to create space for concrete initiatives, both arising from Saturday's panels and through self-organisation, in which we explore and hopefully conclude: what project/s will Gathering participants initiate or participate in? Who can get involved? What resources will be required? Where will we get the resources? What is our timeline?

For example, LASNET is committed to running the following workshops, but we encourage participants to use this space to put forward their own ideas for panels

1. Organising workshop for the international day of action against Multinationals on July 22, 2011
2. Organising workshop for the launch of a international tribunal or network that monitors multinational corporations
3. Organising workshop on the international campaign against coca-cola
4. Workshop confirmed and organised next Solidarity delegation to Colombia 2011

4:30 – 4:45pm BREAK

4:45 – 6:00pm Report backs from workshops and final conclusion and resolution
New Chambers council

6:00 – 6:30pm Farewell, Greetings and Gathering Close – New Chambers Council