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OUR ASKS

As the UK looks to make fast international Trade Deals, and Covid-19 continues to cause vast health and economic impacts globally, the Welsh Government must remain committed to establishing Wales as a globally responsible nation.

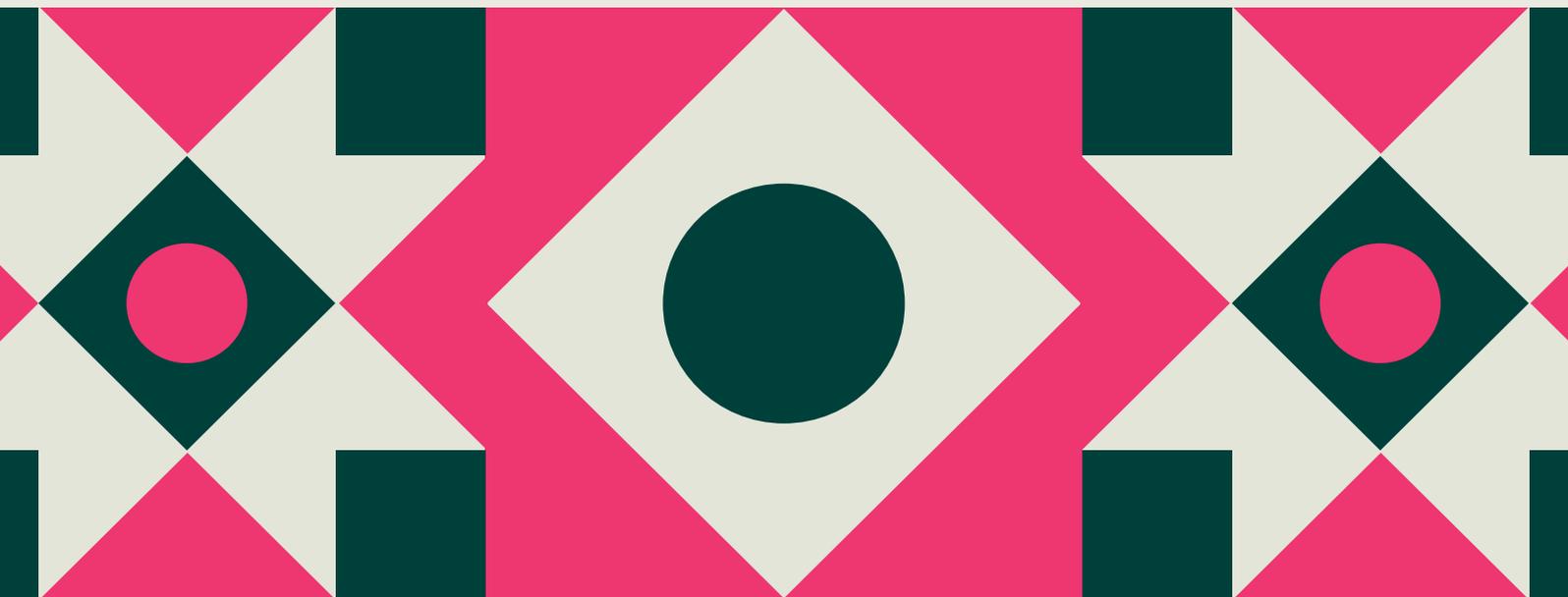
We want the next Senedd and Welsh Government to work to embed Fair Trade in Trade Policy, Procurement and Education.

1. Develop a set of Trade Policy lines focussed on global responsibility, pushing for new international trade deals to promote workers' rights, sustainability and fair trade
2. Maintain and enhance Fair Trade commitments in the Welsh Government and Senedd's procurement policies and guidelines
3. Ensure that Wales creates a nation of ethical, global citizens by including effective teaching and online resources for the inclusion of 'ethical and informed citizens of Wales and the World' in the curriculum.

WE ARE FAIR TRADE WALES

Fair Trade Wales aims to support, grow and promote the Fair Trade movement in Wales, the world's first Fair Trade Nation.

We are experts on Fair Trade and Trade Justice. We support communities and organisations with a passion for Fair Trade. We are a partner in Hub Cymru Africa, and are part of the UK's Trade Justice Movement. Fair Trade Wales is funded by the Welsh Government through the Wales and Africa Programme.



ABOUT FAIR TRADE

The global Fair Trade movement aims to make trade fair for all and promote alternative forms of trade that put people and planet before profit.

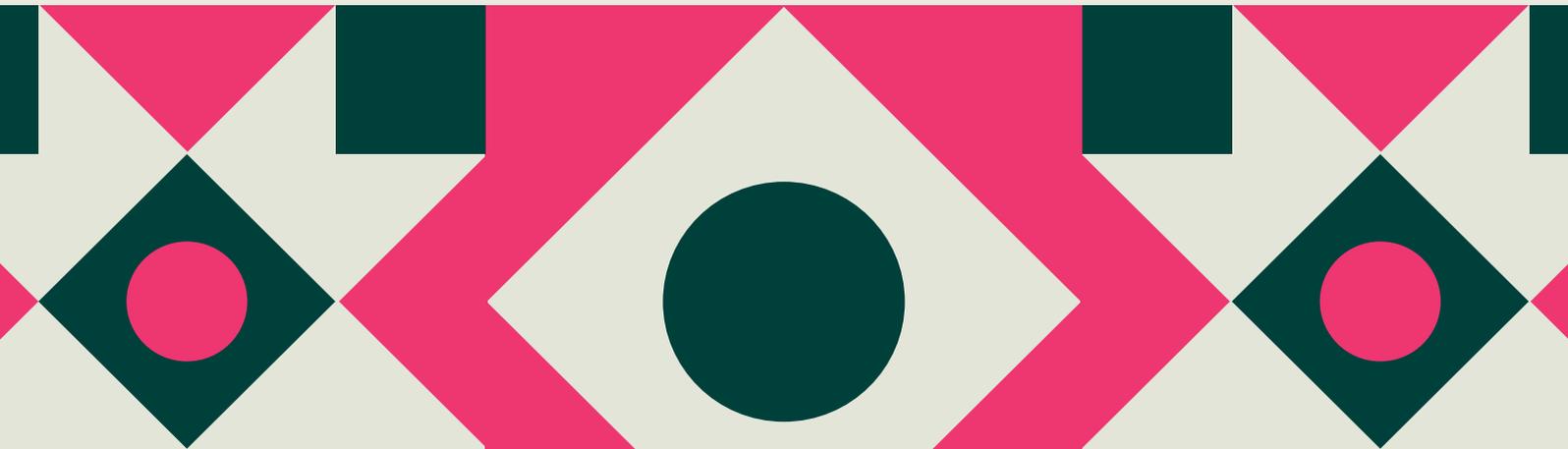
Over 6000 products are certified as 'Fairtrade' for complying with rigorous international standards.

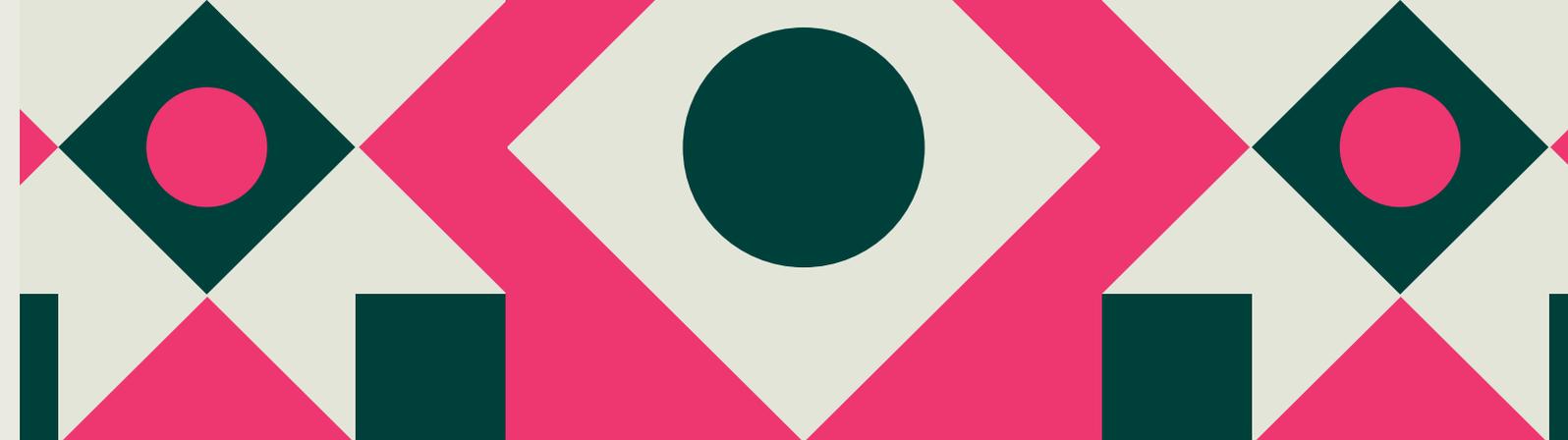
The Fairtrade system:

- Guaranteed 'minimum price'
- Extra 'premium' paid - the highest of any certification scheme
- Independent audits
- Democratic decision making
- Producer networks provide free support and training
- 50% of the Fairtrade board are producer representatives

WHAT WALES HAS DONE SO FAR

- Wales became the world's first Fair Trade Nation in 2008
- The Senedd and Welsh Government committed to procuring Fairtrade products
- The Welsh Government set up and continues to run the Wales and Africa programme, which supports people in Wales to take action on poverty in Africa
- Legislation commits Wales to the Sustainable Development Goals through the Future Generations Act, with a goal of Wales being globally responsible
- The Welsh Curriculum, aims for learners to become 'Ethical and informed citizens of Wales and the World'
- The Welsh Government hired the UK's first anti-slavery coordinator, to combat modern slavery in Wales, and wrote the code of practice for Ethical Employment in Supply Chains
- 18 Local authorities in Wales have become Fairtrade counties
- Wales currently has 8 Fair Trade shops, 30 Fair Trade groups and 200 Fairtrade schools
- The Welsh Government backed the Climate Change Coffee project in 2020, supporting more than 3,000 Fairtrade farmers in rural Uganda to get a fair price for their coffee.





COVID-19

The global pandemic has caused quick and fast drops to prices in global commodities markets, plunging many farmers and workers in poverty. Fairtrade is giving producers the security of a Fairtrade minimum price, and resilience and a voice through their community cooperatives and workers' committees.

NEW TRADE DEALS

Trade can be a fundamental element of creating long-term and sustainable ways to tackle poverty. Developing countries' exports to the UK make up 10-15% of the UK's food imports, and they can make up large proportions of individual countries' exports.

As the UK begins to negotiate Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) outside of the EU, Wales must promote trade policy that works for developing countries, and for producers and workers, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CLIMATE CRISIS

Smallholder farmers, whilst doing the least to contribute to climate change, live on the front line of the climate crisis and are already hit by increasing droughts, floods and unpredictable, changing weather. Fair Trade Wales is advocating for living incomes for all farmers and workers. Without living incomes, producers cannot invest in adapting to the impact of climate change.

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