

Fair Trade Towns Campaign update September 2015

Regional coordination of FTT Campaign in LA

WFTO-LA jointly with CLAC decided to take responsibility for development and spreading the campaign in Latin America and the Caribbean. Currently the campaign is pending in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a new initiative started in Peru and Chile. The first FTT in South America was Pacos de Caldas (Brazil). New coordinators for Latin American Fair Trade Towns:

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Other WFTO regions are also invited to establish a link with International Fair Trade Towns Steering Committee.

Bristol Conference and Resolution

Following the Int. FTTs Conference in Bristol July (7-9th) Fair Trade Towns across the globe are being asked to get their Mayors (and/or other leading politicians) to sign up to the Bristol Resolution. The Resolution was first signed by the Mayor of Bristol at the conference followed closely by the Mayors of Menjez and Abra soon to become two of the ten first Fair Trade Villages in Lebanon. We aim to get as many Fair Trade Towns as possible across the world to engage with the Sustainable Development Goals Resolution. **Please spread the word to Fair Trade Towns in your country so they can be a part of this international campaign. [The Resolution can be downloaded:](#)**

Fair Trade Live 2015

To commemorate 30 years since 'Live Aid' this music festival took place in Fair Trade Towns from 7 countries: Kumamoto, Japan, the first Fair Trade Town in Asia; Saarbrücken, the first Fair Trade Town in Germany; Pays de la Loire, one of the first Fair Trade Towns in France; Lancaster, UK, near to Garstang, the world's first Fair Trade Town; Media PA, USA, the first Fair Trade Town in the American continent; Ebolowa, working towards becoming the first Fair Trade Town in Cameroon and Poços de Caldas, Brazil, the first officially recognised Fair Trade Town in South America. The Bristol Resolution was signed by many Mayors and politicians and a great time was had by all. [More on the event can be found on the website](#)

International Fair Trade Towns conference 2016

The 10th Int. Fair Trade Towns conference will be held in Baskinta, Lebanon on 1 – 3 July 2016. This will be the 1st time the conference will be held in the Global South. It is hoped it will inspire and motivate a building Fair Trade Towns movement across the Middle East and North Africa and send a powerful message redefining the relationship between the North and the South from a one-way to a two-way relationship. The theme of the conference will be 'Building Bridges through Fair Trade' and reflect how Fair Trade Towns in Lebanon have created social and economic links between communities of different sects and faiths. [read more](#)

. We are also happy to know that WFTO Africa set up a Regional FTT Committee for West Africa