

Monmouthshire Schools Fairtrade Celebrations - 2020

Schools across Monmouthshire will be having their own special event to celebrate this year's Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs from the 24th February to the 8th March.

Monmouthshire County Council in partnership with Fairtrade Wales and volunteers from Monmouthshire's four Fairtrade Town groups are organising the first ever Monmouthshire Schools Fairtrade Conference on Wednesday 4th March from 10am to 12 noon at Raglan CinW VC Primary School.

Children will be **meeting Jenipher Wetaka and hearing first-hand her stories of growing coffee in Uganda and the difference Fairtrade makes.** There will be lots of exciting and interactive games and activities for small groups at the conference to learn more about Fairtrade.

Councillor Sara Jones, Cabinet Member for Social Justice said, "We are really excited to be able to put on this event for our young people, and are looking forward to hearing first hand from Jenipher about the benefits that Fairtrade brings to coffee growers. We hope that children will be inspired and get lots of ideas to take back to their schools so that they can begin or go further on their school's Fairtrade journey."

The conference fits brilliantly with the new National Curriculum for Wales, in particular with the aim of helping children and young people to be "ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world".

For two weeks each year thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together during Fairtrade Fortnight to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.
