

Who are the UK Fair Trade Organizations?

Bishopston Trading Company: Fair Trade fashion, accessories, toys and homeware
www.bishopstontrading.co.uk

Bookchair Company: Fair Trade book stands *www.bookchair.com

British Association for Fair Trade Shops (BAFTS): the network of independent fair trade shops across the UK. www.bafts.org.uk

Cafédirect Ltd: UK's largest Fairtrade hot drinks company- coffee, tea, drinking chocolate www.cafedirect.co.uk

Divine Chocolate Limited: Fair Trade chocolate products www.divinechocolate.com

Equal Exchange Trading Ltd: Fair Trade goods such as honey and oil
www.equalexchange.co.uk

One World Shop : Scottish retail company selling a variety of Fair Trade goods such as crafts, clothes and food * www.oneworldshop.co.uk

Oxfam GB: Charity working to overcome poverty and suffering
www.oxfam.org.uk

Oxfam Ireland: Retail shops in N. Ireland and republic of Ireland selling fashion accessories, handicrafts and good www.oxfamirelandshop.com

Pachacuti: Fair Trade clothes and accessories including Panama hats *
www.pachacuti.co.uk

People Tree UK: Fair Trade fashion www.peopletree.co.uk

PhytoTrade Africa: the development of a Fair Trade and environmentally sustainable natural products industry www.phytotradeafrica.com

Shared Earth: Fair Trade products and crafts www.sharedearth.co.uk

Shared Interest: Finance Fair Trade www.shared:interest.com

Tearcraft: Fair Trade handcrafted home, gift and jewellery products from around the world www.tearcraft.org

The India shop: supplier of Indian furniture, carpets, jewellery and gifts *
www.theindiashop.co.uk

Traidcraft: Offers a wide range of fairly traded goods and through its charity **Traidcraft Exchange** implements development projects, provides training and consultancy services, and carries out policy and campaigning work www.traidcraft.co.uk

Tropical Forest Products Ltd : Fair Trade honey * www.tropicalforest.com

Tropical Wholefoods/FM foods: Fair Trade dried fruit and other products. FM Foods provides product development and consultancy * www.tropicalwholefoods.co.uk

Twin Trading : Support producer organisations for the development of Fair Trade brands www.twin.org.uk

Weiming Furniture : Fair Trade bamboo environmentally friendly coffins *
www.ecoffins.co.uk

Zaytoun Ltd : Palestinian olive oil products * www.zaytoun.org

** Not yet a registered Fair Trade Organization*



What Is...

Fair Trade? IFAT? A Fair Trade Organization?

What is IFAT?

IFAT is the global network of Fair Trade Organizations. IFAT's mission is to improve the livelihoods and well being of disadvantaged producers by linking and promoting Fair Trade Organizations and speaking out for greater justice in world trade.

IFAT has members in over 60 countries, encompassing approximately 1 million people, who all believe that trade should improve the lives of marginalized people without harming the planet - in other words, they believe in Fair Trade. Approximately 65% of our members are based in the South (that is: Asia, Africa and Latin America) with the rest coming from North America & the Pacific Rim and Europe. We are truly international!

Our members have the concept of Fair Trade at the heart of their mission and at the core of what they do. They come in many shapes and sizes and represent the Fair Trade chain from production to sale. Our members are producer co-operatives and associations, export marketing companies, importers, retailers, national and regional Fair Trade networks and financial institutions, dedicated to Fair Trade principles.

IFAT brings its members together to achieve the synergy of a network to...

- Develop the market for Fair Trade
- Speak out for Fair Trade
- Build trust in Fair Trade

What is Fair Trade?

The internationally accepted Definition of Fair Trade is:
"Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers - especially in the South. Fair Trade Organizations (backed by consumers) are engaged actively in supporting producers, awareness raising and campaigning for changes in the rules and practices of conventional trade."

Join IFAT

Membership is open to established Fair Trade Organizations and organizations that support Fair Trade. Associate membership is open to professional individuals. For membership benefits, more information and registration forms, please visit www.ifat.org and select "Join Now".

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What is a Fair Trade Organization?

Fair Trade Organizations are actively engaged in supporting producers, awareness raising and campaigning for changes in the rules and practices of conventional trade. IFAT prescribes 10 rigorous standards which Fair Trade Organizations must follow in their day-to-day work and carries out continuous monitoring to ensure these standards are upheld.

In brief, the 10 standards for Fair Trade are:

1. Creating opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers; supporting the poorest producers
2. Transparency and accountability; dealing fairly and openly with trading partners
3. Capacity building; developing the skills of producers and creating opportunities for trading their products
4. Promoting Fair Trade; telling as many people as possible about Fair Trade and informing customers where products have come from
5. Payment of a fair price; ensuring that producers receive a fair price for their products
6. Gender Equity; providing equal pay and opportunities for women and men
7. Working conditions; ensuring that producers are working in a healthy and safe place
8. Child Labour; ensuring that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is respected
9. The Environment; ensuring that materials used in production and packing do not damage the environment
10. Trade relations; long term relationships are maintained based on solidarity, trust and mutual respect. Wherever possible producers are assisted with access to pre-harvest or pre-production advance payment

In return for adhering to these standards, Fair Trade Organizations that are registered by IFAT may use the Fair Trade Organization Mark on websites, catalogues and promotional literature.

