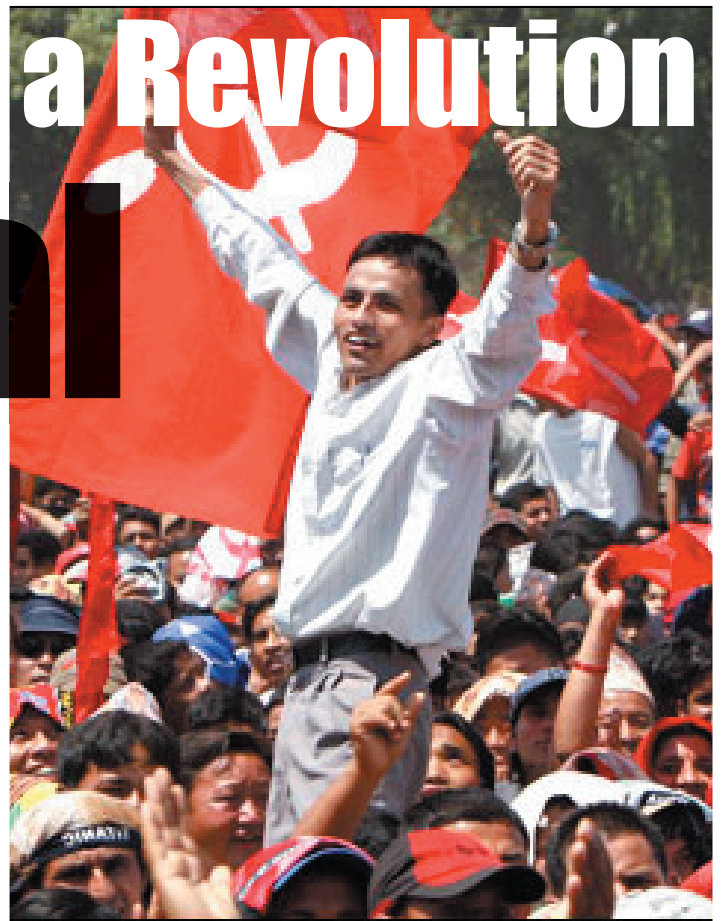


Eyewitness to a Revolution in Nepal

When a peoples' movement overthrew Nepal's hated King Gyanendra and the oppressive monarchical structure in 2006, not much was heard about it in NZ.

Yet exciting things are happening in Nepal today that deserve our attention. The Nepalese people are striving to build a new and better society.

We now have a chance to find out more. Ben Peterson is a young Australian activist who spent a year in Nepal witnessing first hand the revolutionary struggle. He will be in NZ from 21-26 March 2010.



NZ speaking tour by Ben Peterson

Ben: "In 2006, a Peoples' Movement overthrew Nepal's ruling monarchy. They're fighting to build a new Nepal free of poverty, oppression and discrimination by sex, caste or race.

When I was in Nepal I met amazing people, peasant farmers, workers, students, youth, and the elderly, all fighting for a democratic future. Everywhere I went there was a common desire for something better.

Leading the struggle is the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), who built on support earned during the Peoples' War (1996-2006) to win a majority of votes in democratic elections, enabling them to form a revolutionary government. That government was undermined by forces hostile to the Peoples' Movement.

Today, the struggle continues at all levels of Nepalese society. It's not over, but the people of Nepal are experiencing more control over their lands and communities. And if this 21st century revolution continues it will impact on the lives of many more."

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TOUR ITINERARY (draft):

Sunday 21 March - Auckland

Monday 22 March - Auckland

Tuesday 23 March - Hamilton/Rotorua

Wednesday 24 March - Wellington

Thursday 25 March - Dunedin

Friday 26 March - Christchurch

*Meeting times and venues to be confirmed.