



BECOME A SPRING 2011 TOUR HOST
East Coast U.S., March/April
Women and Mining

How can Hosting a NISGUA Speaker Help you? Hosting a NISGUA speaker not only helps you raise awareness around the situation in Guatemala, but it also strengthens the work you do in your community on the global human rights situation. Whether or not your group works specifically with Guatemala, hosting a speaker is a great way to educate and mobilize.

Connects U.S. and Guatemalan solidarity groups

- Gives you a personal connection to Guatemala and the international solidarity movement
- Develops a personal, direct relationship with your speaker and her/his organization in Guatemala
- Gives you the most up-to-date information on the situation in Guatemala
- Raises funds to directly help grassroots organizations in Guatemala

Creates relationships with groups in your area

- Helps build and connect movements
- Creates new contacts and allies in your area
- Educates and motivates your community
- Helps you to network and share ideas and resources with other groups in your city, state or region

Gives you an opportunity to develop your organization's strength

- Reinvigorates your group about doing work on Guatemala and/or the tour theme
- Raises the profile of your organization
- Grants valuable organizing skills
- Builds new leaders

Hosting a speaker can be a big commitment but it is doable. It means you have to set up speaking events and meetings with decision-makers (such as Congressional representative) and other contacts in your community (such as social justice groups). It also means that you have to work on event outreach, find translators, fundraise and take care of housing, food and transportation for the speaker. This year, we ask that groups earn an average of \$375 for each day that they host a speaker, excluding rest days.

This sounds like a lot, but NISGUA is here to help. We can help you find fundraising opportunities, possible outlets for the speaker, and new ways to organize. We have developed an organizing packet that will take you through each step in preparing for the tour. In fact, many groups end up exceeding their daily fundraising goals or have more successful events than they had anticipated.

Please consider committing to becoming a tour host today! Contact Caitlin@NISGUA.org, telephone 510-238-8400.

Thank you for all that you do!

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