

We had a stall at the Newcastle Climate Day of Action on 16 November 2024, organised by the North East Climate Justice Coalition. The photo shows people listening to a speaker in the stall hall at St James's URC church in Newcastle city centre. Watch a video about this here: [Newcastle Climate Day of Action, 16 November 2024](#)



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Hello from the Chair

Welcome to the Newcastle Fairtrade Partnership Newsletter for Winter 2024! We've got news about Fairtrade Christmas Gifts, the Climate Day of Action for COP29, and feature one of our local Fairtrade organisations, Westgate Hill Primary Academy. If you want to join the Newcastle Fairtrade Partnership, please complete this short form: [Newcastle Fairtrade Partnership](#)

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Spotlight: Westgate Hill Primary Academy are Award Winners!

Westgate Hill Primary Academy has recently been awarded the FairAchiever Award! This award is the final step in the Fairtrade Schools Award Scheme, following the FairAware and FairActive Awards, and shows that they have a Fairtrade Policy, have completed a Learner audit and embedded Fairtrade into learning. They use Fairtrade products, and have completed two Fairtrade Challenges (such as running a campaign, having guest speakers, and many more).

Teaching Assistant and member of the Newcastle Fairtrade Partnership Steering Group, Bronia Lacey, said: “Everyone at Westgate Hill is absolutely delighted to achieve our recent Fair Achiever award. This is the culmination of much hard work by our staff and children over recent years to focus on Fair Trade values wherever we can. We look forward to continuing this process for many years to come!”

Find out more about Westgate Hill Primary Academy here: <https://westgatehill.laidlawschoolstrust.co.uk/>



Young people at Westgate Hill in 2019 celebrate being awarded the FairAware Award.

National News – Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 Dates Confirmed

Following from the move to a September Fairtrade Fortnight in 2024, the national Fairtrade Foundation has announced that Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 will be held over **22 September – 5 October 2025**.

This has happened to give people more time to plan their events, and to avoid clashes with Easter, when shops have limited advertising space for non-Easter promotions.

Find out more here:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>



Events

20 April 2025: Easter Sunday

22 April 2025: Earth Day

5 June 2025: World Environment Day

10-18 June 2025: Great Big Green Week

7 July 2025: World Chocolate Day

The next **Fairtrade Fortnight** will take place between **22 September 2024 – 5 October 2025**. Find out more about what's happening here:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

November 2025: COP30 in Brazil

Christmas Fairtrade Gift Guide 2024

The latest Fairtrade Gift Guide is out! Get into the festive spirit and make a difference this Christmas by choosing ethical gifts that support farmers and their families around the world. Find it here:



<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/ethical-christmas-gifts/>

International News: Using poinsettias to earn a living in Uganda

At a time of year when we often purchase poinsettias, Fairtrade-certified flower farm Wagagai is rallying its partners across Europe to set aside local market differences and unite in a mission: to ensure living wages for hard workers who grow these festive blooms. Find out more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/UganPoin>



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Local News: Newcastle Climate Day of Action, 16 November 2024

“Protesters from around the North East marched in Newcastle as world leaders battled over future policy at COP29 in Baku. And vital local and national battles were spelled out by speakers at Newcastle Civic Centre and the Climate Stalls event that followed.” This annual gathering from around the region was organised by North East Climate Justice Coalition, including Climate Action Newcastle, and we were proud to attend!

We joined the march from Newcastle Civic Centre at 11am on Saturday 16 November 2024, marching along St Mary’s Place and Northumberland Street before finishing at St James’s URC church for the stalls and speakers. Louise Reeve and Ceri Finn from the Newcastle Fairtrade Partnership Steering Group staffed our stall, promoting Fairtrade, inviting people to join us, and talking about the ways in which Fairtrade can help to tackle Climate Change. You can see our photos and videos of the event on our Facebook page here:

www.facebook.com/newcastlefairtrade/



The march sets off from Newcastle Civic Centre.