

NHLSCP Projects and Program Overview

- The **Nicaragua Carbon Offset Fund** (NCOF) collects offsets/donations for air and car travel in the US. The funds are used to install subsidized efficient stoves that reduce wood use by 60% in Nicaragua, greatly lessening indoor air pollution (a major benefit!), and decreasing greenhouse emissions related to cooking.



- A **Peace & Justice Interns** are people of college age or older who have relevant skills/experience and the desire to gain an understanding of Nicaraguan struggles by working there for a month or more. Each intern will have her/his own work focus, the nature of which depends on her/his particular skills and interests, and especially on the particular needs of local partners with which s/he will be collaborating.

- **Education Program** - runs Afterschool Program in Goyena; supports preschool improvement in Goyena and Troilo; organizes parent support for schools; works on nutrition and food security; offers teacher training; with parents, advocates with government for more investment in education; and coordinates infrastructure improvements.

- NHLSCP organizes **Delegations to Nicaragua** per year. Delegations offer: Field-based, experiential approach to learning; Cultural immersion and homestays with local families; Meetings/workshops with in-country experts, and community members; Hands on projects in-country rooted in community needs and ongoing programs; Connecticut program staff offer unique opportunities for advanced trip preparation and follow up.



- **Women's Violence Prevention Program:** Women responding to the crisis in domestic violence in Goyena, Nicaragua, began the Program with a series of workshops, interactive theater and discussions with thirty women in Goyena. The project had a significant impact over two years, includes ongoing workshops, discussion groups, advocacy and involvement in the women's rights movement.

- The **Climate Arts Collective** will use social marketing and public art in Connecticut to promote awareness of the threat of climate change and encourage action. The Collective is a new group of volunteer artists and others working to create new projects to engage the public. The creation of public art is an important vehicle to encourage people -- many of whom are discouraged or un-informed -- to take concrete action that promotes sustainability and health.



- The **Theater Project** supports community-based theater in both New Haven and Leon, and will use theater to explore issues related to social justice and Latin America. Our work includes Forum Theater trainings, performances in New Haven, and support and trainings in Nicaragua.

- **Environmental Youth Brigade** - The goal of the Goyena-based Brigade are to learn about the environment, educate others in the community, implement environmental and public health improvement projects, and increase leadership development. Members receive stipend for school expenses.

- **goNewHavengo:** A NHLSCP lead collective effort of the New Haven Department of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking, CTrides, CTTransit, the NHLSCP, New Haven Healthy City/Healthy Climate Challenge, the Yale Office of Sustainability, and more. goNHgo brings together organizations and individuals to increase use active transportation options.



- The **New Haven Healthy City/Healthy Climate Challenge** is a collective effort of local organizations to respond to the challenge of climate change and to improve the health of the New Haven community. The Pledge is an invitation to take action that will have immediate positive impacts on local quality of life.



Participating organizations include the Bioregional Group, Neighborhood Housing Services, CT Fund for the Environment, Yale Office of Sustainability, and NHLSCP.

