

An Urgent Message for Peace for Nicaragua

Northern New Jersey Speaking Tour with
María Eugenia Delgadillo
September 7th-16th, 2018
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María Eugenia Delgadillo Bio:

María Eugenia Delgadillo is a psychologist and graduate of Central American University in Managua, Nicaragua. For the past 23 years she has worked on issues around the human rights of women and girls, and promoted a proactive treatment model for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.



María Eugenia has provided psychological expertise in defense of women in about 60 judicial cases in Nicaragua. She has also been a driving force for the establishment of self-help groups in her hometown of Masaya and across Nicaragua. For three years she coordinated the commission overseeing the local police unit for women and children. Her advocacy efforts led to the Masaya Municipal Council allocating resources for the creation and operation of a shelter for women who have experienced sexual violence. She also helped obtain funding from the national government to remodel the women's jail to improve the safety of victims, and organized the local branch of the national Municipal Womens' Network.

María Eugenia Delgadillo will be on a speaking tour in throughout Northern New Jersey Sept. 7th-16th

Internationally, María Eugenia has participated in wide range of committees and forums, like the Swedish Women's Network Against Violence, Uruguay's Sexual and Reproductive Rights group as well as women's groups in Mexico and Brazil working to build a stronger international Feminist Movement. Her work has taken her to Spain, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras to provide expertise to a network of city governments in Central American working to address violence against women and promote self-help groups and alternative therapy. She's also provided expertise at regional meetings on free trade agreements, raising awareness on potential human rights violations against women.

For 15 years María Eugenia has directed a local radio program that promotes womens' rights. She was a founder of the Axayacatl Women's Collective in Masaya in 2009 and currently coordinates the program, which supports survivors of domestic violence and provides attention to girls and adolescent victims of sexual violence. She promotes the restoration of the right to therapeutic abortion in the Nicaraguan penal code, which has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the Americas. She also coordinates the regional network of the Women's Network Against Violence. She is regularly seen on national television and has organized dozens of marches to advocate for the rights of women and children.

She is a teacher of Usui Reiki and Karuna Reiki, which she has practiced for 18 years as an alternative therapy for emotional recovery in survivors of violence.

