



Celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Cuban Revolution with Cuban ambassador Edgardo Valdés López

On July 26, 1953, Fidel Castro led some 160 revolutionaries to attack the Moncada army barracks in Santiago de Cuba,

initiating a fight to overturn the U.S.-backed Batista dictatorship. Join with the ambassador on this anniversary to discuss challenges the revolution faces today.

- **The blockade**

For over 60 years successive US administrations have imposed a crippling embargo and carried out other aggressions in an effort to overthrow the socialist revolution. President Biden, while recently easing rules over remittances and travel, has continued this economic war against Cuba.

- **Cuba's response to the pandemic**

Cuba has developed three vaccines and 90% of Cubans are vaccinated.

Current daily case numbers sit at under 30.

- **The aftermath of the July protests**

Following anti-government protests a year ago, the US government continues to foment discontent inside Cuba as the world economic crisis causes shortages and difficulties on the island.

Patrick Brown will also report on the recent May Day celebrations in Havana.



6.30 reception

7pm public meeting

Friday July 22nd

Trades Hall,

147 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn

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