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GROUP

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018

In the last newsletter, SFTG weren't quite sure what they were going to do during this year's Fairtrade Fortnight.

Well, we managed to keep busy with quite a few activities...

Tea time in the Mayor's parlour:



Joining forces with SFTG, the Mayor of Stockport, Linda Holt, invited children from Outwood Primary School to visit and share their Fairtrade knowledge, baked goodies and projects with her over fair trade refreshments at Stockport Town Hall.

The Mayor was very impressed with the depth of knowledge the children displayed about the Fairtrade programme.

Bags of goodies:

SFTG filled our new jute bags with Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits and sugar and gave one to various staff areas at several local schools and council offices.

The bags also contained some information on the Fairtrade Fortnight theme for 2018, "Come on in...", and a number game to decide which lucky person got to keep the empty bag for their shopping trips.

Pop-up stall at Stockport station:

These do give a wonderful opportunity to make contact with members of the public and chat with them about Fairtrade principles.

Many people do know about it and some are very well-informed, but it is surprising how many people there are who still know very little, if anything, about Fairtrade. However much the people we met knew about Fairtrade, they all enjoyed the free samples we gave out.

Hopefully, they'll seek these out the next time they do their shopping.



If you would like to buy a bag, they cost £2.50 and are available at our events or from an SFTG member.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM Meeting

Thursday 21 June, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Committee Room 5,
Stockport Town Hall,
Edward Street, SK1 3XE

We love seeing new faces at our AGM, so please come and join us. Meet members of the group while enjoying some Fairtrade refreshments before we get down to a short business update followed by more Fairtrade news and discussion.

Fairtrade Fair 2018

Saturday 24 November,
10.30am – 3.30pm.

Stockport Guildhall,
169 Wellington Road South,
SK1 3UA.

Get the date noted and come along to get a head start on your Christmas gift shopping and to stock up your cupboards with all the fairly traded items that you don't often see in the shops, especially under one roof.

WHERE TO FIND US

If you would like to get involved, please come along to one of our meetings at Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, Stockport, SK4 1QP.

We usually start at 6.30pm, so get in touch to find out the next meeting date.

ANNUAL FAIR 2017

The annual fair was again held at Stockport Guildhall and was very well attended

It was the second year that the event was at this venue and SFTG, with the help of Guildhall staff, made a few changes to help things run more smoothly. This was most noticeable in the shorter queues for refreshments, allowing customers to be served more quickly and efficiently.



Thanks to donations made by Unison and individuals, along with fund-raising activities at the fair, the event made a very modest profit which will be invested back into resources for SFTG to continue their work in the promotion of Fairtrade in Stockport Borough throughout the year. It is also this financial help that makes it possible for the group to continue hosting the fair which proves so popular with visitors and traders alike.

We were privileged to be the first public venue for the children of St. John's Primary School steel band who performed brilliantly to provide part of the musical programme at the fair.



The rest was admirably supplied by Manchester Community Choir who were welcomed back warmly after their performances at the fair in previous years.

The other main area on which the success of the fair is so heavily dependent is the group of volunteers who help out every year by manning stalls, making cakes, selling raffle tickets and basically 'getting stuck in' to any task that needs doing before, during and after the event itself.

The willing and friendly attitude of everyone involved is evident in the overall atmosphere at the fair.

Whether or not you have been to the fair before, get this year's date in your diary now – Saturday 24 November – and we'll see you there.



GDPR AND THE SFTG PRIVACY POLICY

Most people will have heard about General Data Protection Regulation; it's been difficult to avoid over the last few months. SFTG now have their own Privacy Policy to let people know how we treat the contact information they have shared with us.

We only use the information you have given us to send newsletters, let you know about events, ask for volunteers and occasionally to share other Fairtrade information. We never have and never will pass your information to anyone else without your specific consent.

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