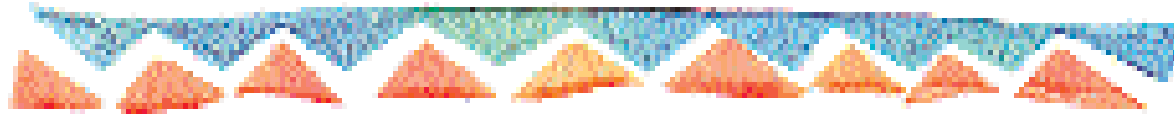


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Global Citizenship, shopping and chocolate....

School students, like the rest of us, are consumers. This creates an ideal, attention grabbing opportunity to address trade issues within Citizenship – for instance linking ourselves as local chocolate eaters to the global cocoa trade. World trade in goods we consume often benefits those of us in the rich countries of the ‘North’ at the expense of those in the poorer countries of the ‘South’. Many farmers, and other workers in the Southern Countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, are poor and getting poorer – often earning far less than they need to live on – because of the unfair rules of world trade.

Fair Trade is an alternative approach to conventional world trade. It’s a partnership between producers and consumers, which means paying farmers and other workers in the South a fair price for the work they do. This means they can have more control over their lives, improve their education, health, living and working conditions, and plan for the future.

As active global citizens, we need to be informed consumers - and be aware that the choices we make really do have an impact on other people’s lives. The issue of Fair Trade can raise students’ awareness of the wider world, and their own role within it. The concept of something ‘being fair’ is easily grasped by students of all ages. Fair Trade appeals to their natural sense of justice, providing an array of opportunities for students to participate as active global citizens.

Fairtrade Fortnight, the annual national campaign to raise awareness of Fair Trade, is from March 3rd - 16th. Why not use this to run a School Fair Trade Campaign across the curriculum or as a vehicle to introduce active Global Citizenship? Why not become a **Fair Trade School**?

For more information on teaching about Fair Trade, and where it fits your curriculum contact louise@risc.org.uk

On Fair Trade....

Martin Luther King said:

“In the morning we drink coffee provided for us by a South American, or tea by a Chinese, or cocoa by a West African. Before we leave for our jobs we’re already indebted to more than half the world”

.....extend this to include the clothes we put on, the trainers we wear, the TV we watch, our microwave, walkman, playstation....

About RISC

RISC is a Development Education Centre located in Reading town centre. We work with schools & community groups to raise the profile of global issues & promote action for sustainable development, human rights & social justice.

The Centre includes conference facilities, exhibition & meeting space, a Fair Trade World Shop & the Global Cafe. Our activities include:

- ❖ providing training for teachers & youth workers on development education resources
- ❖ producing resources such as teaching packs, & exhibitions for use by schools, youth & community groups
- ❖ providing a loan service of artefacts & education packs for schools & youth workers
- ❖ selling books & development education resources, fiction & non-fiction for children & adults on global issues
- ❖ developing an urban roof garden for local & global education
- ❖ organising a programme of events & exhibitions on global issues & speakers from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America
- ❖ promoting campaigns on local & international issues
- ❖ selling fairtrade, organic & environmentally friendly products, and world music CDs
- ❖ giving work experience opportunities for volunteers

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Events: Local... to Global

Events to provide a focus for teachers working with students in Citizenship and other curriculum areas.

2003

This is the International Year of **Freshwater**. Why? Because

- * One sixth of the world's population lack access to adequate sanitation
- * 40% of the world's people lack access to adequate sanitation services
- * One flush of a western toilet uses as much water as the average person in the South uses for a whole day's washing, drinking, cleaning and cooking
- * If present consumption patterns continue, 2 out of every 3 people on earth will live in water stressed conditions by 2025

Find out how you can make a difference at www.wateryear2003.org

January

1st	World Peace Day	www.oneday.net
15th	Martin Luther King Day	www.mlkday.com
27th	Holocaust Memorial Day	www.holocaustmemorialday.gov.uk

February

7th	UNICEF day for change for Tanzania and Cambodia	www.unicef.org.uk
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March

1st	Nuclear Free Pacific Day	
3rd - 16th	Fairtrade Fortnight	www.fairtrade.org.uk
6th	World Book Day	www.worldbookday.com
8th	International Women's Day	www.internationalwomensday.com
21st	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	www.un.org/events

RISC Events

In June 2003 we are planning two Global Citizenship days:

- ❖ a Teachers' Day will enable primary and secondary teachers to develop and deliver Global Citizenship across the curriculum as well as through whole school activities

Resources for teaching about Fair Trade

(All these, and more, can be bought or borrowed from RISC)

Shops and Markets KS 1 & 2

£20

Curriculum Links: Literacy, Geography, Citizenship

Topic pack covering trade, Fair Trade, different types of shops and markets. Photos, posters and activities.

Go Bananas KS 1 & 2

£14

Curriculum Links: Literacy, Geography, Citizenship, Numeracy

18 colour photos illustrate the journey of bananas from plant to plate. teacher's information, activity booklet with a range of interactive activities

Making a meal of it KS 2

£13.95

Curriculum Links: Literacy, Geography, Citizenship, Numeracy, Science

Food issues pack with 18 photos of foods in different contexts. Linked with farming, shopping, celebrations, daily life and Fair Trade. Worksheets and extension activities.

Pa Pa Paa KS 2

Free from www.dubble.co.uk

Curriculum Links: Literacy, Geography, Citizenship, Numeracy, Science, RE

Case study of Fair Trade cocoa growers in Ghana. Photos, poster, activity sheets and trading game.

For a Few Pesos More KS 2 & 3

£10

Curriculum links: Citizenship, PHSE, Geography, Literacy, Music, RS

A 4 minute animated rap outlining the injustices of world trade, and introducing Fair Trade as an alternative. Video and Teachers' pack with background information on Fair Trade, curriculum links and activities tailored for different age groups.

All you need for a Fair Trade Assembly KS 2/3/4

£1

Three assemblies involving minimal preparation and maximum participation.

Coffee Culture KS 2/3/4 16+ FE

£32

Curriculum links: Citizenship, PHSE, Geography, RE, Design and Technology

A limited edition game, silkscreen printed onto a wipeable table cloth. Building on the familiar snakes and ladders format, it explores some of the trading issues that effect coffee producers in Nicaragua and illustrates the benefits of Fair Trade.

NEW Fair Trade Primary School resource, currently being produced by RISC, available from Feb 1st 2003

Find out more:

www.maketradefair.com

www.bananalink.org.uk

www.oneworld.org/wdm

www.fairtrade.org.uk

www.labourbehindthelabel.org

www.cleanclothes.org.uk

RISC has a very wide selection of teaching resources for all ages and curriculum areas as well as a selection of artefacts for loan, please email us your name and address for further information.