



STUDENTS IN THE FIRING LINE

Unite the Union and Justice for Colombia invite you to join them for a screening of a film on the political situation for students in Colombia followed by a debate

Tuesday 1st April 6pm – 7pm
Pavilion, Winter Gardens

Food and drink available

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

NUMA ANDRÉS PAREDES BETANCOURT,
student leader and member of the NEC
of the Colombian Students' Union

GEMMA TUMELTY,
NUS President

JONATHAN HAYWARD,
Unite International Department





COLOMBIA IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACES IN THE WORLD IN WHICH TO BE A STUDENT.

In the last 5 years, over 50 students have been assassinated, at the hands of Colombia state security forces or their allies, the right wing paramilitary death squads.

Students are targeted simply for campaigning against the privatisation of university education. Student leaders often receive death threats and intimidation for their work. Colombian police regularly enter campuses to intimidate student activities.

Apart from suffering assassinations, many students have also been forcibly 'disappeared', tortured, imprisoned or displaced simply for standing up for student rights. There is complete impunity for the perpetrators.



ESMAD - the Colombian riot police who are responsible for many abuses during student demos, including murder of students



Jhony Silva, 21 year old student leader, murdered by ESMAD riot police during a student demonstration March 22, 2005