



ONE WORLD CENTRE

NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOLS

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25 FEBRUARY – 9 MARCH 2008

WELCOME to a special newsletter for schools designed to help you prepare for **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**. It's an ideal time to celebrate the huge range of Fairtrade products now available, offering farmers & producers in the developing world a fair price and better conditions.



All Dundee primary schools study the topic **'GLOBAL CITIZEN – A FAIR WORLD'**, which introduces rights & responsibilities; where food comes from; global interdependence; valuing and caring for the planet and its people. **FAIR TRADE** is a great topic in which to incorporate enterprise or to link into Eco Schools. It also places an emphasis on skills and values and so touches on many of the elements of *'A Curriculum for Excellence'*.

In secondary schools, FAIR TRADE fits into Geography, Modern Studies, Maths, Home Economics, Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies, PSE and English, as well as being a focus for ICT, Art & Design, or a whole school initiative.

There are many resources with activities to raise awareness of international trade issues, and to engage young people in how they may wish to take action as responsible citizens. Many of the resources are available online – a good 'one-stop shop' is the LTS website (fair trade pages) <http://www.ltsotland.org.uk:80/citizenship/creativeaching/topicalissues/fairtrade/whatisfairtrade.asp>

A new resource pack, *'Make Your School Fair Trade Friendly'* has just been launched by the Co-operative Education Trust and is available free from them on 0800 068 6727.

And a good site for children to find out more for themselves is: www.kidz-at-work.net This site is also in Spanish and German, so provides an ideal topic for language teaching too.



Other resources can be borrowed from the One World Centre.

The Fairtrade Foundation has just re-launched the **FAIRTRADE SCHOOL AWARD**:



BECOMING A FAIRTRADE SCHOOL

You need to set up a steering group of pupils/staff/parents and achieve 4 other goals, which include learning about FAIR TRADE and using, selling and promoting the products. After about a year of working your way towards Fairtrade status you can send in your application to be assessed.

The award is an excellent way of embedding the FAIR TRADE message in the life of the school. Many schools are already working on the issue, especially in Dundee, Scotland's first Fairtrade City, so why not work towards becoming one of Scotland's first Fairtrade Schools?

An Action Guide with lots of ideas is available free from the Fairtrade Foundation www.fairtrade.org.uk/schools

CELEBRATING FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IN YOUR SCHOOL

Ideas to try:

- Perform a **FAIR PLAY DRAMA***
- Organise a **TREASURE HUNT**
- Play **FAIRTRADE GAMES**
- Design a **BANNER**
- Bake a **FAIRTRADE CAKE.**

These are just a few of the ideas in the Fairtrade Action pack. For a copy and posters for your school contact the One World Centre or log on to www.fairtrade.org.uk

* Scripts can be downloaded from www.fairplaydrama.org.uk



DHAKA TO DUNDEE

The One World Centre is planning to work with Dundee primary schools and the Verdant Works on this exciting new project, funded by The Department for International Development Department (DfID). The focus will be an exploration of Dundee's past and present links with Bangladesh & India through the jute trade. The main aim of the project is for teachers and pupils to find out more about the major social and economic issues facing that part of the world, and to use the historical links for exploring the clothing trade and climate change.

The idea is to produce some lesson plans which would extend the social subjects topics *Victorian Society in Scotland, India and Global Citizen – A Fair World*, in order to increase understanding of the interdependence between Dundee and the two countries.

There are also lots of opportunities within the secondary school to take the historical links and explore issues such as gender roles, human rights and environmental protection.

TEACHERS WISHING TO GET INVOLVED SHOULD CONTACT THE ONE WORLD CENTRE.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to arrange a CPD session in your local authority or school, please get in touch.

Sessions run recently in Perth & Kinross, and Fife include:

- *An Introduction to Global Citizenship*
- *Controversial Issues in the Primary Classroom*
- *Fair Trade – Ideas & Resources for the Classroom*
- *Introducing Global Citizenship in the Nursery Setting*

All are linked to 'A Curriculum for Excellence' and include a display of suitable resources. Sessions can be twilight, half or whole day.

HOW MUCH DID I CHANGE THE WORLD TODAY?

Following the session on 'Controversial Issues', (Perth 7th Nov), there will be a follow-up twilight on Wednesday 27th February. The purpose is to allow teachers who attended the first (and indeed anyone else interested!) to share strategies and activities used, the issues which arose, how they were dealt with and how the children responded. This gives everyone a chance to share ideas and to measure the impact of our work and thus see the difference we can make towards a fairer, more sustainable world.

**27TH FEB, 4.00PM,
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