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## Fairtrade Fair 2018

We've invested in a new banner this year to let A6 users passing by the Guildhall know about the fair during the week before the event.

With a wide range of fairly traded items to buy, free samples, music, singing, children's activities, a raffle, treasure trail and refreshments, it promises to be a full day for all the family.

We've got a few new traders with us this year. Read more about one of them here in 'Fair Focus'.

## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November  
10.30 am - 3.30 pm  
Stockport Guildhall

Over 20 Fair Trade stalls with original gifts and foods from around the developing world

Free admission

169 Wellington Road South SK1 3UA  
Musical entertainment, children's activities, raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes!

Free car parking behind the hall

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## Fair Focus: The Kinamba Community Project



Ewa Hartland will be at the SFTG fair for the first time to raise money in support of the project's nursery in Kigali, Rwanda. Ewa told us about the project and what a difference it makes to the lives of the children and also their families.

"We began in 2006 with 28 children in a small room with no facilities, materials or space to play. We moved to new premises in April 2007 and in 2008 the charity was established in the UK and continued to grow.

The children spend two years in the nursery, after which they transfer to local primary schools. We have two classes each of 40 pupils. Ideally the children start in the nursery at the age of 4, but many local children have not had chance to go to school, so there is a mixture of ages in each class, ranging from 3 to 9. Places are in great demand and registration for 2019 is already full.

All we do is paid for by sponsorship and donations from our friends across the world. The majority of our children would not be in school if we were not there.

We work with the most poor and vulnerable children and families in the area and with teachers and local leaders to identify those in most need.

The food programme is an important aspect of our work. Since we started, there is a reduced level of absence through sickness and higher levels of concentration in the classroom. Our children are growing into strong, healthy young people. Nursery children receive a cup of porridge and a bread roll each day. Primary children receive a lunch of rice, beans and vegetables. Good hygiene is taught by washing hands before eating.

There are literacy classes for adults and young people and training in skills for income generation – sewing, basket and bead-making and candle-making. Groups of women come to work each day, working together to produce crafts while their children are at school. Visit us online at <https://kinambaproject.org.uk>

Make sure you visit Ewa's stall at the fair and help to continue the charity's good work in Rwanda.



# Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 25 February - Sunday 10 March 2019

Next year's focus will be on cocoa, the price of which has plummeted over recent years leaving many farmers unable to sustain a basic living standard for themselves and their families. The Fairtrade Foundation are inviting several women farmers over from Côte d'Ivoire to share their experiences with people here.

SFTG are hoping to repeat the success of 2018 with a group of schoolchildren joining the Mayor for tea in the Town Hall parlour with Fair Trade refreshments and an opportunity for the children to demonstrate how Fair Trade is included in their school curriculum.

## Stockport Governors Association (GOVAS) annual conference

150 school governors meet to share ideas, good practice, generally 'network' and ensure that their opinions are heard in Stockport's Education Service.

The next meeting will be held in March 2019 and SFTG members will be present, giving them the opportunity to discuss Fair Trade with some of the governors in the hope that more schools can be made aware of the path towards gaining Fair Trade status.

Maybe you know of a school that might be interested in becoming a Fair Trade supporter?



## TRAIDCRAFT

It came as an unpleasant shock several months ago, when Traidcraft announced that it was going to close, albeit very reluctantly.

So, the news that the company is hoping to continue trading was very welcome, although there are obviously going to be some significant changes.

These will affect Traidcraft employees, the army of Fairtraders and, most importantly, the producers of the fairly traded goods.

The thoughts and hopes of SFTG members for the best possible outcome for all concerned are with Traidcraft as it develops its new way of working.



## A question for you...

It used to be so simple. There was one Fairtrade logo, the symbol we all identified with and recognised as meaning that whatever we bought bearing that mark, it guaranteed that the producers who grew or made the goods would receive a fair price for it. The producers would not be subsidising the comparatively rich purchasers...and why should they be?

It's now got a little confusing. Many supermarkets and big manufacturers are using different eye-catching logos, which we are told are ethical, fairly traded and ensure that the producers and their communities are getting a fair deal.

As end customers, SFTG members regularly consider what these new 'fair trade' marks really mean for the producers. It seems that there are too many options with too little information and too few independent, objective checks that producers really are being fairly treated. We are currently hoping to get some research done on this topic through a Higher Education project.

What's your opinion on this?

Please tell us what you think by dropping an email to [info@stockport-fairtrade.org.uk](mailto:info@stockport-fairtrade.org.uk), or ask for our next meeting date and come and join the discussion with us.

## Connect With Us!

Our website is regularly updated, so take a look if you haven't visited it for a while.

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## 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.