



## Why London Mexico Solidarity?

We can't count on political and business leaders to respond to the current planetary crisis in a way that will be in the interest of the majority of the world's population. Now as in the past, it's ordinary people power that will bring about a more just world.



*Translation: No more blood. We are fed up.*

We are a group of people living in London with relationships and links to communities, groups and individuals working for social and environmental justice in Mexico. The London Mexico Solidarity Group believes we have a lot to learn from, and share with our brothers and sisters in Mexico and anywhere this message reaches.

## Rebel, Resist, Build the Alternative

The Zapatistas, citizens from Atenco, diverse communities in Oaxaca, and the people in Juarez and across the country who denounce free trade, the 'drug war' and multinational corporations' self-interested investments are rebelling and resisting attacks on their traditions, cultures, and beliefs. They resist projects threatening to evict them from their land and exploit their labour. The construction of mega eco-tourist resorts, airports, dams and the destructive practices of logging and mining companies. They are against the capitalist system which seeks to destroy and/or homogenise humanity and the Earth. Against the commodification of humanity, nature, the 'War on Drugs' and all other wars. By mobilising their communities, organising with critical awareness and connecting with other local, regional and international struggles they are actively building the constructive alternative – a world in favour of humanity, with justice and dignity for all.



Near Agua Azul Waterfalls, Chiapas

*Women from Bajachon demand the right to run their eco-tourism business. Mexican authorities & multinational corporations seek to evict the community to build a private enterprise mega eco-tourist resort.*



*Translation: You are in Zapatista rebel territory. Here the people give the orders and the government obeys. North Zone. Council of Good Government. Trafficking in weapons, planting of drugs, drug use, alcoholic beverages, and illegal sales of wood are strictly prohibited. No to the destruction of nature.*

## **What does London Mexico Solidarity do?**

We support social justice movements in Mexico by facilitating the exchange of experiences between activist communities. We hold vigils and public actions to increase public awareness of the situation in Mexico, and cultural events like film screenings, speaking tours, performance art and workshops. We also lobby and write letters in promoting Mexican grassroots campaigns. We support 'The Other Campaign'.

## **What do we mean by 'solidarity'?**

We believe together, we are stronger. We believe in the vision of the millions of people around the world who are building our own local alternatives that promote our well-being and nurture our diversity. We seek to name and challenge the ills of the dominant capitalist system. We believe in the power of autonomy, collective organising, self-government, and 'mandar obedeciendo' (lead by obeying). Collectively our power is limitless. We all have a voice and a responsibility to do something to right social wrongs. We are not waiting for someone to come along to save us, or offer us solutions. We're rolling up our sleeves and working together to do it ourselves, join us!

### **Regional and global connections**

We belong to a UK and world-wide network of groups drawing inspiration from our brothers and sisters' nonviolent struggles for justice in Mexico.

**[ukzapatistas.wordpress.com](http://ukzapatistas.wordpress.com)**

**[www.europazapatista.org](http://www.europazapatista.org)**



### **Come to a local group meeting**

We meet regularly at the London Action Resource Centre in Whitechapel. Get in touch to know the exact time and date of our next meeting or event.

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