



Scottish
Fair Trade
Forum



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Local Fair Trade Activity Report: April 2017 – March 2018

Aberdeen

- Cults Parish church held a Fair Trade coffee morning during Fairtrade Fortnight
- The University of Aberdeen held various events during Fairtrade Fortnight including hosting Aberdeen For a Fairer World stalls on campus and Fairtrade tasting sessions

Aberdeenshire

- Fairtrade Aberdeenshire held a 'Fly Cups and Fancy Pieces' event where they explored the effects of Brexit on Fair Trade
- Fairtrade Aberdeenshire also held a Fair Trade Fashion Show in Pitmedden
- Alford Fair Trade Group hosted a Fair Trade pop up shop and a Fair Trade quiz night during Fairtrade Fortnight
- Fairtrade Aberdeenshire arranged a 'Fairtrade Café Crawl' where people could collect loyalty stamps from shopping at Fairtrade cafes to earn free Fairtrade chocolate
- Alford Fair Trade Group held a Fair Trade Christmas Fayre and coffee morning
- Fairtrade Elgin held a Christmas Fair Trade stall at Elgin High School
- Fairtrade Elgin held an awareness raising evening

Angus

- The Montrose Fair Trade Group held regular food stalls at Montrose Farmers Market
- The Montrose Fair Trade group held a coffee tasting event at Madison's in Montrose
- The Montrose Fair Trade group also petitioned against Sainsbury's dropping the Fairtrade mark on their own label tea

Dumfries and Galloway

- Dumfries and Galloway became a Fair Trade Zone in December
- Dumfries Fair Trade Group held a Tasting Evening during Fair Trade Fortnight
- Dunscore Fair Trade village held their 'Dunscore Big Brew' event where there was Fairtrade tea, coffee and cake on offer as well as different stalls including some selling Fair Trade gold and Traidcraft products
- The Dunscore Group also held their 'Wee Brew' at Dunscore Pre-School where the children had Fair Trade baking while learning about Fair Trade
- The Dunscore Fair Trade group hosted the Fairtrade Foundation's Fair Trade Gold Exhibition
- Kirkcudbright Fair Trade Group held a Fair Trade Fortnight Coffee Morning

Dundee

- The Dundee Fair Trade Forum had a stall at the Dundee Council 'Meet the Buyer' event
- Dundee was host to the Ethical Christmas Fayre run by Hand Up Events
- Dundee Fair Trade Forum had a stall at the Dundee Flower and Food Festival
- Presentation at the University of Dundee on how Fair Trade has supported rural communities in Palestine

East Dunbartonshire

- In October, East Dunbartonshire celebrated 10 years of being a Fairtrade Zone
- Fair Trade Pioneers, Stan and Mari Thekaekara, visited Fair Trade Shop and Café, Gavin's Mill
- The Stewardship Group in Milton of Campsie held a Fair Trade Breakfast in March
- Fair Trade shop and Café, Gavin's Mill, held an event to celebrate their first Birthday

East Lothian

- The North Berwick Fair Trade Partnership held a Fair Trade tea and film event during Fairtrade Fortnight, which had a great turnout. They showed educational films on female cocoa producers and had a Divine Chocolate giveaway

Edinburgh

- Edinburgh Fair Trade group held a presentation in the city chambers from textile factory manager, Vishwaraj Maghoo, who managed sweatshops before setting up his own Fair Trade company
- Edinburgh celebrated World Fair Trade Day with a five hour world music concert in Princes Street Gardens
- Edinburgh Fair Trade Group hosted Edinburgh's Fair Trade Festival with Fair Trade stalls to explore, refreshments, music including performances from two community choirs, talks, face painting and fun activities for children
- In Balerno, children from Dean Park Primary School were involved in a Fair Trade competition creating poems
- The One World Shop held an event during Fair Trade Fortnight with visiting coffee producers from Malawi
- SCOTDEC held an event for teachers which looked at the relationship between Fair Trade and gender at the Edinburgh Filmhouse
- Fair Trade group event with children activities, stalls and speakers at Out of the Blue
- University of Edinburgh held a workshop on the role of social responsibility and sustainable contribution to society in universities as a part of the Edinburgh Sustainable Innovation Conference
- The University of Edinburgh's Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability ran an online campaign as part of Fair Trade Fortnight. They shared information about the University's sourcing of fairly traded food and electronics, promoted Fair Trade related research topics as part of the University's living lab approach, and shared their new webpage showcasing EU-funded project: 'Make ICT Fair'

Falkirk

- Pupils from St. Andrews Primary in Falkirk organised their own Fair Trade Fayre.
- The Fair Trade committee at St. Andrews Primary held an assembly during Fair Trade Fortnight to raise awareness of trade injustice.

Fife

- The Cupar Fair Trade group ran a Fair Trade Town Trail with different clues along the way to try to find 12 different Fair Trade items. To coincide with this they also ran a Fair Trade photo competition
- Cupar also displayed their new Fair Trade banner and had a stall with Trade products
- Local Councillor, Karen Marjoram, got involved by promoting Fair Trade tea in the local area

Glasgow

- The University of Strathclyde achieved Fair Trade University status

Highland

- Inverness Fair Trade Group held their annual Councillor's coffee morning at the Council Chambers, raising awareness of trade justice.
- During Fairtrade Fortnight, Inverness Fair Trade Group were also involved in the University of the Highlands and Islands annual student health event. This was a great success and increased awareness and involvement of Fair Trade within the university community. The 'healthy happy you' programme also highlighted the benefits of volunteering
- Inverness Fair Trade group received support from the local co-op when they were chosen as being one of three charities to support in their local community fund
- Inverness Fair Trade Group provided a talk with Senior Citizens network and encouraged a relationship with the group in the future
- Inverness Fair Trade Group utilised World Book Day to support a local school and libraries through providing story books and a board game

- Inverness Fair Trade Group celebrated International Women's Day with a lunch with local councillors
- Ullapool High School held a coffee morning raising £310 for the Fairtrade Foundation. Videos displaying the work of Fairtrade were played on loop around the local community including the school and library throughout the fortnight.
- The Ullapool Fair Trade group attended the Ullapool Family fun day with a Fair Trade stall.
- The Ullapool group provided Fair Trade refreshments at events such as the Ullapool Village Christmas Fayre, Rotary Club's 'Round the Pier Day', the Local Coastal Rowing Regatta, Ullapool Book Festival and the Ullapool Dance Festival Showcase
- The Strathpeffer Fair Trade Group held a 'Big Brew' event for Fairtrade Fortnight and held a stall at their local Christmas Fayre

Inverclyde

- ECO coffee morning at Helensburgh Parish Church with Fair Trade stalls raising money for the ECO Congregation Scotland

Moray

- Fair Trade Aberlour held a Fair Trade coffee morning with Fair Trade stalls, a quiz and a raffle. The winner of the Fair Trade chocolate bar wrapper competition was also announced.
- Fair Trade Elgin held an awareness event for Fair Trade Fortnight. The event displayed videos to demonstrate the work of Fair Trade first hand and there was a stall to purchase Fair Trade items. They also set up a stand in a local Tesco displaying information and Fair Trade items for shoppers to purchase.

North Ayrshire

- Fairlie Fair Trade Initiative celebrated the Fair Trade status renewal
- Swishing and Fair Trade night at Fairlie Parish Church
- 'From Peru to Mongolia and home again' – talk at Fairlie Parish Church organised by the Fairlie Fair Trade Initiative

- 'Big Brew' fundraising at Fairlie Parish Church – donations went to Fair Trade causes
- Open Day at Fairlie Community Gardens with children's activities organised by Fairlie Fair Trade group

North Lanarkshire

- Airdrie 'Wee Fair' Day with stalls from Airdrie Fair Trade group

Orkney

- One of the local churches was illuminated blue and green to raise awareness of Fair Trade.
- Orkney Fair Trade group held a coffee morning, treasure hunt and a greeting exchange exhibition to display Fair Trade campaigns from all over the world.
- Pupils from Kirkwall Grammar School took part in the Kilombero Rice Challenge, they sold 90kg of Kilombero rice, raising enough money to send a child of a Malawian farmer to school for a year.

Perth and Kinross

- Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group held an event to publicise achieving Fair Trade Zone Status at the Bell's Sport's Centre 11th March 2017
- Fair Trade Walk Round Loch Leven 29 April 2017
- The Scottish Fair Trade Forum AGM was held in Perth with a Fair Trade Walk around the city centre and presentations from St John's Academy and Muthill Primary
- Teacher CPD training events were held at Kinross High School and North Inch Campus attended by teachers from more than a dozen schools
- Representatives from Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group attended head teacher and deputy head teacher days to promote Fair Trade Schools
- Perth and Kinross joined in the day of action against Sainsbury's fairly traded tea on 28th October 2017 with a letter signed by over 100 people handed into Kinross Sainsbury's.
- Following Council elections, new Fairtrade Champions were recruited by the Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group

Renfrewshire

- East Renfrewshire Fair Trade held a 'Design a bag' competition for schools
- Rainbow Turtle held an event with local schools with visiting coffee producers from Malawi

Scottish Borders

- Pupils from Earlston High School delivered a presentation on ethical sourcing and how it was implemented in their curriculum to create a Fair Trade School.
- Scouts in the local area also held a bake sale at the local Co-op with home bakes made from Fair Trade products.
- Melrose Fair Trade group held their Annual Fair Trade Café as well as various Fair Trade breakfasts at local churches

South Ayrshire

- Troon Fair Trade Initiative organised a fundraiser to fund Fair Trade footballs for local schools
- Troon-based Kyle Academy won an award at the Scottish Fair Trade Awards for their work highlighting links between climate change and Fair Trade
- South Ayrshire achieved Fair Trade Zone status in March

South Lanarkshire

- The Biggar Fairtrade Town group held a Fair Trade quiz night which included a Fair Trade wine tasting and a Fair Trade stall selling food and drinks

Stirling

- Fair Trade Stirling held a Fair Trade ceilidh during Fair Trade Fortnight where they offered Fair Trade refreshments
- The Bridge of Allan Fair Trade Group held a regular quiz night at Allanwater Brewhouse throughout the year

West Lothian

- The Linlithgow Fair Trade group held a presentation at Linlithgow Primary to explain how Fair Trade has made a difference to small-holder farmers and producers
- 'Fair Trade Voices' event at Linlithgow Primary School about Fair Trade shopping choices during Fair Trade Fortnight