



Comhlámh Global Trade Justice Course October 2012

Five Thursday nights 7.00 - 9.00 pm, starting 25th October

Learn more about global trade and development justice issues!

International trade rules have a huge impact on people in the Global South. A fair trading system could lift millions of people out of poverty, and reduce many countries' dependence on aid. Yet trade justice activists believe in many cases the rules of the global economy have been set up to serve the interests of big business, not people.

What is the aim of the course?

This five evening course will introduce you to, and demystify, the world of global trade. In the current global crisis we all feel the impact of international trade on our lives, but its effect on the economies of developing countries is even bigger. The course aims to get you up to speed on some of the key issues, perspectives and debate around trade and the developing world, and reassure you that you don't need a degree in economics to have an opinion on these issues!

What is covered?

We will discuss and debate questions such as the following:

- How does global trade work?
- What role do Ireland, the EU, and the WTO play?
- What impacts are they having?
- What is the difference between Free Trade and Fair Trade?
- What alternatives can we propose?
- How can we work towards global trade justice?

The course will use a range of methods, including policy inputs on key issues, and will be lively, interactive and participatory. Speakers on the course are leading activists and campaigners for trade justice. The course is introductory, not academic.

When: Six Thursdays evenings starting 25th October

Venue: Irish Aid Volunteer Centre, 27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

Cost: €35 (Comhlámh members), €55 (non-members), €15 (unemployed / student), €2 (asylum seekers)

Booking: Please complete the online booking form <http://www.comhlamh.org/trainings-courses-comhlamh-courses-and-trainings-trade-group-courses.html> or contact Susan for any enquiries by email susan@comhlamh.org or call 01 4783490

Please note that places are limited, so book your place early to avoid disappointment!