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2015 World Fair Trade Week and WFTO-Europe AGM

Dear European Member,



The World Fair Trade Week came to an end less than 15 days ago, and we do want to thank all of you for participating in this event.

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European Development Days 2015



European Development Days 2015 (EDD) took place on 3-4 June in Brussels. This 9th edition served also as flagship event for the European Year for Development and offered ... [Read more](#)

Committee of the Regions opinion on Fair Trade

The Committee of the Regions plenary adopted an opinion on Fair Trade on 4 June. This EU advisory body representing local and regional authorities calls again on the European Commission ... [Read more](#)



French Fair Trade Fortnight 2015



15 years of commitment to Fair Trade. 15 years in favour of a fair, human and eco-friendly world. 15 years already standing the test of time! The Fair Trade Fortnight can be proud of its success. [Read more](#)

European Youth Event 2016 - Call for partners

A great opportunity for Fair Trade youth movements & NGOs! European Parliament together with the European Youth Forum are organizing second European Youth Event in Strasbourg in May 2016. On this occasion, European Youth Forum ... [Read more](#)



TRAINING SESSION ON THE GUARANTEE SYSTEM

Lesson #6: Risk assessment



As you already know, all WFTO members must undergo a regular monitoring, including SAR, peer visits and external audit. The frequency of this monitoring for trading members is based on their risk assessment. The level of risk will determine the frequency ... [Read more](#)

VOTE4FT UPDATES

GERMAN AND POLISH VERSIONS OF THE 'WHO'S GOT THE POWER' REPORT

German and Polish versions of the *Who's got the Power? Report* are now available!

For the German version, elaborated by five German Fair Trade organisations (Forum Fairer Handel, GEPA, Misereor, Fairtrade Germany and Weltladen), [click here](#).

For the Polish version, elaborated by the [Polish Fair Trade Association](#), [click here](#).

MEMBER OF THE MONTH : Introducing new WFTO member

Island Spirit



Name: Island Spirit
Head Office: United Kingdom/Fiji
Year of foundation: 2012
Website: www.island-spirit.org

After a wonderful year from 2009 - 2010 as the Communications Manager with Partners in Community Development Fiji, I started a small company called Island Spirit. The economy in the UK was going down hill rapidly and jobs in the charity sector were becoming more and more scarce so I felt it was as good a time as any to get out and try something new! [Read more](#)

FT-RELATED NEWS, PUBLICATIONS & OTHER TOOLS

· The [FTAO's Internal Advocacy Bulletin](#) for May 2015 (login required) includes articles on 'Events & Resources' (New EU funding opportunity for regional and global Fair Trade networks, The new science of sustainable food systems: overcoming barriers to food systems reform, Launch of the French Association to support the Small Producers' Symbol (SPP)), Fair Trade Success Stories (Best practice in advocacy: the Polish action against EC proposal on organic food regulations) and more!

· Full compensation for Rana Plaza victims has been secured - the Rana Plaza Donors Trust Fund has finally met its target of \$30 million, following a large anonymous donation. [Read more here](#).

· WFTO-Europe attended a workshop 'Sustainable Consumption and Production: Connecting the dots from Civil Society in the upcoming new development framework' organized by Concord on 9th June in Brussels. A record from the workshop can be found [here](#).

· The G7 summit took place in Schloss Elmau in Germany on 7-8 June 2015. Anti-poverty campaigners from across the world rallied in Munich to call on G7 members to keep their promises. More in this [article](#).

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- 10 June: SOURCE Summit, London
 - 11-13 June: 9th European Organic Congress, Riga, Latvia
 - 12 June: World Day Against Child Labour
 - 20 June: World Refugee Day
 - 4 July: International Day of Cooperatives
 - 4-5 July: 9th International Fair Trade Towns Conference, Bristol, UK
 - 28-30 August: 2015 Fair Trade & Friends Fair, Dortmund, Germany
 - 12 September: International exhibiton of organic and natural products, Bologna, Italy
- And more!**
[Let us know](#) about your events!

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

We are happy to inform you that the project we submitted to the Belgian Development Agency was accepted. Hence, we will be organizing an event on textile in mid October 2015 in Brussels. Make sure you follow our [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) accounts and read our Newsletter in order to stay informed on the following steps.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The next Board meeting will be held on the 22nd of June 2015, via Skype.

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