

Saturday 15 February

Traidcraft Stall

7.15pm Fair trade sale of food & gifts after 6.30pm Mass, also on Sunday 16 Feb at 11am after Mass. St John Bosco Church, 56 Western Ave, Woodley RG5 3BH & free *Debs Gibson* T: 0118 9693423
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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 24 FEBRUARY-8 MARCH 2020



Monday 24 February

Launching RBC's Civic Centre Fair Trade Display

10am Mayor Paul Woodward and David Sutton, Chair of 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

Tuesday 25 February

Pancakes with Fair Trade Toppings

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

Shrove Tuesday Fairtrade Chocolate & Pancakes

7.30pm Redlands Parish Church craft group is hosting a fair trade chocolate tasting evening, and as it is on Shrove Tuesday, pancakes aplenty! St Luke's Church, Erleigh Rd, RG1 5LH free, no need to book

Thursday 27 February

Fairtrade Charity Opening

2-6pm The Caversham Heights Community Café (The Fisherman) opens every Thurs 2-6pm. Proceeds will be donated to Traidcraft, the UK pioneers of fair trade. St Andrew's Church, Harrogate Rd, RG4 7PW T: 0118 947 2788 E: office@standrewscaversham.org

Thursday Thali Takeover with a Fair Trade Twist

6-9pm A vegan Thali Takeover, a selection of tasty dishes and dips with basmati rice and flat bread followed by complimentary sweet treats by Cocolico using organic and fair trade ingredients. Followed by live music. Global Café, 35 London St, RG1 4PS & T: 0118 958 3555

Saturday 29 February

Direct Trade Talk & Coffee Tasting

3pm Talk by *Yurtesh* from Lincoln Coffee Roasters in Twyford. Global Café, 35 London St, RG1 4PS & T: 0118 958 3555

Sunday 1 March

Act Justly

10am A Christian covenant service pledging to support trade justice and an end to the scandal of poverty. Fair trade refreshments served and Traidcraft goods on sale. Justice, Peace and Environment Group. St

Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Ave, RG6 7JN & free *Wendy Neale, Lindsey Sharpe* T: 0118 966 9080 E: office@tnicolas.org.uk

Fair Trade Stalls and Presentation

10.30am Our Morning Worship will include a focus on fair trade and there will be a selection of fair trade goods available after the service. Park United Reformed Church, Palmer Park Ave, RG6 1DN *Gaye Rees* E: gayerees@talktalk.net or *Chris Gayford* T: 0118 988 9477 E: candy411@btinternet.com

Traidcraft Stall at St John's Church

10.30am Sale of Traidcraft fair trade goods after the 9.30am morning service. Range of food, beverage and sweets as well as small craft items. Email pchatfield@waitrose.com to order Traidcraft goods and save on postage. St John's Church, Gosbrook Rd, Caversham, RG4 8ED *Phil & Pam Chatfield* T: 0118 947 2444

Wednesday 4 March

The Fairtrade Lecture at Reading University

6.30pm Delivered by *John Steel*, CEO of Cafe Direct. Co-sponsored by the Economics Dept and the Chaplaincy. UoR, Whiteknights campus (venue TBC) & free info E: events@reading.ac.uk

Thursday 5 March

Fair Trade Charity Opening

2pm-6pm see Thursday 27 February



Friday 6 March

Three Wise Women – A Palestinian Celebration

7.30pm A conversation with three wise women from Abu Dis in Palestine—to celebrate **International Women's Day** and Fairtrade Fortnight. The evening includes Zaytoun Harvest exhibition, Debke Dance, fair trade stall, Palestinian snacks and refreshments. Joint Kairos-Sabeel, Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association (CADFA) & RISC event. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free *Lindsey* E: kairosreading1@gmail.com or *Zainab* T: 0118 958 6692

Saturday 7 March

Trump in Trolley – Stall in Broad Street

10am-12pm Secret trade talks have already started between the US and the UK which could undermine food and environmental standards. But we can stop this! Join our campaign. Global Justice Now! Broad Street, outside the Oracle shopping mall *Jackie Oversby* T: 07745 310794 E: globaljusticereading@gmail.com

Coffee Morning with Traidcraft Stall

11am-12pm Fair trade food, groceries & crafts and a chance to order fair trade Easter eggs. We shall have a leaflet detailing where you can buy fair trade goods locally. St. Luke's Church Parish Hall, Erleigh Rd, RG1 5LW & free *Hilary Jakeman* T: 0118 3273325 or 07734 436879 E: hilary.jakeman@gmail.com

Sunday 8 March

Fair Trade Stalls at United Reformed Church.

10.30am see Sunday 1 March

Wednesday 11 March

Climate Emergency—Financing the Transition to Sustainability

7.30pm Economist *John Christensen*, will discuss various financing mechanisms, and how fair taxation can contribute to tackling global warming. Fair trade refreshments, Global Justice Now! RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free *Jackie Oversby* T: 07745 310794 E: globaljusticereading@gmail.com

CELEBRATING WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY: 9 MAY

Thursday 7 May

film *When Tomatoes Met Wagner* (U)

7.45pm Documentary about the inhabitants of the small Greek farming village of Elias who tackle the world market by exporting their home-grown tomato products. Five village grannies struggle to survive and make their dream come true by cultivating the tomato seeds which they have kept for hundreds of years. Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, UoR, RG6 6UR tickets from www.readingfilmtheatre.co.uk or at door



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.

Fair Trade 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.



Events programme

The Reading Fair Trade Events programme is available to download from the 16 February on RISC's events website: www.readingfairtrade.co.uk. If you want to be included in next year's events programme, contact Zainab T: 0118 958 6692 E: zainab@risc.org.uk or Sam E: Sam_Chaher@yahoo.co.uk.

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