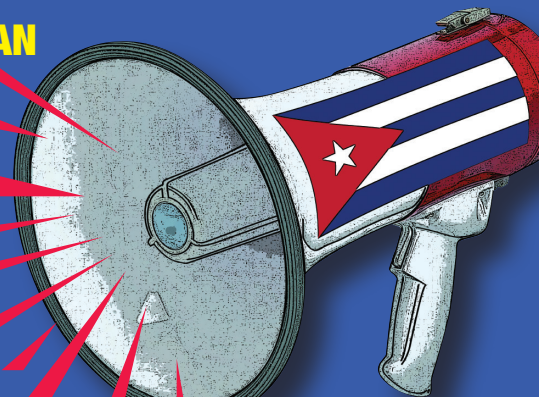


# WHAT YOU CAN DO

**THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN  
SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN TO  
END THE US BLOCKADE**

## TAKE ACTION

- Join the Cuba Solidarity Campaign
- Donate to our work
- Attend one of our meetings
- Travel to Cuba on one of our tours or brigades
- Buy from our online shop
- Support our COVID-19 Medical Appeal for Cuba
- Invite a CSC speaker to address your trade union/community group
- Order copies of this leaflet to distribute to friends and colleagues
- Take part in one of the International Caravan Against the Blockade monthly actions
- Sign up for the latest news from Cuba and keep informed through our website



# END THE BLOCKADE

**Join the Cuba Solidarity Campaign today!**

Despite enduring 60 years of an illegal US blockade the Cuban 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.

CSC campaigns to end the blockade, defend the Cuban people's right to self-determination free from foreign intervention, and for the return of Cuban land illegally occupied by the US at Guantánamo Bay. **Please support our work by joining or donating today.**

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# CUBA



**End the sanctions against the  
small island with a big heart**

Cuban medics arriving in Mexico in 2020 to help fight COVID-19



Cuba, a small island in the Caribbean with a population of just over 11 million has been the target of attacks from successive US governments for more than 60 years. Why? Because its people dared to carry out a popular revolution which removed a corrupt US-and mafia-backed dictatorship in 1959.

Sixty-two years ago the Cuban Revolution nationalised sugarcane farms and industries formerly owned by US multinationals and rich landowners, redistributed land to *campesino* farmers, implemented a mass literacy campaign which eradicated illiteracy on the island within twelve months, and set up a free health service and welfare system.

Today, despite being a poor country with few natural resources, Cuba has some of the best health and literacy levels in the Americas and shares these achievements by sending medical brigades around the world to provide health care in other developing nations.

During the COVID-19 pandemic more than 4,000 Cuban health workers worked in 40 countries to help in the fight against the disease. Since the Cuban Revolution, more than 400,000 Cuban medics have volunteered in 165 countries. In addition, Cuba has trained more than 40,000 medical students from developing countries, including over 100 from marginalised communities in the US.

Yet the country has suffered under an inhumane economic blockade imposed by successive United States governments for almost six decades.

Despite the scarcities and difficulties caused by the blockade, Cuba remains true to its internationalist values of sharing the resources and expertise that they have with the rest of the world.

*“For over a year, these sanctions have represented a real obstacle to the procurement of mechanical ventilators, face masks, diagnostic kits, reagents, vaccination syringes, and other necessary materials to address COVID-19.”*

Oxfam report, 2021

## 60 years of the US blockade against Cuba

In 1962 the US government imposed an economic blockade against Cuba which it has intensified during the last six decades. Under Donald Trump, an additional 243 measures were taken against the island. Disappointingly the Biden administration has done nothing to reverse them.



The blockade has cost Cuba's economy more than \$933 billion. It is the longest blockade in history – economic warfare that causes suffering and shortages on the island.

In 2020, US sanctions blocked a shipment of vital COVID-19 medical supplies from entering Cuba. It included more than two million masks, 400,000 rapid diagnostic kits and 104 ventilators. Cuba described it as “another twist of this genocidal, inhumane policy.”

In May 2021 Oxfam, the international development agency, called for an end to the blockade which it said “restricts access to suppliers of medicines, technology, food, and other essential products.”

On 23 June 2021 the world voted on the issue at the United Nations General Assembly for the 29th time. 184 countries supported Cuba's resolution that the blockade should end. Only the US and Israel voted against.

In 2020 Cuban Americans began organising monthly caravans in US cities to urge their government to reverse Trump's measures. These have spread around the world with many events taking place in UK cities. In the last year, the Cuba Solidarity Campaign has raised thousands of pounds to help Cuba treat and vaccinate its people against COVID-19; organised 15 online meetings to bring the latest news from the island; and lobbied the British government to improve its own relations with Cuba and use its influence with the US government.

The blockade continues to be the main obstacle to Cuba's development. Please support the campaign to end it, and allow the Cuban people to thrive and realise their potential free from economic warfare and US intervention.