



Vote for Trade Justice - Ballot in Brighton, Sept 26th

Vote for Trade Justice

Come and deliver your Vote for Trade Justice in Brighton on the opening day of the Labour Party conference – Sunday 26 September. Our coaches will take you to join thousands of people in an action packed day of special events and a colourful rally to get the trade justice message across to the Government loud and clear.

Unjust trade rules, backed by rich country governments, keep millions of people in poverty around the world and harm our environment. The UK government says warm words about making world trade fair, but its policies still harm both people and planet. How can we persuade them to turn rhetoric into action?

Together we can make a difference. Our new campaign action, Vote for Trade Justice, will demonstrate the level of public

concern about the way trade is deepening global injustice and poverty.

The day's events will start at 1pm, and will include:

- a rally on Madeira Drive, Brighton, with international speakers and celebrities, including Kwame from Casualty (filmed in Bristol)
- a Trade Justice Carnival - bring your pots and pans, whistles and drums for a Latin American style protest
- Ballot on the Beach (the mass moment when we want everyone there!) - an opportunity to cast your Vote for Trade Justice alongside thousands of others.

From 4.30 pm: events around town organised by leading campaign organisations. Most activities are likely to be over by 6pm.

You can book your seat on a coach through your local Constituency Contact:

Northavon: Angie Allen (01454 416446) or Diane Barnard (ndalv@blueyonder.co.uk)

Kingswood: Mary Evans (0117 9570334)

Wansdyke: Penny Garrett (0117 9862254)



New Fairtrade products to look out for

Percol Fairtrade tea bags,

Traidcraft Muesli in Tesco and Co-op,

Clipper Fairtrade organic peppermint and chamomile teas,

Co-op chocolate chip shortbread, chocolate mini-rolls, and deliciously moist chocolate brownies

Caley's Chocolo instant hot chocolate drink,

Progreso is a new chain of coffee bars being set up between Oxfam, fairtrade coffee growers, and a top independent UK coffee roaster.

Progreso is aiming to open 3 café's by the end of 2004, and a further 20 within 3 years.

For more information go to:

www.progreso.org.uk

Next SGFTN meeting:

"Fairtrade and You"

On: Thursday 16th Sept

@: Emersons Green Village Hall

Time: 7.15pm

Speakers: Elin Horgan (Co-op stores)

Stuart Palmer (Marketing Director, Traidcraft)

Fairtrade Refreshments available

Meeting open to the public, so please spread the word



Fairtrade Directories

Wanted:

Updated information regarding fairtrade items sold in shops in South Glos

Wanted:

Ideas on other venues at which to distribute directories e.g. churches, community centres etc

Wanted:

Information regarding any café's, coffee shops, etc that offer fairtrade refreshments on their menu's.

For all the above, please contact Helen Harrison

'Fairtrade and You', Sept 16th

This meeting is being held as an open meeting to which members of the public are very welcome.

Traidcraft who will focus on the benefits to the producers of being involved in fairtrade.

So, please come along, and invite anyone you know who is interested in fairtrade, or would like to know more.

There will be 2 speakers at the event; **Elin Horgan**, from the Co-op who will talk about the Co-op's involvement with fairtrade, and a speaker from

Fairtrade refreshments will be available, and it will be a great way to introduce friends to fairtrade.

It is to be held at Emersons Green Village Hall, which is just behind Sainsburys, and entrance is free.

Fairtrade travel

" Every £100 you spend on a holiday to an all-inclusive resort in the Dominican Republic– a desperate need-£86 remains in the UK. What's fair about that?"

With the holiday season upon us, many of us are thinking about going on our summer holidays, and getting away from it all for a week or so.

But how fair are the holidays we go on, and what are the impact of those holiday resorts on the local communities?

For every £100 spent on a holiday to an all inclusive resort in the Dominican Republic– a destination in desperate need-£86 remains in the UK. What is

fair about that?

Tourism multinationals seek to own every aspect of the holiday chain, so that all-inclusive resorts fly in food, overseas reps, hotel furnishings and often deny local people access to their beaches.

However, the tide is turning, and there are now tourist networks that specialize in responsible and ethical tourism both for the guest, and also for the community being visited.

If you would like to know more about fair trade in travel, contact ;

Responsible Travel (www.responsibletravel.com) or Tourism Concern (www.tourismconcern.co.uk)

Editors note: Sorry about the lack of phone numbers for the above companies

South Glos Fairtrade Network Co-ordinator:

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Please contact Helen with any change of contact details, or if you know of anyone who would like to be on the mailing list

SGFTN stall at Environmental Community Event

On Saturday 25th September, SGFTN will be manning a stand at a community event taking place at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre.

The event is open to the public, and SGFTN members hope to use the opportunity to raise awareness of fairtrade , and sell some

Traidcraft and Fairtrade items.

The event takes place from 12 noon to 5pm, and the SGFTN stand will be alongside a Christian Aid stand which will be raising awareness of the trade justice issues and the rally in Brighton on the following day.

If anyone would be willing to help man the stand for an hour so during the afternoon, please contact Helen Harrison: 01454 416818