### Yes, I/We want to support Viva la Educación

I/We would like to make a donation of  $2 \text{ } \text{\pounds}50$   $2 \text{ } \text{\pounds}100$   $2 \text{ } \text{\pounds}250$  Other amount  $\text{\pounds}$ 

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**I** am sure you know that the blockade is the biggest obstacle to the development of education services in Cuba, and while we manage to achieve a lot. we know that we could do so much better without the blockade. It stops us from being able to buy essential resources for our schools and teachers. I know that the NEU and CSC are raising funds for educational materials and we are very grateful for such much needed solidarity at this time. **J** 

Niurka Maria Gonzalez Obera. General Secretary, Cuban education union, SNTECD



Viva La Educación is a joint initiative of the NEU. Cuba Solidarity Campaign, Music Fund for Cuba charity and Cuba's education union (SNTECD). It builds on previous successful appeals, including 'Play for Cuba' which shipped two 40 ft containers with more than 4,000 musical instruments to Cuba from the NEU conference in Liverpool 2019, and the Braille Machines for Cuba appeal which has delivered more than 45 machines to schools for blind and visually impaired children.

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## **EDUCATIONAL AID FOR CUBA APPEAL**









# SUPPORTING EDUCATION, RESISTING THE BLOCKADE

### Viva La Educación is a one year project to raise funds to buy essential classroom and teaching equipment for Cuban schools.

Cuba has some of the best education indicators in Latin America. Its achievements in literacy and further education compare well with others in the region. However students and teachers often have to make do without many of the basic classroom necessities that we take for granted, due to the 60-year-old US blockade.

Although Cuba spends more of its GDP (10 per cent in 2015) on education than many other nations, the cruel US blockade of the island means that many items are not accessible or are made too expensive due to increased transportation costs.

#### **LET CUBA TEACH**

In addition to students suffering shortages, teachers face difficulties obtaining items to help them plan, teach and share lessons. Money raised will be used to purchase educational resources and to send them in 40ft shipping containers to the island.

The containers will be loaded with specifically requested materials from pens, pencils and notebooks, to crayons and school bags, and laptops, dictionaries and sports equipment.







Cooling fans for classrooms, external hard drives and memory sticks are also needed, together with Braille machines, special educational needs and disability equipment, arts and crafts items and much more.

A full list of needs from the SNTECD (Cuban education union) can be found on our website together with details of how to donate.

*C* The US blockade affects every area of life in Cuba but it is particularly cruel to disrupt and affect children's education. I hope that NEU members and districts will get involved and support Viva La Educación and our colleagues in Cuba to once again show that we can do something very practical to help break the illegal blockade. **11** 

**Daniel Kebede**, President, NEU

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