

the co-operative party

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 motion:

Don't make the world's poor pay for Brexit

This Fairtrade Fortnight, help ensure that future trade deals don't widen global inequality.

This CLP notes:

- That the Government is committed to withdrawal from the European Customs Union and to expanded direct trade links with the rest of the World.
- That the re-shaping of Britain's international trading relationships and negotiation of new trade agreements put at risk existing measures that protect farmers in the poorest developing countries.
- The Labour & Co-operative movements' long history of working to promote Fairtrade, and our leadership in reforming international trade rules to Make Trade Fair while in Government.
- That Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 from Monday, 26 February - Sunday, 11 March provides a welcome opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to fair trade and to trade justice.

This CLP resolves to:

- Continue working to promote Fairtrade, including by providing Fairtrade options when refreshments are served CLP events and meetings.
- Call on the National Policy Forum to make it party policy for the next Labour government to safeguard and build upon existing sustainable development, environmental and human rights standards in trade deals it is responsible for negotiating.
- Publicise the Co-operative Party's 'Don't Make the World's Poor Pay for Brexit' petition to those present at this meeting and to CLP members via email.