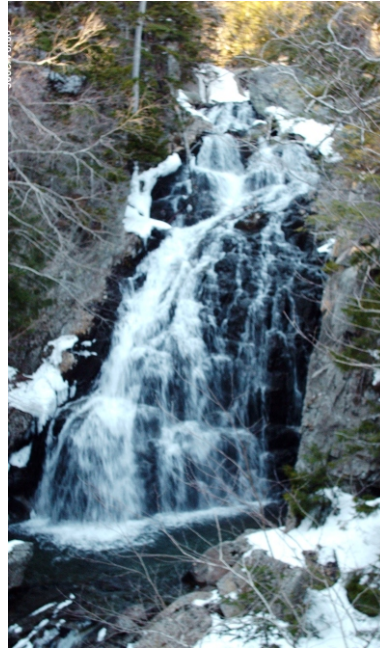


The Labor Leads Conversations at Encuentro 5

Meltdown Versus the Alternative Economy

Join trade unionist Pasqualino Colombaro for a report back on the European Social Forum held in Malmo, Sweden last month. He helped organize a workshop on alternative economic experiments. The timing could not have been more propitious: the European Left gathered in Sweden just as the worst crisis in recent memory struck global capitalism. Come hear Pasqualino's impressions!



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As the global financing system melts down our savings, pensions and the values of our homes go up in flames. While the profits of the past 30 years are safely tucked away in tax free offshore bank accounts Governments in the North of the world freely pour our tax money to replenish what financial speculators have stolen with impunity. Politicians, bosses and trade unions leaders don't have answers except to propose more of the same. Can working people continue to blindly trust these institutions or is it time to consider economic alternatives that are independently organized, financed and run by ourselves?

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