



30 YEARS OF FAIR TRADE CELEBRATION AND CHIFUNDO FASHION SHOWS

Fair Trade Fortnight was in September this year, 2024, to mark its 30th Anniversary. On Saturday 14th September, there was a good turnout in St Columba's Hall to celebrate with Fair Trade Chester and Chifundo UK. There was a short presentation on Fair Trade with a message that we can buy Fair Trade to Make a Difference. This was followed by a presentation on my latest visit to Malawi with Chanasa's 10th Anniversary Celebrations, jewellery workshops with the 6 women's groups and the work of the Lotus Project. Then came the fashion show with 6 Chifundo ladies taking part and a young girl from St Columba's Church who did brilliantly. Stylish good quality denim and cotton clothing which had been embellished by the sewing group was displayed by the models on the catwalk. Refreshments and sale of products ended the afternoon with £365 being raised.

On Friday evening 20th September Neston Fair Trade, Neston URC Church and Chifundo UK organised a celebratory event - and indeed it was. There was great support, real interest and enjoyment of the modelling, fair trade refreshments, lots of chatting and fantastic sales. An amazing £804 was raised. This means that, from the two events, a total of £1169 was raised. Our thanks to all those who have made these events so successful in every way.

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