

# Cuba - Fighting for Global Justice

## Featuring Dr Helen Yaffe

With clips from her documentary "Cuba's Life Task – Combatting Climate Change"  
speaking virtually to a student, staff and community audience



**Wednesday April 6, Noon till 1:45pm**

Zoom information: register <https://tinyurl.com/mcvdsjfe>

Attendance can be on zoom or in person  
Portland State University, Broadway entrance  
Smith Memorial Student Union SMSU - Room 294

The COVID pandemic has demonstrated how what starts in one place in the world can affect the whole world. Global warming shows how carbon emissions in the most industrialized countries lead to coastal flooding or intense hurricanes or drought or forest fires across the entire planet.

- Cuba – a Caribbean Island subject to rising sea levels and frequent hurricanes that is setting an example to the world in implementing a national plan, La Tarea Vida, to combat and mitigate climate change.
- Cuba – a low-income country that has produced 5 vaccines against COVID, successfully vaccinated almost its entire population including children as young as 2 years old, and is now seeking to make its vaccines available to other low-income countries of the Global South
- Cuba – a country that has been subject to 60 years of brutal direct economic sanctions by the U.S. government, and a concerted attempt by the U.S. to force the rest of the world to also implement those sanctions.

Cuba – the threat of a good example?

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Dr Helen Yaffe is a Senior Lecturer in Economic and Social History at the University of Glasgow and a Visiting Fellow at the Latin America and Caribbean Centre of the London School of Economics (LSE). Her current teaching focuses on Cuban and Latin American development. Since 1995 she has spent time living and researching in Cuba and participating in solidarity campaigns.

She has co-produced two documentaries: *Cuba & Covid-19: Public Health, Science and Solidarity* (2020) and *Cuba's Life Task: Combatting Climate Change* (2021), which premiered in Glasgow in November during COP26, the international climate change conference in that city. She is the author of *We are Cuba? How a revolutionary people have survived in a Post-Soviet World* (2020), and *Che Guevara: the economics of Revolution* (2009).