

In Global Solidarity

Taking action for justice as global citizens



Image: Sholi Coffee Co-operative, Rwanda | Scottish Fair Trade



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An introduction to global poverty & inequality

Today's world is complex and interconnected. It is both more unified and more fragmented. While progress has been made reducing global poverty, more frequent natural and humanitarian crises, deepening inequalities and power imbalances mean that entrenched poverty and inequality remain. Climate change and conflict are causing further vulnerabilities and eroding the gains of past decades. Our global economy is hardwired to increase inequality. Earning thresholds alone do not guarantee access to education, reliable food sources, or basic infrastructure. The rise of social and political intolerance is reducing the agency of many individuals, particularly women.

These words from Christian Aid's 2010 Poverty Over report still ring true:



'Poverty is political. Rather than being an unhappy accident, it is caused by human structures and systems and of being excluded from decision making. As such, the solutions to poverty must be political.'

We understand that to achieve lasting political solutions, poverty and power and people's ability to speak against injustice must be tackled together, at the root level. Dismantling the oppressive structures that perpetuate poverty requires our commitment.

"We are called to challenge the causes of poverty, taking action towards a renewed vision for God's creation and transforming our world into a place where everyone can experience life in all its fullness."

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This resource is for anyone and is particularly useful for Eco-Congregations in Scotland. It aims to raise awareness of global concerns, and to support congregations and communities to engage in issues of global social and climate justice.

The aim is to present the issue of global poverty and inequality, and to recognise the injustice of the climate crisis. With the goal of global equality and sustainability, we present Fair Trade as contributing to a solution. You can use this information within your congregation, and to resource conversations, prayer, and action.

With information about the work of charities on global climate justice and global Fair Trade, your congregation will be supported to move through the Eco-Congregation Scotland bronze, silver and gold global living eco-award levels.

This resource was created by Christian Aid Scotland, Eco-Congregation Scotland and Scottish Fair Trade and brings together differing perspectives and a shared interest in global justice and Fair Trade.

Christian Aid is a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We work with people of all faiths and none to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. To do this, our global partners work across many justice themes, but we cannot end poverty without addressing the climate crisis and the injustice and inequality at its roots. Find out more about [Christian Aid in Scotland](#).

[Eco-Congregation Scotland](#) is a movement of Scotland's congregations and Christian communities of all denominations and none committed to addressing environmental issues through their worship, life and mission. Eco-Congregation Scotland currently has 621 registered congregations involved.

[Scottish Fair Trade](#) is Scotland's Fair Trade network, working together for a just and sustainable world. Scotland is a Fair Trade Nation, committed as a global citizen to global equality, fairness and sustainability. We work to embed the principles of Fair Trade into all aspects of Scottish society, including working with communities of faith and none. Scottish Fair Trade has over 160 members, including a number of churches and Fair Trade faith groups.

Global Citizenship & Christianity

Standing against global poverty and inequality is our responsibility as citizens. Caring for people and the planet must be our priority, along with taking action for global change. As good global citizens we must come together to pursue a fair and sustainable world for everyone.

Humans are made for relationship - with God, with one another and with the world around us. Relationships matter. Where relationships are broken, or do not exist the potential to mistreat or ignore the plight of others is magnified.

While people and ecosystems remain faceless, and nameless we may find we can ignore their plight, but once we put names, faces, and meaningful stories to a person and the environment they depend on, we can no longer walk past. We must find ways to help them. It is in this space that we understand that our actions have consequences for fellow creatures; our neighbours. We can help or we can hinder.

Jesus tells the parable of the 'good Samaritan' (Luke 10:25-37) which opens for us the question of 'Who is my neighbour?' This leads us to an understanding of neighbours which encompasses those who do not live in the same town, country or climate as us. If we understand the world in this way, getting to know people around the world and consider them in all we do comes to the fore.

How people treat the Earth and our fellow creatures matters to God. In the Bible we read of the damage inflicted on creation through human injustice (Hosea 4:1-3). As the global climate crisis deepens we hear of the damage inflicted on the land, and the lives of animals and people. Science tells us that it is the behaviour of humanity that creates and continues this damage to the environment. The world faces a habitat and biodiversity crisis.

There is inherent injustice in the way which those who have done the most damage environmentally have suffered the least of the consequences. Inequality between nations, groups of people and genders all have their place within the way that environmental issues are addressed and understood. Justice matters to God. Treating others fairly and looking after the weakest in society is important within Biblical teaching. Caring for the environment, and attentiveness and responsiveness to the voice of the Earth matters to Christians.

Some Christians may choose to express the mission of the church as falling into 5 headings or 'marks of mission'. These two 'marks' encompass the kinds of things they seek to address in relation to the environment:

- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



“The prophetic voice rises up at moments of crisis, calling for God’s vision of a more just world. We stand alongside our global neighbours living in poverty, because we believe that they are made in God’s image, and fully deserving of a full and dignified life. We believe that a better way is possible. Together we can restore God’s Earth.”



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The Climate Crisis

We cannot consider global poverty and inequality without a focus on the climate crisis. The climate crisis is a matter of justice. Every day, people living in poverty are battling a crisis they did not create, because of inequalities of wealth and power. This is unjust. Communities at the frontline of the climate crisis are doing all they can to battle against it. Every day, people walk further, dig deeper, build stronger and speak louder to survive. More frequent droughts, floods and storms cause devastating harm to people, their property and land, and to their infrastructure.

Loss and damage is the term used to highlight the impact of extreme weather events caused by climate change. Losses can never be replaced and include the loss of life, damage such as to infrastructure can be repaired but at a cost normally to local people. Loss and damage is happening now to communities around the world but it is more acutely felt in many lower income countries. You can hear stories of loss and damage and the impact on people's lives [here](#).

Watch the SCIAF film, [Not Do Nothing](#).

Cyclone Freddy in Malawi in March 2023 is an example of the increasingly erratic weather caused by climate change. Heavy rains, floods, and landslides resulted in more than 1,000 deaths and the displacement of over half a million people. The cyclone destroyed fields, roads, houses and other infrastructure affecting the ability of local people to earn their livelihoods.

In Northern Malawi, in Karonga, the Fair Trade Kilombero Rice farmers lost their crop due to drought followed by heavy rain at the wrong time of year, while the farmers of Kasinthula Cane Growers Association in Southern Malawi saw damage to their farms.



Image: dried rice crop in Northern Malawi | Howard Msukwa

Reliant on the sale of their crops and on other income generated from beekeeping, these farmers are left to deal not only with the loss of earnings but also to repair the damage.

The situation in Malawi in 2023 is just one example of climate induced loss and damage which is affecting communities around the world every day. These communities show great resilience and entrepreneurship. However, dealing with the climate crisis is not fair, especially for people who may already be marginalised and who have done the least to cause the crisis.

Today heavily polluting industries, such as fossil fuel companies, continue to profit while fuelling the crisis. Meanwhile those least responsible for the climate crisis are hit the hardest by climate change and are currently left paying for damages. It is a matter of justice that polluters should pay for the loss and damage that they have been causing through many decades of pollution. To achieve climate justice, the most polluting countries, businesses, and individuals must pay for climate mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage. This is known as the polluter pays principle and it aims to make industrialised nations, including Scotland pay for having historically contributed the most to increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Case study: Adapting to the climate crisis - Maria & Jose's story

In Honduras, Christian Aid's local partner Comision de Accion Social Menonita (Mennonite Social Action Commission, or CASM), works with local farmers. Their main focus is to build social and economic development within communities by diversifying crops and supporting entrepreneurial activities. CASM provides agricultural training and helps farmers and beekeepers to come together as a group, so that they can sell as a co-operative and get more income for their products.

Maria and Jose are a wife and husband farming and beekeeping team, both with entrepreneurial spirits. Maria is the first woman in her community to become a beekeeper and started harvesting honey in 2023. CASM has worked with Jose since 2010 on a number of environmental and income generating projects, since coffee harvesting is now more challenging due to climate change.

CASM has been working with Maria and Jose on the beekeeping project since 2019, which has increased their yield and income. With coffee and maize farming increasingly difficult due to the climate crisis, diversifying income streams and farming methods has been vital for Maria and Jose, helping them adapt to climate change.

Maria and Jose have been impacted by increased climate uncertainty.

Maria says: “60% of our crops were lost due to hurricane Iota [2020]. There has been a decrease in coffee yields due to the climate. Before the honey, there was nothing to sell. So now it’s another job we have to take on, but also another source of income. Thanks to CASM, with the honey income, we can meet our family expenses and invest in more beehives.”

Jose and Maria see themselves as a team. Jose says: ‘We have been together 10 years as a couple. When she came here, I was already working with CASM, building knowledge and best practice. I helped her meet her curiosity to harvest honey, and said, ok let’s get another beekeeping suit!’

There are many people who use us as an example. Most of the time, men and women work separately; what income the men make, belongs to the men, and what the women makes belongs to the women. In our family, we combine our incomes together, and unite with any family needs. From the day we got together, we decided to work together, and be united together, in everything.”

Maria and Jose have more stability and a more reliable income because of their partnership with CASM and Christian Aid. However, not all climate change can be adapted to and they still experience loss and damage from climate shocks. Families like theirs in Honduras and around the world are increasingly impacted by climate uncertainty and extreme weather.

The Climate Crisis Is Not Fair

This is why Christian Aid is working through local partners to support climate adaptation and resilience work and to support families after they have experienced climate disasters. This is as well as campaigning and advocating for climate justice in Scotland and in the UK.

Combatting climate change, advocating for climate justice and addressing loss and damage have been major focuses of Christian Aid's work over the past 10 years. The climate crisis needs urgent attention and bold and decisive action.

The most recent United Nations Climate Change Conferences have brought world leaders together to address the climate crisis and issues such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, fossil fuels, strengthening resilience and getting financial support to vulnerable nations.

Over the last few years, the Fair Trade movement has increasingly been represented at the Conferences to call for urgent action from governments to protect the livelihoods of small-scale farmers and producers under threat from the climate crisis. See the Fair Trade movement's [position paper for COP28](#).

“Fairtrade International, the Fair Trade Advocacy Office and the World Fair Trade Organisation jointly urge governments, businesses and world leaders to scale up efforts and take bold, immediate, meaningful and inclusive climate action before it is too late”.

[Fair Trade Movement Position Paper for COP28](#)

We all have a part to play in showing our support for a just and sustainable world, and campaigning for the global change that is needed in solidarity with people around the world.



Showing support for global concerns can take very many forms. You can get out and campaign or show your support at home or in your congregation.

Images: COP26 March in Glasgow | Scottish Fair Trade

Dignity In Partnership

The Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals set out the global commitment to tackle the major challenges of global poverty and climate change. World leaders came together in 2015 in a shared commitment to 'leave no one behind', agreeing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of 17 global goals that can only be achieved in partnership.



Addressing poverty cannot limit itself to treating symptoms, important though that is. Real progress will be made when the systemic and structural causes of poverty are challenged. Those in poverty must be supported to hold those in power accountable.

Poverty goes beyond economics. Extreme poverty renders people disempowered, unrepresented, oppressed and vulnerable to harm and abuse, often on the grounds of gender, ethnicity and other aspects of identity. As a faith-based agency, Christian Aid is shaped by a belief that all people have innate dignity and worth and that poverty is a scandal because it deprives people of that dignity.

Key to that dignity is communities having agency over the solutions to the challenges they face. Christian Aid's local partners work across the world with vulnerable communities to support them to identify their own needs and come up with solutions that fit their context. As an example, in Ukraine, residents of a displacement camp used a grant from Christian Aid's partner Heritage Ukraine to build a new washing line. This allowed more people to wash and dry their laundry, giving them dignity even while displaced from their homes.

A shelter for displaced persons in Ternopil, where residents used grant money to construct a washing line in their community garden.



Photo: Iona Turner | Christian Aid

The SDGs are central to Christian Aid’s work combatting poverty, inequality and injustice as well as safeguarding the planet for ourselves and future generations. For example, Christian Aid’s work includes supporting people to:

- claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
- become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.

Connections can be made between these aims and the goals of Fair Trade. Scottish Fair Trade is guided by the 10 Principles of Fair Trade, each of which is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, and particularly with Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.



Read about 'Why the Sustainable Development Goals Need Fair Trade'.



Fair Trade - a partnership for change

At the heart of Fair Trade is a partnership between people in recognition that systemic change is needed and that Fair Trade is an alternative, prioritising people and the planet over profit. Fair Trade is a way of doing business and trade differently. Where equality, fairness and sustainability are guiding principles. Where producers, workers, artisans, farmers and businesses involved with a Fair Trade supply chain can benefit from their work. For us as citizens, it offers the opportunity to us to support responsible producers as responsible consumers.

Global poverty and the climate crisis show us that the way that global business and trade are done is not working. Fair Trade is an alternative that seeks justice, equity and sustainable development.

The World Fair Trade Organization summarises as follows:

“How our economy is set up at the moment is not working. Neither for the planet nor for the people. We believe that our current economic system is by its foundation extractivist, hindering equitable distribution of wealth, perpetuating social and economic inequality, and speeding environmental degradation at an alarming pace. Businesses nowadays keep prioritising short-term profit over long-term sustainability: they want to produce more and more to transfer the profit to the shareholders, careless of who or what is paying the price for it.”

Fair Trade is about global solidarity. Fair Trade's roots can be traced back to solidarity trade championed by faith-based communities, and as a response to anti-slavery, anti-colonialism, and labour rights. Today the global Fair Trade movement is focused on social, economic and environmental justice. It is about balancing the health and wellbeing of people and the planet with profit. Its focus is particularly on the world's most marginalised producers, farmers, artisans and workers – those more greatly disadvantaged by the current economic system.



Photos: Sholi Coffee Co-operative, Rwanda | Scottish Fair Trade

Fair Trade supports and promotes enterprise and entrepreneurship and gives a voice to small producers who are not represented and listened to. Fair Trade achieves dignity through trade.

The faith-based organisation Traidcraft, set up in 1979, had much to do with establishing the UK as a market for fairly traded goods, sourced from producers in over 30 countries including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, Kenya, Malawi, Chile and Cuba. Traidcraft, along with CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam and others were involved in the set up of the Fairtrade Foundation - the UK charity that promotes and licenses the Fairtrade Mark. Transform Trade continues to campaign for a Fair Trade system following the closure of Traidcraft.

Across Scotland there are many Fairtrade Places of Worship awarded by the Fairtrade Foundation for their support of Fairtrade. They run Fair Trade stalls in their communities and support marginalised producers around the world by campaigning for an alternative way of doing business and trade that prioritises the wellbeing of people and the planet.



Many Eco-Congregations in Scotland may also hold status as a Fairtrade Place of Worship, others will not and will be involved in supporting Fair Trade through the global living element of the eco-award. And others will be new to Fair Trade and its links to environmental protection, climate justice and global solidarity.

Case study: Coffee farmers, the climate crisis, and Fairtrade

Around 120 million people's livelihoods rely on the coffee economy. By the year 2050, the amount of land suitable for coffee production is expected to halve. These are shocking figures, made worse by the fact that the climate crisis is already having an impact on coffee producers across the world. As temperatures get warmer, and weather patterns become increasingly unpredictable, farmers are having to adapt and innovate in the face of worsening conditions.

Kopakaki Dutegure Cooperative, Rwanda

Kopakaki Dutegure cooperative is located in the Karongi district in Rwanda's Western Province. Sitting on the hills above the country's largest freshwater lake, Lake Kivu, Kopakaki members look after more than two million coffee trees, which grow at altitudes of between 1,500 and 1,800 metres above sea level. Over the last few years, the cooperative has had to deal with extreme heavy rains and rising temperatures. In 2023, severe flooding and landslides caused fatalities and displacement across Rwanda. The extreme heavy rain led to the collapse of one of Kopakaki's bridges and the flooding of their coffee tree nursery. Incidents such as these are difficult to manage.

Fortunately, the cooperative was able to use funds from their Fairtrade Premium payment to cover the cost of rebuilding the bridge and replacing the young trees.



Image: Bridge damaged by floods in Rwanda | Scottish Fair Trade

How does Fairtrade support farmers?

The Fairtrade Premium payment is an additional sum of money given to farmers to invest in business and community improvements of their choosing. 25% of the Premium is used to enhance productivity and quality, so that the cooperative can become more sustainable and can increase their income generating potential.

Kopakaki Dutegure has used some of the Premium payments to invest in various environmental initiatives in response to the climate crisis, such as a shade tree planting project and a wormery for producing organic fertilizer. The planting of banana and papaya trees not only protects the coffee plants and improves yield, but it also means that farmers can earn additional income. For example, 1 banana tree can generate around \$10 per harvest.




Image: banana shade trees | Scottish Fair Trade

How can buying Fairtrade coffee help?

Despite these challenging circumstances, there are things we can do to support farmers who are on the front line of the climate crisis: buying Fairtrade coffee is one of them. Not only can you be sure that a fair price has been paid for the coffee, but you are supporting community-led initiatives that help mitigate the impact of the climate emergency.

Coffee from Kopakaki Dutegure is available through [The Alternative Coffee Company](#). The Alternative Coffee Company is a social enterprise that connects coffee farmers in Rwanda and Uganda with roasters and coffee lovers in the UK.

While the co-operative is Fairtrade certified, The Alternative Coffee Company is not yet as it is a social enterprise start up. However, a social premium of 20 cents/lb of coffee was paid, which has been spent on social and environmental initiatives of the co-operatives' choosing.



Global Concern

Eco-Congregation Scotland supports congregations to take action on global issues through the award scheme for

member congregations. Awards are given at Bronze, Silver and Gold level to congregations in recognition of their work to address environmental issues. The award looks at what is being done to make connections with three aspects of the way people lead their lives - spiritual living, practical living and global living.



The global living element of the award especially encourages congregations to focus on the importance of understanding our place as global citizens and fellow creatures. Congregations demonstrate their care for the world through their involvement with charities such as Christian Aid, working nationally and internationally, who aim to address the immediate impacts of the climate crisis or respond to human needs in times of disaster.

Working with charities involved with the impacts on nature around the world is global living. Christian responses are seen through involvement in taking action or campaigning responses, to combat environmental damage, and build a more sustainable future.

Support for the global Fair Trade movement, and for producers and their communities around the world as conscious consumers and global citizens campaigning for change fits into the global living aspect.

Congregations progress through the three levels of award, in the global living section by moving from members of the congregation being made aware of local and global eco concerns and the work of charities, to the whole congregation being active in addressing concerns, taking part in work to combat environmental damage and supporting charities such as Christian Aid, Scottish Fair Trade and others.

The current number of congregations holding the new awards at the different levels are as follows:

Gold: 10

Silver: 34

Bronze: 33

Eco-Congregation Scotland encourages congregations to consider global conservation and justice issues through the lens of the award scheme - through the way they live in spiritual, practical and global terms.

Global concern in action

“Globally, many churches have made ambitious commitments to respond in prayer and action to the unprecedented situation of the Earth today. Doing things together is a key aspect: nothing is as ‘ecumenical’ as the crisis of nature & climate. And there’s nothing too holy to be green, as we discover abundant treasures of encouragement in the field of Scripture and tradition recycled. Sunday and weekday should strengthen each other, in willingness to respond urgently and practically”.

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Fair Trade at St Silas



St Silas is an evangelical Anglican church, in the heart of Glasgow, and work on Fair Trade supports them to move from a bronze to a silver award.

“At St Silas, we see our passion for Fair Trade as flowing out of our faith in a generous God who has loved us in sending Jesus Christ and calls us now to love our neighbours. Fair Trade activity has become embedded in our wider justice and community work and is generally an easy and obvious choice for people who visit the church. St Silas has been running a regular Fair Trade stall for over twenty years and has been a Fairtrade Church since 2005, an award from the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade Place of Worship.

Key to our success has been:

- Regular stalls and other events to keep fair trade fresh in everyone’s mind
- Gaining buy-in and practical support from the minister and other church leaders, especially those with responsibility for catering, including the provision of a suitable, lockable stock cupboard
- Involving the whole church family, including children, wherever possible
- Promoting Fairtrade Fortnight within the services and by producing an “ideas for action” and “conscious consumer” flyers for the church notices

Our Fair Trade stall is currently set up at least once a month between the two morning services (more often in the lead up to Christmas). Over the years, we have engaged with several different suppliers including Traidcraft, JTS, Bala Sport, Meaningful Chocolate Company and others to give a good range of products and producer stories. Currently most of the products on our stall are sourced through True Origin.



We have taken part the 90kg Rice Challenge numerous times. In October 2014 we became the first church in the UK to sell over a tonne of fairly traded Kilombero Rice from JTS (now True Origin), thereby making a significant difference to the lives of smallholder famers in Malawi. Most recently we have combined the challenge with our harvest collection, enabling rice donations to Glasgow City Mission.



We are members of Scottish Fair Trade, and any surplus made on our Fair Trade stall is donated to support Fair Trade projects.”



Images: St Silas's Fair Trade stalls | St Silas

Westray Parish Church, Orkney

The congregation of Westray Parish Church has enthusiastically committed to the Eco-Congregation programme.



Image: wind turbines |
Westray Parish Church, Orkney

The different assessment stages have encouraged focus on achieving in the three core areas of spiritual living, practical living and global living. The central message of caring for God's creation continues to be regularly emphasised in Church services, in Sunday School, in discussions in the Guild, and Youth Group, through links with the local school and making relevant literature available. Setting examples locally of practical living to reduce carbon footprint has been achieved by making good use of local eco-friendly resources; heating the church and the manse with wind turbines and ground source heating and improving insulation and fitting double glazing to the church. Using a legacy received has assisted with funding similar initiatives in other Orkney congregations.

Raising awareness of national and worldwide environmental differences and problems has been targeted through visit exchanges with a youth group in central London, and with a school and church congregations in the Thyolo area of southern Malawi.

The minister and members of the congregation play leading roles in setting up and running the Orkney Malawi Partnership, providing aid for self-sufficiency, bore hole wells, church and school building improvements; the Orkney Fair Trade organisation as Westray is a Fair Trade Island; and the charity Go Go Olive working in Zimbabwe to provide employment and hope to Zimbabwean women. Establishing reliable contacts who can identify priority local needs was an essential part of these projects. Christian Aid and Guild projects continue to be strongly supported.



The approach in Westray to the Eco-Congregation scheme is that it sets the challenge to build on strengths tailored to local situations, to avoid complacency and to continually seek progress no matter which assessment level has been achieved, including gold.

Support For Global Living

Support from Christian Aid in Scotland

- Learn about the Christian Aid Scotland's climate campaign and get involved
- See the UK wide Christian Aid campaigning website and the website about climate campaigning
- A workshop for you to facilitate a climate conversation in your churches about steps that you are going to take
- Loss and damage church activity pack including sermon notes, prayers and study group resources
- Get inspired to engage youth and schools on the climate using our resources
- Christian Aid Global Poverty Report
- Christianity and Global Eco Concerns - a global theology of climate change
- Christian Aid reports on the climate:
 - The impact of the climate crisis on roses the-climate-threat-to-valentines-day-roses.pdf (christianaid.org.uk)
 - Climate Change and the 2023 Rugby World Cup - world in disunion
 - The climate threat to food supply chains in the UK, Germany and Italy - cooking up a storm
 - The climate crisis and your coffee - Wake Up and Smell the Coffee
- Christian Aid's Global Strategy 2019-2026

If you find these resources useful, why not let Christian Aid know on edinburgh@christian-aid.org.





Support from Eco-Congregation Scotland

- For questions about Eco-Congregations in Scotland, see <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>
- Please use the contents of this resource in your newsletters, and to produce a poster

Support from Scottish Fair Trade



- Find out more and join Scottish Fair Trade's campaign for Fair Trade
- Find out more about True Origin's 90kg Rice Challenge
- The Fairtrade Foundation represents the Fairtrade Mark in the UK
- The World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) is the global community and verifier of enterprises that fully practice the 10 Fair Trade Principles
- To run a Fair Trade stall, see Gavin's Mill, One World Shop, Rainbow Turtle, True Origin and see the Scottish Fair Trade directory.

More action is needed to raise awareness of climate injustice, and to ensure that it is a priority for policymakers. We need congregations across Scotland to raise their voices, in solidarity with those on the front line of the climate crisis and show those in power that we care.

Christian Aid's climate campaign includes the latest information briefings outlining key asks of Scottish policy makers, as well as template letters, details of upcoming events and blogs.

Scottish Fair Trade invites you to ask your MSP to pledge support for Fair Trade, with a template email and list of MSPs who have so far pledged support.

As a constituent, your advocacy is vital in keeping climate change as a high priority for local MSPs and MPs.

In Global Solidarity

“We’re way past the time when the crisis of nature & climate was future speculation. Real damage has been and is being done by what are now knowingly unjust choices. Nonetheless, every small step of justice and love can bring positive change beyond what we might anticipate.

Not just stopping harmful practices is needed, but real investment of time, money and love in a just transition to a more hopeful world, in a listening and interdependent partnership with people and planet. Justice always tastes better.”

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