



The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center and Basta Austin attended the Kentucky Movement Assembly from Texas.



Kayla Miranda and Karla Aguilar speaking to the assembly about language justice and what to expect during interpretation



Ana Polanco, Miguel Reyes and Madeline Santibáñez during a workshop at Northern Kentucky University for the Kentucky Movement Assembly.

Kentucky Movement Assembly

This year, *Esperanza Peace and Justice Center* was invited to the first annual *Kentucky Movement Assembly* held at Northern Kentucky University September 15-17. As members of *Homes for All South* and as voting members on the Leadership team, we were asked to help support our Kentucky members create this event as a way of uniting advocate groups across the state and integrate Kentucky into the current southern states membership. As leaders in the south, we presented a skills share on cultural organizing and were also asked to be the example on Language Justice. Many of the attending groups have not seen this type of outreach in their areas, so we provided Interpretation throughout the event. A total of 9 people under various *Esperanza* Programs participated fully in the *Assembly*, not only sharing our skills but learning from the workshops of our Kentucky counterparts. Our *Yanaguana* members performed an opening ceremony to ground the group and bless the land.

It was an honor and a privilege to attend this event, thanks to *Esperanza Peace and Justice Center* and *Homes for All South*. The ability to participate in translocal organizing on this scale is imperative as we fight for justice. Housing is a Human Right. As we collectively band together and share our resources, we build the power to reclaim our land, our homes and our lives. —Kayla Miranda



Esperanza's Team on the ground in Kentucky

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