

BRISTOL FAIRTRADE

Newsletter

Fairtrade Fortnight 2014



Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 is from 24th February to 9th March



Bananas have been at the heart of Fairtrade since they appeared on our shelves 13 years ago, and there's now over 1.2 billion Fairtrade bananas sold in the UK each year. But with still only 1 in 3 bananas in British shops sold as Fairtrade we still have a long way to go and there remains a serious problem at the heart of the banana business.

That's why Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 marks the launch of a special campaign that aims to transform the banana industry to ensure those at the sharp end of the supply chain, the millions of struggling banana farmers and workers, get a fair deal.

For more details and to get involved : www.stickwithfoncho.org.uk



Margarita Espinoza, Fairtrade Coffee Producer from Sopexcca Co-operative in Nicaragua, will be in Bristol for Fairtrade Fortnight, speaking at schools and community events.

Her visit is sponsored by the Co-operative Membership and organized by Bristol Link with Nicaragua.



Wild Oats Fairtrade Taster Evening

Thursday 27th February 6.30 - 8.30pm, 9-11 Lower Redland Road

Fairtrade suppliers in-store, an array of products to taste (including wine and chocolate!) and a gift bag for people who make purchases on the night.

South West Fairtrade Schools Conference

Wednesday 26th February 9.30-2.30, SGS College

All local schools are invited to come to an exciting day exploring Fairtrade, with an opportunity to meet Margarita Espinoza, Fairtrade coffee producer from Nicaragua, and to speak live to factory workers making Fairtrade school uniforms in India!

With plenty of cross-curriculum ideas, resources and creativity it will be a really stimulating day for all.

The Conference is free for all schools in the south west region. To apply, email bristolfairtradenetwork@gmail.com or call Jenny Foster on 07970-878337

South West Fairtrade Business Awards Ceremony

Thursday 6th March 12-2pm, City Hall, Bristol

sponsored by the Co-operative Membership

The **co-operative** membership



This event, hosted by 'The Observer' ethical expert, Lucy Siegle, celebrates all businesses in the south west that support and promote Fairtrade. Come and see who carries off the prestigious title of Best Fairtrade Business 2014, selected from the 6 category winners.

The ceremony is followed by lunch from The Surplus Supper Club, sponsored by The Shared Interest Foundation, and networking opportunities with 150 local ethical business leaders. Tickets are £10 each available from: <http://swftbusinessawards.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Changing the World for Women and Girls

Saturday 8th March 7.30-10.30pm
M Shed - Princes Wharf, Bristol BS1 4RN



Meet Margarita Espinoza,
Fairtrade coffee producer
from Nicaragua

Join us for an evening of debate, film,
music and Fairtrade refreshments to
celebrate International Women's Day 2014

Regional
premiere of new
documentary
from Nicaragua
'In the House, In
Bed and in the
Streets'



- ❖ Music from The Cat's Pyjamas and Makala Cheung
- ❖ Panel debate 'What can be done here and internationally to end violence against women?'
- ❖ Fairtrade welcome drink and nibbles included
- ❖ Women and Men welcome!

Tickets £8 / £6 concessions from M Shed reception or call: 0117 352 6600

mshed.org/whats-on/events/international-women's-day/

Fairtrade Ambassadors Training

Saturday 1st February 10am-3pm

Want to know more about Fairtrade and maybe join our team of volunteers? Come to an informal day of training, open to anyone in the South West region and free to attend.

Updates on Fairtrade, answers to tough questions and how to present, with free resources.

Free to attend and lunch is provided, but you must book a place

<https://fairtradeambassadors2014.eventbrite.co.uk>

And Finally.....

Some fantastic news for Fairtrade in Bristol!

Bristol has won the bid to host the International Fairtrade Towns Conference in 2015

Bristol gained overwhelming support from Fairtrade Co-ordinators from around the world for our bid, due to the international reputation of our Fairtrade campaigning and enthusiasm for linking the Conference to our European Green Capital events and celebrations in 2015.

The Conference will take place 4th-5th July 2015 and will involve approximately 400 delegates from around the world. Hosting this Conference will enhance Bristol's reputation as a green and ethical city and leading tourist destination.

2015 will mark 10 years since Bristol became a Fairtrade City, and hosting this Conference is a perfect way to celebrate what has been achieved in this time.



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