

## **Agroecology Global Solidarity Teach-In**

*Reflections from Cuba and Nicaragua*

### **Social Media Caption**

Today is the International Day of Peasant Struggle, #17Abril, a campaign led by La Via Campesina to bring awareness to the continued solidarity and struggle of peasants and indigenous people for local food sovereignty and agroecology. #LaViaCampesina represents more than 200 million small farmers worldwide.

Here in the Bay, we invite you to join us on May 9th for an evening of learning, storytelling, and sharing practices for global solidarity in a teach-in about our recent international agroecology delegations to Cuba and Nicaragua!

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We look forward to sharing an evening with community centered around storytelling and dialogue, as we share more about how we met new comrades, seeded new collaborations, and strengthened ongoing relationships for deeper global cooperation. [Agroecology Commons](#) will be providing light snacks and refreshments. Feel free to bring a dish to share potluck style if you would like! Link in linktree.

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**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Time:** 6:30-9:30 pm

**Location:** East Bay Community Space, Telegraph Room 507 55th St, Oakland, CA 94609

[RSVP Here](#) to reserve your spot!

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