

LOCAL POWER?

A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF VENEZUELA'S COMMUNAL COUNCIL MOVEMENT

A CONVERSATION WITH KENDRA FEHRER

Brown University Ph.D. student Kendra Fehrer has just returned from her 3rd stay in Venezuela where she spent time with 8 communal councils. Recently established, these councils offer grassroots communities of up to 400 families an opportunity to directly organize their own economic and social development. Some 18,000 communal councils have spread throughout Venezuela in a unique experiment combining direct democracy, representation and economic development. Kendra's graduate work in Argentina, combined with her own activism provides a keen vantage point for understanding the unfolding Venezuelan experiment with 21st Century Socialism.



Neighbors gather on a rooftop with the lights of Caracas in the distance

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