

LOOKING BACK ON AND BEYOND THE 2010 UPR STRIKE WHAT'S NEXT IN PUERTO RICO

A New York Solidarity Branch Meeting



Join New York Solidarity on September 12 for a special branch meeting on the political situation in Puerto Rico, looking back in particular on the historic 2010 strike at the University of Puerto Rico.

Lasting for over two months, the strike eventually spread across the entire UPR system, ending with an accord that blocked privatization and tuition and fees hikes in June. But the University has already moved on rolling back crucial agreements and so a new moment of struggle is opening once again, demanding our understanding and solidarity.

As we engage in fights against the cuts to the public sector and build towards the October 7 actions and beyond, there are important lessons to be drawn from the UPR strike as to how a democratic and militant student movement was built from the campus outward to the communities.

We will also hear about the ongoing struggles of the teachers' union against the state—in the wake of the August 26 work stoppage in which 30,000 people participated—and continued attacks by the SEIU. And upcoming fights in the private sector promise to test the militant independent trade unions.

Come discuss how we can effectively build real support for workers and students from Puerto Rico in New York. Featuring a guest speaker from the Movimiento Socialista de Trabajadores (MST, Socialist Workers' Movement, www.bandera.org).

**Sunday, September 12
3 PM**

**Borough of Manhattan
Community College
199 Chambers Street
Room S370**

Free childcare available

If you have any questions or need to request childcare (by 9/5), feel free to email nyc@solidarity-us.org

For further reading, check out:

www.solidarity-us.org/current/uprstrike

www.bandera.org (Spanish)

www.fmplucha.org (Spanish)

Solidarity is a revolutionary socialist, feminist and anti-racist organization based throughout the U.S. In New York, we meet regularly to discuss our ongoing activist work in the movements and the big political questions that emerge from our activism. In particular, we are focusing on fighting the budget cuts. Check out our website, www.nysolidarity.org, or email us at nyc@solidarity-us.org for more information.