

Ten Principals of Fair Trade



Fair Trade

Fair trade aims to improve the lives of the producers and provides a way for consumers to show their commitment to a fairer world, and enables producers to satisfy their basic needs. Its Principles include:

- Paying fair prices to the producers which reflect the true cost of production – often the prices on the world market do not even cover the price of seeds, fertilisers etc.
- Supporting producer organisations in their social development projects – many provide health and education facilities.
- Promoting and empowerment of women and gender equality in pay and working conditions
- Ensuring no child labour or forced labour
- Advising on product development to increase access to markets.
- Promoting environmental responsibility, biodiversity including food sovereignty
- Campaigning to highlight the unequal system of world trade that places profit above basic needs and human rights and threatens our environment.



World Trade

It's important to realise that fair trade is located inside an inherently unfair trade system regulated by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) normally referred to as 'free trade'. This System ignores human rights, diversity, economic inequality and the environment.

Did you know that:

- The rules that govern world trade are written and policed by the world's eight richest countries, on behalf of powerful companies – the 'transnational corporations'?
- Around the world, thousands of young women work in sweatshops that make the products we consume – clothes, shoes, toys...? They often have no contracts or sickness benefits and are forced to work long hours. Health and safety provisions are limited. Illegal child labour is common. Unions are usually banned, so it is difficult for workers to improve their wages and working conditions.
- As consumers, we benefit from the exploitation of workers and farmers in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America – the 'South'? We can choose from a huge range of products at bargain basement prices, and enjoy fruit and veg all the year round. We shop in a global market place where the benefits are stacked in our favour.



“ *And before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half of the world. This is the way our universe is structured, this is its interrelated quality.* ” .

Martin Luther King Junior

Events programme

The Reading Fair Trade Events programme is available to download from the 16 February on RISC's events website: <https://risc.org.uk/events>. If you want to be included in next year's events programme, contact T: 0118 958 6692 E: volunteers@risc.org.uk

Further info

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 Reading Fairtrade Steering Group
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Reading fairtrade events 2023



Tuesday 21 February

Pancakes with Fair Trade Toppings

5-7pm Celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a fair trade twist. Chaplaincy Centre, Whiteknights, University of Reading RG6 4AH ☎ **free** Mark Laynesmith T: 0118 378 8797 E: m.d.laynesmith@reading.ac.uk

Sunday 26 February

Transform Trade Sale at St Andrew's Church

11-11.45am Fairtrade coffee morning after the church service. There will be a Transform Trade stall selling a wide range of fair trade goods, including tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, gifts. St Andrew's Church Hall, Albert Rd, Caversham RG4 7PL T: 0118 947 2788

E: vicar@standrewscaversham.org

Fairtrade Stall at Caversham Heights Methodist Church

11.30am-12.15pm Stall selling Traidcraft and other fairly traded goods, from chocolate to bamboo socks! Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Rd, Caversham RG4 7BG *Phil & Pam Chatfield* T: 07804 530816 E: phil.chatfield1@gmail.com

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 27 FEBRUARY-12 MARCH 2023



Monday 27 February

Launching RBC's Civic Centre Fair Trade display

10am Mayor Rachel Eden and David Sutton, Chair of the Reading Fair Trade Steering Group, in a short ceremony launching the fair trade display in RBC Foyer. Civic Offices, Bridge St, RG1 2LU ☎ *Lucy Daniels* E: lucy.daniels@reading.gov.uk

Thursday 2 March

Fisherman's Café in aid of Transform Trade

2.30-5.30pm Come and have a cup of tea or coffee and home-baked cake at the Fisherman, a Community café run by volunteers on Thursday afternoons. All proceeds during Fairtrade Fortnight will go to Transform Trade. St Andrew's Church Hall, Albert Rd, Caversham RG4 7PL T: 0118 947 2788 E: office@standrewscaversham.org



Friday 3 March

Celebrating Palestine at Fairtrade Fortnight

7-9.30pm Film screening *The Present*. Winner of the best British short film Bafta award 2021. Directed by Farah Nabulsi, co-written by Nabulsi and Hind Shoufani. Alison Millie from Kairos Reading will talk about her project of planting 100 olive trees to keep hope alive for Palestinian farmers. Zaytoun stall of Palestinian fair trade goods will be available (cash only) and Zaytoun Palestinian harvest exhibition. Refreshments. East Berkshire PSC, RISC, 35-39 London St RG1 4PS ☎ **free/donations** <https://sloughpsc.org/donate/> E: eastberkshirepsc@gmail.com

Saturday 4 March

Coffee morning with Traidcraft stall

11am-12noon Cakes, coffee and tea, raffle, bric-a-brac, fair trade groceries and crafts, greetings cards, chocolate and a chance to order fair trade Easter eggs. Parish Hall, St Luke's Church, Erleigh Rd, RG1 5LW ☎ **free** Hilary Jakeman T: 0118 3273325 or 07734 436879 E: hilary.jakeman@gmail.com

Sunday 5 March

Fairtrade Stall at St John's Church

10.30am Stall selling Traidcraft and other fairly traded goods, from chocolate to bamboo socks! St John's Church, Gosbrook Rd, Caversham RG4 5AN *Phil & Pam Chatfield* T: 07804 530816 E: phil.chatfield1@gmail.com

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Talking about Fair Trade & Fairtrade with Children

7-8pm Join the RISC education team for a twilight virtual online meeting about Fairtrade, Fair Trade and how to talk about these big issues with young people. We'll provide some background information, links to resources and demonstrate a range of activities to use with learners of all ages. **free** RISC Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85163088255> Meeting ID: 851 6308 8255 Passcode: 878491 E: Kirsty@risc.org.uk

Saturday 11 March

Fair Trade and Islam

10am-1.30pm Display about Fair Trade & Islam and stall selling fair trade Palestinian Zaytoun products and Ghanaian chocolate. We continue to raise awareness of the link between Islam and fair trade: **"Give full measure and full weight in justice, and wrong not people in respect of their goods"**. (Qu'ran, 11:85). British Islamic Gardens (BIG), Aisha Masjid & Islamic Centre, London Rd, RG6 1AH (for sat-nav) ☎ *Shaheen* T: 0118 391 5515 E: shaheen@bigardens.org

Artist's and Maker's Fair

10am-4pm Stall selling Traidcraft and other fairly traded goods, from chocolate to bamboo socks! Caversham Methodist Church, 272 Gosbrook Rd, Caversham, Reading, RG4 8EB T: 07808966928 E: info@artistsandmakersfairs.co.uk

Sunday 12 March

Transform Trade sale at St Andrew's Church

11-11.45am See Sunday 26 February for event details

Wednesday 29 March

A Just Transition & Environmental Justice

7.30pm Kerima Mohideen and Saul Jones from the London Mining Network will explain their work to protect communities threatened with harm by the impacts of mining companies, through film and interactive activities. Fair Trade refreshments. RISC & Global Justice Reading. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS ☎ **free** T: 07745 310794 E: globaljusticereading@gmail.com

