



5 February 2009

Dear Minister

The Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand (FTAANZ) would like to formally invite your parishioners involved with social justice issues to attend

The Fair Trade Fiesta

At : Paddington Town Hall Corner Oxford Street & Oatley Road

Date : 7th May 2009 | **Time :** 3.00 to 5.00pm

Bookings essential numbers limited!

The Fair Trade Fiesta is the key event in NSW for Fair Trade Fortnight, occurring this year 2 May – 17 May 2009, to raise awareness of the benefits of Fair Trade. These benefits include avoiding exploitation of communities & reducing the environmental impacts associated with production, particularly in the developing countries from which these goods are imported. Australia currently lags behind the western world in awareness of the supply chain impacts of its products. We recognize Churches goers have an enormous potential to shape the future and Fair Trade Fortnight is a wonderful opportunity to empower them with knowledge to make decisions in the future that do not exploit.

At the Fiesta there will be experts who have a wealth of knowledge about all aspects of Fair Trade from production to export, import, wholesale and finally retail sales. There will also be exciting stalls where your parishioners can see and buy the final products of Fair Trade plus meet the producers and importers of coffee, tea, chocolate, crafts & soccer balls.

Especially for community groups we have a dedicated enriched education session your members can book to join: 3.00pm to 5.00pm during which there will be Fair Trade presentations, a Fair Trade cinema plus a Question & Answer time. Entrance to the enriched education sessions is a voluntary donation fee of \$5 that will be used towards the promotion of Fair Trade. *(For the evening event the admission is \$15).*

Fair Trade Fortnight is also an excellent opportunity for your Church to both fundraise and bring awareness of Fair Trade to your community. If your Church is planning an event for Fair Trade Fortnight, be sure to list the event on the 2009 Fair Trade Fortnight website.

The Fair Trade website www.fairtrade.com.au has listed many suppliers of Fair Trade chocolate, tea, coffee and crafts all of whom have a range of products your parishioners may wish to purchase or sell for fundraisers.

We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding Fair Trade Fortnight or send you all the study and promotional material you need to make this Fair Trade Fortnight a success for your Church and community.

You can send your requests to nsw@fairtrade.com.au or phone 02 9401 9209. We look forward to welcoming your Church to the Fair Trade Fiesta and hearing plans for your own events and involvement during Fair Trade Fortnight 09.

Regards
Linda Gaden
NSW Fair Trade Coordinator



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