

2008

Speakers:

Pat Arrowsmith, Vice President CND

Aida Avella, Justice for Colombia

French trades union leader

Palestinian representative

Save Our Old Town (SOOT) campaigner

Colin Fox, Edinburgh May Day Committee

Musical entertainment

Children's entertainment

Stands and stalls

Edinburgh Saturday 3 May

Assemble in East Market Street 11.30

March at noon – rally at Princes Street Gardens

(West End) 1.00

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March and Rally



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MAY DAY 2008 – Celebrating International Solidarity and Socialism

This year's Edinburgh May Day march and rally coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. We are pleased to have CND Vice President **Pat Arrowsmith** speaking. Pat is a veteran peace campaigner. No one has done more over the past half century to rid Britain of nuclear weapons. Gordon Brown's decision to spend £100bn on a second generation of Trident weapons was naked warmongering and greatly damages Britain's international reputation. The struggle for an anti-nuclear Britain continues.

It is also 40 years since the historic events of 1968 – the French general strike, the turning point in the war in Vietnam, the civil rights movement in the USA and student radicalism the world over.

Today nowhere captures that spirit of resistance more than the struggle by trades unionists in Colombia. We are proud to have

Aida Avella a prominent trades union leader from that country. Aida's story needs to be heard to be believed. One of 14 socialists elected to Parliament in the 1990's she is the only one to have survived. All her colleagues were murdered by political assassins. After her car was bombed in the centre of Bogota she fled the country and now lives in exile in Switzerland. We are honoured she has chosen to accept our invitation to spend May Day 2008 in Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh May Day Committee is always looking for help to organise the annual celebrations. This year marks our first collaboration with the award winning Edinburgh People's Festival and we believe both organisations complement each other very well. If you would like to get involved we'd be glad to have you. Write to us at; Edinburgh May Day Committee, c/o Out of the Blue Arts Centre, 29 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh or email us via the Edinburgh People's Festival website –

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