

NEW ARRIVAL

NUNCA MÁS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We cordially invite you to join us for the 10th anniversary of *Nunca Más*. To celebrate those who continue fighting for a world without collective violence.



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Maskinhallen, Sundholm 28 A.
2300 København S



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- how our volunteers are reaching out at different events in Denmark.
- our three ongoing projects in Sri Lanka, Ecuador, and Honduras and our two applications to continue co-operation in Zimbabwe and the Philippines.
- Our general assembly and our strategy meeting where we discussed our future direction
- Office life in our new office at Foreningshuset Sundholm 8
- A further recognition in Honduras of our Good Will ambassador, Alberto Lainez.
- general information about what we are doing and links to our partners.

HELP NEEDED



We will invite one or two volunteers to be responsible for our financial controlling and for making our financial reports and undertake the communication with our auditor. This is due to the fact that our much valued Financial Controller will retire gradually during the coming 6 months.



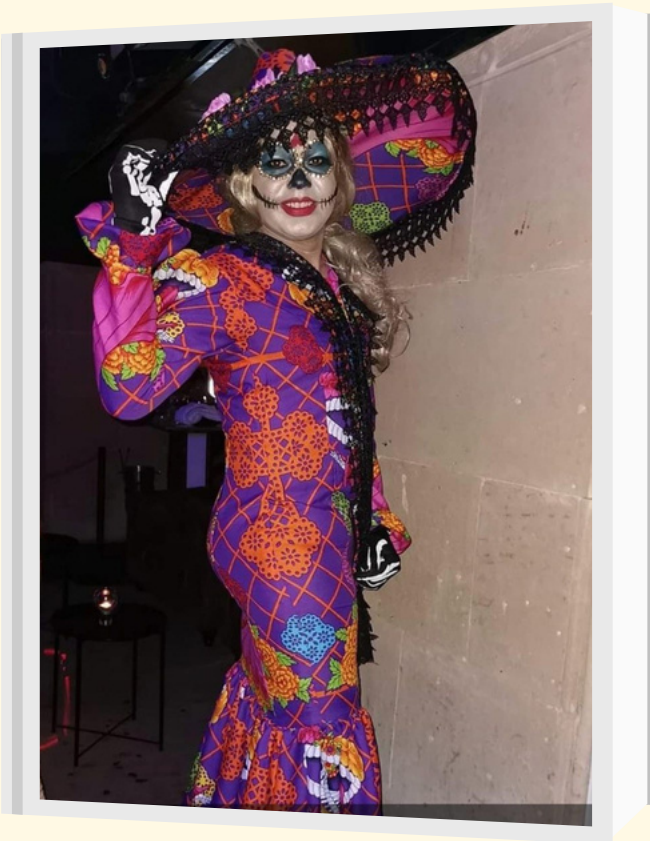
1 JOIN US IN OUR TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT MASKINHALLEN

This year marks the ten-year anniversary of Nunca Más. For that occasion, we will be throwing an anniversary party on the 17th of November at Maskinhallen. For the Nunca Más anniversary event, we invite all members, members of other like-minded civil society organizations and other people interested in the Global South, human rights, psychosocial work and civil society work – so be sure to share the message.

There will be music, food and drinks, and ample opportunities to mingle and be inspired.

We have invited Alex David Sanches Alvarez (or David) to talk about his way of healing through a psychosocial approach and to shed light on the importance and ongoing issues relating to human rights. With the International Human Rights Day coming up on the 10th of December, we feel it is even more important to highlight the issue, which we will document and share online.

Alex has experienced political violence while trying to exercise his rights as an activist in his home country, Honduras, where he used to work with our partner organization – Centro de Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus familiares (CPTRT). He had to flee due to attacks and death threats and is now living in exile in Spain, where he works with emigrants. Alex has a psychosocial approach that includes individual testimonies. He has used it in individual and collective healing.



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Before Alex's talk, we will listen to Protestorkesteret. It is a Danish band that has specialized in playing Danish, Latin-American, and other famous international protest songs from the 1960s to the 1980s. Many of the lyrics are more relevant today than they were when they were written.

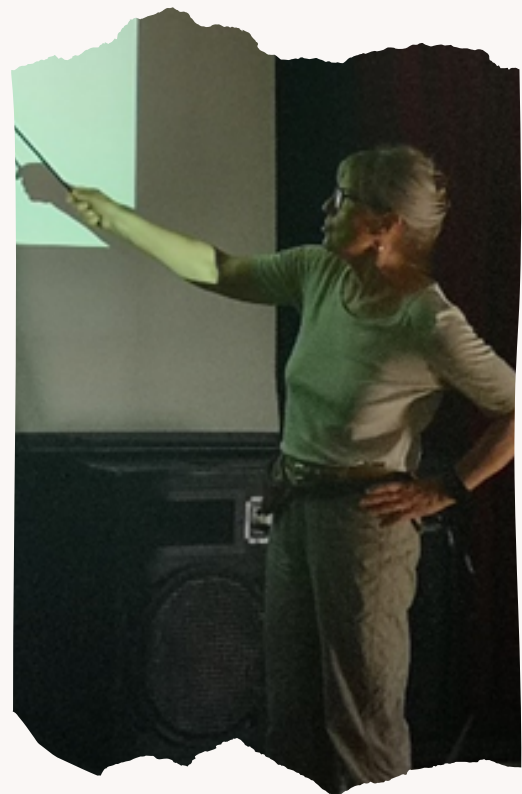


Take away, the Colombian musician and singer and musician Mame will play the traditional Colombian rhythm Cumbria, which is for everyone to dance to. Often the lyrics have political twists and criticize the injustices in society.

In addition to all of this there will be something to eat and drink. Activists from the Nicaragua solidarity group will serve some Central American food and drinks at affordable prices. The surplus will go to benefit Nicaraguans deportees and the political prisoners and their families.

Help! Persons with competencies in controlling and financial administration needed

After 5 years with Nunca Más, Anne Marie Jensen, our Financial Controller and responsible for our financial system has announced that she will be stop her work for Nunca Más and enter her second retirement – well deserved. We want to thank her for her invaluable work and expertise, guiding us through the financial management of both the organization and the projects. Due to her relentless effort, Nunca Mas has a governance set-up with a solid financial and administrative system





Now we need to need to find one or preferable two other people, who can take over her tasks and help take care of controlling of our projects, and be responsible for our half-year, quarterly and full-year financial reports and the contact with our auditor.

So, if you or someone you know could be interested in any of these tasks, don't hesitate to contact us at info@nuncamas.net or +4520638957.

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Development with partners in the Global South

We currently have three ongoing projects.

In Sri Lanka we initiated the second phase of our partnership with Rule of Law. The project title is: "Advocacy to Contribute to the Sri Lankan Civil Movement on Resisting Corruption (CMRC)". It aims to provide much needed capacity-building support to CSOs, civil actors, and local communities to understand the serious interconnection between the failure of rule of law and rampant corruption at all levels, as a way of addressing the corruption problems that impede the development of the country.

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In Ecuador the second phase of our project "Enhancing the Prevention of Gender-based violence in Ecuador" is well under way. The project must adjust to a new and much more violent context in the country, where even presidential candidates are killed or threatened by organized crime related to the drug trade. This has a growing, negative impact on the political systems in an increasing number of countries in the region.



DELAYS IN JUSTICE



Very recently funding was approved for the fourth phase of our project in Honduras: "Strengthening Political Advocacy and Psychosocial Support to Networks of Young Human Rights Defenders in Choluteca, Honduras".



Additionally, we have submitted two more project proposals and are awaiting response from CISU for projects in Zimbabwe and the Philippines, both in extension of our previous projects and partnerships. We notice that there is a growing competition for funds from CISU. That puts pressure on us to submit proposals of still higher quality.



In October 2023, we had a visit of Malu Cagay from our Philippine partner organization, Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP).





3 EVENTS



Throughout 2023, Nunca Más participated in several events. On Wednesday, April 19 we participated in an event in memory of the 5th anniversary of the citizen protests in Nicaragua. We organized the event as members of the Danish Nicaraguan Network (International Børnesolidaritet, Mellemerika Komiteen, Verdens Skove and the Nicaragua Group of The Red-Green Alliance) in Folkets Hus, Copenhagen.

On April 24, we again celebrated Mother Earth Day, Pachamama, organized by ILAS (Iberian and Latin American Studies Forum) and CApE (Center for Applied Ecological Thinking) at the University of Copenhagen in collaboration with Academia Intercultural – Det Interkulturelle Akademi (AIIA) and Sonamos Latino americano. The event included a film screening about a female Peruvian shaman Madre Irene, a traditional ceremony by Laura Ponce-Gartmann, and a Scientific Seminar organized by ILAS (Iberian and Latin American Studies Forum).



On Saturday, May 27 we took part in the Latin America Day at Nørrebro, where many people of all ages passed by the Nunca Mas stand and heard about the organization.





On Wednesday, June 21 Nunca Más co-organized a premier of a Nicaraguan documentary on the political situation four years after the huge manifestations against the regime of the President Daniel Ortega and his wife, the Vice-President Rosario Murillo in Cinemateket. The premier was followed by a debate with other grassroots organizations from the Danish Nicaragua Network as well as CINEMATEKET and Casa Latinoamericana. More than 100 people participated.



On Wednesday, September 13, we arranged an intro-meeting to Nunca Más for potential members and volunteers. It was our first event of the kind, and we gained a lot of valuable experience and two new volunteers, Marcela Clavijo and Jesús López, who will help with tasks regarding communication and events, as well as other ad-hoc tasks. We are glad to welcome the new volunteers to our Nunca Más fraternity



BECOME A VOLUNTEER FOR A HUMAN-RIGHTS-BASED DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Are you interested in human rights and/or psychosocial work in the Global South?

NUNCA MAS aims to improve laws, policies, and socio-political actions in order to overcome violence and corruption, particularly in countries with significant inequality.

We work in: - EQUADOR - HONDURAS - ZIMBABWE - PHILIPPINES - SRI LANKA



JOIN OUR INFOMEETING

📅 WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
5 pm - 7 pm

📍 Sundholmsvej 8,
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For More Information:

✉ info@nuncamas.net





On September 4, the Danish Nicaragua Network and Nunca Más arranged a Premier of a documentary (“La otra ola – The other wave”) about the life of young Nicaraguan who lives in involuntary exile in Costa Rica. Two of the Nicaraguan women behind the documentary participated in a question-and-answer session afterwards. It took place in the historic Maskinhallen at Sundholm.



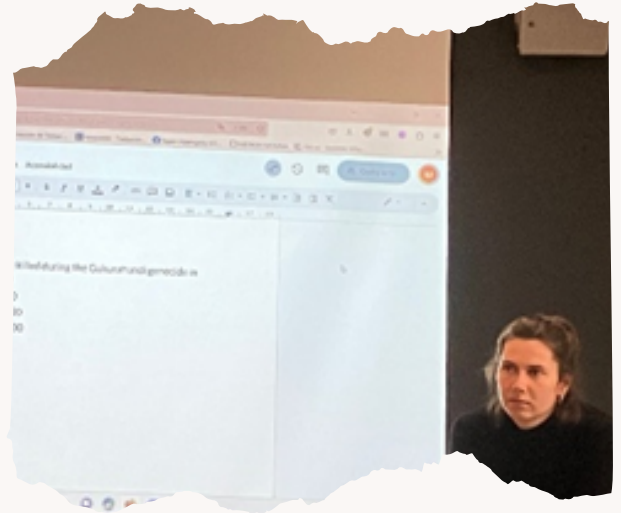
On Friday September 29, Nunca Mas took part in “Fælles Frivillig fredag – Joint Voluntary Friday” at Maskinhallen which was organized by Frivillig Center Amager and Sundholm 8. It gave us the opportunity to share and network with other organizations in the local area.





4 Internal stuff

In April we said hello to our new Student Assistant Carla Grahl, who spends most of her time helping Anne Marie with financial controlling. At the same time, we also moved our office from the old historic building in Dronningensgade at Christianshavn to Foreningshuset, Sundholm 8 at Sundby Amager. Here we have a modern office in another historic building – although this building is only 100 years old, but much warmer 😊 and with many activities and possibilities for networking. It provides a good space for the further development of the association and for activities. Here our annual general assembly took place, and we welcomed a couple of new members.



In August the board and volunteers met up for a strategy workshop to discuss the future direction of the association. We discussed whether we should opt for becoming a programme organization at CISU, whether we shall have more and larger projects, whether we need more members, and what relationship should be between hired (part time) staff and volunteers. We also discussed the psychosocial approach, our present organizational goals and may other topics.





Our human rights ambassador Jorge Alberto Laínez has been named honorable ambassador by the Ministry of Education for his invaluable artistic career in favour of the promotion and Máprotection of the environment, culture, and the protection of human rights.

5 Other news

Alberto is a Honduran singer-songwriter and has collaborated with Nunca Más on our projects with the Honduran indigenous group known as the Lencas. The Lencas add great emotional, cultural, and spiritual significance to music, making the addition of Alberto and his musicality to our communication with the Lencas a quintessential aspect of supporting them in an impactful, culturally sensitive, and significant manner.



6 Further reading

If you are interested in reading more about some of what Nunca Más is doing we recommend the below further reading.



One of our volunteers, Kaja Zsumilas, wrote an article about Nunca Más explaining in a comprehensive way the psychosocial and testimonial approach. You can find the article by following the link: <https://ddrn.dk/11706/>

