

Journal of Fair Trade

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**Call for Essays and Papers on
GENDER EMPOWERMENT/
EQUITY AND LABOUR RIGHTS
particularly for women, within
fair trade. for inclusion in Collective
Articles Sets in the Journal of Fair
Trade on this Subject Area**



The *Journal of Fair Trade* invites submissions on the subject of GENDER EMPOWERMENT/ EQUITY AND LABOUR RIGHTS particularly for women, within fair trade for publication in 2019 and 2020. Deadlines for submission are: July 2019, February or July 2020.

What is the aim of The *Journal of Fair Trade*?

The Journal of Fair Trade is a new independent Journal publish the work of authors - academic, active in practical work and business - who can advance a more in-depth understanding of Fair Trade realities, innovations, struggles, processes, learnings and actions. Authors should not be afraid to be critical of what is or has passed for Fair Trade, Fairtrade or other variants of ethical and humane trading practices. An objective of *The Journal of Fair Trade* is to produce a meaningful, credibly presented and authentic body of experience that can be read, then debated and applied globally in business practice and policy by others. Articles in the *Journal of Fair Trade* may focus on practice or theory, or may attempt to leverage a greater intersection with other disciplines, initiatives and issues of the day/the future where Fair Trade can be seen to have delayed in adopting, integrating or adapting. In each issue we aim to include reflections and work on:

- **The Strengths of Fair Trade: What works? What's Good? How and why?**
- **Producers' worlds, Producers' perspectives**
- **Business experiences**
- **What is Fair Trade missing/getting wrong?**

Why Collective article sets?

Many people write about Fair Trade-related issues, and many people write about Gender Empowerment and Equity too, doing so from a wide range of perspectives, locations and disciplines. The Journal of Fair Trade actively encourages collaboration, and inclusion of a far wider range of voices than would be typical in an academic Journal. We would therefore like to publish collective article sets on specific themes. There is a great deal of added value when diverse voices, experiences and ideas are presented side-by-side; they provide more food for thought; they can spur more reaction and consequential learning. A commodity or product-based article set can help

us to explore a range of dilemmas and challenges affecting a specific supply chain.

Why Gender Empowerment and Equity as a subject of special focus?

There is a great deal written around Gender Empowerment and Equity in a wide context as well as in relation to Fair Trade. Yet there is a need for comprehensive and careful thinking about Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights within Fair Trade; the persistent struggle facing women within rural farming communities, the ongoing gap between the assistance given to fair trade producers and cooperatives and harsh realities of life for many women working as Fair Trade farmers and craft producers. Many and diverse challenges remain for Women to achieve Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights as a whole and within the realm of Fair Trade.

For this call, we are looking for writers able to take these challenges on and discuss Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights, particularly within Fair Trade. We welcome academic, personal, cooperative or business experiences covering stories of initiatives within communities of Fair Trade producers or between producers and Fair Trade Suppliers as well as examples of where Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights are falling short. We would like this broad perspective so as to give an honest appraisals and evidence of the problems that have yet to find resolution.

Themes might include: the burden of female fair trade farmers and homemakers, Fair Trade producer cooperatives and the long-running male dominance of their management and decision-making processes, trafficking and modern slavery and best responses to combat such practices, the persistent incidence of child labour and how this effects Women of the community and their loss of empowerment.

All contributions and proposals for Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights will be welcomed gratefully received. We would aim for 4-5 contributors published in a single issue on this theme. Your proposed contribution may be stand-alone, or, positioned for inclusion in any of the following standard sections of the *Journal of Fair Trade*.

1. Fair Trade Futures: setting out the issues of the day, challenges for the future

Max 2,000 words in length. Form and approach are not restricted, and innovative or collaborative approaches are encouraged for maximum impact. Where photography would be involved, please do contact us first to discuss our options and limitations!

2. Articles, Full-length articles

We welcome single, multi-disciplinary articles with a preferred length of 3,000 words as part of a collective set. We welcome full-length articles of between 3,000 and 5,000.

3. Essays

The *Journal of Fair Trade* also welcomes essays (max 2,000 words) to complement Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights articles. An Essay might be: a review of significant books in this subject area, a summary of key works or a historical overview, springboards for discussion, or a deep dive into a topic or dimension of important, and showing processes, innovations, or the evolution of the market and the role of Fair Trade over time in this sector.

The Gender Empowerment/ Equity and Labour Rights process will be coordinated by The Editor-in-Chief, and a Guest Editor. Please do not hesitate to come to us with any ideas or questions you may have regarding a submission.

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