

FAIRTRADE PLACES OF WORSHIP RECOMMITMENT GUIDE

Churches, mosques, synagogues and other places of worship across the UK have been at the heart of the success of Fairtrade – putting faith in to action by using and promoting Fairtrade products, and leading public conversation about justice for the farmers and workers we rely on.

Twenty-five years on from the launch of the FAIRTRADE Mark there is much to celebrate, but plenty left to achieve, as we enter a new chapter where values of justice in trade need to be front of mind as much as ever.

We are calling on all places of worship to re-commit to Fairtrade in 2020 (or to commit, if you are applying for the first time), re-assert their support for a fairer trading system that values people and planet and pledge to undertake some simple, practical actions with Fairtrade.

There is a brand new online commitment process that's easy to complete whether you have applied for Fairtrade status before, or not, and new certificates, posters and materials available to celebrate and showcase your Fairtrade commitment.

FAIRTRADE PLACE OF WORSHIP GOALS

There are lots of ways to support Fairtrade, but just two core requirements to be awarded Fairtrade Place of Worship status:

1. Use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and to share this information with the wider congregation.
2. Integrate Fairtrade into the life of your place of worship, at Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year through other activities, sermons and services.

(RE-)COMMITTING TO FAIRTRADE STATUS – NEXT STEPS

If you already have Fairtrade status, you've never had it, or you're not sure, the steps are the same:

1. Please email faiths@fairtrade.org.uk with the name and address of your place of worship, and your contact information.
2. We'll send you a simple online form to complete to re-commit. You'll find a guide to completing the online form overleaf, and what we'll ask for.
3. When the form is complete, we'll do a quick check and send you a new certificate, poster and logo to display.
4. Keep on using Fairtrade products, and reflecting about Fairtrade themes as a faith community where you can. In two years, we'll email to ask for a quick update in order to renew your Fairtrade status.

COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE COMMITMENT FORM

The requirements to be a Fairtrade Place of Worship have not changed, but it should be simpler and easier to commit to Fairtrade. The form should take between 15-30 minutes to complete online. The new commitment form has two main parts:

PART 1. YOU AND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

This allows us to keep in touch with you and your place of worship, including contact details, and standard information.

We'll ask for some basic contact information about yourself, and any other contacts at your place of worship supporting your Fairtrade commitment, like a leader or secretary.

PART 2. WHAT YOU DO TO SUPPORT FAIRTRADE

The second element of the process asks how you support Fairtrade, in three questions:

Question 1 is about using and promoting Fairtrade Products.

We'll ask which Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar you use, and about any other Fairtrade products that you have been able to use or promote, like bananas, wine or biscuits (even if not on a regular basis). You can find Fairtrade products on our [website](#).

Question 2 asks how you what you have done to embed Fairtrade at your place of worship beyond using products.

Some examples of how you can do this are running events in Fairtrade Fortnight, creating a display, or using Fairtrade themes within services. We just ask what type of activity you have done, it is up to you how much extra detail you would like to add. You don't need to do everything on this list, but we encourage you to do as many as you can, especially celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. You can find information and ideas for taking further actions [here](#).

Question 3 is an optional opportunity to tell us about other ways you can support the Fairtrade movement.

We encourage churches and other places of worship to join our campaigns, sign our petitions or meet your local MP about Fair Trade. You could also work with local Fairtrade Schools and Towns to spread the word together, or raise money to support the work of Fairtrade. These actions aren't mandatory to receive your Fairtrade Award.

You'll find more information at fairtrade.org.uk/faiths If you have any further questions about how to complete the form, please email faiths@fairtrade.org.uk.