

JOIN US!

PICA is a member-led organization with a small staff. Our important programs can't happen without dedicated volunteers – like you. Please sign up below and indicate where you would like to get involved.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

I am interested in being part of:

- ◇ Clean Clothes
- ◇ Fair Trade Campaign
- ◇ Sister City Project
- ◇ Youth Adelantando
- ◇ Office help
- ◇ Special Events
- ◇ Fundraising

Here is a contribution:

- ◇ \$35 (suggested basic membership)
- ◇ \$100 (sustaining membership)
- ◇ Other: \$ _____



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**BUILDING ECONOMIC
ALTERNATIVES THAT WORK
FOR EVERYONE**

**WORKING FOR
“GLOBALIZATION FROM
THE BOTTOM UP”**

**ENCOURAGING
ORDINARY PEOPLE TO
MAKE HISTORY**



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Who We Are

PICA is a member-based organization based in Bangor, Maine, committed to building supportive communities and working for social and economic justice, both locally and with distant friends.

New rules for the global economy have caused devastating losses of good-paying manufacturing jobs, families being separated and communities dying. Small farmers across the world are being forced off the land. Workers are pitted against one another in a race to the bottom in wages and working conditions. Even our democracy is at risk. If state and local laws that protect the environment, public health and consumer safety conflict with the new rules of the global economy, they may be overturned by secretive international tribunals to which we have no access

PICA supports a global economy based on fair rules. Together with our counterparts around the world, we are building on years of organizing success to build this fair economy. Join us!

PICA Programs

Since 1991, the **Bangor – El Salvador Sister City Project** has built friendship and solidarity between Mainers and rural Salvadorans. More than 20 delegations of women, teachers, healthcare workers, union members, and others have visited Bangor's sister city of Carasque in the mountains of El Salvador. They have come back inspired by the power of real community, and motivated to work together to seek solutions to problems that affect us all. **Our Marketing Committee** sells products from Carasque's fair-trade cooperative. The **Arpillera Project** educates about this beautiful storytelling craft.



The **Bangor Clean Clothes Campaign** is recognized internationally among community-based initiatives for workers' rights in the global apparel industry. The Campaign has helped Bangor become the first city in North America to adopt a clean clothes resolution, and was a leader in getting the state of Maine to pass the nation's first anti-sweatshop state purchasing law.



PICA Programs

PICA is a leading member of the **Maine Fair Trade Campaign**, a growing coalition of small farmers, small businesses, manufacturers, and labor, environmental and low-income groups, which has become the voice of fair trade in Maine. The MFTC's accomplishments include the creation in 2004 of the Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission, the nation's first state citizen commission monitoring the impact of trade on our laws and economy.

Members of **Youth Adelantando (YA)** ("youth going forward"), a self-governing group of area youth committed to change, exercise leadership while gaining self-confidence and gaining skills in research, community organizing and advocacy. Youth Adelantando works on such projects as addressing globalization and its effects locally and worldwide, including sweatshops, the empowerment of youth, and ageism.