# Fair Trade Fridays- Outreach Package

## Objectives

- > Share information on fair trade initiatives and why they are important
- > Show how to spot logos and where on campus to find fair trade coffee

# Set-Up

- ➤ Coffee and cups (if outreach is on the Friday)
- > Fairtrade handouts
- > Table-top velcro board and visuals
- ➤ OS banner

#### Need to know!

### **SYMBOLS**



#### **Fairtrade International:**

- -Must come from FLO-Cert inspected and certified producer
- -Strong standard setter for small producers. Factory and farmworker welfare standards.



## **Small Producers Symbol**

- -The only farmer-led fair-trade certification
- -Strong eligibility requirements
- -First Fair Trade famer-owned certification system.



#### **Fairtrade Federation**

- -Non-profit trade association promotes North American businesses that are full committed to fair trade
- -But does not indicate an audited supply chain





- -NOT a fair-trade label
  -Shows a farm, forest, or tourism
  has been audited meet enviro,
  social and economic standards
- More suited for larger farms



#### **Fair For Life**

- -Very inclusive product certification
- Focus on marginalized producers and workers
- Standards for living wags and democratic premiums



### Fair Trade USA

- -Developed in 2011
- -Has health and safety requirements
- -But has no collective bargaining and living wage requirements



#### **World Fair Trade Organization**

- -324 organizations and 70 countries
- -Strong internal control systems, peer review, and external audits



### **Direct Trade**

- -Form of sourcing alternative to Fairtrade certification
- Practiced by some coffee roasters
- No agreed definition and unlike Fair Trade Coffee, there is no 3rd party certification.

#### INFO ON VELCRO BOARD

#### What Fairtrade Does

- About better prices, decent working condition and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers
- Supports farming communities and protecting the environment where they work

## What does the Fair-Trade Logo Mean

- Fairtrade ingredients have been produced by small scale farmer organizations/plantations that meet Fairtrade social, economic and enviro standards
- Standards include: workers' rights, enviro protection, payment at Fairtrade min price and Fairtrade premium
- Range of products: bananas, honey, coffee, oranges, cocoa, cotton, fruits and veggies, juice, nuts, oil, quinoa, rice, spices, sugar, tea, wine.
- Fairtrade producers have 50% of say in all key decisions. (Fairtrade consult with producers and business)
- Independent certification body is called FLO-cert (checks and monitors Fairtrade standards)

## The Supply Chain

#### 1.) Farmers and Workers

- Farmers receive a sustainable income and support for their families
- Guaranteed a minimum price that give them stability and reduce risk of child labour
- By committing to Fairtrade standards, farmers must protect their ecosystem and reduce use of harmful chemicals

## 2.) Fairtrade Cooperatives

- Associations of farmers or company dependant that are democratic
- Collaboration means they can negotiate prices and share/purchase equipment
- Fairtrade Premium: an additional sum of money paid on top of min price that farmers/workers invest in social, enviro, and economic development projects

#### 3.) Processors and Distributors

- Supply chain must be monitored by Flo-cert
- Fairtrade aims for transparency throughout the entire supply chain (from harvest to packaging)

## 4.) Consumers

- Fairtrade connects to other cultures. Products are made in unique locations and from unique peoples
- Means high quality products and making a difference in the lives of people who grow your food
- Is better for the environment

### Fair Trade Campus Program

- Recognizes colleges/universities demonstrating strong commitment to fair trade
- Broad awareness and support of fair trade
- Fairtrade provides tools and info needed

# **Outreach Tips**

- 1. Try standing beside or in front of the table, instead of sitting down behind it
- 2. Offer something fun to do, free to get, or a hook statement or question to get people interested
- 3. Review the Outreach package and find info you find interesting prior your volunteering
- 4. It's ok to admit you don't have the answer to a person's questions. Just provide the most truthful information or suggest reliable places where they can find out more.

# Other programs on Campus

- Green to Go (reusable container program)
- Urban Beekeeping tours

# **Upcoming Events**

- Earth Hour Race
- Electronics Recycling Blitz



#### Coffee Bean Plant

- Produces cherries with a pit (AKA the coffee bean)
- The beans are naturally beige in color and turn brown during roasting
- Naturally high in caffeine, as they are roasted caffeine levels decrease

## **Coffee Harvesting**

- Coffee fruit is produced year around, so there is rip and unripe fruit on 1 tree
- It must be harvested by hand so that only the ripe fruit is removed
- Coffee is produced in developing countries such as: Brazil,
   Columbia, Indonesia,
   Ethiopia, and Costa
   Rica













