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# FAIRTRADE

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GROUP

## INTRODUCTION

Stockport Fairtrade Group has been organising the annual fair and other events for over ten years now.

We meet around eight times a year to discuss new ideas and fair trade related news. It's always good for any group to have new members bringing different viewpoints and suggestions, so come and join us at Stockport Labour Club, our usual meeting place.

Please get in touch to find out the date and time of our next meeting.

# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2016

As part of his 'A Christmas Sermon on Peace' in 1967, Martin Luther King said: "Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world".

The 2016 theme of Fairtrade Fortnight aims to help people recognise that while most of us have more than enough to eat and drink every day, around 795 million people worldwide are still undernourished. This figure includes the farmers and workers who provide the food and drinks we enjoy.

We've not yet decided what we'll be doing, but we'll be doing something! Keep a look out on the website or for an email. If you'd like to join us and help to decide on an event, please get in touch.

If you'd like to run an event yourself, take a look at the Fairtrade Foundation's suggestions and resources at [fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight](http://fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight).



Where did this come from?  
Find out on the next page.



## Connect With Us!

There are lots of ways to get in touch with us.

Website: [stockport-fairtrade.org.uk](http://stockport-fairtrade.org.uk)  
Our website is regularly updated, so take a look if you haven't visited it for a while.

Email: [info@stockport-fairtrade.org.uk](mailto:info@stockport-fairtrade.org.uk)

Tel: 0161 442 4024 or 0161 427 8744



Facebook: search for Stockport Fairtrade Group



Twitter: our name is @Stockportff



By Nina Carter-Brown, one of our regular traders at the annual fair.

**Fair Grounds** is a Leeds-based Fair Trade social enterprise, established almost ten years ago. We aim to work in an ethical way, which empowers and values the people who make the beautiful products we sell, as well as helping people in the UK to shop ethically. We also work with children in the UK to help them learn about fair trade, often in partnership with local artists, dancers, musicians and filmmakers, to assist young people in sharing their knowledge with others in a creative and engaging way.

We work directly with artisans around the world to bring hand-crafted gifts, jewellery and homeware to the UK wholesale and retail markets. We've developed long-term relationships with the producers and have seen the positive impact fair trade is having for them as individuals and also for their families and wider communities. Sharing stories from producers with our customers is a very important part of our work.

Baguio City, The Philippines - discarded newspapers are collected by members of the cooperative, who skilfully transform them into stylish and hard-wearing tablemats, coasters and photo frames. The cooperative provides well paid jobs for over a hundred people, in a region where many people are exploited through work.

Taxco, Mexico - a small rural cooperative of twelve women design, produce and sell colourful, stylish pewter silver jewellery set with acrylic, shell and stone. The jewellery is made using traditional skills, which have been passed down through the generations. "Our mission is to preserve our artisan traditions and provide for our families. We are proud of every piece we create."

*Paula - Cooperative Member*



Western Kenya - every week, in a small community, a group of women with disabilities, known as the 'Rag Rug Collective', meet to socialise whilst creating vibrant, stunning rag rugs using sack cloth and colourful fabric off-cuts from a local factory. The rugs vary in size, shape, colour and design, but all are made with love and pride, providing an income and empowering the women who previously relied on family and friends for everything.

If you can't make this year's Stockport Fairtrade Fair, please visit our webshop to view our product range:  
[www.fair-grounds.org.uk](http://www.fair-grounds.org.uk)

We are also on Twitter: @FairGroundsUK  
and Facebook: /fair.grounds.uk

## IN THE NEWS

### The Road To Sustainability Does Not End With Certification, Says Fairtrade

Asda this week pledged to source '100% sustainable' bananas from March 2016. It said 93% of its bananas would come from Rainforest Alliance-certified farms, with the remaining 7% sourced from Fairtrade-certified producers.

Michael Gidney, Fairtrade Foundation CEO said: "Fairtrade welcome all moves towards more sustainable sourcing of bananas. However, the route to sustainability does not end with certification...Let's be clear, this move by Asda comes a full eight years since Sainsbury's and Waitrose committed 100% of their bananas to Fairtrade certification, and more than three years since the Cooperative started selling 100% Fairtrade bananas. Only Fairtrade includes the payment of Fairtrade prices and additional premiums for small farmers and workers to invest in their own development. In the context of UK supermarket price wars, ensuring farms earn the cost of production is a key assurance the public is looking for, whether on bananas from Latin America or milk from the UK. In 2014, over 181,000 emails were sent to Asda and Tesco asking them to increase availability of Fairtrade bananas in their stores. In Asda's case, they were asking for it to be increased beyond the current 7%. We're disappointed that public demand is still unheeded."

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SFTG 11th Annual Fair SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER.

10.30am-4pm at Stockport College,  
Wellington Rd. South, Stockport,  
SK1 3UQ.

### Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 29 February - Sunday 13  
March 2016

**SIT DOWN FOR BREAKFAST,  
STAND UP FOR FARMERS**