

World Development MATTERS!

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If you have not received an invitation or not heard the good news, the Diocese of London has met the challenge as set out in our mission action plan London Challenge 2012 to become a Fairtrade Diocese. Harriet Lamb, Executive Director, Fairtrade Foundation will present our certificate to the Bishop of London in a service of thanksgiving and celebration at **St Paul's Cathedral on 11 March at 6pm**. We are also delighted that Rosemary Kadzitch, a Fairtrade nut grower from Malawi will be joining us to tell her story. Also taking part are Adjoa Andoh, actress and newly appointed Patron of the Fairtrade Foundation; Carole Boyd, The Archers Lynda Snell and children from the diocese singing the Banana Song.

The Steering Group have worked hard to organize this special occasion for churches in the diocese to celebrate their achievement and we hope that you will all be there to receive your special diocesan certificate if you are a Fairtrade Church – but we need to know that you are coming NOW as the Order of Service is about to be printed. Email Nina Tweddle ngtweddle@hotmail.com to let us know how many are coming from your church.

27 Feb -11 March Fairtrade Fortnight events:

19 Feb Fairtrade Fortnight event 3 – 5pm at St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, W4 1TX

3.30pm: Mary Macleod MP 4:00pm Focus on Sri Lanka, speaker David Brown, Traidcraft.

Fair Trade stall with food, handicrafts and tastings. All welcome

For other events at churches throughout the Diocese see:

<http://fairtrade.london.anglican.org/news/forthcomingevents>

7 March 10am - 4pm - **Fair Enough? The co-operative journey for fair trade.** A conference organised by Co-operatives London & Co-operatives SE, Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, Southbank. It's free, but you have to RSVP info@cooperatives-se.coop

8 March 7.30 – 8.30pm - "Pray it Fair" event run by Christian Aid at King's College London. The link is <http://tinyurl.com/prayitfair>. You might want to circulate this to your contacts - it's for student aged folk mainly.

9 March 12.30 – 1.30pm St Paul's Cathedral. Join the Bishop of London pedalling an eco-bike to make Fairtrade fruit smoothies.

11 March Celebrate Fairtrade, 6.00pm St Paul's Cathedral

Action for fair trade: Supermarket watchdog for farmers and suppliers

Four years ago the Competition Commission, the official body for market fairness, called for a regulator to protect all supermarket suppliers from unfair treatment. This year there is an opportunity to make this happen.

Sitting in ministers' in-trays is a Bill to create a Grocery Code Adjudicator – a watchdog to hear complaints and take action. The proposals are not perfect, but it's a good first step to providing farmers and suppliers with a mechanism to ensure fair dealing.

With a troubled economy, ministers might hesitate. So your help is needed to persuade the Government that poor farmers need fairness now. Please follow the link below to an action page with Fairtrade Foundation's campaign partners, Friends of the Earth or try Traidcraft's website. Your message to your MP is the pressure needed to make sure a fair deal for producers is included in the Government's agenda this Spring. [Find out more](#)

Fairtrade Films: see end of this newsletter

Lent Detox

2012 Lent Consumer Detoxers can follow the daily blog here <http://consumerdetox.wordpress.com>
If you want any more encouragement to pursue a simpler season, check out this excellent [new video](#) from the **Breathe** network about the costs and cures of consumerism.

20 February - "The Energy Challenge for UK and Europe" with Dr Douglas Parr, Chief Scientist at Greenpeace. 6.45 – 8.30pm Friends of Le Monde Diplomatique, The Café at The Gallery, 70/77 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6EJ. (nearest tube, Farringdon) [Map of the venue](#)
Europe and the UK face challenges in delivering energy for the needs of its citizens in a secure and sustainable way. This will explore the challenges facing the UK as part of a European energy system and the routes that we can take to deliver on all fronts.

22 February, 6.05pm 'Commodity Trading: Helping or Harming Developing Economies?'
JustShare Debate with Speakers: Deborah Doane, Director of the World Development Movement, and Anthony Belchambers, CEO of the Futures and Options Association. Chair: Lydia Prieg, new economics foundation. Register here: <http://justsharect.eventbrite.co.uk>

29 February, 6.05pm 'Fairtrade and Christian Attitudes to the Market'
JustShare Christian Social and Political Thought Lecture for Fairtrade Fortnight. Speaker: Paul Chandler, CEO of Traidcraft. Register here: <http://justsharepc.eventbrite.co.uk>

For a trial period, Justshare is inviting you to **register for JustShare events using the eventbrite links above**. Please note that **ALL events remain free and open to all** and you can still attend even if you haven't registered - but it would be helpful to know numbers in advance, not least to make sure there is enough Fairtrade wine for you! Justshare events are held at St Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London EC2V 6AU

2 March Women's World Day of Prayer this year focuses on Malaysia, with the theme "**Let Justice Prevail**". Resources can be downloaded [here](#).

Christian Aid: Aldrin Calixte, director of Haiti Survie will be in the UK for a few days in March. Haiti Survie is playing a vital role working with communities in Haiti to help them rebuild their lives following the devastating earthquake. Aldrin will be talking about their emergency response work as well as their long-term development plans.

7 March 12.30pm at Interchurch House, 35-41 Lower Marsh London SE1 7RL. Take a packed lunch and listen to Aldrin talk about his work and answer questions.

12 March Aldrin will speak at a Christian Aid themed Evensong at Guildford Cathedral, followed by workshops looking at issues such as 'A Christian response to poverty' and 'Humanitarian response to Disasters' Tel: 0207 523 2321 to confirm time.

17 March 10am – 6pm '**An economy for the 99%**'

A free event organised jointly by Jubilee Debt Campaign and the World Development Movement at Manchester Metropolitan University, All Saints Building, Oxford Road, Manchester M15 6BH
What would a global economy that really worked in the interests of people look like, and how can we make it happen? A full day event of informative and inspiring workshops and speakers, all addressing these question. [Find out more and register >>](#)

After a month abroad and very little international news I was amazed to find on my return that there were some interesting developments in the New Year when Jubilee Debt Campaign uncovered the documents that Vince Cable had said were not kept concerning Egypt's debt and the Government

now have to come clean on that, but he has also said that he is 'not minded' to conduct a full audit of UK debt at this time – it's clearly going to be a long haul for campaigners!

But this is the news that really got me going:-

Research by Jubilee Debt Campaign late last year has revealed that if and when the UK cancels debts of countries such as Sudan, **the Government plans to count the debt cancellation towards its aid target** of 0.7 per cent of national income.

The story was reported by the [Financial Times](#) and [Independent](#) over Christmas, and provoked a furious response in both newspapers from International Development Minister Stephen O'Brien MP, who asked JDC, outrageously, which public services they proposed to cut to pay for it.

The question, however, was spurious. Sudan owes £678 million to the UK, the vast majority of which is 'made-up money' due to the 10-12 per cent interest rates charged on the debt since the mid-1980s. Sudan has not made any repayments on this debt for over 25 years, meaning **no money will be foregone by the UK when cancelling this debt. However, hundreds of millions of pounds will be subtracted from the money that is spent on aid.**

While much of the £1.3 billion owed to the UK by other countries is being repaid, even if it were all found to be illegitimate when audited, the cost of cancelling it would be just £66 million a year – less than the annual cost of the House of Lords.

World Development Movement reports on Climate adaptation funding:

Whilst the outcome of the UN climate talks in Durban last December was disastrous for climate justice, the UK's latest announcement on climate finance has finally brought some positive news. After months of pressure from campaigners, the government has finally announced it will grant £10 million to the UN Adaptation Fund, the fairest international fund for climate change. WDM and Jubilee Debt Campaign campaigners have put a huge amount of pressure on the UK government to do this.

The government has also announced that it will give funds as grants instead of loans to enable developing countries deal with the impacts of climate change. This is a big change from its previous policy and will help prevent further unjust debt in the name of climate change.

Your actions have played an important role in making these issues that the UK government could not ignore. But there is still a way to go. The majority of the UK's allocated funds will still go through the World Bank's adaptation fund and the UK will continue to give funds helping developing countries transition to low carbon technology as loans.

So, whilst not perfect, there has been considerable movement and campaigners like you have played an important role in this.

EXPOSED - Shining a Light on Corruption with Micah Challenge

Corruption represents a major roadblock to achieving the MDGs. Every year over US\$1 trillion goes missing through corrupt practices. This money doesn't just evaporate but is deducted from the livelihood of some of the world's poorest people.

'Exposed' is a new campaign aiming to mobilise Christians to join with wider society in exposing the practices that oppress the poor.

'Exposed' is not about aggressive protest for its own sake. It's about shining a light in order to bring hope and redemption. Micah Challenge will highlight examples of good practice as well as offer robust challenges to institutions which oppress the poor.

Over the next two years, Christians will be advocating for transparency and honesty in leadership and in our own lives, culminating on **14-20 October 2013** with global prayer and action.

Please put the dates in your diary now! Read the full campaign description [here](#). To keep up to date with developments, visit www.micahchallenge.org/exposed,

One World Week appeal for your support

I wouldn't normally mention the difficulties that so many of the NGOs are going through in the current economic climate but I have just received the following urgent appeal from OWW and it strikes me that they are even more vulnerable than the NGOs so you may want to consider supporting them in whatever way you can, large or small, I am sure it will all be gratefully received. Message reads: This will probably be the **most difficult financial period in the history of OWW**, due to

- (i) the ending of our 3-year government-funded Ubuntu Project;
- (ii) the knock-on effect of the closing down of the UK Government's Development Awareness Fund and its impact on national global education efforts;
- (iii) our unique role in raising awareness rather than distributing aid. As a national body stimulating local action, we fall outside funding criteria of many grant givers
- (iv) the current economic climate.

If you can help please contact them at: One World Week, PO Box 2555, Reading RG1 4XW.
t: 0118 939 4933 e: oww@oneworldweek.org w: www.oneworldweek.org

"The Golden Parrots" -- Some Award-Worthy Fair Trade Films

(With thanks to Maranda St John Nicolle, Diocese of Oxford)

Ah, film awards season. The BAFTAs. The Oscars. And now, "The Golden Parrots" Why "Golden Parrots" you (quite reasonably) ask? Well, a lot of people think that the Fairtrade logo represents a parrot

In seriousness, a number of groups have asked about Fairtrade videos. The Fairtrade Foundation website, of course, has a number of excellent ones. But if you've already used those and are looking for something new and available online, our nominees for "Best Picture" are

["Fairtrade for Beginners"](#) (Naashon Zalk Media, South Africa). Katy January, training manager for a South African fruit farm, goes on a road trip to discover how Fairtrade really works. The film shows the varied nature of Fairtrade in South Africa as Katy visits a smallholder cooperative (Eksteenskuil Agricultural Cooperative), a hired labour Fairtrade farm, and the Fairtrade offices in Cape Town. Occasionally clunky dialogue, but comprehensive and interesting. Two segments of about 15 minutes each.

["Ending Modern Day Slavery"](#) (CNN) Divine CEO Sophie Tranchell explains how the company ensures traceability for its Fairtrade cocoa beans. Not the greatest artistic values, but the content is very good if people have questions about the traceability of Fairtrade products. Part of a longer CNN series on child slavery and chocolate. Short (2.5 minutes)

[Impact of Fair Trade](#) (Fairtrade Africa) One of two new films from Fairtrade Africa. In this one, Kenyans, primarily from the Runkiri Tea Factory, talk about the impact of Fairtrade. In the second of the films, the same people speak about [the impact of changing weather patterns on local production](#) and what they are doing to adapt. (I use "weather patterns" rather than climate change as there are still divergences of opinion on the extent to which we can talk about climate change with relation to specific events)

And crossing over from the "Foreign Films" category ... UK films tend to focus on English-speaking countries, which means we rarely get coverage of certain products, such as dates. But two sets of films by a Brussels-based consultant look at Fairtrade date production in Algeria, [one](#) focusing on the partnership among Tunisian cooperatives, a Tunisian exporter and a Swiss Fairtrade retailer; [the other](#) on a Tunisian company exporting Fairtrade and organic dates. Really terrific stuff that looks at the wider picture, including the local economy, the impacts of Fairtrade on agriculture

and local employment, etc. The only downside ... it's in French (or other languages with French subtitles).

This year, the Academy of Fairtrade Motion Pictures also has a special category of "Top Banana" films to tie in with Anton Bowman's visit. And the nominees for this are

[Banana Growers' Story, Dominica](#) (WRENMedia) Bit of a surprise package, this one! Nothing flashy - but a terrific account of how Fairtrade banana production really works for small producers. Introduces you to the Joachim family, who walk you through the process, explaining Fairtrade along the way. WRENMedia specialises in making agriculture accessible ... good job done here.

[The Co-operative Film about Fairtrade Bananas](#) (Co-operative) Looks at Fairtrade banana production at the Volta River Estates (a plantation with hired labour) in Ghana. Interesting to watch in conjunction with the first nominee. Not much on bananas, but good on the use of the Fairtrade premium - shows use for transport, and teachers and students speak about effect of computers in schools.

[The Banana Industry of the Windward Islands](#) (Guardian) Well-produced film does a good job of showing the impact of Hurricane Tomas, European tariff changes and increased input costs on Windwards farmers.* Interesting to watch in conjunction with Oxfam's [film on the Banana Farmers Recovery Project](#) after the last hurricane, Dean (2009).

[Tipping the Balance](#) (Fairtrade Foundation) Aimed at schools - you may have seen it if you have the Fairtrade Schools resources. Two animated bananas, Bernadette and Carlos, try to get children to help them "tip the balance for Fairtrade bananas." Starts by talking about plantation bananas (in a perhaps too broad-brushed way) and then goes on to look at Fairtrade production.

The Fair Trade Resource Network also has [an annotated list of online films](#) from various places. I'd be a little careful of one or two of them (eg The Dark Side of Chocolate), but you should be able to find good ones from among them.

Are there any films that you'd recommend?