

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### ALBERTA CARIÑO TRUJILLO



Mixtec woman from Oaxaca who works in CACTUS (Centre of Community Support Working Together), a Mixtec peasant organisation which is part of MAIZ (Agrarian Zapatista Indigenous Movement) and of the broader coalition "No Maize, No Country." This organisation has extensive work in the area of food sovereignty, promoting sowing for local consumption and local barter, community water management, soil conservation, women's productive collectives, etc. They run an Agrarian School, Ricardo Flores Magón, which has as its mission to recover traditional and autonomous alimentary systems. CACTUS also advocates gender equality issues.

Mexican woman active in the **No Corn, No Country** campaign

### JUAN CAMBINDO CUENU



Director of the Sugar Cane Workers Union in Colombia. He has been a worker of the sugarcane industry for 30 years. For the last 12 years he has worked in the Manuelita Sugar Plantation, one of the biggest in the district of Valle del Cauca. Nowadays he is member of Sintrainal, which organises workers of the food industry in Colombia. Juan Cambindo has been an outstanding leader of the Sugar cane sector and has participated of the different fights in defence of the rights of the sugar cane cutters. During the last strike from 15th September to 12th November 2008, he was spokesman of the workers and member of the negotiation team between the workers and the government.

Colombian sugar cane cutter and trade unionist

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## ABOUT LASC

The Latin America Solidarity Centre (LASC), founded in 1996, is an initiative for development education, campaigning solidarity and cultural promotion, linking the Latin American reality to the Irish experience. The Centre focuses on providing resources for education and in engaging individuals, solidarity groups and non governmental organisations to become active and support LASC's mission.

### OUR VISION

LASC believes in a Latin America and an Ireland based on equality, social justice and an equal realisation of cultural, social, political, civil and economic rights for all human beings.

### OUR MISSION

LASC's mission is to expose and challenge the current injustices in Latin America and in Ireland, through public awareness raising, development education, information exchanges and campaigns in solidarity with the people of Latin America who are resisting oppression and are struggling to create a fair and inclusive society.

### WHAT IS LATIN AMERICA WEEK

Latin America Week is an annual programme of educational, cultural and campaigning events on issues relating to human, social and economic rights in Latin America. A range of conferences, meetings, workshops, fundraising and cultural events will take place around Ireland. Please contact LASC on [info@lasc.ie](mailto:info@lasc.ie) if you want to organise an event as part of Latin America Week 2009.

Join  
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Become a member for a year!

- 35 (Waged)
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## The Bittersweet Taste of Globalised Food

“Local struggles and food sovereignty in Latin America and Ireland”

Dublin – Galway – Limerick – Cork

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# INTRODUCTION

Latin America Week 2009 aims to introduce the concept of **Food Sovereignty** from a Latin American and Irish perspective to the wider public and to create a space to link struggles against the globalised food market. We want to explore some of the causes behind the food crisis, their impact on peoples' lives in Latin America and Ireland and possible actions on this subject.

## WHY FOOD SOVEREIGNTY?

"Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It puts those who produce, distribute and consume food at the heart of food systems and policies rather than the demands of markets and corporations. It defends the interests and inclusion of the next generation. It offers a strategy to resist and dismantle the current corporate trade and food regime,

and directions for food, farming, pastoral and fisheries systems determined by local producers. Food sovereignty prioritises local and national economies and markets and empowers peasant and family farmer-driven agriculture, artisan fishing, pastoralist-led grazing, and food production, distribution and consumption based on environmental, social and economic sustainability. Food sovereignty promotes transparent trade that guarantees just income to all peoples and the rights of consumers to control their food and nutrition. It ensures that the rights to use and manage our lands, territories, waters, seeds, livestock and

biodiversity are in the hands of those of us who produce food. Food sovereignty implies new social relations free of oppression and inequality between men and women, peoples, racial groups, social classes and generations." (Nyeleni Declaration signed up by 800 international peasant organisations, March 2007).

Since 2006 there has been a sharp increase in the price of staple food making it unaffordable for millions. It is estimated that because of this 15 million people will join the 70 million already living in extreme poverty. As a result, there has been widespread unrest erupting in riots over hunger, such as Mexico (January 2007) and Haiti (April 2008).

Ireland is increasingly dependant on imported food, to the point that in the case of an oil shock, the country would "probably not even have food supply for a week". (Irish Independent 26-07-08). This dependency makes Ireland vulnerable, while at the same time reinforces an unfair and unsustainable trade system.

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# PROGRAMME

## DUBLIN

### Photo Exhibition

Launch on Tuesday 14th of April, **Time:** 6 pm – 8 pm  
Irish Aid Volunteer and Information Centre,  
27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1  
The exhibition will be open until the 18th of April, **Time:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Conference

ALBERTA CARIÑO TRUJILLO | JUAN CAMBINDO CUENU  
Saturday 18th of April, **Time:** 10:15 am – 4:00 pm  
Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Food Sovereignty:</b> Introduction to a New Concept José Antonio Gutiérrez, LASC
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>No Corn, No Country:</b> Free Trade Agreements and Food Sovereignty Alberta Cariño Trujillo
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Sweet Sugar, Bitter Sweat:</b> Working Conditions in the Biofuel Industry Juan Cambindo Cuenu
<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b> – Vegetarian lunch available for sale
<b>13:45 pm</b>	<b>Workshops Special Guests from:</b> Dublin Food Coop, Dublin Food Growing, Seed Savers, Bloom, Via Campesina Europe, Ethical Development Action
<b>15:15 pm</b>	<b>Plenary:</b> Feedback from workshops
<b>15:45 pm</b>	<b>Play:</b> "The Sacred Cactus" performed by students from the Presentation School and St Joseph's Academy, Kildare

### X Annual Irish Latin American Film Festival

15th – 17th of April, **Time:** 5 – 8 pm  
Irish Aid Volunteer and Information Centre,  
27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

**Wednesday 15th 5 pm:** Latino Shorts programme  
**6:30 pm:** Tambogrande

**Thursday 16th 5 pm:** Latino (EU) Shorts programme  
**6:30 pm:** Entrevista con Aleida Guevara; Hágase la luz;  
Cuban Song

**Friday 17th 5 pm:** Los Cartoneros  
**6:30 pm:** Colours at the end of the World

## GALWAY

### Public Talk

ALBERTA CARIÑO TRUJILLO | JUAN CAMBINDO CUENU  
Monday 20th of April, **Time:** 7:00 pm  
Galway Public Library, Augustine Street

## LIMERICK

### Public Talks

JUAN CAMBINDO CUENU  
Tuesday 21st of April  
Talk 1 – **Time:** 1:00 pm, University of Limerick Campus  
Talk 2 – **Time:** 8 pm, Limerick City Library (The Granary)

### Short Documentary and Photo Exhibition

21st of April, **Time:** 8:00 pm  
Limerick City Library – The Granary

### Spanish Play

El Sí de Las Niñas, by L. Fernández de Moratín  
Wednesday 22nd of April, **Time:** 7:30 pm  
Jonathan Swift Lecture Theatre

### Documentary

Tambogrande  
Thursday 23rd of April, **Time:** 5:00 pm,  
University of Limerick Campus

**Also:** Info and crafts stands, talks (students' experiences of L. America), Latin American music and dance, etc...

## CORK

### Public Talk

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Tuesday 21st of April, **Time:** 7:00 pm  
Utopia Nation, Barrack Street

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