



FAIRTRADE MOSQUES: START YOUR JOURNEY





WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference. It's about fair prices, better working conditions and enabling a more stable future for communities in developing countries.

Choosing products with the FAIRTRADE Mark means producers receive a fairer price for their hard work plus a little extra – the Fairtrade Premium – that farmers and workers can spend on projects to benefit their business or community.

Fairtrade is the only certification label that's 50 percent owned by the farmers and workers themselves. They are a core part of all decision-making.

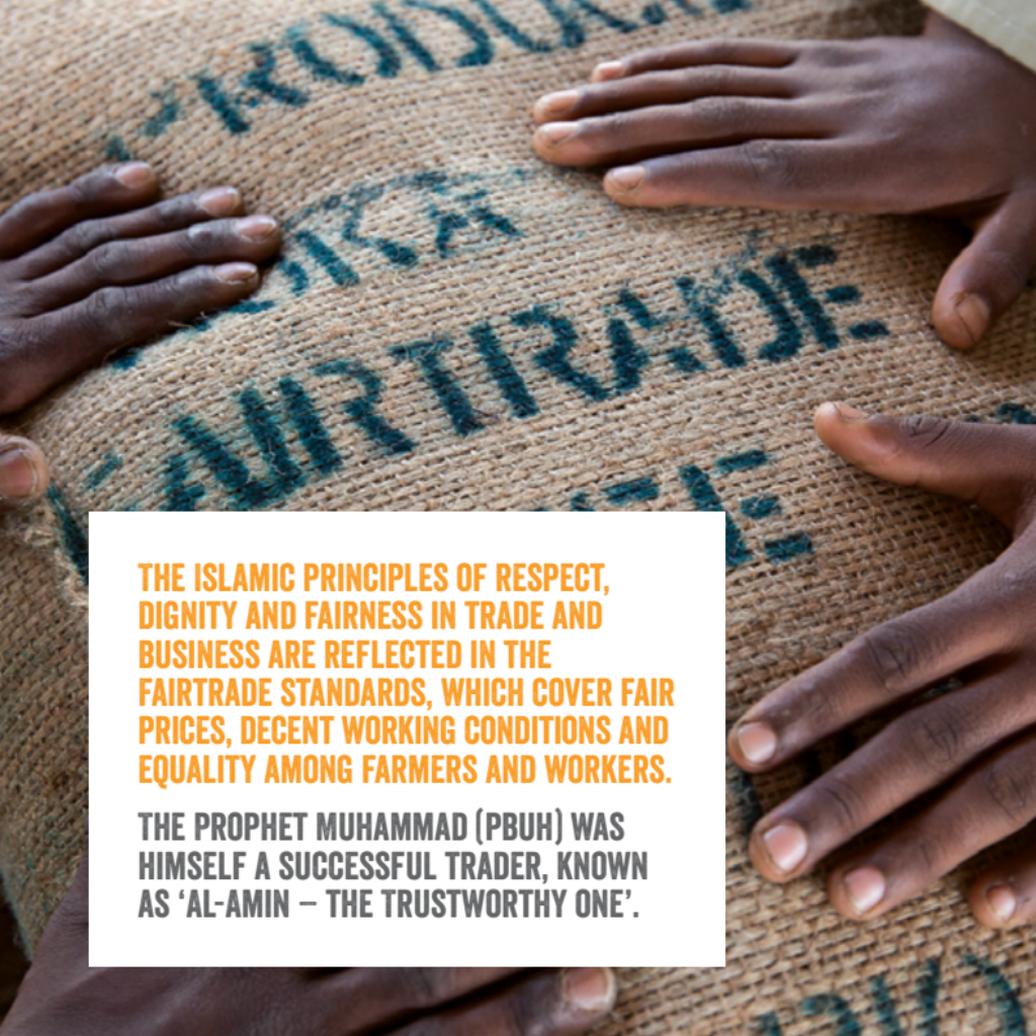


WHY BECOME A FAIRTRADE MOSQUE?

A hadith narrated by Bukhari states that the Prophet (pbuh) said: 'Allah shows mercy to a man who is kind when he sells, when he buys and when he makes a claim.' Muslims are obliged to be fair sellers and consumers, treating one another with respect.

By using Fairtrade products and learning more about our power as citizens and consumers we can perform our religious duty and make a real difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters in developing countries.





THE ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT, DIGNITY AND FAIRNESS IN TRADE AND BUSINESS ARE REFLECTED IN THE FAIRTRADE STANDARDS, WHICH COVER FAIR PRICES, DECENT WORKING CONDITIONS AND EQUALITY AMONG FARMERS AND WORKERS.

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) WAS HIMSELF A SUCCESSFUL TRADER, KNOWN AS 'AL-AMIN – THE TRUSTWORTHY ONE'.

WHEN YOU SEE THE FAIRTRADE MARK:



The Fairtrade producer received a price that covered their average costs of sustainable production



Plus the Fairtrade Premium, a little extra money to invest in their business, or in community projects of their choice



Workers have rights to decent wages, to join unions and work in safe conditions



Farmers and workers, including women, have the opportunity to have their voice heard



Becoming a Fairtrade Mosque is a way of showing your commitment to ethical purchasing and trade justice. Serving Fairtrade tea and coffee during your meetings and events is a simple way to start. Using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit helps to make Fairtrade a regular part of your mosque's life. Raising awareness throughout the mosque and its extended community is vital too, for example by promoting Fairtrade during the year, holding events and incorporating Fairtrade discussion into worship.



‘We are very happy with Fairtrade because it has delivered real benefits to us. Fairtrade helps to protect the interests of the farmers, with the minimum prices. Psychologically they feel more protected, that there are people on their side when there are unfair powers in the way the market works.’

Salah ben Amara,
Fairtrade date farmer, Tunisia







**ALLAH SAYS IN THE QUR'AN:
'O YE WHO BELIEVE! EAT NOT
UP YOUR PROPERTY AMONG
YOURSELVES IN VANITIES:
BUT LET THERE BE AMONGST
YOU TRAFFIC AND TRADE BY
MUTUAL GOOD-WILL.'**



The ethics of trade as laid out in Islam have a lot in common with Fairtrade values and principles. Muslims are encouraged to make sure that both parties in a transaction are content with the outcome and it benefits each side equally. Islam disapproves of the exploitation of workers and demands justice and fairness in trade. The Qur'an states unequivocally that **'God loves those who are fair and just'** (49:9).



BRINGING FAIRTRADE INTO YOUR MOSQUE

Here are ways to introduce Fairtrade activities, products and events into your mosque and worship:

- Include a discussion of Fairtrade in a halaqah
- Promote the use of Fairtrade products such as dates during Ramadan
- Have a 'fair and local' Iftar meal
- Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with an event, stall or workshop
- Connect with your local Fairtrade Town group
- Hold a Fairtrade sermon on a Friday
- Enjoy a tasting of Fairtrade products



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