



# CUBA – a better world is possible

Join today and help end the illegal US blockade once and for all



# Cuba: 55 years of health, education, social justice and solidarity...



## **HEALTH CARE**

Lowest infant mortality rates in all of the Americas

## **EDUCATION**

Best literacy rates in Latin America. More than three million people taught to read in 30 countries



## **EQUALITY**

Equal pay and rights for women, and exemplary maternity leave and childcare



## **INTERNATIONALISM**

Cuban international brigades are world renowned for providing medical aid and training to the most vulnerable people on the planet



# ...achieved under a cruel blockade

- Twenty-four consecutive votes at the United Nations have condemned the United States' illegal blockade of Cuba
- It denies Cuba access to food, educational and medical equipment and more than half the medicines on the world market
- 188 – 3 countries voted against the blockade at the UN in 2014

On 1 January 1959 the Cuban Revolution freed the country from the brutal US-backed Batista dictatorship.

Since then, this small, developing country has made world renowned social advances for its people in health, education and culture. Incredible achievements since they have been carried out despite 50 years of US isolation, aggression and an illegal and inhumane blockade.

## US objectives remain the same

- Recent talks between Cuba and the US, and the release of final members of the Miami Five (Cubans imprisoned in the US for fighting terrorism), are to be welcomed. But, they do not mean the blockade is over. Nor do they signal a change in the US government's objective of 'regime change' on the island.
- The US government is still pursuing its own political and economic goals in Cuba by funding groups working to overthrow the Cuban government.
- In December 2014, just days after saying they wanted to normalise relations, USAID announced it would make \$11 million dollars available to those working to advance its "interests" in Cuba.
- US citizens are still banned from travelling as tourists to Cuba by their own government and the US still illegally occupies Guantanamo Bay despite Cuba's longstanding demand for its return.
- In the run up to the 2016 presidential elections it is crucial to ensure that Congress takes concrete action to end the blockade, and any future US president does not overturn recent advances.

**Your support is needed to help us end the  
blockade once and for all.**

# CUBA – You can make a difference



CSC campaigns to end the illegal US blockade and to defend the Cuban people's right to determine their own future free from foreign interference and aggression.

With more than 5,000 members, affiliated organisations and 30 local groups, we lobby MPs and government, organise solidarity brigades and specialist tours, and work with trade unions and NGOs to build links with sister organisations in Cuba.

We campaign against the illegal US blockade and to defend the Cuban people's right to determine their own future free from foreign interference and aggression.

CSC is a non-party political NGO which relies on subscriptions and fundraising to carry out our work to defend Cuba. Please help support our work today.

## Travel Cuba

Be more than a tourist, experience the real Cuba away from the tourist trail with specialist tours that give an insight into the island's culture, revolutionary history and its people.

[www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk/tours](http://www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk/tours)

## Shop Cuba

Visit our online shop for a great selection of books, cards, posters, t-shirts, badges, music, coffee, chocolate, gifts and much more.

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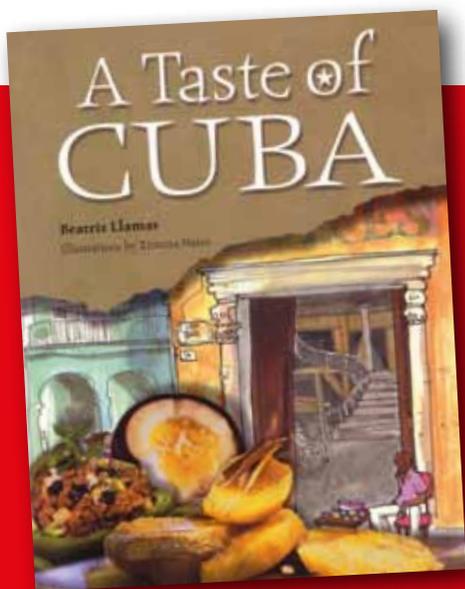


# Join the Cuba Solidarity Campaign today

## Special membership offer

**A free Cuba50 anniversary CD featuring 15 of the greatest Cuban bands from the last 50 years for all new members, plus:**

- Free subscription to our quarterly magazine *CubaSi*
- Special offers, competitions and discounts on a wide range of merchandise, tours and events
- Regular briefing papers and updates on Cuba and CSC campaigns



**Join by direct debit and you also receive a copy of 'A taste of Cuba' 140 page illustrated Cuban recipe book\***

**(RRP £16.10)**

\* Available only for £20 or over annual direct debit payments. Alternative book worth equivalent value may be substituted if stocks run out.

*Cuba has made a contribution to African independence, freedom and justice, unparalleled for its principled and selfless character. From its earliest days the Cuban revolution has itself been a source of inspiration to all freedom-loving people.*

Nelson Mandela



## INTERNATIONALIST IN WORD AND DEED



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**Cuban internationalism goes beyond simple declarations for peace and against global injustice. It is practical:**

- 50,000 doctors and medical professionals proving free health care and training in 66 developing countries – more than the World Health Organisation
- More than 3.5 million free sight-saving operations performed since 2004 as part of Operation Miracle – a programme to fight cataracts and blindness in poor countries
- 30,000 students from developing countries on free medical scholarships

# Join the Cuba Solidarity Campaign today

Despite enduring more than 50 years of blockade the Cuban people have built a society where their own people enjoy among the highest levels of health, education and social protection in the Americas. Cuba's international brigades offer free health and education for the poorest and most vulnerable on the planet and a symbol of hope that a better world is possible.

**Support Cuba today, join CSC and help end the US blockade once and for all.**

**Free gifts for all new members – see inside for details.**



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*Cuba demonstrates how much nations can do with the resources they have if they focus on the right priorities – health, education, and literacy.*

Kofi Annan,  
former UN  
General Secretary

