

## USEFUL RESOURCES AND LINKS FOR FAIR TRADE FAITH GROUPS

This is a list of useful websites and other places which may help and encourage churches in their quest to establish and maintain fair trade as part of the culture of their congregation.

### Worship Resources

**Traidcraft** in the UK have been marketing fair trade products for over 35 years. As a Christian group they are a good source of liturgies and ideas. [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk)

The London Diocese in England has links to some good resources

Christian World Service in New Zealand has produced worship resources for Fair Trade Fortnight for a number of years. These can be accessed at their website [www.cws.org.nz](http://www.cws.org.nz). Select 'Resources', click on 'Church' and follow the alphabetical list down to 'Trade'. There also some useful links

### Books and Videos

Let Justice Flow (United Reformed Church of the UK) is a resource book on social justice for people of all ages. Although set in the British context there are some useful ideas for groups in the fair trade section. Access online: [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk)

The End of Greed - Consuming as if God, People and the Planet Matter (2011) and Be Love - Five Ways To Love The Poor (2012) Just Speak - How Your Voice Can Change the World. Books and study guides by Scott Higgins. Published by Baptist World Aid [www.baptistworldaid.org.au](http://www.baptistworldaid.org.au) Go to 'Get involved', then to 'Be open'

### Useful Fair Trade related organisations

**Fair Trade Association (FTA)** [www.fta.org.au](http://www.fta.org.au)

The FTA is the peak agency driving the growth of the Fair Trade Movement in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. It is a member driven not-for-profit organisation that:

- increases awareness, understanding and support of Fair Trade;
- supports the development of a strong and sustainable Fair Trade movement;
- links producers in South East Asia and the Pacific with Fair Trade markets.

Go to the FTA web site for:

**The Fair Trade Shopping Guide.** This is an excellent resource for information about Fair Trade in general and lists many of the retailers around Australia where fair trade goods can be purchased in person or online.

## Information on becoming a Fair Trade Faith Group

The Fair Trade Association Faith Groups programme aims to encourage and support churches to become communities where the fair trade culture exists. Guidelines for Faith Groups and an application form are available at [www.fta.org.au](http://www.fta.org.au)

## Fairtrade Australia



Fairtrade is a product certification mark. A business can use the Fairtrade Mark on products which have been certified as meeting international Fairtrade standards. Look for this mark on Tea, coffee, chocolate and some other items in supermarkets. A lot of information about the Mark and producer groups is on the website: [www.fairtrade.com.au](http://www.fairtrade.com.au). Go to 'Get involved', then 'Communities' for some excellent promotional materials.

**Ethical Electronics and Fashion Guides** seek to empower us to purchase from companies that treat the workers ethically. Go to [www.behindthebarcode.org.au](http://www.behindthebarcode.org.au) for helpful information and how to access the guides in print and electronic versions.

**Shop Ethical** Book, App and Web. Assist you in making informed purchasing decisions in supermarkets and beyond. [www.shopethical.org.au](http://www.shopethical.org.au)

**STOP THE TRAFFIK** is a global movement of individuals, communities and organisations fighting to prevent human trafficking around the world. They unite people around the world through their global campaigns. They believe they are stronger and can create greater change when we work together. [www.stopthetraffik.com.au](http://www.stopthetraffik.com.au)

## Worth reading on Fair Trade and Christianity

**Fair Trade: A Christian Ethical Perspective** by the Revd Richard Tucker

This paper looks at the Christian ethical credentials of fair trade and asks how far it is valid as an expression of Christian mission.

<http://www.rethinkingmission.org.uk/pdfs/fairtrade.pdf>

This is an interesting link to papers discussing fair trade and public theology in the UK

<http://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/does-the-fair-trade-movement-still-need-the-churches/>

To help counter the fair trade nay-sayers Patrick Say, Digital Manager with the Fairtrade Foundation in the UK has written a blog on the six things people get wrong about fairtrade. The context is UK but it applies here. <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/media-centre/blog/2016/june/6-things-people-get-wrong-about-fairtrade>

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