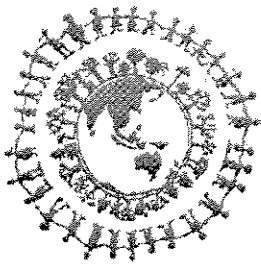


Newsletter

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FAIR TRADE NEWS

People For Fair Trade

People For Fair Trade joins IFAT

So who is IFAT?

IFAT is the International Fair Trade Association - over 200 members in 55 countries

IFAT is all about fair trade. Its members are Fair Trade Organisations: committed to supporting producers, raising awareness of the fair trade message, and campaigning for a reversal in the patterns of conventional international trade. IFAT acts as the body which brings members together, helping them to develop the market for fair trade as well as providing a monitoring system to strengthen the credibility of fair trade and the Organisations which support it.

IFAT's Standards for Fair Trade:

Creating opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers

Fair Trade's purpose is to create opportunities for producers who have been economically disadvantaged or marginalized by the conventional trading system.

Transparency and accountability

Fair Trade involves transparent management and commercial relations to deal fairly and respectfully with trading partners.

Capacity building

Fair Trade relationships provide continuity, during which producers and their marketing organizations can improve their management skills and their access to new markets.

Payment of a fair price

A fair price covers not only the costs of production but enables production which is socially just and environmentally sound. It provides fair pay to the producers Gender Equity

Gender Equity

Fair Trade means that women's work is properly valued and rewarded.

Working conditions

Fair Trade means a safe and healthy working environment for producers

The environment

Fair Trade actively encourages better environmental practices and the application of responsible methods of production.

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The Fair Trade Global March in India

Members of IFAT display the Fair Trade Organisation Mark to symbolise their commitment to Fair Trade

It's that time of year again...

INVITATION TO AGM

We'd like to invite you to the annual general meeting of People for Fair Trade. Come and share a meal, discuss PFFT matters and hear our guest speaker Paul Deighton from Oxfam Trading in Adelaide.

When?

Time: Starting at around 6:30pm with some administrative matters, then time with our guest speaker, and concluding with dinner at around 8pm.
Wednesday evening October 27th, 2004

Where?

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By Friday 22nd October, 2004.

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How is IFAT different from FLO?

You might remember our last newsletter talked about the Fairtrade Labelling Organisation, or FLO. Are they just another fair trade organization? Yes and No. In a nutshell, IFAT is for organisations (IFAT organizations have been checked out and comply with Fair Trade standards) while FLO is for products (FLO products have been checked out and comply with the requirements of fairly traded products).

About Paul Deighton... Paul works with Oxfam Trading, who import a number of fair trade products. He is also on the International Executive of IFAT, and will tell us a little of how IFAT works, what it means to be a member of IFAT, and also what is happening on the Fair Trade scene globally.

Products and People

Products

You'll notice a few changes on the latest order form:

Organic leaf tea – this comes from Sri Lanka and is imported by Trade Winds in Sydney. So we now have an organic leaf tea to go with the Kandyan Cha organic tea bags.

East Timor ground and beans are now available in 1kg packs.

Unfortunately, we've had to say goodbye to Ceylon cha green tea bags. The green leaf tea is still available.

Also note that we can no longer sell herbal sample packs.

Our Bank Account details for direct deposit payment of your account are now included on the order form. Remember to include your PFFT number as the description when you use internet banking.

Distributor list

Do you supply other people with PFFT products? Would you like to know of other distributors in your area, so that if you're out of something, you don't have to turn the person away? It has been suggested that we compile a list of PFFT distributors and

Thanks for the extra hands

Since our call for help in the December 2003 newsletter, we've had quite a few extra pairs of hands around the place. If you'd like to help out with packing on a Thursday evening (perhaps fortnightly or monthly) from 5:30pm till around 7pm, there's room for more, so please get in touch.