

Education in Cuba



How Cuba's teachers & students are confronting the US blockade, hurricanes, global food and energy crises

Report-back from Oct 2022 NEU delegation

Monday, 14 November, 7pm

Central United Reform Church, Norfolk St, S1

speaker: **Fiaz Rashid**, just returned from Cuba with National Education Union delegation; visiting students & teachers in regions recently devastated by Hurricane

Cuba has more teachers, and spends more of its GDP on education, than any other country on earth, reflecting the centrality of education to Cuban socialism.

The vicious US blockade, greatly tightened by Trump and barely relaxed by Biden, along with the covid epidemic and the global food & energy crisis, is putting great pressure on Cuba's impressive educational achievements.

Cuba, justly renowned for its solidarity with other peoples, *now needs ours!*

—7:00pm (prompt!)—

**Film: "Maestra" * (36min)—
the inspirational story of
Cuba's literacy campaign**



"One of the truly great achievements of mankind"
— Theodore McDonald, *Schooling the Revolution*

*Maestra = female teacher—most were young women.

Viva La Educación is a joint appeal by the National Education Union (NEU) and the Cuba Solidarity Campaign (CSC) to raise money for essential classroom and teaching equipment to be shipped to Cuban schools in 2023.

It builds on previous successful appeals, including 'Play for Cuba' which shipped two 40 ft containers with 4,000+ musical instruments to Cuba in 2019, and 'Braille Machines for Cuba', which delivered 45 machines to schools for blind and visually impaired children. *Find out more!* – <https://vivaeducacion.org.uk/>