

Vancouver & District Labour Council



CoDevelopment Canada and the Vancouver and District Labour Council are pleased to invite you and your members to an innovative workshop: **Building International Solidarity: Working for Strategic Change**. We believe that international solidarity should be an essential part of any union's strategic plan to make the world a better place for workers.

Join union members and representatives from local, provincial and national union international solidarity committees to share experiences and discuss new strategies for international solidarity work. This workshop-style forum will include presentations and small-group discussions around important themes such as how to make international solidarity meaningful to your members and central to your union's vision, engaging youth, planning action-oriented campaigns, and identifying areas where solidarity committees from different unions can cooperate.

The workshop is designed as a way for more-experienced solidarity activists to share experiences with each other, as well as for less-experienced members to learn about what has worked in other contexts. We will keep it as practical as possible, so that **participants will come away with concrete ideas for building international solidarity in their unions**.

Mariano Jose Guerra, a union activist from Medellin Colombia, will be speaking to us in the morning, and will participate in the workshop in the afternoon. The personal perspective from Latin America will serve not only to inspire participants but also to remind us of why we do what we do.

CoDev continues to strengthen the community of union-based international solidarity activists in BC, and this workshop is an important step. Please encourage your staff and members to attend, since it promises to be an exciting and inspiring day that will provide concrete tools.

Building International Solidarity: Working for Strategic Change

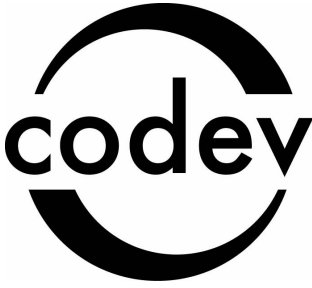
Saturday October 17, 2009: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Maritime Labour Centre

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch and refreshments)

Registration deadline: Friday October 9th, 2009

Contact: Carol Wood, CoDevelopment Canada – cwood@codev.org, 604-708-1495 ext.113



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s):

Name of union/organization:

Contact Information: telephone: email
Please check if you do not want your contact info to be shared with other workshop participants.

Are you a member of an international solidarity committee?

Please describe your and/or your committee's involvement in international solidarity work:
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What do you hope to accomplish at this workshop?
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Registration fee for the workshop is \$30 per person. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Cheques should be made out to CoDevelopment Canada and mailed to: CoDevelopment Canada, #260 – 2747 East Hastings, Vancouver, BC V5K 1Z8. We can also accept Visa or cash payments – call 604-708-1495, ext. 113 for information.

Deadline for registration is Friday October 9th, 2009. Fax this registration to 604-708-1497, or email to cwood@codev.org