

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2021

Primary Schools Conferences in Devon

Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 (February 22nd - March 7th) will all be on-line. The Fairtrade Foundation (www.fairtrade.org.uk) and the Fairtrade Schools programme (<http://schools.fairtrade.org.uk>) will provide many on-line resources, freely available to download and use.

The theme for 2021 is *'Choose the World you want. Choose Fair Wages for all. Choose Climate Action. Choose Fairtrade'*. The focus products will be bananas, cocoa and coffee.

In Devon, we will not be able to invite a Fairtrade producer to come, to speak at our schools conferences and community meetings. So we have devised an on-line conference, to be delivered in classrooms during Fairtrade Fortnight, either by the class teachers or live by Alison Derrick from Fairtrade Devon. We are focusing on Fairtrade bananas from St Vincent in the Windward Isles.

The draft conference outline is shown below. The final outline and all resources will be freely available for teachers to download. In addition:

A Free Training Teachers' Workshop: for teachers who want to run the conference themselves, with their own classrooms. We will run the session twice, to introduce teachers to the conference and resources.

These will be held on line,

Thursday 7th January, 4.30-6pm, repeated on

Tuesday 2nd February, 4.30-6pm.

Please contact Devon Development Education to register for one of these free courses. [dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk](mailto:dde@globalcentred Devon.org.uk)

Live On-line Conferences during Fairtrade Fortnight, 22nd Feb - 7th March. This is for teachers who wish to have Alison Derrick run the conference live, on-line, in their classroom. This will last up to 2 hours, or less according to the school's timetable.

However there are a limited number of sessions in the Fortnight, so please contact us at Devon Development Education to book a date. dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk And there will be a small charge: £50 for a class of 30 children; £75 for up to 60 children.

For teachers who plan to book a live session, there is no requirement to attend the teachers' workshop.

Sue Errington and Alison Derrick, Fairtrade Devon

FAIRTRADE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE 2021

The following is a general outline for a virtual Fairtrade Conference for KS2. The Conference will be led by Alison Derrick with Sue Errington including video clips of producers with their personal story/journey. Bananas will be the focus of the pupils' learning, which will enable them to understand Fairtrade and its benefits with a global perspective.

Aims of the conferences: to provide an opportunity for pupils to:

- Understand what Fairtrade is.
- Know where in the world bananas are grown - map work.
- Find out the benefits of Fairtrade from a Fairtrade producer.
- Learn how bananas are produced and current climate change challenges.
- Begin to understand the BIG question about British colonial history - why are bananas grown in the Caribbean?
- Engage in global citizenship activities by encouraging their family, school and local cafés to buy Fairtrade products thus supporting Fairtrade farmers and their families.
- Consider the Fairtrade School's Award for their school.

Introduction: Welcome to Devon's Fairtrade Primary School Conference 2021

Part 1

- Before the Conference, pupils to complete the banana quiz. A wordsearch is available too.
- World map - pupils to decide in small groups on a map where the Caribbean is located, where they think bananas are grown in the world and why. Pupils to discuss with each other and feedback to lead presenter.
- What is Fairtrade - short presentation.
- Meet a producer - Veronica Browne from St Vincent, who visited Devon in 2019 - short video to highlight how Fairtrade benefits her family. Meet Veronica's family and new baby granddaughter Aria.

Part 2: Finding out how bananas are grown

- Powerpoint presentation
- Produce to be available in class - bananas and banana fibre
- Group activity - banana photo timeline, showing the stages in banana growing
- Challenges of climate change that affect the crops
- Answers to quiz
- Using banana fibre from the plant to make a friendship bracelet

Part 3: Why were Bananas grown in the Windward Isles of The Caribbean?

- A brief history of the country linking back to colonial Britain, the slave trade and cheap labour
- Pupils working in groups to research using tablets, i-pads etc.
- When were bananas first introduced to Caribbean islands?
- How much is grown and exported?
- How much is grown and exported through Fairtrade?

Part 4: Promoting Fairtrade in school - after the Conference

- Pupils to discuss with their teacher how their class can promote Fairtrade in their school, family and locality. What can we do to make a difference?
- Encourage Fairtrade products to be used in recipes - chocolate, sugar, bananas etc.
- Pupils can lobby their school staff, local cafés, churches and community hubs to use Fairtrade products, especially tea, coffee, sugar etc.

Evaluation and feedback