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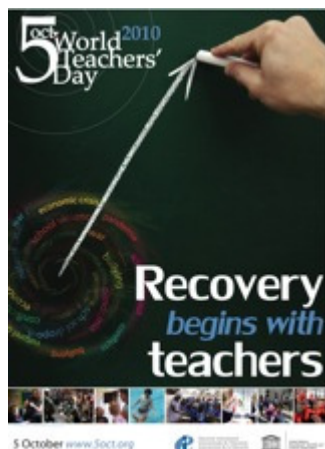


Welcome!

Welcome to the October issue of our *Partners in Solidarity e-Bulletin*. Supporting teachers, farmers and anti-poverty community organizers is why CoDev does the work that we do and why we continue to thrive with your support. This month we offer you a glimpse into the work of some of our partner's efforts as we acknowledge *World Teachers' Day* (Oct 5th), *World Food Day* (Oct 16th) and the *Day for the Eradication of Poverty* (Oct 17th). We are honoured to have relationships with all of these amazing people.

World Teachers' Day Prompts BC Teachers to International Solidarity with Honduras

World Teachers' Day, held annually on October 5th since 1994, commemorates teachers' organizations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. According to UNESCO, World Teachers' Day represents a significant demonstration of the awareness, understanding and appreciation displayed for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development. This year it has moved the Arrow Lake Teachers' Association to action. [Click here](#) to read more (PDF).



MEC Granada's Fight against Poverty

Join us for CoDev's 2nd Annual International Solidarity Workshop



CoDev invites you to join other labour activists on **Sat, Nov 27th** to share experiences and discuss new strategies for international solidarity work. Further details will be posted on our website as soon as they are available. To register for the event or for more information [click here](#) or please contact Carol Wood, CoDev Program Director at 604.708.1495 x113 or cwood@codev.org

Holiday Open House

CoDev would like to invite all our volunteers, members and supporters to our annual Holiday Open House, to take place **Thursday, December 9th** from 4pm to 8pm, at the CoDev office, 260-2747 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

There will be tasty treats, warm beverages, eggnog, and plenty of holiday cheer for all. We will also be holding a special draw for members and taking a moment to recognize our wonderful volunteers.

We hope that you can join the CoDev family to celebrate the holiday

"The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987. On that day, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. They proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected." - United Nations



The eradication of poverty is a goal that needs to be taken on at a global level, but also on a small scale, every day. One of CoDev's partners, the Granada office of the Movimiento de Mujeres Maria Elena Cuadra (MEC) in Nicaragua, takes this idea very much to heart. [Click here](#) to read more (PDF).

CCDA & World Food Day

Since 1981, the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization has celebrated World Food Day on October 16th. This year's theme is "United against Hunger", and is

particularly relevant given the fact that there are now over one billion people in the world who do not have adequate access to food. As climate change takes its toll, we can expect to see increasing food shortages as arable lands disappear and growing conditions change. Exacerbating this situation is the continued trend of land being used to produce food for export



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Supporting Solidarity

Did you know that monthly giving is the most powerful way for you to support CoDev's work? Contributing on a monthly basis maximizes the impact of your donation, is cost effective and enables CoDev to work proactively with our partners to address their needs. Our monthly donors guarantee an ongoing and sustainable source of funds for CoDev to support women, women, workers, and families throughout the Americas.

For as little as \$5, \$10, or \$25/month you can become a "partner in solidarity," either via direct deposit from your bank or as a contribution on your VISA. Our monthly donors learn about our partners and work in our quarterly newsletter, our annual report, as well as notifications of actions and invitations to events.

Take action today by downloading our [donor form](#) from the website or call the CoDev office at 604-708-1495

On-line News and Resources

www.upsidedownworld.org
This website has a variety of articles about Latin American activism and politics in both English and Spanish.

www.zmag.org A wealth of articles and links about Latin America organised by country and topic.

www.commondreams.org

rather than local food production, and even more troubling, for the production of bio-fuel materials.

The Campesino Committee of the Highlands (CCDA), the farmers' association from which Café Ético buys its Guatemalan coffee, grapples with these issues on a daily basis. Climate change is already a reality for Guatemalan farmers, who have been negatively impacted by increasingly severe weather. Tropical Storm Agatha recently destroyed thousands of coffee trees, caused major mudslides, and left hundreds of CCDA members homeless.

As the number of hungry people in the world increase, it is important to remember that there is enough food in the world to feed everyone. What creates hungry people is the rise of food prices, the inequitable distribution of land and resources and inequitable trade and consumption relationships between countries.

- For more information on World Food Day, [visit the FAO World Food Day site](#).
- For more information on the CCDA [visit the BC CASA website](#) or to read about their recent work, [visit their blog](#) (Spanish only).
- For more information on food and climate change, [visit the David Suzuki Foundation's website](#).
- To read about Oxam's World Food Day campaign [click here](#).

News & Community

Please feel free to share links with us that you think should appear in future e-bulletins.

Guardian: [Ecuador's Correa haunted by Honduras](#)

This website isn't focussed on Latin America specifically, but is an excellent source of alternative news with a progressive slant.

ITUC: [Honduras: Trade Union Leader Assassinated](#)
[Amnesty International Film Festival](#), Vancouver,
20 Nov 2010: CoDev is the Community Partner for
[The Devil Operation](#)

In closing...

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