

# ***INCITE! Color Of Violence 4 Conference***

## **BEYOND THE STATE: INCITING TRANSFORMATIVE POSSIBILITIES**

### **March 26-29, Chicago**

This gathering marked INCITE!'s fifteen years of engaging in grassroots organizing projects, critical conversations, national actions, transnational campaigns, and community building strategies to end colonial, racial, and gender-based violence against women of color, trans and queer people of color, and our communities. COV4 highlighted emerging strategies and new frameworks that focus on ending violence without relying on policing, mass incarceration, restrictive legislation, and other systems of violence and control.

**US Woman & Cuba Collaboration** was represented at Incite at a workshop presented by Collaboration Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Cindy Domingo, and two members of Collaboration leadership, Judith "Moon" Vazquez and Nataka Moore.

#### **WORKSHOP: Cuba - Advancing a Revolution**

This workshop looked at how the Cuban revolution has addressed the human rights of the Cuban people as well as people internationally by providing doctors, medical personnel and teachers throughout the world. The workshop focused on the advancement of a women's rights agenda under the Cuban revolution. In particular it discussed campaigns in Cuba that are addressing the struggles against homophobia, racism and domestic violence and their relationship to building a more inclusive society under the Cuban revolution.

The Cuban revolution remains an inspiration for the world in its ability to withstand the impact of the 54-year old US blockade as well as US attempts to isolate Cuba internationally. As part of the US efforts to undermine the Cuban revolution, a well-funded propaganda campaign has been waged against Cuba throughout this history. The US Women & Cuba Collaboration works to provide information to counter the US misinformation campaign and to bring Cuban women's voices to the table to speak for themselves through US delegations to Cuba, through various media and social outlets and by bringing Cuban women to the US.

The panel briefly covered the conditions of women before the revolution and the advancement of the women's rights agenda under the Cuban revolution and the role of the FMC, including information about social and economic reforms now occurring in Cuba. The film "Between Heaven and Earth" was screened; just released this year, it is the first documentary about the struggle for Cuban lesbians to reclaim their full identity. Panel members also spoke about their experiences on the above topics.

The last part of the workshop was a strategy session with audience members on how we can continue to build solidarity with the Cuban revolution, in particular with Cuban women and lesbians.

