

# Justice for Colombia: Standing up for Colombian trade unionists



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## About Colombia

Colombia is the most dangerous place in the world to be a trade unionist. 3,000 activists have been killed in the past 30 years. Many receive death threats and are unjustly imprisoned. Workers in public and private sectors are hit by brutal anti-union policies making it almost impossible to join a union.



## About JFC

JFC was set up in 2002 to highlight and campaign against this terrible situation. Over the years JFC's work has had a big impact in Colombia. We have taken over 200 British, Irish, European and North American trade unionists, politicians and lawyers over to Colombia to gain first-hand experience of the situation and to build links with Colombian partners. We have also brought dozens of Colombian trade unionists over to Britain, Ireland and Europe to meet with governments, trade unions and civil society organisations.

This work has enabled British and Irish trade unions to support various projects in Colombia, supporting legal defence teams, providing training, documenting abuses and even sending toiletries to imprisoned trade unionists. JFC campaigns have helped secure the freedom of several high-profile political prisoners and JFC also facilitates relationships between British, Irish and Colombian unions, providing much-needed solidarity. JFC campaigns in the British and Irish Parliaments, the Stormont Assembly, and in Brussels and has built a group of over 80 MPs at Westminster.

## Campaigns

JFC works on numerous campaigns depending on the needs of our Colombian partners. We lobby the British and Irish Governments to speak out against the abuses and support trade unionists and other activists in Colombia.



**Human Rights and Trade Union Rights** – to end the abuses committed against trade unionists, social activists, members of the political opposition and human rights defenders.



**Political Prisoners** – seeking the release of political prisoners – more than 20 leading activists have been freed as a result. We also provide humanitarian assistance to prisoners.



**Peace** – campaigning to ensure full implementation of the Colombian peace agreement.



## Facts and Figures



3,000 trade unionists killed since 1986. 88% of cases not brought to justice. **STILL** at least 17 killed every year.



7 million people violently forced to flee their homes. **STILL** at least 50,000 displaced annually.



Paramilitaries with associations to the Colombian state are responsible for majority of attacks against political activists. **STILL** paramilitary presence in 31 of 32 states.

# Make a Difference: Join Today!



*JFC's solidarity has helped us save the lives of many of our members. In Colombia we receive death threats just for being in a trade union. Your support for my release and that of all political prisoners has been critical.*

**Huber Ballesteros, Colombian trade union leader,  
political prisoner for over three years**

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