



# SECONDARY EDUCATION PACK

## CLIMATE, FAIRTRADE AND YOU

This education pack for secondary schools has been produced for teachers and educators to discuss how the climate crisis affects farmers and workers in overseas countries. Through the materials in this pack, young people will have the opportunity to discover how their choices as individuals can have an impact on people around the world, but also on the planet that we live on.

These resources support global learning in the context of the national curricula for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There are a range of classroom and home learning opportunities for students aged 12+.

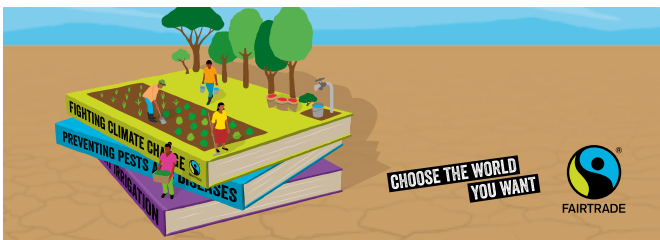
### In this pack, you will find...

- ✓ Assembly plans
- ✓ Lesson plans
- ✓ Fairtrade and Climate quiz
- ✓ Home learning grid
- ✓ Meet the farmers



## SHORT ASSEMBLIES FOR VIRTUAL SPACES

Download an assembly to share with your school. These short assemblies have been designed with social distancing in mind, and can be used for virtual or in-person events!



### CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT

You can change the world. Yes, you! All our little choices have a ripple effect and can make big changes. This assembly can be used to introduce the theme of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You' to your schools, and any other activities that are happening. The PowerPoint presentation can be shared on virtual platforms.

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### THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THEOBROMA CACAO

If your chocolate could talk... where has it been? Who has it met? And whose life did it touch? This fun role play will get learners thinking about the life of a product and the effect it can have on those involved with its production. Can your choices change this?

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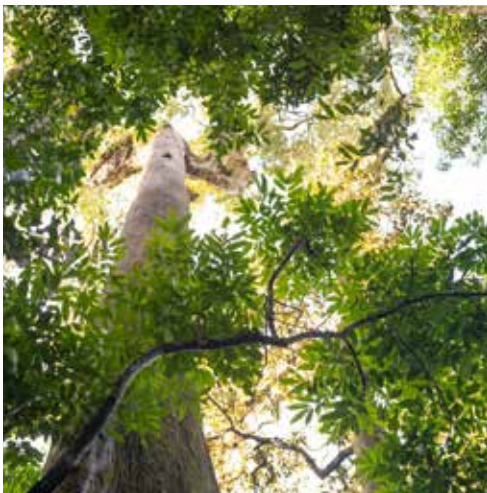
## TOP TIPS FOR HOLDING AN ASSEMBLY WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- ✓ Record a short role play using one of our [assembly scripts](#) and share it digitally for others to watch in other classrooms, at home or even in other schools!
- ✓ Host a virtual whole-school competition with a [Fairtrade and Climate quiz](#)
- ✓ Browse our [short films](#) for schools and hold a virtual screening



# LESSON PLANS

These four lesson plans will develop your students' understanding of the interconnectedness of humans and the environment.



## FAIRTRADE AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

This lesson focuses on the climate crisis and its impact upon agricultural practices in cocoa and coffee-growing regions. Students will learn how farmers are affected and how Fairtrade provides support to mitigate the effects of the changing climate. The lesson includes a three-minute film and a PowerPoint presentation.

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## TOUGH CHOICES

This lesson will teach students about the tough choices that people living in poverty have to make on a day-to-day basis. Through a role play activity and group discussion, students will have the opportunity to reflect on these choices and consider the impact that low incomes have on livelihoods and the environment.

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## FOREST-FRIENDLY FARMING

When farmers receive higher incomes through Fairtrade, they are better able to protect the environment around them. This lesson on forest-friendly farming teaches students about a sustainable farming technique used by the Ngoleagorbu Cocoa Farmers Union in Sierra Leone. This lesson includes a 12-minute film called *Guardians of the Rainforest* and a follow-up worksheet.

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## THE PROBLEM COCOA TREE

This lesson is designed to consolidate student learning about the climate crisis and its immediate threat to the livelihoods of farmers and workers across the world. Using the 'problem cocoa tree', students will use analytical skills to identify the causes, effects and solutions to the challenges that farmers face.

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## MORE ACTIVITIES

Unable to teach a full lesson on Fairtrade today? We've got you covered for home learning and short activities for the classroom!



### FAIRTRADE AND CLIMATE QUIZ

How much do you know about the climate crisis and Fairtrade? This quiz will get your students thinking about the impact of the climate crisis on farmers and workers overseas. Use it as a stand-alone activity or as a starter for a full lesson on Fairtrade and the climate crisis.

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### HOME LEARNING GRID

This home learning grid provides eight interdisciplinary learning activities that can be completed at home or in the classroom. Choose from essay challenges, digital campaigning, menu designing and more! These activities are a great way to consolidate learning on the topic of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'. The one-page PDF grid can be uploaded to Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams for children to access at home.

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**SHARE YOUR LEARNING WITH US ON TWITTER BY TAGGING**

**@FairtradeUKEd**

**#ChooseTheWorldYouWant**





## MEET THE FARMERS

These are the stories of Fairtrade farmers and workers who are facing the challenges of the climate crisis. These case studies can be shared either during an assembly or a story time, or as a stimulus for a lesson.



### NORANDINO COFFEE CO-OP, PERU

One of the things that most troubles the coffee farmers of Norandino is the rain. The rain that once fell across many months of the year is now concentrated into a much shorter period of two or three months. For farmers, this is a big problem. Droughts and floods damage their crop. Having less coffee to sell means less money to live on, and tough choices have to be made.

Having the knowledge to be able to use the best possible farming practices is so important for the farmers who make their living from the land.

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### CLIMATE ACADEMY, KENYA AND ETHIOPIA

In the coffee-growing regions of East Africa, the weather has changed dramatically in recent years. The seasons have become unpredictable, and making a living from agriculture is tough when droughts, floods and extreme heat come and destroy your crops. The farmers are just about surviving, but there is no money left over to invest in anything that would help protect from these shocks. The Climate Academy was created to bring farmers together to share ways of adapting, to find new opportunities to earn money, and make their farms more able to withstand extreme events.

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### COAGRICSAL, HONDURAS

In the heart of Copán, Honduras, the new Xol chocolate factory has just come into operation, run by around 20 young women. Until recently, the land where the cocoa is grown was covered in coffee bushes. But recent years have been hard, and the farmers have struggled to make a living. The long dry spells, and rapidly spreading plant diseases, destroyed coffee crops. The COAGRICSAL co-op made the decision to plant cocoa, which is better suited to the climate they are now seeing in the area.

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### LAS MERCEDES, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Cyclones and storms have always been a feature of the climate in the Caribbean, but the frequency and strength of those battering the islands in recent years has increased. For the farmers who rely on their crops for their income, the loss of their crops can be devastating. To recover and replant their farms, they often have to take loans and can end up with large debts. So, the banana farmers of Las Mercedes have used their Fairtrade Premium to develop a disaster recovery fund, to help out members should the worst happen.

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### NGOLEAGORBU COCOA FARMERS UNION, SIERRA LEONE

In the Gola Rainforest of Sierra Leone, a group of cocoa farmers work hard to protect their way of life, their beautiful forest and their livelihoods. Through having a better and more secure income, they can farm in a forest-friendly way and protect their beautiful home from the threats of deforestation and biodiversity loss.

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Learning about Fairtrade will take you one step further to a Fairtrade School Award!

