

Penrith and the Eden Valley have been a Fairtrade zone since 2006. Our very active Fairtrade Group meets regularly at different locations throughout the zone. The main meetings occur in Penrith at various venues, in local businesses, cafes and places of worship which support Fairtrade and are in our Guide. There are over 140 outlets selling or using Fairtrade products in the Eden Valley. It is difficult to keep our Fairtrade guide up-to-date as so many places now use Fairtrade goods, but we try to update it regularly. It is available from tourist information centres and online.

News

Over the years we have had many events throughout the Eden valley, particularly in schools. There have been Ceilidhs and Circle Dances, Fashion Shows and Strawberry Teas, Makeshift cafes on Mountains and by Lakes, as well as Fair-and Local Food Fairs and Jubilee Fetes! Children in schools have put on stalls, held coffee mornings and raised the awareness of Fairtrade through writing to local and national companies, selling Fairtrade products in tuckshops and school fairs as well as doing assemblies and lessons during Fairtrade Fortnight.

There are many activities and celebrations planned for 2013, for further details please contact Victoria Stevenson 01768 840 994 or Nicola Vecqueray 01768 866768



Fairtrade Fortnight café at Mousthwaite Coombe and children from High Heskett school running a café for parents and friends.



We are lucky to have a fabulous clothes and accessory shop in Penrith called “Victoria’s”, run by Victoria Stevenson. She stocks many lines of Fairtrade and UK produced jewellery, clothing, hats, sarves, gloves, coats etc. She also puts on Fairtrade fashion shows all around the county. Above is a photo from a fashion show in 2012 at a local secondary school. Victoria is pictured far right.



Some members of the Penrith and Eden Fairtrade group meet with a visiting banana producer from the Windward Isles, Joe Human from Keswick, and local school children at Sainsburys, Penrith.