



Justice for Colombia *for Peace and Social Justice in Colombia*



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About Colombia

In what has long been the world's deadliest country for organised labour and human rights defenders, the 2022 election of Colombia's first progressive government and the historic 2016 peace agreement were victories for trade unions, social organisations and conflict victims.

However, powerful political forces continue to fiercely oppose peace and progressive social-economic reforms. Amid ongoing conflict in rural areas, Colombia faces an immense challenge to overcome deep-rooted violence and inequality. Trade unions, activists and grassroots communities are working together to build a fairer and more peaceful society. International support can help them achieve this goal.

About JFC

Since JFC was founded in 2002 to promote peace and social justice in Colombia, our work has had a huge impact. We have taken over 250 trade unionists and politicians to Colombia to experience the situation first-hand and to build solidarity and practical links with those defending peace and human rights. Likewise, we have hosted dozens of Colombian trade unionists, activists and politicians in Ireland, Britain and Brussels.

Through JFC, Irish and British trade unions have funded projects in Colombia to build union organising capacity, pay for legal defence teams, document abuses, house human rights organisations and provide legal, psychological and other support

to unjustly detained trade unionists. JFC organised cross-party delegations with experience of the Good Friday Agreement to advise on the negotiations between the Colombian government and FARC guerrillas that led to the 2016 peace deal. We have helped secure the freedom of political prisoners, campaigned for justice for victims of state violence and cast a spotlight on threats against human rights defenders.

Working closely with politicians in the Oireachtas, Stormont, the EU and Westminster, JFC seeks to ensure Colombia's marginalised communities have a political voice internationally.



“Irish trade unions have a special role to play in supporting peace in Colombia. The 2016 peace agreement and the 2022 election brought optimism but major challenges remain. Through our campaigning with JFC, the ICTU stands firmly with the Colombian people in their efforts to build peace with social justice.”

Owen Reidy – General Secretary, ICTU

Campaigns

JFC works in direct collaboration with our Colombian partners. We lobby in the Irish, British and EU parliaments, while raising awareness and mobilising the trade union movement and the general public in support of peace and social justice in Colombia.



Trade Union Rights – to build international links of solidarity and mobilise support for progressive social reforms.



Peace – to ensure full implementation of the 2016 peace agreement and support peace negotiations with active armed groups.



Human Rights – to stop the killings of social activists, ensure security for threatened communities and provide support to victims of historic state crimes.



Environment – to support community-led defence of natural resources, promote environmental protections and tackle violence against environmental defenders.



International support is STILL needed



- More than 1,500 social activists and over 400 former FARC members were killed between the 2016 peace deal and the end of 2023. Peace talks with remaining armed groups are vital to end the violence.
- Over 3,200 trade unionists have been killed in recent decades. Proposed labour reforms aim to promote protections for trade union activity and end stigmatisation.
- Environmental activists are under attack while mining companies use international courts to protect profits. Community mobilisation and proposed environmental policies are driving Colombia's fight for climate justice.

Make a Difference: *JOIN TODAY!*



“We know we can count on Justice for Colombia. Thank you so much for everything you’ve done.”

Aida Avella

– Senator in the governing Historic Pact coalition

As president of the progressive Patriotic Union (UP) party, Aida survived the state-led campaign of violence that killed more than 5,000 UP members in the 1980s and 1990s.

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