

CUBA: SOCIALISM INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Our most exciting project yet takes place between 21 February and 5 March 2008. Rock around the Blockade will host a speaking tour of Britain with representatives of three generations of the Cuban Revolution: **Orlando Borrego**, deputy to Ernesto 'Che' Guevara and his closest collaborator from 1959 to 1965; **Jesus Garcia**, from the Institute of Philosophy, delegate to the Municipal Assembly of People's Power and author of several books on socialism and democracy; and **Magalis Plasencia Reyes** – a leader of the Federation of University Students, involved in today's energy revolution, a new stage in Cuba's Battle of Ideas.

Cuban socialism has placed human beings at the centre of society and development. Cubans enjoy a system of social welfare provision which is among the best in the world. They have created a system of democratic representation which gives an active role to all sectors of society. The Cuban Revolution has become synonymous with international solidarity, sending doctors and educators around the globe. All this achieved despite nearly 50 years of military and political aggression from the United States, including a brutal economic blockade.

Cuba's example is an inspiration to those fighting imperialism and underdevelopment all over the world. Now a united front has been formed in Latin America. Governments representing the working class and oppressed of Venezuela and Bolivia have united with Cuba to create the Bolivarian Alternative, directly challenging the regional and global hegemony of the United States and its allies.

The speaking tour will be an unmissable opportunity for debate and discussion, to be educated and inspired.

YOU CAN BE INVOLVED! Fill in the form below to get involved with the **Cuba: socialism into the 21st century speaking tour**, help with publicity or to host a meeting in your school/college/university, workplace or community centre.

The tour is sponsored by the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT).

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Workplace/school/college/centre: _____

* I would like to join Rock around the Blockade and enclose an annual membership fee of £2 unwaged/students/OAPs, £4 low waged, £10 waged. £ _____

* Make a financial donation £ _____ payable to 'RATB speaking tour 2008'.

If you wish to sponsor the tour contact us at the address below.



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Cubans in Manchester!

Speaking tour across Britain with Rock around the Blockade: 21 February – 5 March 2008

Orlando Borrego – Che Guevara's deputy **Jesus Garcia** – philosopher and people's deputy
Magalis Plasencia Reyes – student leader and Womens Federation member

Public meeting in Manchester: Sunday 24 February

**2pm at the Mechanics Institute, Major Street (just off Princess Street), M1 6DD.
Wheelchair access available.**

With all three Cuban speakers, a unique opportunity to hear about the revolution in Cuba and Latin America.

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