

# I SHOP FAIR NETWORK OF ETHICAL CONSUMERS

CAMPAIGNING FOR FAIR WORKING CONDITIONS WORLDWIDE

## Welcome to the I SHOP FAIR newsletter,

We would like to welcome you to the new year and we hope that you have enjoyed it. Just like in life there is always a new beginning after an ending, the garment semester is closing but the semester on IT is opening. In fact this newsletter is the third in line of a series of newsletters that will keep you updated about the project "I SHOP FAIR".

The following two activities are part of the garment semester that will be concluded this month:

### 10th December 2009- **Human Rights Day**

A street activity was held on the occasion of Human Rights Day (10<sup>th</sup> December) during which people were urged to focus on the industry of textile and garment production and how workers are exploited in the process. In particular, how workers in factories producing for European markets are physically and psychologically abused and do not receive a salary that allows them to live a decent life.

### November 09/December 09/January 2010- **SPYS Training Sessions**

A series of training workshops focusing on fair trade and the industry of garment production are currently being held for SPYS (Salesian Pastoral Youth Service). They will continue this month and will culminate in a street activity that will be organized by them as a result of the training.

What happens next? This year will bring about many activities. The second semester, starting in February, will focus on IT and workers' rights. We will conduct research in Thailand and China. We will do shop cards, leaflets and street activities centered around the theme of IT. We will also issue a manual on ethical consumption. Be part of it!

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Salesian Pastoral Youth Service- Training Session-  
Ryan Bugeja

### WHO IS INVOLVED?

I SHOP FAIR is an initiative, co-funded by the European Union, and represented by **Koperattiva Kummerč Ġust** (KKĠ) in Malta. KKĠ, is the only fair trade organization in Malta that is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization.

KKĠ's goal is to promote fair and equitable trading terms with producers in poor countries. This gives people in poor countries a chance to fairly work themselves out of poverty. More information can be found on the following website: [www.i-arka.org](http://www.i-arka.org)

I SHOP FAIR is a joint project of Sudwind Argentur (Austria), Christian Initiative Romero (Germany), Fairtrade Society (Czech Republic), and Koperattiva Kummerč Ġust.

### I SHOP FAIR Up coming Events-

#### Gozo Network

Do you live in Gozo? Would you like to become part of the project? We are looking for Gozitans to set up a network of I SHOP FAIRERS! If you are interested kindly contact Mahira on [mahira@i-arka.org](mailto:mahira@i-arka.org)

#### Meeting of Partners in Czech Republic

The second meeting with the project partners will take place in Brno, Czech Republic from the 26th January 2010 till the 28th January 2010. During this meeting we will discuss in detail the plan for this year's activities. We will keep you informed about its outcome.

#### Consumer Power- Links

The next newsletter will be issued in the end of January- it will include a section on consumer power and plenty of links regarding ethical consumption in particular with regards to garments. Watch out!



Street Action held on Human Rights Day – Sean Decelis

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*I pity the man who wants a coat so cheap that the man or woman who produces the cloth will starve in the process*

Benjamin Harrison