

“La Montana” UK PREMIERE

Sun 20 October // 19:00 // The Cube Microplex, Dove St S, Bristol BS2 8JD

Fundraiser for Kiptik – Bristol Zapatista solidarity group

Directed by Diego Enrique Osorno - Mexico - 2023 – 92 minutes, Cert 18 (TBA)

Tickets: £10 (£7 concessions) - all profits go to support Zapatista movement

Doors 7pm with Kiptik solidarity stall selling coffee etc.

Film starts at 7.30pm.

Inspired by the sentiment that in order to change the world, we must first change the way we look at it, filmmaker Diego Enrique Osorno captures the story of a small group of indigenous members of the Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional (EZLN), who boarded a vessel from Mexico to Europe. Embarking on their historic “Journey Of Life” in the midst of the pandemic, the trip marked 500 years since the conquest of Mexico, captured from the Aztecs by Spaniards and their allies.

Squad 421 and their crew set out on a quest to build partnerships in Europe and fight for a better world, extending the ambitions of those who came before them. Not only following their arduous journey, **La Montaña** delves into the history of the Zapatista movement, combining daily life on board with voiceovers as diary entries, and archival footage of rural EZLN training camps and demonstrations. The crew on board develop camaraderie, learning from each other as they discuss their personal and collective ideologies and observations of contemporary society.

A compelling, powerful documentary about decolonisation and anti-neoliberalism, the Zapatista delegation mark their journey across the Atlantic not only as conquistadors of the past, but also with hope for the future, planting a seed of life and struggle in Europe.

This event is a fundraiser for Kiptik - We are a UK-based solidarity group who hosted the Zapatistas on the Bristol leg of the Journey Of Life. We have been funding and collaborating on projects in the autonomous communities of Chiapas in South East Mexico since May 2000. The aim of KIPTIK is to support the Zapatista struggle directly through the construction of drinking water systems, health, education and other projects. We think that hands-on solidarity work is a way of joining struggles and cultures worldwide in order to find common ground and shared solutions to the problems we are all facing.

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