

Clean Clothes national campaigns and projects

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Austria - Clean Clothes Kampagne

Public Awareness

Campaigns

Tchibo/Eduscho-Campaign

Over 5.000 signatures were gathered till today, and the campaign is still ongoing. It generated very good public attention, with a TV feature on Tchibo-production in Bangladesh and a visit of a former worker at the end of October. During the visit we did an action at the Vienna headquarter of Tchibo and handed over the signatures, in the afternoon a panel discussion took place in the headquarter of the metal and textile workers union including Austrian trade unionists and workers council members. We cooperated very well with the union and received a lot of media attention.

Other activities and Events

CCC-Austria was invited to talk at a joint seminar of metal and textile and employees union. We had a very good discussion and made lots of plans for future cooperation. CCC-Austria participated in the new "fairtrade goes museum" events; "fairtrade goes museum" being the slogan for two events where different museums invited NGOs to present there work in the museum.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Spectrum

This appeal is ongoing with updates, new letters and good media attention. Six months after the tragedy, we did an action on the 10th of October at New Yorker on Viennas main shopping street with 64 candles. For some photos see:

<http://www.oneworld.at/cck/newyorkerspectrum.htm>

We received 720 support e-mails till now.

Tae Hwa

This appeal is an ongoing e-mail campaign. We received 456 support e-mails till now.

Head

CCK exchanged e-mails with Head, but no further activities.

Companies

Monitoring and Verification

CSR

The campaign on a regular basis participates in civil-society CSR-discussions with TUs and NGOs, as well as in public round table discussions on CSR.

CCK is also participating in the Austrian group for developing an ISO-Standard on CSR. A civil society CSR network will be founded in the beginning of 2006 with the participation of unions, the chamber of workers, NGOs and of course the CCC (comparable with CORE in the UK).

Company Database / Rating & Ranking

Three Austrian participants are part of the CCC company database/rating & ranking working group and participated actively in and between meetings.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Two CCK staff participated in the purchasing practices seminar in Barcelona (October 2005). A two page article with an action guide on "How to make my community a Clean Clothes-Community" in the November-newsletter will hopefully be the starting point for a successful ethical public procurement in Austria, if we manage to find time/funds for that in 2006.

New Publications and Materials

Action handbook

Since October 04 CCC Austria is planning to write a new CCC action handbook for

organisations and individual activists including a shopping guide, which will be published by the end of November.

Jeans-brochure

One of our platform organisations, Frauensolidarität, reworked our Jeans Brochure.

Newsletter

A new CCC Austria Newsletter was published in June (circulation 12.000), the next came out mid-November.

Reader on CSR in the garment industry

We produced a reader with relevant documents.

Other relevant and inspiring news

Euromeeting Vienna

We hosted the inspiring Euromeeting in June, which generated quite some media attention.

Austrian president supports CCC

The Austrian president Heinz Fischer wrote us a very nice letter, in which he expresses his support for the CCC and says how important our work is.

Viennale

During the Vienna film festival Viennale a Clean Clothes commercial was shown on two huge screens in public places in Vienna. The spot was produced in cooperation with the CCCs in Germany, France, The Netherlands and the support of the IS. Now we are working on the sound, and the national endings after which it can be used internationally.

Dignity returns

We raised over 3.000 euros from our newsletter subscribers for new computerised sewing machines for Dignity returns, the former Bed & Bath workers' cooperative.

Belgium North - Schone Kleren Campagne

Public Awareness

Campaigns

Workshop for students

A group of students is preparing for an internship, organised by their school, in different countries (a.o. Sri Lanka and Thailand). Since those countries are garment producing

countries a workshop was organised to inform the students about working conditions in the garment industry and campaigning strategy of the CCC.

Clean Clothes at Work

We are preparing a re-launch of the campaign.

Turin 2006

We are currently preparing for the Olympic Winter Games.

Debate on MFA Phase out

An NGO of the CCC platform organised a public debate on the MFA phase out. A small number of participants took part, but they were workers from a Belgian company that subcontracts a lot.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Spectrum - Bangladesh

Our activities:

Spreading action cards

Awareness raising of Carrefour trade union delegates

Preparation of Belgian and European Workers' Council

Participation at Belgian workers' council of Carrefour

Meeting with Cotton Group

Issuing press release

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Clean Clothes Communities

We organised a workshop with a representative of the work wear company HaVeP.

Germany - Kampagne für 'Saubere' Kleidung

Public Awareness

Campaigns

World Cup 2006

There was an action-meeting for the World Cup 2006 campaign at the 24th and 25th of September. 30 activists participated in the meeting and shared ideas for the WC activities. The meeting was an opportunity to inform each other about the aims of the WC-campaign and to build up a network with other groups.

The "Protestant Student Community" in Cologne established a action-group "Sporting Goods" to organize an action day for the WC 2006.

Other activities and Events

Exhibition

The "Protestant Student Community Cologne" shows an exhibition related to WC and sportswear industry at the "Sporthochschule".

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Spectrum

- Sent out several updates
- Increasing press-work connected with the Tchibo-Workers tour (see below): several articles in newspapers and radio interviews as well as a documentary on tv.
- Meeting with Mr. Merkel from the executive board of KarstadtQuelle with the NGWF.

Companies

Tchibo

From October 11th to 30th a worker tour with Rina Begum (garment worker) and Shahida Sarker (NGWF) took place in 12 German cities as well as in Vienna, Austria. More than 1.000 people visited several panel-discussions and presentations. Next to several local and national newspaper articles, the women were interviewed by radio stations and a television team.

A representative of Tchibo attended a panel in Hamburg and a next meeting was planned for December.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

We have May 2005 started a new project about ethical procurement. The essence of this project is:

1. Information of the public about ethical public procurement and social standards.
 2. Implementation of a network with communities.
Implementation of a panel with the title "Clean workwear in the communities in North Rhein Westfalia". Stakeholders of the panel are: purchasing agents in the communities, members of the NRW-government, the minister of environment NRW, a work wear factory, NGOs and the CCC Germany. In Germany we had the trade fair "Safety and health at work". The German CCC organised a press conference about ethical procurement for workwear in North Rhein Westfalia. Members of the panel are civil servants from Bonn, Düsseldorf, IG Metall, Verdi, NGOs, a workwear company and the CCC. This press conference was the starting point for the implementation of the panel "Clean workwear in the communities in NRW". The first meeting of this panel will be in spring 2006. The result of the press conference was good (one TV-story, many articles in different newspapers)
 3. Dialogue with workwear factories in NRW.
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International secretariat - Clean Clothes Campaign

Coordination

Organisation Euomeeting

The IS, in cooperation with CCC France, organised and coordinated the European meeting, November 7th and 8th, Paris.

EUROBAN meeting

As part of a broader strategy of building alliances with similar European based workers' rights campaigns, CCC staff visited the European Banana Action Network meeting of October 13th and 14th in Paris, to share and gain knowledge on European campaign coordination and present the Multiple retailers/Purchasing practices campaign.

Work on website

Work to improve and update the www.cleanclothes.org website has started and will be ongoing for about a year - we have reviewed the whole content and developed a strategy for new content and structure. Examples are the new CCCs page (<http://www.cleanclothes.org/cccs.htm>) and the improved CCCommunities page (<http://www.cleanclothes.org/campaign/communities.htm>).

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Cases

The IS team continued to work on a number of active urgent appeals cases. See the separately distributed list of major cases currently being worked on by IS staff:

- Spectrum-Bangladesh
- A-One-Bangladesh
- PT BPG - Indonesia
- Workwear - Sri Lanka
- Fortune-Cambodia
- GP Garments - Sri Lanka
- PT Teodore - Indonesia
- Partner Activities

Visits Asia

CCC staff attended and gave a presentation at the Women's Conference on Globalization, organised by Korean Women Workers Association in Seoul. About 80 Korean and 25 international guests attended the conference, and it was a good opportunity to link up with the Asian and international women's labour groups.

In the second half of June, CCC staff visited Hong Kong, Guangdong Province, Beijing and Shanghai, to meet with old and new partners and explore options for common work.

From July 22 until 25 the ITGLWF, together with the FES, organised a workshop called 'FROM ATHENS TO BEIJING' - developing a trade union strategy on corporate social responsibility in the sportswear sector in Asia. The meeting took place in Hanoi, and CCC staff participated as resource persons. The workshop brought together about 25 representatives from unions in different Asian countries, who evaluated the Olympics campaign and specifically the corporate responses to it, and the opportunities this would provide for local level organising and union activities. CCC facilitated a 'national mapping exercise' by asking its research partners in Indonesia, India, Bangladesh and Thailand to do a pre-study on the sportswear industry in these respective countries, which were presented at the workshop.

Second visit Bangladesh - Spectrum case

CCC staff visited Bangladesh for the IS again from 6-14 September 2005 to update information regarding the Spectrum case. She met with CCC partners to assess in how far the demands that had been brought forward after the collapse of the factory in April have been fulfilled. She also discussed further strategies to pressurise the Bangladesh authorities and buyers to take their responsibility for compensation of the workers and improvement of working conditions.

Visits South Africa and Madagascar

CCC staff visited the workshop organised by the FES, LaRRi, SACTWU and the ITGLWF in South Africa on the future of the African garments industry, with presentations from WTO, UNCTAD, ICFTU (on WTO and NAMA negotiations) and research presentations from the different countries on the state of affairs in their

respective country with the garment industry. Again it was concluded that many jobs have been lost in the industry and a resolution was adapted by all the African unions present (which can be found on the internal website).

A subsequent visit was made to Madagascar to attend and facilitate several workshops for workers delegates and for a new union for the garment sector. Meetings were held with a catholic relief organisation, with the FES and with several other unions.

Companies

Monitoring and Verification

France, Sweden and Germany roundtable

National level 'roundtable meetings', bringing together industry, unions and NGOs for discussions on how to make progress on implementing codes of conduct were organised in France (June 2nd) and Sweden (September 27th).

On 19 September the CCC, together with the IG Metal, organised a thematic workshop on Freedom of Association and collective bargaining in Frankfurt. Funded by DG Employment, the workshop brought together about 60 participants from corporations, unions, NGOs and MSIs for an in-depth discussion. A primer was developed and is now available online, the background materials for the break-out sessions are presently being reviewed.

Social audit research

The research reports have been finished and used as input for the Social audit report. The researchers have come to Amsterdam on the 21 and 22nd of November to discuss the research results, follow up activities concerning the social audit research presentations in their countries, follow up towards the brands and general follow up regarding social audits, with the participation from the researchers, several eastern European organizations, and for a part the FWF and WRC.

Jo-in update

CCC staff attended a consultation seminar, followed by a steering committee meeting, of the Jo-In project on October 3 and 4 in Istanbul. They also had several side meetings with NGOs and unions.

Brand related work

Third rating and ranking meeting, September 26th, Paris

The rating and ranking working group met on September 26th to finalise the proposals for the company database, and to discuss several scenario's for the management of the database as well as options for 'rating and ranking' using the database and for public disclosure of certain sections of the database.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Public procurement research and meeting

The outcomes of the SOMO research (see below) were presented at a meeting in Spain, October 19th and 20th, organised by Albert Sales of Setem Barcelona. The first day could consist of presenting the outcomes of the research, and the consequences for and experiences of (local) authorities. CCCs, the researched companies (for part of the programme), SOMO, FWF, representatives of (local) authorities and other campaigns and organisations working on the subject were invited. The second day was a CCC only, in which the strategical and campaign ideas taken from day one were discussed.

New Publications and Materials

New international newsletter

In July 2005, a new edition of the international CCC newsletter was published, containing amongst others articles on the Informal economy, Complaint mechanisms, Work wear campaigning and the Spectrum case. It can be downloaded from <http://www.cleanclothes.org/news/newsletter19.htm>. In December, the newest edition was published, with articles on the Austrian CCC, an awareness raising exhibition in Eastern Europe, an overview of the Tunisian garment industry and an analysis of purchasing practices. It can be found at <http://www.cleanclothes.org/news/newsletter20.htm>.

Work wear study

The SOMO research on companies that supply (local and national) governments is finalised and was presented at the Barcelona seminar (see above). We wanted to extend our knowledge about the work wear market, and expand our entry points for the CCCCommunities project. The targeted companies are selected out of the input the national CCCs have provided, on the basis of their European supply coverage (two of them are FWF members). About the seven companies a profile was made, which deals with policy, codes, MSI-attendance, implementation of policy, (negative) press and what is known about the supply chain. The general conclusion is that work wear companies are lagging behind enormously when it comes to supply chain responsibility - possibly due to lack of public campaigning and pressure from communities.

Gender publication

This is currently in production (in the design phase) and is expected to be finished before the end of 2005.

Building International Solidarity: Africa Asian networking

Report on the Solidarity Workshop for African Garment workers held in Swaziland - May 2005. The workshop aimed to develop campaigning initiatives to improve working

conditions in Eastern and Southern African garment factories. The workshop focused specifically on developing initiatives to address working conditions in Asian manufacturer multinationals, producing for large retailers. In cooperative solidarity, trade unions, shop stewards, and NGOs shared information and developed an action plan in order to improve working conditions in the region.

Looking for a quick fix - how social auditing is keeping workers in sweatshops
Report of social audit research: social audits as they are currently carried out often fail to deliver as a tool for checking working conditions in facilities producing garments and sports shoes. Researchers, drawing upon the input of 670 workers from 40 factories, found that social auditing falls short especially in relation to detecting violations of freedom of association, excessive and forced overtime and abusive treatment and discrimination of workers.

Italy - Campagna Abiti Puliti

Public Awareness

Olympic Campaign- toward Turin 2006

From July-September we conducted research on the TOROC-licensees.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Spectrum Shariar - Bangladesh

We're still undertaking the follow-up of the case.

A-ONE - Bangladesh

We have sent a letter to Coin Group and Tessival Spa (responsible for several brands sourced at A-ONE).

Partner Activities

Activity with SAVE

We have prepared a list of Italian companies that are outsourcing in India, which was requested by Save. We have shared information on the Indian garment working conditions.

Visit to NGWF

Abiti Puliti staff visited Dhaka in October and met with Spectrum and A-One workers.

New Publications and Materials

CC News

We have a new monthly newsletter, from October on, which can be found on the website.

Other relevant and inspiring news

Alliance building with textile TU's in Italy

We have followed-up with TUs after the seminar on CoC held in June. We held a verification meeting in September and drafted a first proposal from Abiti Puliti for implementing a multi stakeholder process.

Macedonia - PPC Štip

Public Awareness

Campaigns

In October, the exhibition "Fair Conditions for Women Dressing Europe" was shown in three towns with a lot of garment production: Shtip, Tetovo and Delchevo. It increased the level of public awareness about the situation of garment workers. 54 volunteers directly participated in realizing the exhibition. There were more visitors than expected: over 1400 in three towns, (about 100 workers, NGOs, trade unions, local self-government representatives, textile schools, German brand representatives, employers families, universities, labour inspectors, agency for employment, commission for equal opportunities), media representatives, local TV stations, local radios and one national, one daily newspaper Dnevnik. We distributed 800 leaflets, 300 CCC brochures, 2000 postcards and 105 t-shirts. Over 600 postcards were signed, which will be submitted to the government.

We organised two debates in Shtip and Delchevo - participants: labour inspectors in Shtip, lawyers, NGOs, agency for employment, the mayor of Delcevo, commission for equal opportunities-Delcevo, TU in Delcevo, TU in Shtip. This event was broadcasted by 5 TV and radio stations.

We organised six workshops in Stip, Tetovo and Delchevo, for 170 participants - youth (gymnasium, textile school, medical school) and women.

New Publications and Materials

See above -- additionally we have updated our website www.ppcst.org.mk and linked to the CCC.

Urgent appeals will be translated into Macedonian and thus Macedonians will also be able to provide support.

the Netherlands - Schone Kleren Kampagne

Public Awareness

Campaigns

New: Scratch-and-win lottery ticket campaign

- At October 18th, the launch of our scratch-and-win lottery ticket campaign took place at 'Batavia stad', a garment outlet in Lelystad. We organised the 'scratch-and-win show' in which people could win a daily wage of a garment worker if they gave correct answers on three garment industry related questions. We gave two radio interviews, and a short film made of it.

- The material can be used in schools e.g. while scratching away the grey boxes, you'll become aware that a daily or weekly wage of a garment worker is really low. On the back of the lottery ticket more information can be found on wages and expenditures. In the accompanying leaflet the concept of living wage is explained and the price make-up of a sport shoe is portrayed.

Other activities and Events

We gave two lectures at the Amsterdam University for politics students.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Global Sports Lanka (North Sails Lanka)

- GST Holding has sold Global Sports Lanka Ltd. to GST Beteiligungs GmbH / Antiesenhofen (Management Buy-Out), and has a new owner.
- We received no reply from the North Sails Group in the USA.
- The ITGLWF sent letters too.

PT Tae Hwa (FILA)

- We participated in the 'Summer of Actions' on FILA.
- We made a FILA film (Dutch and English version) which has been distributed for use to other CCC's and campaigns in Australia and the US campaigning on FILA, see: http://www.schonekleren.nl/streams/fila_big.mp4. Boris Becker received a copy of the FILA film and we got a reply from him (or the director marketing and sales) saying 'Although we appreciate your goals and the background of your campaign, we ask for your understanding that Boris has no intention in taking any action with regard to FILA. Please rest assure us that Boris himself, his company and, of course, his foundation are involved in various projects of social background and are active in numerous activities aiming at the improvement of the life of children all over the world.'
- The FILA film is broadcasted on 21 regional TV stations. Two cinemas have shown the FILA film and various websites posted it.
- A press release on the FILA case has been widely distributed among our press contacts during Wimbledon. The magazine for union members for instance mentioned the issue.
- 150 protest letters on Fila (May 2005) have been handed out at a meeting 'How globalized are you?' at June 28th (quarter finales of women at Wimbledon). Through the website 173 letters have been sent to FILA and 144 to Fila's importer in the Netherlands.

Spectrum Sweater (Scapino)

- Half year case anniversary: We sent updates to press, mailing lists and posted it on different websites. One article was published in a national newspaper with a picture of collapsed factory, as well as an interview with Amin in the union magazine.

Rubie's de Mexico (Mattel)

- We wrote a letter to Mattel Europe in Amstelveen.

Companies

Monitoring and Verification

Social audit report

- We have sent advanced copies to Dutch companies: WE, C&A, Hema, Vendex KBB, Zeeman, Claudia Strater (except for Zeeman all BSCI members).
- We sent out a press release on Nov 2nd.
- We translated the summary of the report for a printed leaflet.
- We invited some of the researchers to come to Amsterdam prior to the Brussels meetings. Partipants were: Saad Belghazi from Morocco, Tazeen Javed from

- Pakistan, Agatha Schmaedick from WRC, and Monina Wong from Labour Action China.
- Their programme consisted of meetings with companies, a public event and media work.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Clean Clothes Communities

The majority of Dutch industrial garment producers are now FWF member.

Research work wear companies

SOMO (Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations) did research on CSR policies and practices of work wear companies. This research was presented at the Barcelona meeting in October. Two FWF members were included. Kwintet, one of the two FWF members didn't reply or cooperate with the researchers. CCC will follow this up with FWF.

New Publications and Materials

- Dutch newsletter 'Schoon Genoeg', October 2005, mainly China, article on the Spectrum case.
- Protest letter, North Sails
- Scratch-and-win lottery ticket and leaflet

Serbia - Felicitas

Public Awareness

Campaigns

We have created an exhibition on working conditions and labour rights, which was shown in the capital and two other towns (Belgrade, Uzice and Lebane). Also we organised a debate in Uzice on the situation of workers with participation of three workers and representatives of the labour inspection and of the national gender equality machinery. Also we had a discussion with students of the Lebane Textile School. We received a lot of press interest and coverage.

Other activities and Events

We presented the research findings on women in the garment industry at a meeting organised by the Association of Business Women (national platform for gender equality with a focus of employment) with participation of the Dragana Petrovic (special advisor of the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs on gender/ Vice-President of the Board of the National Committee on Equal Opportunities), who commented on the public debate organised by Felicitas and expressed concern.

New Publications and Materials

We published 1000 leaflets and 500 sets of 9 postcards, 8 big photos about working standards and 8 drawings about violation of standards, 2 illustrative drawings, 2 job advertisements, 8 T-shirts and 8 small skirts, 1 big banner 3m long, printed information about research results, background information on the exhibition and quotes of interviewed workers, explanations of ILO standards.

Other relevant and inspiring news

We did a regional workshop for homeworkers (Project "Building Regional Centres"): 14 - 20 October, 2005 in Belgrade with Macedonian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Romanian workers (25 women in total). Topics: marketing skills for dependent workers, communication/negotiating skills, identification of needs, determining experts, domination techniques, advocacy.

We are organising a class exchange with pupils from Lebane Textile School and Belgrade Textile School (education of labour rights).

Felicitas is organising the regional meeting FUTURE OF THE GARMENT AND TEXTILE INDUSTRY ON THE BALKANS, with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation regional office. (45 participants from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania and Serbia, trade unions and NGOs accordingly (Romania - only unions), Serbian workers, two employers, representatives of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, a representative of GTZ in Romania, CCC, IG Metall Germany.

Spain - Campaña Ropa Limpia (CRL)

Public Awareness

Other activities and Events

Educational activities

- Lecture at the "Escuela de Ingeniería Técnica Agrícola" in Madrid.
- Course at the University of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia.
- Course at the University of Basque Country in Vitoria-Gasteiz, run by SETEM Hego Haizea

Public events

"Modalena" in the city of Zaragoza, 25th October:

In this event, several fashion designers showed their works and connected the garment design with other artistic expressions such as theatre, dance, music, video etc. The aim of the event was to make people reflect on the production ways of the globalised garment industry. They invited members of SETEM-CRL to expose the campaign and organised a theatrical fashion parade with recycled and hand-made clothes.

Press releases

- PR 1: CRL bought shares from Adolfo Domínguez to inquire about CSR and labour conditions and raise questions at the annual shareholder's meeting.
- PR 2: CRL attended Inditex shareholder's meeting; 4th consecutive time (since 2001).
- PR 3: Spectrum case (6 month anniversary).
- PR 4: Inditex has joined the ETI.
- PR 5: International Seminar BCN ("Working Towards Ethical Public Procurement of Work wear").
- PR 6: New investigation of the CCC "Looking for a quick fix" -- this was published in elmundo.es.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Spectrum, Bangladesh

We are following up the Spectrum-Shahriyar case (Bangladesh): action request on the web, press releases, e-mails.

Rubbies Mattel de Méjico

A letter was sent on September the 22nd - no answer from the company.

Dong Bang Fashion

A letter was sent in August to Mr. Zelada Ortiz (CEADEL) in relation with Dong Bang Fashion labour rights violations. The case came through CCC The Netherlands. No news for the moment.

Companies

Brand related work

INDITEX:

- UA work (Spectrum Sweater case).
- July: CRL attended Inditex shareholder's meeting. We asked them about the decision to leave BSCI and join the ETI and their role in Bangladesh (Spectrum case).

ADOLFO DOMÍNGUEZ (ADZ):

- CRL attended ADZ shareholder's meeting in May. We received good coverage in the press, mostly media from Galizia (where headquarters of ADZ and Inditex are).

INDUYCO:

Induyco has been contacted in the context of the seminar "Working Towards Ethical Public Procurement of Work wear" organised at the end of October in Barcelona. Induyco was one of the companies selected in the research carried out by SOMO. Violations of labour rights in a factory of Serbia were revealed by the Serbian NGO Felicitas and included as case study in the research. CRL contacted many times Induyco's CSR representative to invite him to participate at the seminar but to no avail.

KELME:

This sportswear company is involved in the Shan Knitting case. We have tried to contact them several times by phone without success. A letter of concern has been sent in April. No answer from the company.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Ethical public procurement in Catalonia

The Spanish Clean Clothes Campaign has initiated a new programme in September 2004 on ethical public procurement. By now, we are working around Barcelona and in the near future we expect to extend this programme to other cities in Catalonia.

Barcelona's City Council has published his first work wear tender considering ethical criteria this October. There are two other cities preparing their own first clean work wear tender: Badalona and Manresa.

Activities

We have studied other experiences in Europe, and have distributed a guide about ethical public procurement to all municipalities in Catalonia. We have created the "Xarxa per la Compra Pública Ètica" (Ethical Public Purchase Network). By now, this network is formed by 8 cities and towns and the regional government (Generalitat de Catalunya). We have created a technical commission which is working on the legal aspects of the ethical procurement. This commission is formed by the coordination team and civil servants and legal experts from Barcelona, Badalona, Manresa and the "Diputació de Barcelona". For more information see www.ropalimpia.org/comprapublica

In March we organised a meeting-workshop with more than 60 civil servants from 36 cities and towns.

In October we organised the second meeting, a workshop with more than 40 civil servants from 30 cities and towns. In October we participated in the organisation of the seminar "Working towards ethical public procurement in work wear" in Barcelona.

New Publications and Materials

New logo

The CRL has a new Logo

Electronic bulletin

We've designed a new electronic bulletin, which is almost finished.

CRL leaflets

We have designed a new leaflet of the CRL, printed by SETEM Hego Haizea.

Guide of Responsible Consuming

We are updating the contents of the guide we printed last year, and will re-print it before the end of the year.

Website

We have a new website since the beginning of this year, which is updated every week. A List of cyber activists is created, with now 140 members. Also we have re-activated the distribution list to inform the public of the campaign.

Sweden - Rena Kläder

Public Awareness

Campaigns

Se Upp

This is the Swedish campaign for ethical public procurement. Two local groups, one in Gothenburg and one in Stockholm, are working with the campaign. Rena Kläder works very close with Rättvisemarkt (FLO-member) on this issue, to develop and plan a more comprehensive campaign that will be launched in 2006. Prior to the launch we will choose four or five "pilot communities".

Other activities and Events

Stockholms länsmuseum and Rena Kläder in co-operation

Rena Kläder has started cooperating with Stockholms länsmuseum (Stockholm County

Museum). The Museum is in the production phase of an exhibition about clothes and they want one part of the exhibition to cover the working conditions in the garment industry. Rena Kläder contributes with short stories and facts about the garment industry. Another part of the exhibition is an "info square" where Rena Kläder will highlight current Urgent Appeals and distribute material. The exhibition will be launched in May 2006 and then be the in-house exhibition of the museum until 2007. After this the exhibition will make a tour to different museums in Stockholm County until 2009.

Rena Kläder Festival tour 2006

From June to August, the Rena Kläder Festival Tour attended six festivals. An exhibition with focus on urgent appeals in general and more specific on the Tae Hwa-case. At least 5000 persons visited the Rena Kläder-tent.

Rena Kläder on Gothenburg Book Fair

Together with LO-TCO Biståndsnämnd Rena Kläder had a exhibition stall at the Gothenburg Book Fair. Rena Kläder gave three workshops at the fair: one about Ethical Public Procurement and two about the educational material that are developed together with Rättvisemärkt.

Rena Kläder education

At 15-16 October 2005, Rena Kläder held it's annual activist education. 25 activists participated, the majority were members of Red Cross youth association, some came from trade unions and some were individuals. The education focused on Urgent Appeals.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

Fila Urgent Appeal

Activists from the Red Cross youth and the Swedish church had information stalls at four different Rock festivals in Sweden about the Fila case and collected signatures. Information on the case has also been distributed through the internal e-mail list to all organisations, an external e-mail newsletter to sympathisers, press releases were distributed and several organisations in the Rena Kläder network also put articles on their websites.

This urgent appeal has generated over 500 signatures, e-mails and letters to Fila.

Companies

Monitoring and Verification

Roundtable on Freedom of association

On September 27th Rena Kläder organised a roundtable. IS, ITGLWF, ETI Norway, several members of the Rena Kläder network and six garment companies (JC, Ellos,

H&M, Filippa K, Björn Borg, Lindex and Indiska) participated. The aim of the seminar was to "brake the ice" since the stakeholder dialogue in Sweden has not been too extensive the last years. Even though no concrete results evolved from the seminar the aim was fulfilled, and it was obvious that all stakeholders felt a need to build on this further.

Public Authorities

Ethical Procurement

Konsument Göteborg

The consumer department of Gothenburg arranged an education tour (four Fridays in October) on consumption and ethics for civil servants from their own department and some civil servants from the procurement unit of the city. Rena Kläder gave one lecture on the global garment industry and public procurement.

Legal Action

Rena Kläder met the lawyers that transpose the public procurement directive into Swedish law. We made our point of view clear and gave examples of what already had been done in other European countries.

New Publications and Material

Clean Clothes in School Phase 2 - New educational material

Rena Kläder has produced educational material together with Rättvisemärkt (FLO member). The package contains 10 chapters covering trade, human rights at work, food industry, garment industry and sustainable development. Every chapter is divided in a part with facts and one part with educational workshops. A reference group of high school teachers gave feedback during the production process and contributed some workshop ideas. Rena Kläder will work together with the education department of Swedish Teachers' Union to spread the material among teachers in Sweden.

Switzerland - Clean Clothes Campaign

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Other activities and events

Visit Han Dongfan from China Labour Bulletin HK, August 9th

We had a public debate with Han Dongfan, companies (Manor, Migros) and CCC. More

than 100 people attended good media coverage. We cooperated with consumer organisation (SKS) and the Swiss Tibetan Friendship Association (GSTF).

Volunteers go to schools to tell the CCC-story

Volunteers have developed a educational module on garment and CCC for schools and colleges. Several visits in the classrooms took place.

Public Eye on Davos 2006

(= parallel conference to the World Economic Forum WEF, Jan. 2006.)

Several CCC partners nominated companies for their unethical behaviour. Also some campaigns are nominated for the positive award for an innovative NGO initiative. The award ceremony will be on January 25th 2006 in Davos.

Solidarity Work

Urgent appeals

Fila

We are still collecting signatures for the petition. Several groups and individual persons became active, but they do not receive answers from Fila.

Spectrum

We did a press release, but as the Swiss link is missing we didn't get much attention.

Companies

ISCOM

On Nov 1st ISCOM and the companies (Migros, Switcher) have agreed on a contract and a workplan for one year. The code and the methodology is equal to FWF.

Rating

A questionnaire was sent to all 29 (incl. Adidas, Benetton, Carrefour, Nike, Puma, Hess, H&M, Redoute, Reebok) companies again. Companies can give evidence about improvements in 2004/05 and can comment on the Swiss rating so far. Publication is planned for January 2005.

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CCC Communities: Some initiatives towards communities have started in Switzerland (GATS-free communities; and GMO-free). The fair trade movement is asking local

governments to buy FT-cotton. CCC is looking for possible partners to promote CCC Communities projects.

Other relevant and inspiring news

Toys:

We are using the new reports (from SwedWatch, May 2005 and China Labor Watch, Sept. 2005) on toy industries in China in December. Street action, letters to companies and letter to the Swiss government.

French speaking CCC:

Florence Gerber is leaving by the end of the year Berne Declaration. So again fewer capacities for French CCC-CH. But there is a new CCC newsletter planned for January 2006 and another CCC flyer for 2006.

United Kingdom - Labour Behind the Label

Public Awareness

Campaigns

Sportswear

Lobbying work is ongoing with the new Olympic Delivery Authority and LOCOG: they invited our contribution to their procurement guidelines; we hope to arrange a meeting to discuss further.

We are reprinting Fila action cards after legal action threat .

Other activities and Events

Wimbledon action

We staged a 'naked' protest targeting Fila at the Wimbledon tennis championships.

Fashion colleges work

A brochure has been produced and lots of interested students have joined the e-mail list.

Solidarity Work

Urgent Appeals

PT Teodore

We are doing ongoing work with Reebok and Umbro.

Fortune

We are doing actions on Arcadia group: see

<http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org/campaigning/arcadia.htm>

Workwear Lanka

We have been lobbying the supplier and the end customers (the supermarkets).

Companies

Brand related work

Arcadia and Fila:

see above

Supermarkets

Work has begun on purchasing practices, which will include direct dialogue via questionnaire/interviews, possibly mediated via ETI, which has a purchasing practices working group.

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A web-based action guide was produced.

New Publications and Materials

LBL Bulletin with a focus on purchasing practices.

Arcadia action card.