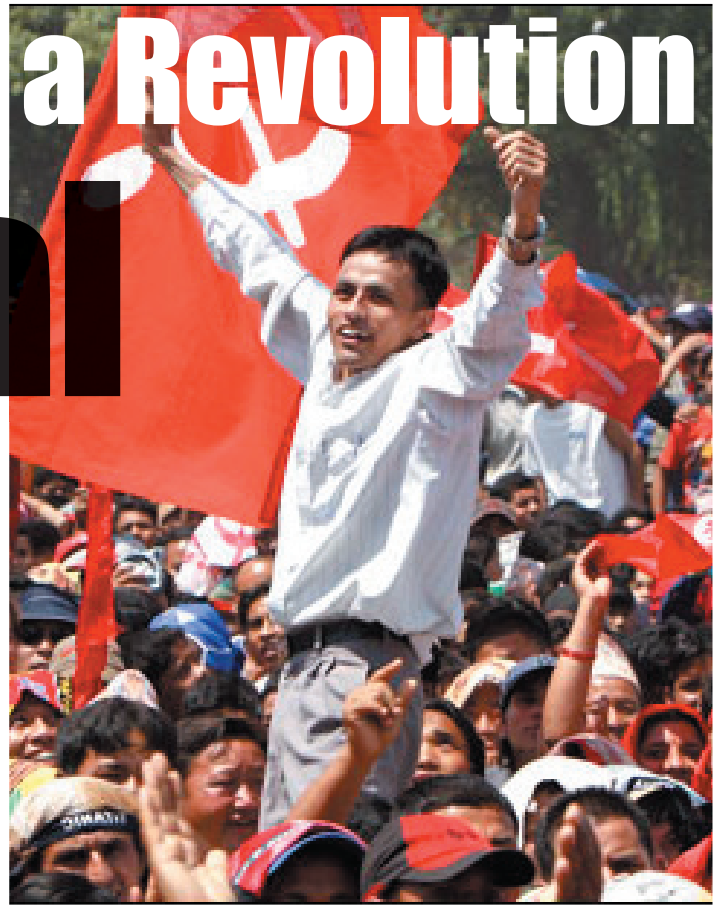


# Eyewitness to a Revolution in Nepal

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:

**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**

**Saturday 27 March - Christchurch**

\*See details of meeting times and venues over the page.

# MEETING TIMES & VENUES

- **Sunday 21 March - Auckland**

2pm @ Auckland Trades Hall, 147 Great North Road, Grey Lynn.

- **Monday 22 March - Auckland**

1pm @ Function Room (over Quad café), Auckland University.

- **Tuesday 23 March – Hamilton & Rotorua**

1-2pm (followed by discussion) @ SUB G.20 (Guru Phabians room), Student Union Building, Waikato University, Hamilton.

7.30pm @ Ghandi Hall, 16 Gibson Street, (opp ten-pin bowling alley), Rotorua.

- **Wednesday 24 March - Wellington**

6pm @ Newtown Community Centre, 1 Columbo Street, Wellington.

- **Thursday 25 March - Dunedin**

1pm @ University Union Main Common Room, Dunedin University.

7pm @ Knox Church Hall, George Street, Dunedin.

- **Friday 26 March - Christchurch**

1pm @ Steed Meeting Room (next to the International Room), UCSA building, Canterbury University.

- **Saturday 27 March – Christchurch**

7:30pm @ WEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch.

## Join the “Ben Peterson NZ Speaking Tour” on Facebook.

To help pay for the cost of Ben’s international and domestic airfares please make a donation into this account: **Nepal Solidarity, Kiwibank 38-9010-0315883-00.**

Ben’s tour of NZ was initiated by Socialist Worker ([unityblognz.com](http://unityblognz.com)) and the Workers Party ([workersparty.org.nz](http://workersparty.org.nz)), with the International Socialist Organisation in Dunedin ([iso.org.nz](http://iso.org.nz)). Meetings in each centre are being organised with the support of other groups and individuals.