

LANZBC Young Professionals Network Monthly Newsletter (August 2021)

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mōrena, good morning and buenos días,

This will be my last newsletter I send as your LANZBC Young Professionals Network President. It's been a highlight and absolute delight to see a small idea I had back in 2018 for a PMSLA returners' networking hub blossom into a large-scale, multi-year funded networking project which deepens connections between Latin America and New Zealand; and to have had the privilege of being the President to a dedicated and innovative Committee in the project's first year of existence.

Every Committee Member involved so far has left their fingerprints on the project, with their hours of voluntary work and passion forming the solid foundation upon which this project has been built. Our current resourceful and driven Committee Members, Heloisa Hartuwig de Freitas, Juan Lara, Lauren Wilks and Zachary Candy, and our diligent Executive Administrator Anika John, will be continuing to deepen Latin American connections in my leave, with a new interim President soon to be announced. I'd also like to acknowledge our former Committee Members' essential contributions to the project's success, and especially Pratibha Singh and Daniel Mahoney, who have inspired me on a both professional and personal level with their integrity, insights and leadership.

This Young Professionals Network wouldn't have existed without the LANZBC Board's Shane Ball, who let me persistently pester him for

months about this idea, and after finally being convinced, became pivotal to the LANZBC YPN's creation by connecting the project plan to our key strategic partner and sponsor, the Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence. (Thank you Craig, Lucy and Matthew for believing in this vision). Jonathan Burkin also played a key support in those days, helping in the creation of the initial project plan. And last but not least, thank you to LANZBC President Peter McMenamin who has been a professionally inspiring mentor. Thank you to all who've supported this project from the start until now.

You will still be seeing me around at various LANZBC YPN events, but moving forward I'll be redirecting my energy towards some exciting, soon-to-be announced film and business projects. Do feel free to add me on [LinkedIn](#) to come along for the journey and stay in touch.

For the final time,

Saludos, kind regards and ngā mihi maioha,
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YPN NEWS AND UPDATES



Cuba Through the Lens Photo Exhibition

Entries for the Cuba 'Through the Lens' photography exhibition have been extended. Entries close at midnight on August 15, 2021 (NZT). Public voting for the social media competition will open 16th August and close on the 25th August.

The competition will be judged by Fidel Castro's former personal photographer Roberto Chile, as well as acclaimed American photographer Rebekah Bowman and Italian photographer Roberto Fumagalli, both of whom have worked extensively in Cuba.

Winners will have their photographs exhibited at the Embassy of Cuba in New Zealand with the Critic's Choice winning \$1000 and the People's Choice (as voted by social media) winning \$500.

To find out more and for info on how to enter,

[Click Here](#)



Spanish for Business Language Classes

The LANZBC YPN is offering a 4 week Spanish for Business Course, starting on Thursday the 26th of August until the 16th of September. Classes will be held every Thursday. Class capacity is limited to 30 people. If you're interested, please apply below. Required level of Spanish ability is B1. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Includes:

- 1.5 hours per week of tuition focussing on Business language usage and practice.
- Qualified and experienced native Spanish Speakers as teachers.
- Course material and resources provided.
- Snacks after class for socializing and practicing the lesson content each week.
- Special Salsa lesson at the end of the course after the final class.

Date: Thursday 26th August, 6PM - 7:30PM.

Members Price: \$64.00 (\$16.00 per class).

Non-members Price: \$140.00 (\$35.00 per class).

Location: Viva Lounge at Viva Dance, 10 Newton Road, Grey Lynn

[Register Here](#)

Expression of Interest - Spanish Zoom Course

We are looking at offering a Spanish course held on Zoom. Please complete the survey linked below so that we can gauge the level of interest that our membership has in this type of opportunity. The survey also includes questions related to, the level of Spanish you'd like and when you'd prefer the course to be held. Survey closes 11:59 PM Sunday 22 August.

[Survey](#)



Spanish Boxing Classes (Auckland)

We are back! This event has been a major hit with YPN members. Taught by Alejandro Santamaria of the Destruction Team Boxing Group. These Spanish-speaking boxing classes are available for members with B1 (intermediate) or above Spanish. Don't miss out! This is a great opportunity to meet other members and to practice your Spanish alongside other members. Get in quick, spaces are limited.

Date(s): 15th and 29th August

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Prices:

- **Single Class:** \$10 (w/o wraps); \$25 (wraps provided).
- **3 Months (6 classes):** \$50.00 (w/o wraps)

Location: Group exercise Room, YMCA Auckland, 149 Greys Ave, Auckland.

Note: Gloves are provided, wraps cost \$15 (or bring your own).

Email us at lanzbc.ypn@gmail.com to book and arrange payment.

More Info



Zoom Roundtable with Juan del Cerro

Juan is the co-founder and CEO of both Socialab and Disruptivo. Socialab seeks to generate solutions to problems related to poverty and inequality through innovation. Disruptivo is a digital media and education platform that fosters social entrepreneurship. Both platforms operate across Latin America.

Juan has been awarded Mexico's "National Entrepreneurship Award" for Disruptivo's work promoting the entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting entrepreneurs. He is acknowledged as LinkedIn's "top voices" of Latin America, and Entrepreneur's Magazine: "Top 20 influencers on LinkedIn". Juan was also awarded the Poder Civico's Gifted Citizen Award for impacting over 10 million people through his work.

Register your interest for this zoom roundtable event by emailing us at lanzbc.ypn@gmail.com



Language Meet-ups (Auckland & Wellington)

Come and join us for an evening of language practice, Latin American foods, and networking at one of our inaugural language meet-up events. These social, language-based events are an opportunity to socialise with like-minded young professionals and practice your English, Spanish, or Portuguese. Open to all YPN members. Register your interest below.

Wellington Event

Date: Wednesday 18th of August, 6:15PM

Price: Free

Location: El Barrio, 35 Dixon Street, Wellington.

Register your interest here.

Wellington

Auckland Event

Date: Thursday 19th of August, 5:30PM

Price: Free

Location: Mexican Cafe, 67 Victoria Street West, Auckland CBD

Auckland

Online Members Mixer

This is a speed networking event where you will access the platform Glimpse and be set up on multiple 1 on 1 videos calls with people from our membership. This event is targeted at our global and regional members, but everyone is welcome to join.



Date: Monday 30th of August,

When: 7:30 - 8:30PM

Price: Free

RSVP

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

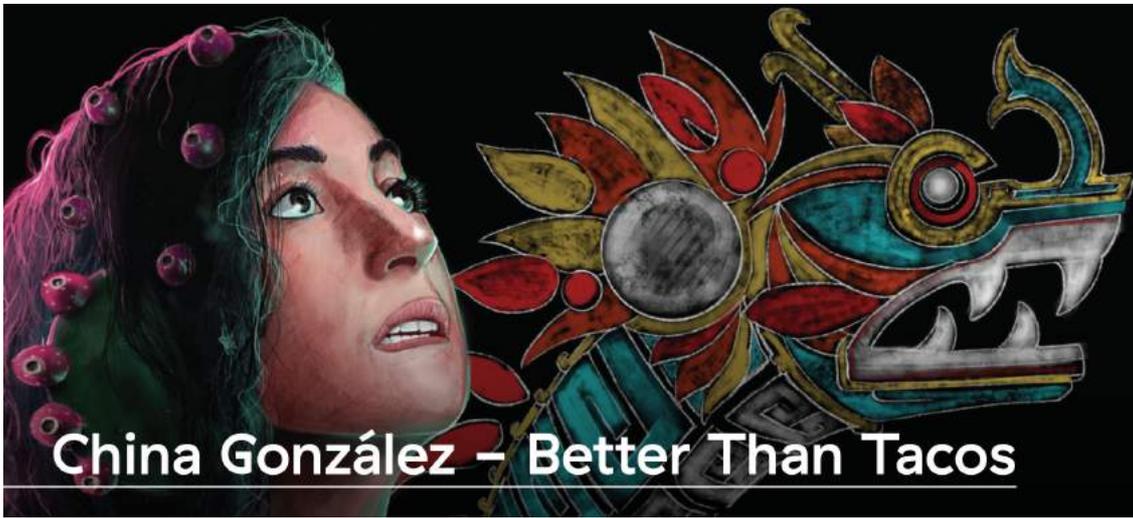
Note to Members: If you are organising or participating in an event that is relevant to Latin America, leadership or business, get in touch with us and we'll promote it! Contact us at lanzbc.ypn@gmail.com.



September - November 2021: Latin America and Spain Film Festival

LASFF is an annual non-profit event which aims to bring together Latin American, Spanish and other New Zealand communities through the big screen. While based in Wellington, the LASFF will be traveling all over New Zealand with the support of academics, cultural associations, and students.

Click [here](#) for more information.



China González - Better Than Tacos

Explore the life of a Mexican migrant settling in New Zealand. From first impressions of their new home to questioning what national and cultural identity means to them, only to find out how these are created over hundred of years of history, cultures and storytelling. Let China share these stories with you and discover what really is Better Than Tacos?

For more information and tickets click [here](#).

NEWS



Uruguay: The new Digital Hub (Article in Spanish)

Entrepreneurs speak about the path of innovation in Uruguay and how it is transforming into a technological leader in the region. Read more [here](#).



Is Argentina's soy boom over?

Driven by incentives and environmental concerns, farmers are choosing maize and wheat over what used to be the star grain crop. Read more [here](#).

Amazonia: Sebastião Salgado's



odyssey into the rainforest.

Master photographer Sebastião Salgado visited the Brazilian Amazon for years, documenting the rainforest and its many indigenous peoples. To view some of his work click [here](#).



Unpredictable weather sends coffee prices soaring!

Severe frosts caused extensive damage to fields in Brazil, the world's largest producer of coffee. Read more [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES



AFS NZ Global Competence Certificate

Join a one-of-a-kind online programme that is all about connecting you with others in New Zealand to become part of a global community of learners! The programme is a mix of self-paced videos, taught sessions and facilitated discussions, interactive quizzes, and assignments to help you reflect and learn. The course will be run through Massey University, and the curriculum has been developed by AFS Intercultural Programmes.

For more information, click [here](#).

VACANCIES

- [Business Manager](#) (Full-time, Christchurch)
- [International Leadership Programme Coordinator](#) (Full-time, Wellington)
- [Settlement Cross-cultural worker - Spanish speaking](#) (Casual, Auckland).

RESOURCES



Discover Latin America

Watch New Zealand companies success stories in Latin America and learn how can NZTE make your business succeed in these thriving markets. Read more [here](#).



Protecting the Amazon: A Conversation with President Ivan Duque

The president of Colombia discussed his country's efforts to prevent Amazon deforestation. Read more [here](#).

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