

The U.S. – El Salvador Sister Cities Network

invites you to an exciting weekend workshop,

“Building and Sustaining a Movement With Popular Education”

April 6-8, 2018 in Cambridge, MA.

The workshop will be led by skilled popular educators and organizers from:



Equipo Maíz, - a popular education organization that has been an integral part of the fight for social justice in El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America for more than 30 years;

CRIPDES - The organization of the Salvadoran popular movement.

US/El Salvador Sister Cities - Solidarity with mutuality and justice at the core.



Why Popular Education, and why El Salvador?

This year, after a 12 year struggle, El Salvador became the first country on earth to ban mineral mining. Although El Salvador is a tiny country, it has created one of the most dynamic and powerful popular movements in the hemisphere.

Popular education has been the “secret sauce” underpinning the successes of the Salvadoran popular movement, and it has been at the heart of people’s movements around the world. Popular Education is experiential education that lets “ordinary people” come together, understand their own oppression, and build their own power. It is powerful, and it is fun. Rather than just having people sit and listen, popular education uses all methods at hand – including food, theater, art, and music-- to help people learn together.

Now we have a chance to learn how to use this powerful tool from our Salvadoran brothers and sisters, so we can strengthen our own work here in the United States. At this workshop we will:

- Experience Salvadoran-style popular education
- Learn some basic popular education principles and techniques
- Explore our ideas for using popular education in our own work
- Share own work and experiences as activists across issues.

Details about the April workshop

WHEN: April 6-8

Friday evening - 7:00- 9:30

Saturday - 9-5 lunch provided

Sunday 9-1

Participants should attend the entire workshop, as each section will build on previous elements.

WHERE: Democracy Center - 45 Mt. Auburn St. , Cambridge

Simultaneous translation provided. Venue wheel chair accessible from the street.

REGISTRATION: Preregistration is required. Consider sending a team of 2-4 people from your organization.

Individual rate- \$100-\$200 sliding scale (further scholarships available)

Teams: activist/community - \$200-\$400, non-profit - \$400-\$600, institutional - \$500-\$1000

WORKSHOP LIMITED TO 40. SO PLEASE GET YOUR RESPONSE BACK QUICKLY TO SAVE SPACE(S)

For more information about the workshop, or to register, contact: cambridgeelsalvador@gmail.com

Looking for a deeper immersion In Popular Education and the activism of El Salvador ?

In addition to this April workshop, USSESC is planning a **week-long intensive popular education school** with Equipo Maiz and CRIPDES, to be held **in El Salvador in August 2018**. This school will give organizers and popular educators from the U.S. and El Salvador a chance to work and learn together and build a foundation for ongoing solidarity. For more information about the Summer 2018 popular education school contact Jon Falk (jonf@lljf.net).



About U.S. - El Salvador Sister Cities

The U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities Network is a grass-roots organization of people living in the U.S. who have ongoing partnerships with rural communities in El Salvador. Today, seventeen sister cities and community organizations from across the United States are paired with Salvadoran communities through our sister organization, CRIPDES. We work to connect and strengthen movements for social justice in the U.S. and El Salvador by sharing accompaniment, experiences and advocacy. We strive to build a new kind of globalization, one that is built from the ground up and united by human values of justice and solidarity. www.elsalvadorsolidarity.org