



Subject	Fairtrade Resolution
Reporting Officer	Raymond Lowry
Contact Officer	Sustainability Officer

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To invite Members to pass an amended resolution in support of Fairtrade including the agreement to serve Fairtrade products
1.2	Inform members of Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February - 12 March with Mid Ulster Council assisting with hosting an event in Cookstown (see Appendix 1)

2	Background
2.1	At the May Environment Committee meeting Council passed a resolution in general support of Fairtrade and the Northern Ireland Fairtrade Campaign which is working towards making Northern Ireland a Fairtrade region: www.northernirelandfairtrade.org
2.2	<p>To declare Northern Ireland a Fairtrade region a number of criteria need to be fulfilled. With regards to local authorities these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cities and at least 55% of local authorities to have Fairtrade status; • <u>All local authority areas</u> and at least 55% of towns with a population of 6,000 or more to have active Fairtrade groups <u>working towards</u> Fairtrade status;
2.3	<p>Any defined geographical area (e.g. Town, District, Village, Zone) can achieve Fairtrade Status through the commitment of their communities to take action on either the five Fairtrade Town goals set by the Fairtrade Foundation or the four Fairtrade Town goals set by Fairtrade Ireland. The application process to achieve Fairtrade Status is similar for both organisations and free of charge.</p> <p><u>The Five Goals for a Fairtrade Town set by the Fairtrade Foundation:</u></p>
2.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens). 2. A range of Fairtrade products (at least four product ranges with the FAIRTRADE Mark) are readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, supermarkets, newsagents, petrol stations) and served in local catering outlets (cafés, restaurants, pubs). 3. Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools, universities, colleges and other community organisations) support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible. Populations over 100,000 will also need a flagship employer.



	<p>4. Media coverage and events raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community.</p> <p>5. A local Fairtrade steering group is convened to ensure the Fairtrade Town campaign continues to develop and gain new support.</p>
2.5	<p><u>The Four Goals for a Fairtrade Town set by Fairtrade Ireland:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A Fairtrade group is established to achieve Fairtrade Town status. (This should ideally include a council representative, chamber of commerce, and people representing the areas schools, young people, churches, local businesses, local action groups and also requires the Town/municipal council or other relevant body (such as Chamber of Commerce) to pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade and agrees to use 100% Fairtrade coffee at its meetings.) Fairtrade Fortnight is promoted as a key focus for local awareness-raising around Fairtrade Schools are supported to raise awareness and promote Fairtrade Promote increased availability and sales of Fairtrade products locally (this should include 100% FAIRTRADE Mark coffee in a number of cafes and restaurants and a flagship business to serve Fairtrade coffee and other products)
2.6	<p>The FAIRTRADE Mark can only appear on products from the developing world which meet international Fairtrade standards. It guarantees that the producer receives a minimum price for their goods that covers their costs of sustainable production and a social premium for direct investment related to further development. The FAIRTRADE Mark is provided by the UK Fairtrade Foundation or Fairtrade Ireland to products and buyers to verify that international Fairtrade standards are met and to provide full transparency of the entire process from origin to store shelf.</p>

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>A meeting was held with a representative from the secretariat of the NI All Party Group of Fair Trade last August to obtain an update of the campaigns latest achievements and ascertain which steps need to be taken to achieve Fair Trade status for Mid Ulster District.</p>
3.2	<p>During the meeting it was highlighted that the first step in achieving Fair Trade status for Mid Ulster District is the completion of Goal 1 which requires Council to pass a resolution which clearly states Council's commitment to Fair Trade and also includes an agreement to serve Fairtrade products. The council must then take practical action on the resolution and introduce Fairtrade products (e.g. Tea, Coffee, Sugar) internally and raise awareness of Fair Trade within the wider community.</p>



3.3	<p>As per Fairtrade Foundation guidance the requirements for meeting Goal 1 are:</p> <p>1. The wording of the resolution <u>must</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a statement of support for Fairtrade• a commitment to use Fairtrade products whenever possible (in meetings, offices and canteens for example). <p>2. The council must take practical action on the resolution and introduce Fairtrade products in meetings, offices and canteens.</p> <p>3. There must be a named council representative (member or officer) on the Fairtrade steering group.</p>
3.4	<p>The wording of the previous Council resolution in general support of Fairtrade was therefore not detailed enough and would need to be amended to fulfil the requirements for goal 1.</p>

4	Resource Implications
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There will be an increased cost for the purchase of Fair Trade products (eg Tea, Coffee, Sugar) to be served at Council meetings, functions, events.</p> <p><u>Human resources</u></p>
4.2	<p>An increase in activities to promote Fairtrade in the wider community will require staff time across several departments.</p>

5	Other Considerations
5.1	

6	Recommendations
6.1	<p>It is recommended that the Council passes the following resolution:</p> <p>"Mid Ulster District Council acknowledges the contribution that Fairtrade makes to sustainable development, tackling poverty, and to improving the lives of people from some of the most disadvantaged farming communities in the developing world.</p> <p>As part of its commitment to sustainable development Mid Ulster District Council is committed to actively facilitate the promotion and purchase of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark and to contribute to the regional Fairtrade campaign by taking a lead role in striving towards achieving Fairtrade District status for Mid Ulster District, including the towns of Dungannon, Cookstown and</p>

	<p>Magherafelt.</p> <p>Towards this objective Mid Ulster District Council resolves to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actively raise awareness of Fairtrade both within the Council and in the wider community and seek opportunities to promote the FAIRTRADE Mark in the Council area with a special focus on running activities during Fairtrade Fortnight annually; 2. Seek to ensure that FAIRTRADE Mark certified food and drink options are offered internally, at Council premises and vending machines, 100% FAIRTRADE Mark coffee, tea and sugar is available for all internal meetings, and included in procurement guidelines with subsequent review; 3. Use its influence to encourage local retailers and food business operators to provide increased Fairtrade options for residents and visitors, including during Council organised events; 4. Take a lead in engaging with all parts of the local community including representatives from local businesses, community groups, schools, churches, and charities to develop joint action on achieving Fairtrade status for the district. 5. Nominate a Council representative (member or officer) to sit on the Fairtrade Steering Group and support ongoing work to promote Fairtrade 6. Monitor and report regularly on progress towards achieving Fairtrade status through receipt of a quarterly report."
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7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix 1 – invite letter to schools for Fairtrade Fortnight event.



INVITE – FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT SCHOOLS EVENT

**on THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:00
noon**

in Cookstown Leisure Centre, Fountain Road, Cookstown

Dear Principal,

1 February 2017

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming up from 27 February - 12 March when local communities, campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship get together through a variety of events and activities to show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

This year, as part of a regional campaign to make Northern Ireland a Fairtrade devolved region, we have the privilege of a visiting Fairtrade coffee and cocoa producer from Nicaragua to Northern Ireland and Mid Ulster District Council will be holding an exciting event to engage with pupils and schools from across the district at **Cookstown Leisure Centre on Thursday 09 March 2017 - STARTING PROMPTLY @ 10:00 a.m.**

We would be delighted if you could **nominate and confirm four students and a teacher** to attend the event, which would be most suitable for the age range from P6/7 and Years 8/9.

As places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis we are encouraging schools to reply ASAP and apologise for the fact that we can only invite a small number of pupils from each school. I would be grateful if you could respond via email to: Yvonne.Zellmann@midulstercouncil.org or by post to Yvonne Zellmann, Sustainability Officer, Mid Ulster District Council, Dungannon Office, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT.

By getting involved in Fairtrade Fortnight and learning about Fairtrade, young people can begin to understand the impact of their actions across the world. Not only is Fairtrade integrated into the NI curriculum but schools taking part in the Eco-schools Programme can also make the link to Fairtrade through the topic of 'Global Perspective'. And the great news is: Whatever Fairtrade activities your school does, they can contribute towards your journey to become a Fairtrade School. There are three Fairtrade School awards and schools can get involved through a free online application with the Fairtrade Foundation at <http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk>

Thank you for your support!
Yvonne Zellmann, Sustainability Officer



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Mid Ulster District Fairtrade Steering Group Terms of Reference (2019)

Objectives

- To promote the concept of Fairtrade and increase the availability of Fairtrade products within Mid Ulster District Council area
- To raise awareness of the FAIRTRADE Mark
- To attain Fairtrade District status for Mid Ulster District Council area and Fairtrade Town status for our main Towns of Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt with continued commitment and drive, by achieving the five criteria of a Fairtrade District as set out in the Fairtrade Foundation's 'Fairtrade Town Goals and Action Guide'
- To encourage workplaces, businesses, schools, colleges and places of worship to work to promote and use Fairtrade products
- To play its role collectively in the regional campaign of Northern Ireland being a Fairtrade devolved region: www.northernirelandfairtrade.org

Activities

In order to achieve the above objectives, the Group will:

- Organise and deliver events during Fairtrade Fortnight in February/March each year
- Be responsible for driving forward with an ongoing assessment to monitor and ensure the area is meeting the five criteria of a Fairtrade District and Fairtrade Town status for Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt
- Organise ongoing events to increase public awareness of and participation in Fairtrade
- Maintain a strong relationship with the local press and other media to ensure that the campaign retains a high profile

Membership

Membership is open to all those who have expressed a commitment to promoting Fairtrade in Mid Ulster District Council area.

This includes: elected representatives, council staff, charities, voluntary or community associations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), higher educational institutions, schools, churches/places of worship, businesses and private individuals.

Secretariat

Secretariat support for the Group is provided by Mid Ulster District Council to provide a venue and Fairtrade hospitality for meetings; utilising existing internal structures such as social media and communications (website) with a lead staff member(s) appointed from the council to the Steering Group.

Meetings

The Steering Group will meet a minimum of 2 times per year.

An annual general meeting will be held once every year, and is open to all members of the Steering Group. Minutes will be taken as a record.

Officers

The Group will elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary on an annual basis. The Group may also elect other posts if and when those posts are deemed necessary.

Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Steering Group, any assets remaining after all debts and liabilities have been discharged shall not be distributed among the members but shall be handed to the Fairtrade Foundation, 5.7 The Loom, 14 Gower's Walk, London, E1 8PY to be administered in a manner that is exclusively charitable at law.

To achieve Fairtrade District status, the following five criteria are required:

1. A resolution has to be passed by the local council supporting Fairtrade, and agreeing to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens).
2. At least two Fairtrade product ranges had to be readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, supermarkets, newsagents, cafés and petrol stations).
3. Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools, universities, colleges and other community organisations) had to support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible. Populations over 100,000 also needed to secure a flagship employer.
4. Media coverage had to be secured, and events had to be organised to raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community.
5. A local Fairtrade Steering Committee had to be established, comprising members from all sections of the community, including government, to ensure continued commitment.



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Fairtrade Steering Group Committee

Mid Ulster District Council is working towards achieving Fairtrade status for the whole District.

Over the past 15 years a lot of positive work has taken place in the legacy Councils of Cookstown, Dungannon & South Tyrone and Magherafelt Councils, particularly our main towns of Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt in our schools, businesses and churches.

To build on this historical work, and push forward with our application for Fairtrade District status, the Council is holding an inaugural Fairtrade Steering Group meeting. Setting up a Steering Group is a requirement to complete the application.

As you have been involved in previous Fairtrade activity, or have shown an interest in promoting the issue locally, we would like for you to join us on the Fairtrade Steering Group.

The meeting is to take place as follows:

DATE:

TIME: 5:00pm or 6:00pm – 6:00pm or 7:00pm

VENUE: Mid Ulster District Council, Burn Road, Cookstown BT80 8DT

I very much hope that you will be able to get on board and help us secure Fairtrade District status.

Please can you kindly confirm your attendance by contacting me on:
yvonne.zellmann@midulstercouncil.org or by telephoning the number below.

Please note if you are unable to attend please feel free to delegate another representative.

Best regards,

Yvonne Zellman
Sustainability Officer
Tel: 03000 132 132



Application Form

Complete and return when you have succeeded!

A copy of this form should be completed and signed by two group members plus a local authority representative. Please return the form electronically to towns.volunteer@fairtrade.org.uk volunteer.towns@fairtrade.org.uk and info@fairtrade.ie Supporting evidence that can't be submitted electronically can be posted to: Fairtrade Towns, Fairtrade Foundation, 5.7 The Loom, 14 Gower's Walk, London, E1 8PY.

Please note that completed Application Forms should only be sent in as a hard copy when absolutely necessary and by prior arrangement with the Fairtrade Towns Coordinator. A signed and dated certificate will be awarded when the area's Fairtrade status has been granted.

Contact name Raymond Lowry – Head of Technical Services _____

Please tick if you are happy for us to pass on your contact details to Fairtrade supporters keen to join your campaign (it will not be given to any other organisations) ☒

Organisation (if any) Mid Ulster District Council _____

Address Burn Road, Cookstown BT80 8DT _____

Telephone Daytime: 03000 132 132 _____ Evening: N/A _____

E-mail address raymond.lowry@midulstercouncil.org _____

Second Contact name Add Steering Group member (Chair) details when meeting convened (Goal 5)

Please tick if you are happy for us to pass on your contact details to Fairtrade supporters keen to join your campaign (it will not be given to any other organisations) ☒

Address Add _____

Telephone Add _____ Evening: N/A _____

E-mail address Add _____

Status applied for (tick one box only): ☐ Fairtrade Town ☐ Fairtrade City
☐ Fairtrade Village ☐ Fairtrade Zone ☐ Fairtrade Island ☐ Fairtrade County
☒ Fairtrade District

For the area of: Mid Ulster District Council (Entire Council Boundary) _____

Population: 138,590 _____

Do you have a preferred date on which to declare? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes give date? (Please allow at least 6 weeks for the application to be processed and note that no date should be confirmed until you know that your application has been successful) _____

We would like to highlight that support of Fairtrade across Mid Ulster District Council is an important issue with tremendous support across the Council area. Promotion of Fairtrade across the main towns of Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt has existed from 2000. In Northern Ireland, a review of Public Administration (RPA) was implemented in 2014. On April 01, 2015 Mid Ulster District Council was formed through an amalgamation of the three previous Councils of: Cookstown District Council, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Magherafelt District Council.

Goal 1: Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade*. The resolution should include a commitment to serve Fairtrade* tea and coffee at its meetings and in its offices and canteens whenever hot drinks are served.

Date achieved: February 14, 2017

On May 10, 2016 Mid Ulster District Council's Environment Committee presented Agenda Item E127/16: "Sustainability – Fairtrade Campaign" that was passed by full Council.

It was resolved: That it be recommended to Council to support the principles of Fairtrade and acknowledges the contribution that Fairtrade makes to Sustainable Development worldwide, tackling poverty and improving the lives of people from some of the most disadvantaged farming communities in the developing world.

<http://www.midulstercouncil.org/getmedia/ff3582e1-7630-46e5-bb89-f78cf1eb021b/env-cttee-minutes,-may-16.pdf?ext=.pdf>

On February 14, 2017 Mid Ulster District Council's Environment Committee presented Agenda Item E032/17: "Fairtrade Resolution" that was passed and adopted by full Council.

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[http://www.midulstercouncil.org/getmedia/02c697cb-db3f-4671-a4c8-85fa78f2914d/Paper-F-ENV-140217-\(1\).pdf?ext=.pdf](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/getmedia/02c697cb-db3f-4671-a4c8-85fa78f2914d/Paper-F-ENV-140217-(1).pdf?ext=.pdf)

All 11 Councils across Northern Ireland have passed Fairtrade resolutions to support a Borough, District or City wide (entire Council jurisdiction campaign), to include all Cities and/or major Towns (above the population of 6,000) within the Council. Therefore, this application includes all supporting evidence for Fairtrade District status simultaneously capturing Fairtrade Town status for our three main towns of: Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt.

The five goals are the same to become a Fairtrade District status by both the UK Fairtrade Foundation and Fairtrade Ireland. Therefore, this application includes all the legacy work of the three former Council areas to the current Mid Ulster District Council. We have decided as good practice to submit this application and renewal to both organisations for dual accreditation.

Any other progress or achievements:

The previous three Councils and recently formed Mid Ulster District Council recognise the work of the Fairtrade Foundation and Fairtrade Ireland in improving the conditions for developing world farmers, supporting the principles of Fairtrade. Council will work with its suppliers, contractors, internally and within the community to raise the awareness and encourage the promotion, purchase and procurement of Fairtrade products.

Council has led by example since 2000, regularly reviewing its Fairtrade and Sustainable policies to ensure Fairtrade remains enshrined within the ethos and practice of Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR). Through model practice it has stipulated at all their meetings Fairtrade tea and coffee is served and all establishments which the Council controls have contractual agreements in place, where the franchisees serve Fairtrade products. Fairtrade is deliberately a service which is conducted through the Environmental Services branch of the Council.

By way of example please see Report for Council after Fairtrade Fortnight 2018:

<https://mid-ulster.cmis-ni.org/MidUlster/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=VtaYIYw10YggHs%2FDOv5E3bA12NSEH1CiOWfx%2FxmjlwoGZdlbTiXlwg%3D%3D&rUzwRPf%2BZ3zd4E7lkn8Lvw%3D%3D=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2FLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3D%3D&mCTlbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlq%3D%3D=hFflUdN3100%3D&kCx1AnS9%2FpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3D%3D=hFflUdN3100%3D&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2BAJvYtyA%3D%3D=ctNJff55vVA%3D&FgPIIEJYlotS%2BYGoBi5oIA%3D%3D=NHdURQburHA%3D&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyQJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3D&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3D&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3D>

Mid Ulster District Council is actively represented on the Fairtrade Steering Group by a range of elected representatives, Technical Services, Head of Services, Procurement and Media Communications with the Council's Technical Service and Sustainability Officer as lead for the Council.

Council provides venues for its Fairtrade meetings and events, including hospitality and support in the form of administration, serving as Secretary to the Fairtrade Steering Group. Moreover, the Council's Media Communications drafts and issues press releases on behalf of the Group, as the main interface with the media at promotional and other events, especially Fairtrade Fortnight.

The Council hosts the Fairtrade Steering Group's press releases and information via its own website and through its social media platforms.

For example, please see below in relation to Fairtrade & Fairtrade Fortnight(s):



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Council promotes Fairtrade at Schools' Event

10 March 2017

Over 90 pupils from 25 Primary and Post-Primary Schools in Mid Ulster attended a schools' event this week to mark Fairtrade Fortnight which takes place from 27 February - 12 March.

The event organised by Mid Ulster District Council took place at Cookstown Leisure Centre and was attended by P6, P7, Year 8 and Year 9 students from schools across the district.

The purpose of the event was to get students thinking about the importance of supporting Fairtrade and about the impact their actions have all across the world.

Buying products with the Fairtrade Mark supports farmers and workers in developing countries as they work to improve their lives and their communities.

The Fairtrade Mark on a product shows that it meets international Fairtrade standards which were established to support the sustainable development of small-scale producers and workers in the poorest countries of the world.

The standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price that covers the cost of sustainable production and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.

Students heard first-hand how supporting Fairtrade can really benefit and improve the lives of farmers and coffee producers in the developing world. Haris Ulises Lopez Picado, a coffee and cocoa producer from the Soppexcca cooperative in Nicaragua spoke about his life and the difference Fairtrade has made to him, his family and his community.

He said, "Fairtrade has transformed my life - my family's lives. We have a different standard of living than we had before, it has so much improved! It has brought support for all the producers in our organisation and consequently it brought about positive change in our

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Mid Ulster District Council – the new name for Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt Councils #MidUlsterDC

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The Council utilises its internal (intranet) for communications to staff and its Insight Mid Ulster magazine for the wider District (households) on Fairtrade. The Office of The Chairperson (Chair & Deputy Chair) as First Citizen of the District as The Environmental Committee (Chairperson) have continually provided support and as a champion for the Fairtrade campaign and initiatives, hosting receptions, inward Fairtrade producers, etc, particularly during Fairtrade Fortnight.

Goal 2: At least four Fairtrade* product ranges are readily available in the area's shops and retail outlets, and two Fairtrade* products served in local cafés/catering establishments – suggested targets are given in the Action Guide.

Date target reached: August 23, 2016

Disclaimer: Survey correct on above date. Businesses are subject to change and under private control.

Suggested retail target required	24
Number of retailers achieved	56
Suggested catering target required	12
Number of catering outlets achieved	25

Details of Outlets (Please include separate lists for retail and catering outlets with contact details, days open if less than a normal working week, and the number and type of Fairtrade* goods provided):

Retailers of FAIRTRADE – Three Main Towns

Retail outlets selling four or more Fairtrade Products (56):

Note: numbers in brackets indicate varieties or brands of an item Eg: chocolate (Dairy Milk, Kit Kat, Malteser, Green and Black, own brand, etc)

COOKSTOWN

1. Argos – Station Sq - white and yellow gold rings (8)
2. ASDA – Sweep Rd - multiple products
3. B&M – Broadfields Retail Pk – chocolate (6), hot chocolate, sugar, coffee, spices
4. BOOTS – James St – chocolate (3) & beauty products (4)
5. BOOTS – Burn Rd - chocolate (3) & beauty products (6)
6. Centra – Church St – chocolate (4), tea, coffee
7. Costcutter – Morgans Hill Rd - chocolate (2), tea, coffee
8. Costcutter – Orritor Rd - chocolate (2), tea, coffee
9. EuroSpar – Church Heights - chocolate (5), hot chocolate, coffee, sugar
10. EuroSpar – Westland Rd South - chocolate (5), hot chocolate, coffee, tea
11. Lidl – Station Sq – multiple products
12. MACE – Drumenny Rd – chocolate (3), tea, sugar
13. Marks and Spencer - Broadfields Retail Pk – multiple products
14. NISA - Morgans Hill Rd - chocolate (4), tea, sugar
15. Poundland – James St - chocolate (4), hot chocolate, sugar, coffee
16. SPAR – Dungannon Rd - chocolate (4), tea, sugar
17. SuperValu – Burn Rd – multiple products
18. Tesco Superstore – Orritor Rd - multiple products
19. Today's Local – Dunnamore Rd – chocolate (3), coffee, hot chocolate

DUNGANNON

20. Argos – John St - white and yellow gold rings (8)
21. BOOTS – Market Sq - chocolate (3) & beauty products (6)
22. BOOTS – Oaks Centre - chocolate (3) & beauty products (6)
23. Centra – Main St – chocolate (4), tea, coffee
24. The Co-operative Food – Dungannon St – multiple products
25. Costcutter – Newell Rd - chocolate (4), tea, coffee
26. Lidl – Market Yard, Scotch St – multiple products
27. MACE – Moy Rd – chocolate (3), tea, sugar
28. MACE – Newtownkelly Pk - chocolate (3), tea, sugar
29. MACE – Roughan Rd - chocolate (3), tea, sugar
30. MACE – Granville Rd - chocolate (3), tea, sugar

Fairtrade Foundation, 5.7 The Loom, 14 Gower's Walk, London, E1 8PY. T: +44 (0)20 7405 5942

E: volunteer.towns@fairtrade.org.uk Registered charity number 1043886.

31. MACE – Ballygawley Rd - chocolate (3), tea, sugar
32. Poundland – Scotch St - chocolate (4), hot chocolate, sugar, coffee
33. Sainsbury's - Oaks Centre - multiple products
34. SPAR – Quarry Ln - chocolate (3), hot chocolate, coffee, sugar
35. SPAR – Ballynakilly Rd - chocolate (3), hot chocolate, coffee, sugar
36. SPAR – Gortmerron Link Rd - chocolate (3), hot chocolate, coffee, sugar
37. Tesco Superstore – Beech Valley – multiple products
38. SuperValu – Dungannon Rd – multiple products
39. Vivo – Granville Rd - chocolate (3), tea, sugar

MAGHERAFELT

40. B&M – Market St – chocolate (6), hot chocolate, sugar, coffee, spices
41. BOOTS – Meadow Lane Shopping Centre – chocolate (3) & beauty products (4)
42. Centra – Castledawson Rd - chocolate (4), tea, coffee
43. Centra – Market St - chocolate (4), tea, coffee
44. Costcutter – Magherafelt Rd - chocolate (2), tea, coffee
45. Costcutter – William Ct - chocolate (2), tea, coffee
46. Dunnes - Meadow Lane Shopping Centre
47. EuroSpar – Magherafelt Rd - chocolate (5), hot chocolate, coffee, sugar
48. Holland & Barrett - Meadow Lane Shopping Centre – variety of products
49. Lidl – Castledawson Rd – multiple products
50. MACE – Shore Rd – chocolate (3), tea, sugar
51. NISA – Ballyronan Rd - chocolate (2), tea, sugar
52. Poundland – Moneymore Rd - chocolate (4), hot chocolate, sugar, coffee
53. SPAR – Union Rd - chocolate (4), tea, sugar
54. SPAR – Moneymore Rd - chocolate (4), tea, sugar
55. Tesco Superstore – Ballyronan Rd – multiple products
56. The Kiosk - Meadow Lane Shopping Centre - chocolate (4)

Extra achievements

Retailers selling Fair Trade products:

Gordon's Chemists – Old Town St, Cookstown – make up brushes
 Gordon's Chemists - Scotch St – Dungannon – make up brushes
 Gordon's Chemists – Belvedere Pk, Dungannon – make up brushes
 Gordon's Chemists – Killyman St, Dungannon – make up brushes

Catering outlets selling Fair Trade products (Rain Forest Alliance certified coffee):

Costa Coffee – George's St - Dunganon
 Costa Coffee – Meadow Lane Shopping Centre, Magherafelt
 McDonalds – Sweep Rd, Cookstown
 McDonalds – Oaks Centre, Dungannon

Catering Outlets of FAIRTRADE – Three Main Towns

Catering outlets selling two or more Fairtrade Products (25):

COOKSTOWN

1. Marks and Spencer Cafe - Broadfields Retail Pk - coffee, sugar, chocolate, hot chocolate
2. Ground Espresso Bar – James St – coffee, chocolate
3. Cuppatino's – Oldtown St – coffee, chocolate
4. Brown Sugar – William St – coffee, chocolate
5. Lucy's Loft – Church St – hot chocolate, sugar
6. The Courtyard – William St – sugar, coffee
7. Otter Lodge – Dungannon Rd – chocolate (3), cocoa
8. TIME – James St – coffee, tea
9. Hanover House – Hanover Sq – sugar, spices, chocolate

DUNGANNON

10. Bob & Burts – Market Sq - St Patricks Ave – coffee, tea, chocolate

11. Sainsburys Cafe – Oak Centre - tea, coffee, bananas, sugar
12. Cafe Latte – Scotch St – coffee, sugar
13. Loft Coffee Bar – Linen Ct –hot chocolate, chocolate
14. Landi's – Irish St – sugar, coffee
15. La Scala Coffee House – Church St – coffee, hot chocolate
16. Cafe Halo – Northland Row – coffee, tea
17. Deli on the Green – Beechvalley Way – chocolate, sugar
18. Moy Larder – The Square – sugar, cocoa, spices
19. Jimmy's Cafe – The Square – chocolate (3)

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20. Ground Espresso Bar – Market St – coffee, chocolate
21. Viva Cafe – Meadow Lane Shopping Centre – tea, hot chocolate
22. The Diamond Espresso – Market St – coffee, hot chocolate
23. Sizzler's Restaurant – Market St – chocolate, cocoa
24. Vintage Tea Room – High St – tea, sugar
25. Maud's Parlour – Union St – coffee, hot chocolate

Goal 3: Fairtrade* products are used by an appropriate number of local work places (offices, shops, B&Bs etc.) and community organisations (faith communities, schools, universities etc).

For larger populations (over 100,000) a flagship employer is expected as well as the local authority listed under Goal 1.

Flagship Employer: Tesco Superstore – Orritor Rd, Cookstown

Tesco Superstore is the flagship store for the Council area based in Cookstown. It employs 340 staff and is the base for the area's Community Engagement Champion, educating local children on the "Farm to Fork" programme focusing on local and international sustainability with a large component on Fairtrade. They are active and have representation on our Fairtrade Steering Group as well as being the largest suppliers of Fairtrade products across their vast network of stores in Northern Ireland, providing us products for our events and school initiatives.

Details (Please include separate lists for work places, faith communities, educational establishments and other community organisations that are using Fairtrade products on their premises, specifying whether they have Fairtrade status and if not, how they are supporting Fairtrade. Give an estimation of the total number of schools and faith groups they are in your area so that we can calculate the proportion of which are supporting Fairtrade. Estimated staff numbers should be given for any flagship employer.):

Each school and church located in the Mid Ulster District Council has been written to by Council advising them of the Fairtrade District campaign, encouraging and signposting them to become Fairtrade accredited, the free online application process, complimentary resources and asking for them to advise us once registered and attained for our survey.

This has resulted in delivering approximately 40 presentations over the past decade focusing on our schools, churches and community organisation groups on Fairtrade. Please see letter below sent to all schools via the All Party Group on Fairtrade with a similar survey done with churches followed by telephone contact for non-respondents. This was carried out through Council, student intern, All Party Group on Fairtrade and the Fairtrade Steering Group.



ALL PARTY GROUP on FAIRTRADE

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Northern Ireland has become a Fairtrade devolved region. www.northernirelandfairtrade.org

Receiving Fairtrade accreditation means we in Northern Ireland are providing a commitment to disadvantaged producers in the developing world that grow many of the products we consume but not produced in Northern Ireland.

Fairtrade secures better prices, decent working conditions and fair business terms by tackling exploitation (human trafficking, child labour) and ensuring best agricultural practices. It offers a minimum price paid by importers and buyers to cover the cost of sustainable production plus an additional, premium designated for social and economic development in developing communities.

Fairtrade is standard practice in our churches and our experience is places of worship are already implementing Fairtrade with events during Fairtrade Fortnight. By taking a few easy steps it requires little effort to become a Fairtrade church. All resources, guidance and application are **free and online**. **To register and become a Fairtrade Church:** <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/in-your-community/faith-groups/fairtrade-churches>

With Mid Ulster Council working towards Fairtrade District status we require churches' participation as a main stakeholder. All 11 Councils have committed towards achieving Fairtrade accreditation status for their respective areas.

To complete our application, we are required to work with all churches to encourage them to become Fairtrade and thus require your help.

Can you please answer the following three questions?

- 1. Are you a registered Fairtrade church? If so, from what date?**
- 2. If not, can you please register online with the Fairtrade Foundation and work towards becoming a Fairtrade church?**
- 3. Do you serve any Fairtrade products at your meetings, events, staff room or after your services?**

It would be most appreciated if you could **email me** the reply from your church. The reply form is enclosed at the end of the letter.

Thank you and feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Dr Christopher Stange, Secretariat, All Party Group on Fairtrade (028) 9187 4697.

Through the All Party Group on Fairtrade correspondence was sent to the Department of Education as Fairtrade has been integrated into the national curriculum seeking the Minister as a champion to encourage schools to attain Fairtrade status across Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, the Department of Education's has stipulated it cannot be seen to endorse a specific initiative advising us to contact and work with each individual school on our own. There is no Government Department or Minister responsible for places of worship.

Northern Ireland has not had a functioning Executive with appointed Government Ministers since 2017. This has made it difficult to determine the exact status of each school and church, being a long drawn out process.

In the case of our District Council being one of the most rural areas in Northern Ireland many of the churches and schools are smaller in comparison and thus don't have the capacity or resources per Fairtrade. For example: several places of worship and schools don't have the provision or space for a meeting/canteen/staff room to provide Fairtrade products. However, we feel we have achieved the recommended 50% target of the total churches/places of worship in the District having achieved or actively towards the Fairtrade church status and 30% target of the total schools having become a Fairtrade school or actively working towards the status.

“Working towards” is a commitment they are serving Fairtrade products and holding events; in the case of schools: doing lessons and events during Fairtrade Fortnight, etc. We will continue to work with the churches and schools as a continued priority in our Action Plan (Page 31) to increase accreditation uptake over time. We feel this is something that will be an ongoing process that requires time as we cannot do more than signpost, provide encouragement and guidance being a voluntary initiative to become a Fairtrade church/place of worship, school or workplace.

Therefore, we feel we have achieved 60.4% of the total churches/places of worship (52 churches/places of worship out of 86 = 60.4%) either already becoming a Fairtrade church/place of worship or actively committed to working towards the Fairtrade status and 41.8% of the total schools (49 schools out of 117 = 41.8%) either already becoming a Fairtrade school, registered or actively committed to working towards the accreditation. There may be some schools or churches/places of worship who are engaged that we have not captured yet.

We also feel there will be more schools that will “organically” uptake Fairtrade through the eco-schools programme, Northern Ireland becoming a Fairtrade devolved region and our promotion across the District through the Fairtrade Steering Committee. We will report the continued activity through the renewal process and be a focus to increase Fairtrade accreditations of churches/places of worship and schools through our Action Plan.

Workplaces

All businesses, statutory bodies, voluntary, charity and community organisations with head offices or headquarters in Belfast, which have Fairtrade policies and supplying Fairtrade products by extension applies to satellite offices in our Borough. These include must not limited to:

- Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Fire Service
- Northern Ireland Prison Service and Youth Agency
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Equality Commission
- Prince's Trust
- Centre for Global Education
- Christian Aid
- Concern
- Oxfam
- Barnardo's
- Habitat for Humanity
- War on Want
- Trocaire

Fairtrade Workplaces specific to Mid Ulster District Council:

N/A – Please see above workplace listings.

Churches

Achieved, Registered and/or supporting-working towards Fairtrade status:

1. Magherafelt Free Presbyterian Church, Magherafelt
2. Castledawson Presbyterian Church
3. Curran Presbyterian Church
4. Cookstown Baptist Church
5. Church of the Nazarene, Desertmartin
6. Draperstown Presbyterian Church, Maghera
7. Magherafelt Baptist Church
8. Magherafelt Gospel Hall
9. Church of the Holy Family, Dunganoo
10. Magherafelt Independent Methodist Church
11. Magherafelt Reformed Baptist Church
12. Moneymore Congregational Church
13. St. John's Parish Church, Desertlyn
14. Tobermore Baptist Church
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17. First Magherafelt Presbyterian Church
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21. First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown
22. Molesworth Presbyterian Church
23. Derryloran Parish Church
24. Cookstown Methodist Church
25. Cookstown Elim Church
26. Donaghey Congregational Church
27. Claggan Presbyterian Church
28. Orritor Presbyterian Church & Assembly Hall
29. Kildress Parish Church
30. Lissan Parish Church
31. St. Andrews Church, Ardtrea
32. Coagh Baptist Church
33. Tullylagan Gospel Hall
34. Sandholes Presbyterian Church
35. Pomeroy Presbyterian Church
36. Albany Presbyterian Church
37. Lisnagleer Baptist Church
38. St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon
39. Magherafelt Methodist Church
40. Ballyscullion Parish Church, Bellaghy
41. Maghera Elim Church
42. Carndaisy Baptist Church
43. St. Mary's Church, Stewartstown
44. Vineyard Church, Dungannon
45. St. John the Baptist Church, Dungannon
46. Dungannon Independent Methodist Church
47. Carland Presbyterian Church
48. Holy Trinity Church, Cookstown
49. Church Of The Assumption, Magherafelt
50. St. Swithin's Church, Magherafelt
51. St Patrick's Church, Magherafelt
52. Derryloran Parish Church, Cookstown

Schools

**PS=Primary School; GS=Grammar School; HS=High School*

Achieved, Registered and/or supporting/working towards Fairtrade status:

1. Cookstown HS
2. Spires Integrated PS
3. St. Mary's GS
4. Woods PS
5. St. Colm's HS, Draperstown
6. Culnady PS
7. Ballylifford PS
8. Knockloughrim PS
9. St Patrick's PS, Dungannon
10. St. Mary's PS, Dunamore
11. Tobermore PS
12. Coagh PS
13. Carntall PS
14. Windmill Integrated PS
15. Howard PS
16. Bush PS
17. St. Mary's PS, Lisbuoy
18. Magherafelt Nursery
19. Castledawson PS
20. Magherafelt Controlled PS

21. Maghera PS
22. Kilcross PS
23. New Row PS
24. St. Columb's PS, Magherafelt
25. St. Eoghan's PS
26. St. Mary's PS, Draperstown
27. St. Mary's PS, Bellaghy
28. St. Brigid's PS, Knockloughrim
29. Holy Family PS, Magherafelt
30. Gaelscoil na Spéiríní
31. Moneymore PS
32. Aughnacloy PS
33. Moy Regional PS
34. Dungannon PS
35. Cookstown PS
36. Fivemiletown PS
37. Orritor PS
38. Killyman PS
39. Derrylatinee PS
40. Laghey PS
41. St. Patrick's PS, Donaghmore
42. St. Brigid's PS, Mountjoy
43. St. Mary's PS, Ballygawley
44. St. Joseph's PS, Killeenan
45. Holy Trinity PS, Cookstown
46. St. Patrick's College, Maghera
47. Sperrin Integrated College
48. The Royal School, Dungannon
49. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon

College

In December 2016, Colleges Northern Ireland (CNI) passed a Fairtrade Policy becoming a Fairtrade workplace encouraging each of the six individual Colleges, including Northern Regional College (NRC) and South West College (SWC) - our two Colleges within the Council District, to become a Fairtrade College through completion of the five goals. SWC and NRC already have a Fairtrade policy and products being served per catering services contract – Mount Charles Catering (please see letter below).

FAIRTRADE Policy

Mount Charles is committed to supporting Fair Trade wherever possible.



We recognise the need to support social justice and economic security in third world countries and acknowledge that our procurement policies and purchasing strategy impacts on the living conditions of many farmers. The Company will promote the sale of FAIRTRADE products by the following methods:

- Ensure FAIRTRADE is part of the Company Development Plan
- Propose and encourage our clients to use only FAIRTRADE Tea and Coffee for all Corporate Hospitality and in house events.
- Propose the inclusion of FAIRTRADE products such as tea, coffee and sugar in all our catering establishments to provide the opportunity for
- Incorporate the use of FAIRTRADE ingredients for cooking activities where possible.
- Ensure FAIRTRADE products are available throughout our vending services.
- Ensure FAIRTRADE products are made available to our contracts by our suppliers.
- Explore the use of other FAIRTRADE products for use in the support areas of our business.
- Promote FAIRTRADE within our contracts, particularly during FAIRTRADE Fortnight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. ...".

This policy is supported by: _____

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mount Charles Catering Ltd

The Mount Charles logo, featuring a stylized "MC" monogram above the words "MOUNT CHARLES".

MOUNT CHARLES

Any other progress or achievements (Include here places that support Fairtrade in other ways than using Fairtrade products and any ongoing or planned campaigns):

There has been considerable effort, initiatives, engagement and awareness of Fairtrade delivered across the District, promoting the various themes and campaign initiatives, particularly during Fairtrade Fortnight annually for many years.

Council and the Fairtrade Steering Committee combined has been the driver promoting the Fairtrade campaign to become part of the fabric of wider society. Various initiatives such as Fairtrade baking, Fairtrade challenges, schools' Fairtrade competitions/quizzes and supermarket visits, Fairtrade tasting events, Fairtrade coffee mornings and the Council running yearly Fairtrade Fortnight events, including questionnaires. We have partnered with local businesses involved in Fairtrade as well as internally with all staff to further Fairtrade awareness, utilising all media platforms, particularly Council's website and social media to capture and spread Fairtrade further into the community and across all age groups.

Please see sample of Fairtrade media coverage across the Council District in the next section.

Goal 4: Attract media coverage and popular support for the campaign. For the press, the story can be revived as each goal is achieved, organising a big splash for the Fairtrade declaration ceremony, and developing a strategy to keep it in the news long after. This will also enable local businesses and organisations to benefit from their involvement.

Details (Please include separate lists for events organised and media coverage attracted with dates and copies of any press articles or promotional materials produced):

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Primary Schools enjoy Council Fairtrade event



The Chair of Mid Ulster District Council, Councillor Sean McPeake is pictured with Yvonne Zellmann, Mid Ulster District Council and pupils from St Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon, at the Fairtrade event.

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Read all about how the Fairtrade Bake off went yesterday and see more pictures from all the tasting!
Well done to everyone who took part and all our winners.
Thank you to the Eco Team and Miss Mullin for another fantastic eco event this year!

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4th Mar 2019
Fairtrade Schools Event at the Hill of The O'Neill and Rathfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre Dungannon.
Pupils from Ballylifford PS and Coagh PS enjoyed a wonderful morning at the event, finding out more information regards Fairtrade, various workshops and the children also enjoyed Fairtrade snacks and refreshments.
Thank you to Mid Ulster Council for the invitation.



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Local Primary School Pupils enjoy Council Fairtrade event

11 March 2019

Over eighty pupils and teachers from seven Primary Schools in Mid Ulster attended a school's event last week to mark Fairtrade Fortnight which took place from 25 February – 10 March.

The event organised by Mid Ulster District Council, took place at the Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon and focused on; where our foods come from, the effort it takes to grow, the concept of Fairtrade and making ethical decisions when shopping.

Fairtrade Fortnight helps to create awareness among local people about the farmers in the Third World who are struggling to meet their needs through agriculture. Fairtrade means a decent and justified price is paid for foods such as tea, coffee, cocoa and bananas, matching the cost of production to bring farmers a sustainable income.

At the event the children enjoyed practical activities including: making pomander balls with Fairtrade cloves, sowing peas and planting seed potatoes with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). This demonstrated how they could grow their own foods, as well as gaining a deeper understanding and empathy for the people who grow our foods all over the world.

Speaking at the event, Chair of the Council, Councillor Sean McPeake said:

"Mid Ulster District Council is committed to supporting the Fairtrade campaign and actively promotes the purchase of products with the Fairtrade Mark including the use of Fairtrade

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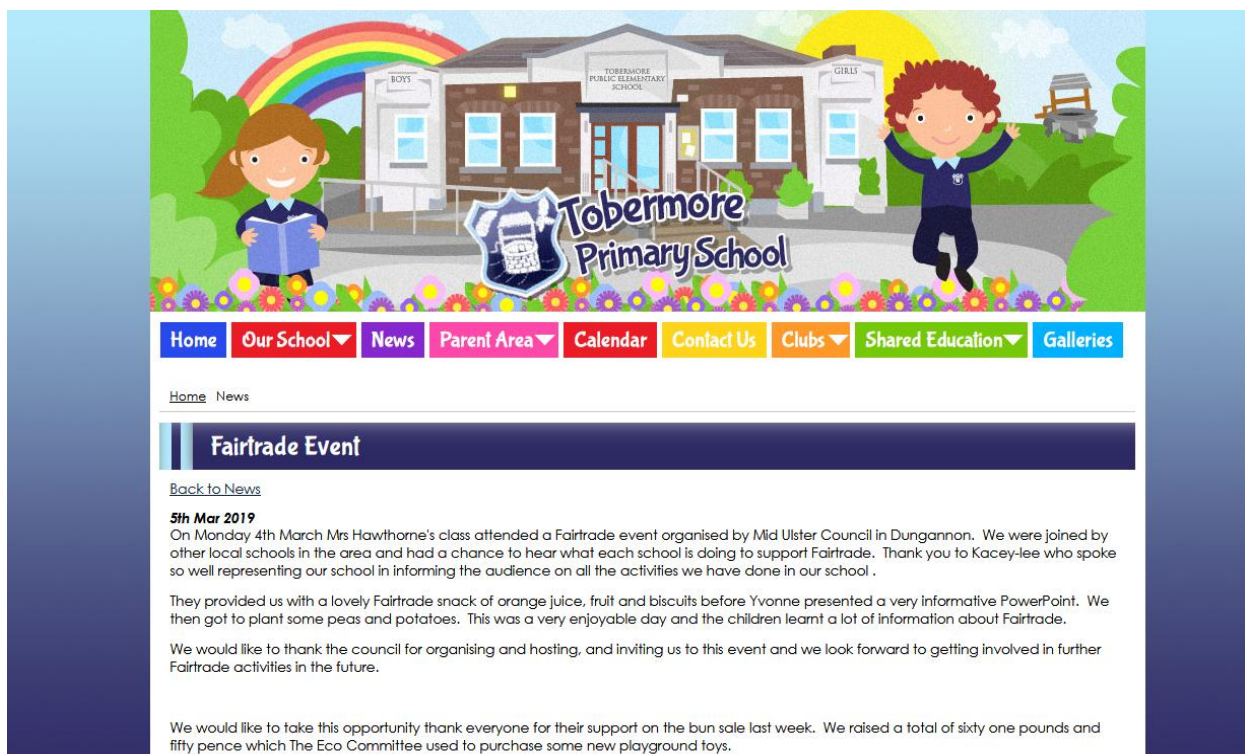
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Thanks to Mid Council who invited our P6 and P7 pupils to the Fairtrade Fortnight event in Dungannon. Pupils took part in practical workshops all about the importance of Fairtrade.



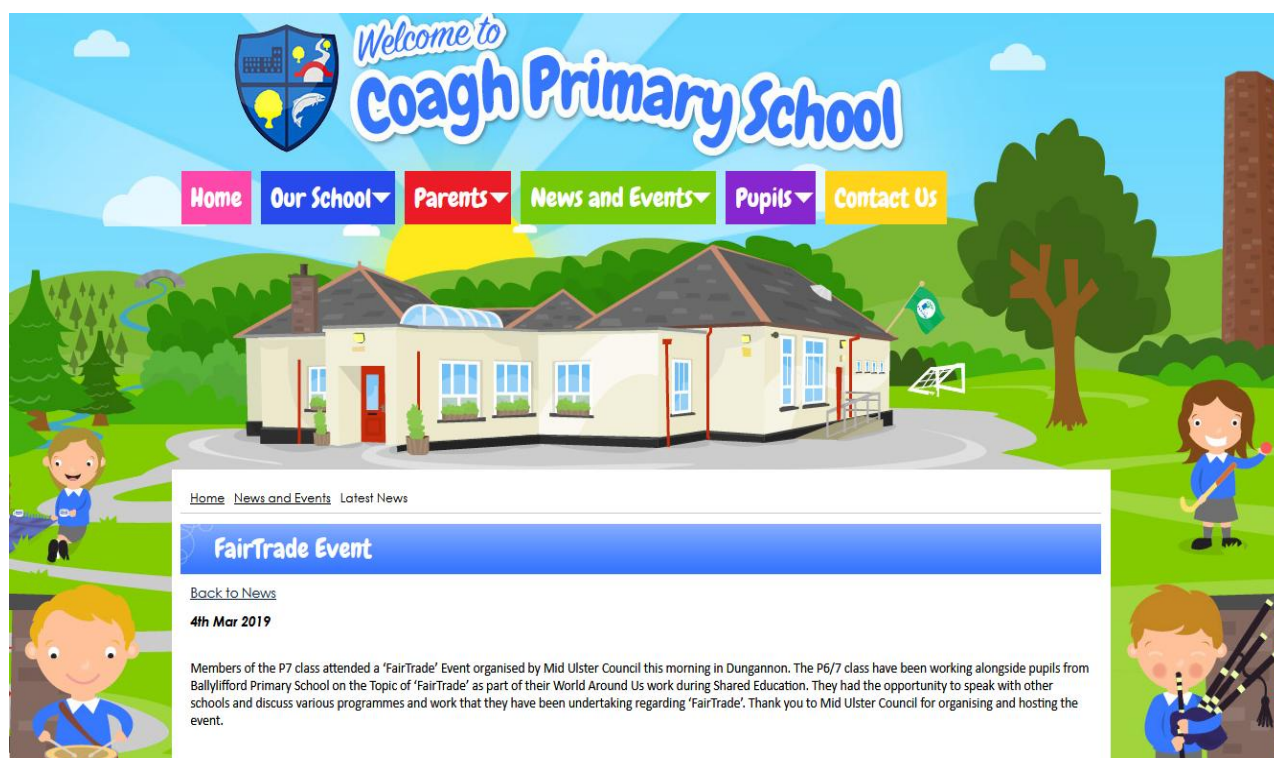
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Local students get to 'Meet the Producer' at Council Fairtrade event

01 March 2018

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The event, organised by Mid Ulster District Council, took place at Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon and the theme was 'Meet the Producer'.

Students had the opportunity to hear from Fairtrade producer and Chairman of WOFA (WSSS Organic Farmers Fairtrade Association), John Joseph, farmer of coffee and spices in India.

Mr Joseph, founder of WOFA, an ordained Priest and qualified lawyer, gave participants an interesting insight into rural life in his native community and how Fairtrade played a role in changing the lives of Indian farmers and producers for the better.

Students were then given the chance to put their questions to Mr Joseph which led to much interesting conversation. Questions included: "How has your life changed since becoming a Fairtrade farmer?", "Why do farmers not get paid enough?", and "Does the Fairtrade premium help farmers to purchase machinery?"

Participants also heard from Kevin McCullough, Head of Campaigns with the Fairtrade

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FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT



The Eco Committe had the challenge of running the Fair Trade Fortnight activities.

Some Eco Committee members went to a Fair Trade conference for schools in Cookstown during Fair Trade Fortnight.



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'Meet the Fairtrade Producer'



Participating students are pictured with the Chair of Mid Ulster District Council, Councillor Kim Ashton; John Joseph, Fairtrade farmer and producer in India; Kevin McCullough, Head of Campaigns with the Fairtrade Foundation; and Yvonne Zellmann, Mid Ulster District Council.

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To read more about this story go to: <https://goo.gl/bLCgfy>
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Local students get to 'Meet the Producer' at Council Fairtrade event

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Monday, March 5th, 2018 6:43am

By Grainne Connolly [@grainne555](#)

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Forty pupils and 10 teachers from 10 local Primary and Post-Primary Schools in Mid Ulster attended a schools event this week to mark Fairtrade Fortnight which takes place from 26 February – 11 March.

The event, organised by Mid Ulster District Council, took place at Hill of The O'Hall, Dungannon and the theme was



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Nursery's Fairtrade Breakfast

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16th Mar 2018

We had a lovely morning at Nursery as our mummies, daddies, nannies, granddads, little brothers and sisters joined us for breakfast. We welcomed them to our breakfast with a little verse and some of us held the letters that make up the word 'FAIRTRADE'. We then said grace before having snack. We had fairtrade tea, fairtrade coffee, fairtrade bananas, organic apples, organic oranges, muffins, pancakes, toast, fairtrade jam and fairtrade buns (made by the boys and girls with fairtrade dairy milk chocolate and fairtrade smarties). When we were leaving we all got some fairtrade malters. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to join us for breakfast. We hope you were all impressed at how independent we are when having snack.

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Fairtrade - don't believe the naysayers

Rev. Steve Stockman

8.3.2018 | Thought on Thursday, Church Life

It may not have escaped your notice that the last two weeks have been #fairtrade fortnight which runs from 26th February – 11th March. Many of our congregations have taken the step to become 'Fairtrade Places of Worship', which means that they have committed to a number of things: using Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for meetings, moving forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit), promoting Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year whenever possible. Convinced of its merits, Rev. Steve Stockman shares his experience of how Fairtrade has changed the life of a woman and her family in South Africa.

No matter what the good and worthy cause is, there are always naysayers. Fairtrade has had its fair share of critics. Critics argue 'it doesn't work' or 'it makes things worse' but they are wrong.

On one of my trips to South Africa, I saw the stark contrast between a vineyard that is Fairtrade and one that isn't. On one side of the fence were beautifully painted houses, groomed gardens, a school and a play area. But on the other side of the fence were dirty, faded, paint peeling houses. There was no colour, no energy, no pride and no sense of hopefulness.

Insecurity

Let me introduce you to Lola. Lola grew up on a vineyard in the Western Cape, South Africa. The vineyard workers are of the lowest class in South Africa and



<http://www.midulstercouncil.org/Council/News/Council-promotes-Fairtrade-at-Schools%E2%80%99-Event>



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Council promotes Fairtrade at Schools' Event

10 March 2017

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The event organised by Mid Ulster District Council took place at Cookstown Leisure Centre and was attended by P6, P7, Year 8 and Year 9 students from schools across the district.

The purpose of the event was to get students thinking about the importance of supporting Fairtrade and about the impact their actions have all across the world.

Buying products with the Fairtrade Mark supports farmers and workers in developing countries as they work to improve their lives and their communities.

The Fairtrade Mark on a product shows that it meets international Fairtrade standards which were established to support the sustainable development of small-scale producers and workers in the poorest countries of the world.

The standards include protection of workers' rights and the environment, payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price that covers the cost of sustainable production and an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.

Students heard first-hand how supporting Fairtrade can really benefit and improve the lives of farmers and coffee producers in the developing world. Haris Ulises Lopez Picado, a coffee and cocoa producer from the Soppexcca cooperative in Nicaragua spoke about his life and the difference Fairtrade has made to him, his family and his community.



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Fair Trade

Woods Primary School are proud to support Fair Trade. We have achieved the Fair Trade Award which recognises the school's excellent work in this area.

We have Fair Trade links in a number of our World Around Us Topics which helps the children to develop a greater understanding of this work. The children enjoy hearing from special speakers from time to time who remind us about the importance of supporting Fair Trade.

Our staff support Fair Trade in the staff room when they enjoy drinking Fair Trade tea and coffee as well as the occasional chocolate Kit Kat, which displays the Fair Trade Mark.

We use Fair Trade tea and coffee at our coffee mornings/evenings for parents and enjoy the Fair Trade Tuck shop every other year as part of Fair Trade Fortnight Celebrations.

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P5 Fairtrade Mural
11th May 2015
P5 class made a mural of the Fairtrade logo using wrappers of Fairtrade items.
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Fair Trade Topic
26th Mar 2015
P5 have been finding out all about Fairtrade. We know that when we go shopping we...
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Posted on 10th March 2017

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MACRORY CUP HOPE FOR ST MARY'S

Posted on 15th March 2017

St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt is hoping that it will be third time lucky for the school when its senior football team meet St. Colman's College, Newry in the final of the Danske Bank Ulster Schools' MacRory Cup competition in Armagh on St. Patrick's Day. Having previously made it to the final of the competition in 1996 and 2003, St. Mary's has yet to enjoy a MacRory Cup victory but there is optimism within the school that this could change this year.

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Culnady Primary is a lovely rural school situated in the middle of Culnady, 2 miles from Maghera. Our motto is simple- Learn, Achieve & Have Fun With Everyone!

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Joined January 2015
53 Photos and videos

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We are delighted to have achieved an award for all our efforts in learning about and promoting Fairtrade. @FairtradeUK



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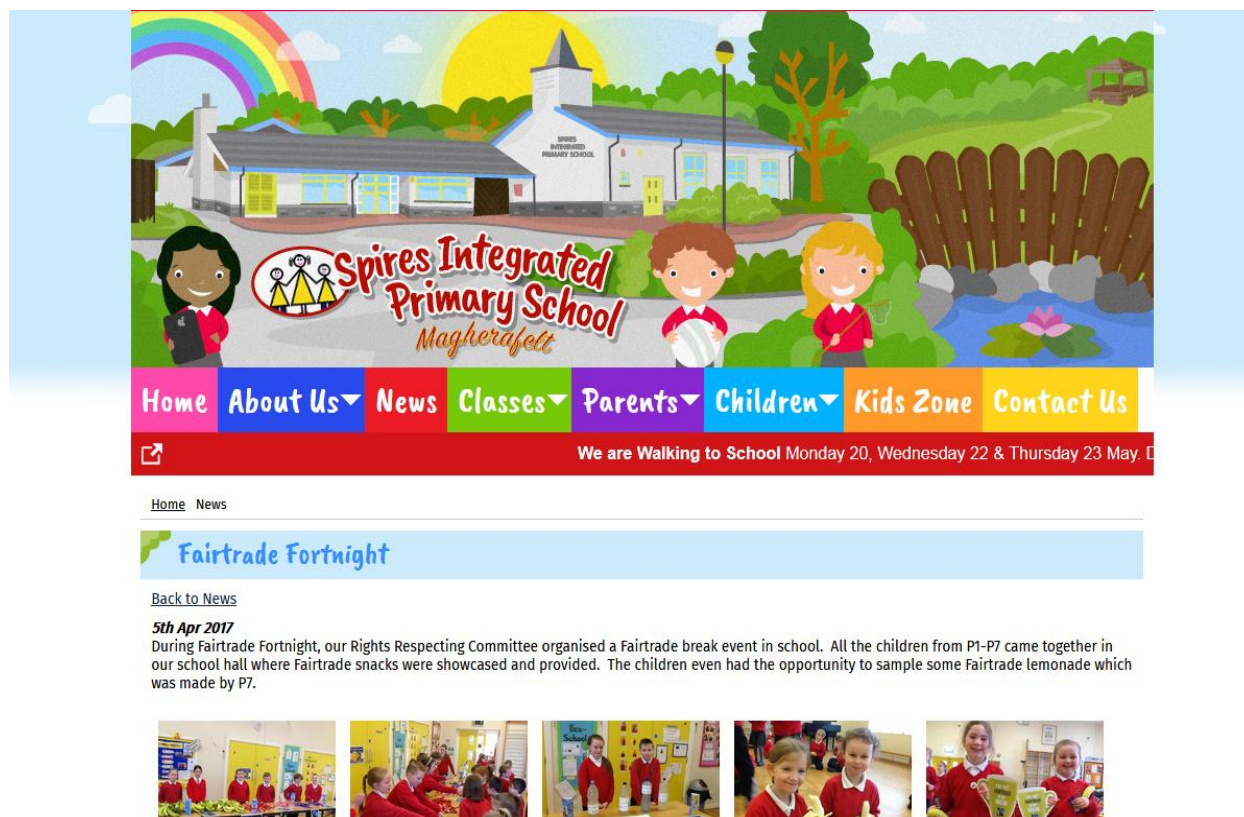
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<http://www.spiresips.org.uk/news/fairtrade-fortnight>



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We are Walking to School Monday 20, Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 May.

Fairtrade Fortnight

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5th Apr 2017
During Fairtrade Fortnight, our Rights Respecting Committee organised a Fairtrade break event in school. All the children from P1-P7 came together in our school hall where Fairtrade snacks were showcased and provided. The children even had the opportunity to sample some Fairtrade lemonade which was made by P7.



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18th May 2016

FairAware is the first Fairtrade Schools Award and it involves finding out where our school is in terms of understanding Fairtrade and using Fairtrade products. Led by Dr. Kane in the Geography department, Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to complete questionnaires and engage in a range of lessons and activities to raise awareness of Fairtrade issues and products.

The aim of the award is to support young people and the whole school community to learn about trade, Fairtrade and the FAIRTRADE Mark, to celebrate our school achievements around Fairtrade and to promote Fairtrade certified products within our school community.

Well done, Year 10!



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Fairtrade Fortnight Schools' Event

By Visit Cookstown · Updated about 2 years ago

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The purpose of the event was to get students thinking about the importance of supporting Fairtrade and about the impact their actions have all across the world.

For more information go to, <https://goo.gl/yJe62A>



<http://www.spiretips.org.uk/news/each-class-created-a-display-to-celebrate-fairtrade-fortnight>



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Each class created a display to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight.

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International School Partnerships


International Visits

Extra-Curricular Activities +

Community Relations, Equality and Diversity

Careers and Employability +

International Dimension



It is part of the St. Mary's vision that pupils will be supported and encouraged to develop as global citizens.

As a school, we recognise our responsibility to ensure that our young people are educated to become global citizens who are fully aware of the world within which they live and in which they will eventually work. We aim to empower pupils to meet the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing global society. It is important that the young people of today develop an understanding of a range of global issues so that they may be fully prepared for tomorrow's world.

At St. Mary's, we understand that the International Dimension is an increasingly important aspect of school education. Over a number of years, we have focused on enhancing this aspect of our provision. As an outward-looking school, we are always keen to develop partnerships, to work with and learn from others beyond the boundaries of our school. This is an attribute that we encourage in our pupils, not least in our efforts to

<https://www.windmillips.com/galleries/p5-find-out-about-fair-trade-468>



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Media Interviews:

Downtown Radio – Fairtrade Fortnights 2016 and 2017/9

Radio Ulster – Fairtrade Fortnight 2015, 2016 and 2017/9

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Any other progress or achievements:

Please see sample pictures of our most recent Fairtrade Fortnight activities involving Fairtrade producers provided by the Fairtrade Foundation / Fairtrade Ireland across the District below:



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Goal 5: A local Steering Group is convened to ensure progress and continued commitment to the campaign. This should ideally include a council representative, campaigners, and people representing the area's schools, churches and businesses. The group is responsible for an annual assessment to monitor whether the area is continuing to meet the five goals. The group organises special events for Fairtrade Fortnight in March each year.

Name of Steering Group: Mid Ulster Fairtrade Steering Group

Date of first meeting: Dungannon (2010); Combined – Entire District (2018-2019)

How often is the Group presently meeting? Two times per year with a focus each year on Fairtrade Fortnight.

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Details of Steering Group (Please include a list of members with contact details, roles and any organisations they may represent):

Please note that every Fairtrade Steering Group and campaign is going to be different, especially when your Council area has such a rural geography. There is no set requirement for a minimum number of members as long as the group is functional, having representatives from both the public and private sector.

Cllr. (Chairperson) – from Mid Ulster District Council Request for nomination at Council or appropriate Committee for 2 elected members (d'Hondt system? or what method Council adopts)

*(The Chairperson is decided amongst Cllrs. when Steering Group meets). May wish to rotate annually? Add details and email.

Vice-Chair – private member (decided at Steering Group meeting). Add details and email.

Yvonne Zellman (Secretary) – Sustainability Officer, Mid Ulster District Council
yvonne.zellmann@midulstercouncil.org

Raymond Lowry – Head of Technical Services, Mid Ulster District Council
raymond.lowry@midulstercouncil.org

**MUDC – Council side - named individual or a delegate from specific section in the Council
Suggestions as may decide not to do these all.**

Delegate from Procurement

Delegate from other 4 main Committees at MUDC or Democratic Services

Delegate from Communications/Media/Marketing – great to have for events, PR, issuing press releases/social media.

Nomination to Council for a minimum of two elected representatives to sit on the Fairtrade steering group although is open to all elected members (please see above).

Outside Council section:

Dr Christopher Stange – Consulate General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines & Secretariat of the All Party Group on Fairtrade stangeccg@svgconsulate.vc

Suggestions as may not decide to do these all. It is as simple as telephoning and asking to speak with the person. Then per GDPR ask if can have their details to send a formal invite. This has to be done on Council's end as you know your Council area best and your campaign.

Fairtrade Business Rep?

Ground Espresso Bar, etc Head Office Ballymena 028 2766 8516

Supermarket Rep

Community Engagement Champion or "Farm to Fork" Programme – Tesco, Sainbury's, Marks and Spencer, LIDL. I would suggest starting with Tesco in Cookstown as most likely meetings will be held in Cookstown as middle distance between the other major towns of Dungannon and Magherafelt?

Schools Rep

Suggest a Fairtrade school that has already achieved Fairtrade school and is very motivated. Cookstown HS or Culnady PS have expressed an interest.

Church Rep

My understanding is there is a churches Forum in both Cookstown and Dungannon can extend an invite?

Colleges Rep

With NRC and SWC seeking College Fairtrade status ask for a delegate to be appointed via Principal/Catering to attend the Steering Group.

Any other Private Individuals keen in the area or involved in international or overseas work?

Future plans (Please identify any future plans and areas that you would like to focus on for the next year):

Please see attached Terms of Reference for Fairtrade Steering Group and a welcome letter used at the other Councils to issue from Council on letterhead to all individuals to set up the first entire District Fairtrade meeting.

Future plans (Please identify any future plans and areas that you would like to focus on for the next year): Please see Action Plan main points below for 2019-2021:

- Work with schools, colleges, churches/places of worship, workplaces, etc and those “working towards” the Fairtrade status to complete their Fairtrade status.
- Continue internal promotion to staff via all communication methods to keep the message of Fairtrade highlighted.
- Investigate procurement and extension of Fairtrade product range to include other items at Council events, vending and functions, if applicable.
- Investigate to update existing Welcome signs to Fairtrade District or Fairtrade Town Status if approved.
- Work with other local Councils either already achieved City, Borough or District status or working towards sharing best practice models. Maybe all meet once a year for regional conference.
- Potential to review procurement and tendering in consultation with other Councils on Fairtrade regionally, if applicable.
- Organise events internally to encourage staff and members to make their own personal commitment to Fairtrade. Particular emphasis during Fairtrade Fortnight.
- Continue to utilise Council's website to promote Fairtrade and publicise in Council's media (magazine) and through social media.
- Continue to recruit and welcome new members to the Fairtrade Steering Group.

*When referring to Fairtrade Towns, Fairtrade products (i.e. products which carry the FAIRTRADE Mark) and Fairtrade in any context relating to the Fairtrade Foundation, Fairtrade should always be written as one word with a capital 'F'.

	1. Group member	2. Group member	3. Local authority
Signed	Cllr	Add	Yvonne Zellman
Name	Cllr	Add	Yvonne Zellman
Position/organisation	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson	Secretary
Phone number	Add	Add	03000 132 132
Date	Add	Add	Add

If this document is submitted in electronic format it can be deemed to be signed by the names given above.



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To declare Northern Ireland a Fairtrade region the following criteria need to be fulfilled:

- All cities and at least 55% of local authorities to have Fairtrade status;
- All local authority areas and at least 55% of towns with a population of 6,000 or more to have active Fairtrade groups working towards Fairtrade status;
- At least 60% of higher education institutions to have active Fairtrade groups working towards Fairtrade status;
- Parliament/Assembly and Government to use, promote and make available Fairtrade products internally, and to actively promote Fairtrade Fortnight each year;
- Fairtrade to be promoted in schools through the curriculum, procurement and other possible means;
- Schools, Further Education Institutions, Faith Groups, Trade Unions, business networks, voluntary and youth organisations to pledge to use and promote Fairtrade.

On 19 June 2017 Northern Ireland WAS declared A Fairtrade Devolved Region at a ceremony in the Great Hall, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, having completed the above criteria

THE PLAN

FAIRTRADE in NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland CITIES and TOWNS (6,000 or greater)

[Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency \(NISRA\)](#)

Five goals to achieve Fairtrade Town status:

1. Each local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens);
2. At least four products or two Fairtrade product ranges had to be readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, supermarkets, newsagents, cafe's, petrol stations, etc).
3. Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools, universities, colleges and other community organisations) support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible. Populations over 100,000 will also need a flagship employer;
4. Media coverage and events to raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community;
5. Establish a local Fairtrade Steering Committee with members of all sections of the community, including government to ensure continued commitment;

CITIES - Five in total – ALL 5 COMPLETED

1. [Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council](#)
Armagh – Achieved 2017
2. [Belfast City Council](#)
Belfast – Achieved 2005
3. [Derry City and Strabane District Council](#)
Derry/Londonderry – Achieved 2014
4. [Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council](#)
Lisburn – Achieved 2017
5. [Newry, Mourne and Down District Council](#)
Newry - Achieved 2008

Borough/District or City Fairtrade Status (Entire Council Boundary)

TOWNS (6,000 or greater) - 36 in total – 28 Completed

1. [Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE BOROUGH - Renewed to 08 March 2021
 - Antrim – Achieved 2010
 - Ballyclare – Achieved 2015
 - Newtownabbey Zone including Carnmoney, Glengormley, Jordanstown, Monkstown, Whiteabbey, Whitehouse and Whitewell) – Achieved 2015
2. [Ards and North Down Borough Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE BOROUGH - Renewed to 02 July 2020
 - Bangor – Achieved 2011
 - Comber - Achieved 2017
 - Donaghadee – Achieved 2017
 - Holywood - Achieved 2017
 - Newtownards - Achieved 2017
3. [Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE BOROUGH - Renewed to 26 April 2019
 - Banbridge Zone including Dromore, Gilford, Loughbrickland, Rathfriland and Kinallen – Achieved 2012
 - Craigavon, Lurgan and Portadown including Tandragee, Markethill, Pontzpass, Keady, Richill, Hamiltonsbawn and Waringstown - Achieved 2017
4. [Belfast City Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE CITY/BOROUGH - Renewed to 15 February 2020

5. [Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council](#)
APPLICATION SUBMITTED (June 2019) – FAIRTRADE BOROUGH
 - Ballycastle - Currently working towards
 - Ballymoney – Currently working towards
 - Coleraine - Currently working towards
 - Limavady - Currently working towards
 - Portrush - Currently working towards
 - Portstewart – Currently working towards
 - Rathlin Island - Achieved 2013
6. [Derry City and Strabane District Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE DISTRICT - Renewed to 05 September 2020
 - Strabane - Achieved 2017
7. [Fermanagh and Omagh District Council](#)
COMPLETED Goals 1, 2 & 4
 - Enniskillen - Currently working towards
 - Omagh – Currently working towards
8. [Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE CITY - Renewed to 16 July 2020
 - Carryduff – Achieved 2017
 - Dundonald – Achieved 2008
 - Hillsborough/Culcavy – Achieved 2017
 - Moira - Achieved 2017
9. [Mid and East Antrim Borough Council](#)
COMPLETED Goals 1 & 2
 - Ballymena - Currently working towards
 - Carrickfergus – Currently working towards
 - Larne – Currently working towards
10. [Mid Ulster District Council](#)
COMPLETED Goals 1, 2, 3 & 4
 - Cookstown - Currently working towards
 - Dungannon - Currently working towards
 - Magherafelt - Currently working towards
11. [Newry, Mourne and Down District Council](#)
COMPLETED - FAIRTRADE DISTRICT - 20 November 2018 – Renewal: 20 November 2019
 - Ballynahinch - Achieved 2018
 - Downpatrick - Achieved 2018
 - Newcastle - Achieved 2018
 - Saintfield – Achieved 2018
 - Warrenpoint – Achieved 2009

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

All [Nine Departments](#) and the Northern Ireland Office at the Ministerial level have committed to and implementing the following four points:

1. making it clear in tender documentation that Fair Trade products will be welcomed with appropriate preference amongst the products being supplied in accordance with CPD and EU Directorates;
2. working with supplier to increase Fair Trade products provided post contract, with subsequent review of procurement with the view to expand the range;
3. use Fair Trade tea & coffee, and potentially sugar for staff, meetings and hospitality;
4. communicate the above commitments and appropriate guidance across its own Department, staff, agencies and all related bodies/forums in support of Fairtrade.

UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

- [Queen's University Belfast](#) – Achieved 2006
 - [St. Mary's University College](#) – Achieved 2009
 - [Ulster University](#) – Achieved 2012
 - [Stranmillis University College](#) - Achieved 2018
 - [The Open University](#) - Achieved 2018
 - [Colleges Northern Ireland](#) - Achieved 2016
- Each Individual College - Currently working towards



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All Party Group (APG) on FAIRTRADE
Annual General Meeting (AGM) under APN 173-17/22

Date: 11th June 2019

Venue: Parliament Buildings, Stormont - Room 29

Time: 14:00 (2:00 p.m.)

Meeting commenced at 14:00

Steven Agnew (SA) MLA – Green; Emma Rogan (ER) MLA - Sinn Féin; Jim Wells (JW) MLA – DUP; Christopher Stange (CS) – Secretariat / Consulate General for St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Chris Lyttle (CL) MLA – Alliance; John Blair (JB) MLA – Alliance; John Dallat (JD) MLA – SDLP; Robin Swann (RS) MLA – UUP.

Apologies: Stewart Dickson (SD) MLA – Alliance; Claire Hanna (CH) MLA – SDLP; Conor Murphy (CM) MLA - Sinn Féin; Mike Nesbitt (MN) MLA - UUP; Naomi Long (NL) MLA – Alliance (MEP) - Elected to the European Parliament.

Previous minutes agreed without revision. Proposed – JW; Seconded – SA.

Welcome and Update

SA (Chairperson) welcomed members. CS updated members on Fairtrade accreditations across Northern Ireland.

As of June 2019:

100% - All five cities have achieved Fairtrade status.

100% - All nine Government Departments and the UK Government (Northern Ireland Office) pledged support and provide Fairtrade products internally for meetings, hospitality and staff.

100% - All 11 local authorities/councils have active Fairtrade groups working towards Fairtrade status.

73% - Eight of the 11 local authorities/councils have achieved or renewed entire council-wide Fairtrade (Borough/District/City) status, to include cities and all major towns. This includes place of faith, schools and businesses across Northern Ireland.

78% - 28 of our 36 main towns have achieved Fairtrade status.

100% - Our 1 Island has achieved Fairtrade status.

100% - All of our universities have achieved Fairtrade status.

Full details can be found at: <https://www.northernirelandfairtrade.org/projects> Scroll down to PLAN.

5 Goals to Attain Fairtrade Town Status:

1. Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and agrees to serve Fairtrade products (for example, in meetings, offices and canteens).

2. At least four Fairtrade product ranges are readily available in the area's retail outlets (shops, supermarkets, newsagents and petrol stations) and two products served in local catering outlets (cafés, restaurants, pubs).
3. Local workplaces and community organisations (places of worship, schools, universities, colleges and other community organisations) support Fairtrade and use Fairtrade products whenever possible. Populations over 100,000 will also need a flagship employer.
4. Media coverage and events raise awareness and understanding of Fairtrade across the community.
5. Set up a local Fairtrade Steering Committee with members of all sections of the community, including government to ensure continued commitment.

Fairtrade progress of remaining three local authorities/councils, including the remaining eight main towns:

CS advised been working with the three remaining councils as directed in allocating extra resources to complete their application. The arrangement was to work with each council in the respective order of history/legacy involvement on Fairtrade and the work done to date in completing the five goals.

1. **Mid Ulster Council – Fairtrade District (Towns: Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt).** Application completed (Goals 1,2,3 & 4). Goal 5 required, which needs to be done from council's end in nominating two elected members to the group and conveying a Fairtrade Steering Group in order to submit the application. Terms of Reference and Invite Steering Group templates been sent to lead officer.
2. **Fermanagh & Omagh - Fairtrade District (Towns: Enniskillen & Omagh).** Goals 1,2, & 4 completed and currently working on finishing Goal 3. Goal 5 will be required in due course once Goal 3 is completed, which needs to be done from council's end in nominating two elected members to the group and conveying a Fairtrade Steering Group in order to submit the application. Terms of Reference and Invite Steering Group templates will be sent to lead officer.
3. **Mid and East Antrim – Fairtrade Borough (Towns: Ballymena, Carrickfergus & Larne).** No prior history of Fairtrade. Goals 1 & 2 completed.

Members raised the question why there has not been more significant progress from the last review to complete the application in line with the other councils across Northern Ireland to play their part on sustainable development, seeking clarification on any obstacles. CS explained that every council is a different campaign. Due the rural nature of the above councils, minimal or no legacy on Fairtrade from the extant councils, job share as the lead officers on Fairtrade in relation to progress there are some difficulties. That is why extra resources were allocated to assist in completing the audits, particularly Goals 2 & 3, which require the most effort.

Action: CS to write letters and work with lead officers in completing applications. There is no reason why both councils 1 & 2 above cannot have their applications submitted in the coming months. Council 3 will require more time (2020). Due to recent council elections, if progress is not being made, members guided CS to write to the Chief Executive and full council (all elected members) seeking explanation as council agreed a resolution to complete the Fairtrade campaign and resources have been allocated to assist them in completing the application.

Correspondence received from The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, DAERA and Head of Civil Service, TEO on Fairtrade, request for support (Stormont - secondment of staff, business plan, legislation on Fairtrade), which highlighted the need for restoration of Stormont to progress. JW advised to contact Janet Hughes – Secretariat, NIA Commission about staff secondment to assist, but would only be an interim solution as personnel would

return to normal role(s) once Stormont restored. **Action: To be reviewed at the next meeting.**

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020

Dates to be announced in late autumn. 2020 will mark 25 years of the Fairtrade certification.

Action: CS to submit a Fairtrade producer request to the Fairtrade Foundation for a one week tour of Northern Ireland during Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 and communicate with all councils.

AGM (Election of Officers)

CS (assumed Chairperson) to receive all nominations. Members agreed to the following for 2019-2020 term with a resignation received from Naomi Long (NL) MLA – Alliance (MEP) – having been elected to the European Parliament. Her successor has the option as any member of the Northern Ireland Assembly to join the group at a later stage.

Officers of the Group for 2019-2020

Chairperson: Steven Agnew MLA - Green

Vice-Chairperson: Emma Rogan MLA - Sinn Féin

Secretary: Stewart Dickson MLA - Alliance

Treasurer: Jim Wells MLA - DUP

Group Members

Chris Lyttle MLA – Alliance

John Blair MLA - Alliance

John Dallat MLA – SDLP

Claire Hanna MLA - SDLP

Conor Murphy MLA - Sinn Féin

Robin Swann MLA – UUP

Mike Nesbitt MLA - UUP

ACTIONS:

CS to submit completed APG on FAIRTRADE AGM return form to SA to sign as Chairperson and his office submit to NIA Standards and Privileges to update, including the website: <http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/mlas/apgdetails.aspx?&cid=1089>

Meeting ended at 14:40

Date of next meeting

Date to be determined

Venue: Parliament Buildings, Stormont



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Mr Raymond Lowry - Head of Technical Services

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20 June 2019

Dear Mr Lowry,

RE: FAIRTRADE District application

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the All Party Group on Fairtrade and the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to extend our compliments to Mid Ulster District Council, kindly seeking your assistance in the following matter.

In relation to the previous letter sent dated 23 May 2019 and email reply received from Miss Yvonne Zellman on June 05, 2019, for Goal 2 – audit of retailers and catering. There is no requirement for a new survey to delay the process. Mid Ulster has dramatically exceeded the recommended targets, so any changes which should be very few if any, would have no influence on the overall application and accurate as of that date.

We are directed by the All Party Group on Fairtrade as the Secretariat. Concern has been raised to the progress being made on completing the application related to the legacy of Fairtrade in the District and resolution passed by your Council (2017), which is referenced at the end of this letter.

A tremendous amount of effort has been put in to complete each of the four Goals, collectively by everyone. Until the application is submitted and the Fairtrade District status conferred none of the work conducted over the past 15+ years can be formally recognised. With eight of our 11 Council areas attained Fairtrade status, we were asked to allocate extra resources to assist the remaining three Councils to complete their applications in order of how close they were to completion.

Please see the attached minutes from last week's All Party Group on Fairtrade's Annual General Meeting related to Mid Ulster and directed Actions (Page 2).

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Mid Ulster's application is now completed (Goals 1-4), updated as of today and enclosed.

However, the application cannot be submitted without the remaining **Goal 5: A local Steering Group is convened to ensure progress & continued commitment to the campaign.**

This last outstanding requirement to achieve Fairtrade status has to be completed on Council's end through your staff, detailed below (3 steps) and highlighted in red on Goal 5 of the application. This is the simplest of all the steps, requires very little effort or time but needs a sample of public and private sector persons to be on the Steering Group. Again there is no minimum requirement of people as long as a mixed representation.

Steps required to complete Goal 5 (in order):

- 1. Request at Council or appropriate Committee for 2 members (minimum) to be nominated to the Fairtrade Steering Group with one of these assuming the Chairperson role (Then list on First and Last Page of the application (Person 1).**
- 2. Make personal contact with those persons outside of Council within Mid Ulster District that are involved in Fairtrade (supermarkets, charities, businesses, schools, etc) or have an interest in Fairtrade to join the Steering Group. Do not have to cover all of these sectors but extend the opportunity to join. The Steering Group even if starts out small other people always suggest persons and naturally grows.**
- 3. Set a date ASAP and issue a formal invite (template attached on Council letterhead) to all persons with Terms of Reference (attached) from the lead person at the Council's email. When we all meet can fill in the last sections of Goal 5.**


Once the application is submitted it takes approximately six-eight weeks time to review with Fairtrade District status conferred by the Foundations.

Would truly appreciate your leadership, cooperation and Council's continued support in completing this long standing application for Fairtrade District status. The application is so close to being submitted and would be a shame to lose all the work that has been done by so many different people over the years. It is also the concern that no Council be left behind when the vast majority of them have already completed the process.

For transparency, I have copied in the Chief Executive, Yvonne Zellman and those Councillors that have been involved directly in the Fairtrade campaign as well as a hard copy posted today marked for your attention.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me directly as here to assist wherever is needed. I look forward to your reply and a timescale for Goal 5.

Yours sincerely,


Dr Christopher Stange
Secretariat - All Party Group on Fairtrade
Consul General



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Cc: Anthony Tohill – Chief Executive; Cllr. Martin Kearney – Chairperson; Cllr. Clement Cuthbertson – Deputy Chairperson; Cllr. Sean McPeake; Cllr. Dominic Molloy; Cllr. Kim Ashton; Yvonne Zellman

Fairtrade Resolution:

On February 14, 2017 Mid Ulster District Council's Environment Committee presented Agenda Item E032/17: "Fairtrade Resolution" that was passed and adopted by full Council.

It was resolved: That it be recommended to Council to acknowledge the contribution that Fairtrade makes to sustainable development, tackling poverty, and to improving the lives of people from some of the most disadvantaged farming communities in the developing world.

As part of its commitment to sustainable development Mid Ulster District Council is committed to actively facilitate the promotion and purchase of products with the FAIRTRADE Mark and to contribute to the regional Fairtrade campaign by taking a lead role in striving towards achieving Fairtrade District status for Mid Ulster District, including the towns of Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Towards this objective Mid Ulster District Council resolves to:

1. **Actively raise awareness of Fairtrade both within the Council and in the wider community and seek opportunities to promote the FAIRTRADE Mark in the Council area with a special focus on running activities during Fairtrade Fortnight annually;**
2. **Seek to ensure that FAIRTRADE Mark certified food and drink options are offered internally, at Council premises and vending machines, 100% FAIRTRADE Mark coffee, tea and sugar is available for all internal meetings, and included in procurement guidelines with subsequent review;**
3. **Use its influence to encourage local retailers and food business operators to provide increased Fairtrade options for residents and visitors, including during Council organised events;**
4. **Take a lead in engaging with all parts of the local community including representatives from local businesses, community groups, schools, churches, and charities to develop joint action on achieving Fairtrade status for the district;**
5. **Nominate a Council representative (member or officer) to sit on the Fairtrade Steering Group and support ongoing work to promote Fairtrade;**
6. **Monitor and report regularly on progress towards achieving Fairtrade status through receipt of a quarterly report.**

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