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Austria - Clean Clothes Kampagne

Public Awareness Campaigns The Austrian CCC supported the Disney Campaign of SACOM. We organised a street action in Vienna and sent out a press release based on the information of the research SACOM did about Disney supplies in China. We collected around 1000 signatures (via signatures lists and online petitions) for better working condition in Disney suppliers. Other activities and Events We gave a presentation of the Clean Clothes Campaign and the urgent actions system. The target group consisted of 25 teachers. The aim of the seminar was to give teachers an idea about how they can include the theme "Clean Clothes" in their lessons. All teachers want to get further information about the work of the CCC and will get the newsletter and requests for the Urgent Actions in the future.

- In the course of the event "faire Kleider", which was organised by a group of students called "weltverrückt", the Clean Clothes Campaign was invited to present the urgent actions and the work of the campaign. 180 students of Graz visited the event.
- In the course of a project of the school HLZ Weiz a representative of the CCC was invited to present the urgent actions and the work of the campaign. 60 students, 3 teachers, a shop owner and a politician of Weiz attended, and the local press wrote about the event.

Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Paxar This appeal is ongoing.

North Sails The mediation process at the National Contact Point has started. We are working on the plan for the last battle.

Bangladesh This appeal is ongoing.

Hermosa This appeal is ongoing.

Public Authorities Ethical Procurement
In the course of the event "GEMEINDEN WERDEN AKTIV! - Fachtagung zu den MDGs" in Vienna, a representative of the CCC got the possibility to present the theme of fair public procurement of garments. This way the CCC could reach an important target group - representatives of the communities - and inform them on how fair public procurement of garments could be realised.

We did a new application for funding of a project to promote ethical procurement in Austria.

New Publications and Materials

We published a new edition of the Austrian CCC Newsletter.

Belgium North - Schone Kleren Campagne Public Awareness

- Giants
  - We gave 2 days of training for trade union leaders of Lidl and Aldi in Belgium.
  - One of the participants traced back where an Aldi T-shirt was produced (Queentex- based in Hong Kong, production in Guandong).

- China
  Future plans
  - Public event at the occasion of 'China Blue' during film festivals (April, October).
  - Workshop for schools based on 'China Blue'.

- T-shirts for organisations and events
  - We are publishing a newsletter on T-shirts.
  - We raise awareness among social organisations and organisers of cultural events.
  - We promote to buy T-shirts from Fair Wear Foundation members.

- Olympics
  - We sent a letter to the Belgian Olympic Committee with update on reports and activities.
  - Chinese New Year 2007 in Antwerp: we are investigating the feasibility for the launch of the campaign in 2008.

- Future plans
  - Preparing an awareness raising campaign: through schools and through Chinese restaurants.

- Belgian Social Forum
  - We have been participating in a workshop on Decent Work.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent AppealsSpectrum - Bangladesh
  - We are following up with trade union delegates of Carrefour.

Companies
• Fair Wear Foundation (FWF)
  - A Belgian trader of T-shirts, Sparkling Ideas, has become a member of the FWF.
• FWF project
  - We have had a second meeting with Creamoda, employers' federation of Belgian garment producers.
• Clean Clothes at work
  - This work is ongoing.
• Companies
  Bioracer
  With this producer of cycling sportswear (the European market leader for cycling teams) we have had the 3rd meeting to discuss FWF membership.
  Carrefour International
  We had a meeting in Paris, December 12th 2006.

Public Authorities

• Ethical Procurement
  Clean Clothes Communities
  Ongoing action, several workshops were organised and will be organised.

Denmark

Organising Since November 2006 we have been in touch with several other NGO’s, to work on setting up a Danish CCC-platform.
We started with Trade Union 3F, which is organising among others all textile workers in Denmark.
Unfortunately they are at this moment not able to formally join, due to internal changes.
We started instead to make contact with other NGO’s - so far we expect MS (Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke) and Pay-Time (young students working with textile production in Central America and supporting a textile cooperative in Nicaragua) to take part. But we have to wait for final decisions in the organisations.

Publications Our latest newsletter informed about how the Clean Clothes Campaign works, including a report from the CCC Euromeeting in November 2006. We also advertised for the CCC urgent appeal system.

France - Collectif de l'Ethique sur l'étiquette (ESE)

Solidarity Work

• Urgent Appeals
  Bangladesh/Spectrum: We are following up on Carrefour, CMT and Solo, about their participation to the voluntary fund (together with the Belgian CCCs).
New Publications and Material

ESE member Peuples Solidaires is working, together with the Belgian CCC, on the translation and adaptation of the "Made by Women" CCC publication.

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Germany - Kampagne für 'Saubere' Kleidung Public Awareness

- Other activities and Events
  We organised the annual CCC activists meeting at Hattingen on February 23/24, welcoming 50 participants.

The Youth Department of the IG Metall-union organised a youth conference in Sprockhövel from 24-27 of January 2007 with 450 participants. CCC was present with an information stall and we gave a presentation on our work.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  Hermosa/ El Salvador: A solidarity fund was set up by the FLA around Christmas. Some FLA-brands made contributions to the fund. The money was transferred to the unionised workers by the Salvadorian NGO FESPAD. It is the first time in the history of the FLA that such a fund was realised. The problem is that till today only 36,000 USD were paid to the fund. Another problem is that all organised workers are blacklisted.

International secretariat - Clean Clothes Campaign Coordination Organisation
Euromeeting
The IS, together with CCC Sweden, organised and coordinated the European meeting, February 27th and 28th, in Stockholm.

Internship Switzerland
A CCC staff person went on a packed internship week at the CCC Switzerland. A platform meeting and a Swiss Fair Trade Forum meeting were attended, as well as the Public Eye on Davos and the Open Forum of the WEF. Also, they shared time in the Swiss CCC office, discussing CCC cooperation and the ins and outs of CCC Switzerland.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  Ongoing Urgent Appeals
  Public appeals/updates were launched on the 3rd anniversary of the murder of Chea Vichea in Cambodia, the continuous gagging of the Indian labour organisations in the Fibres and Fabrics International case, the insufficient Salvadorian Hermosa fund, and the ongoing violence against labour rights
activists in the Philippines. Successfully closed cases include Gina Form in Thailand, and Paxar in Turkey.

Partner Activities World Social Forum
CCC organised, together with SOMO (NL), ILRF (US) and KHRC (Kenya) a workshop during the WSF on the social costs (wages, retrenchments etc.) of mostly Asian investment, in the garment industry in Africa. Speakers included workers from Kenya’s EPZ and a representative of the TU of Uganda. About 80 persons took part in the workshop.

Romania roundtable
CCC staff participated in a roundtable organised by AUR in Romania on the occasion of the Romanian translation of 'Looking for a quick fix' on December 14th 2006.

Companies

- Monitoring and Verification JO-IN update
  The JO-IN Steering Committee met on February 6 and 8, and had a meeting with the Local Working Group on February 7. The SC discussed the findings of the assessments, focusing on FoA, wages and hours of work (completed in all 6 project factories) and possible remediation strategies. Separate research in subcontracting is undertaken by a university.

  CCC staff gave a presentation (jointly with ETI, Switcher, Maggie’s Organics and various others) at the FLO workshop on November 9 and 10, which discussed the possibilities for FLO labeled garments.

Company database update
The IS participated in a meeting (November) with the International Consumer Research and Testing (ICRT) to discuss possible cooperation in research on garment companies.

Public Authorities CCC IS spoke at a conference organised by the Finish presidency of the EU on CSR and competitiveness on November 22. We challenged the latest communication of the EC Conference and raised centrality of FoA as an enabling right, the need for improving the work of MSIs (and the problem of industry initiatives undercutting even the current slow progress among more credible MSIs) and the issue bad purchasing practices as central to any meaningful discussion on competitiveness.

We participated in an expert meeting organised by the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and the ILO on the "Social Dimension of Globalization" on December 13.

CCC staff also participated in an informal hearing organised by UK MEP Richard Howitt to get input on his draft resolution on CSR, and gave a presentation at the official hearing on CSR and the role of TNC’s of the sub-commission on Human Rights on January 23. We spoke about the options for the European organisations to increase the impact of codes of conduct and voluntary initiatives by incorporating them in a regulatory
framework, and highlighted specifically what the Commission and parliament could do in relation to Bangladesh.

New Publications and Materials

Success publication
This twelve-page brochure entitled "CCC Solidarity Action: Making a Difference for Workers" was printed in December. The brochure presents information on the direct solidarity action work done by the CCC and can be downloaded from the CCC International website (http://www.cleanclothes.org/ftp/07-01-cccpub.pdf). Hard copies can be ordered from the IS (please send requests to info@cleanclothes.org).

SOMO publications
SOMO published a manual on the codes and practices of five garment buyers in South Africa, with information on their codes, and - indeed - the practices as well as contact information with the companies. The manual can be downloaded from SOMO's website: http://www.somo.nl/html/paginas/pdf/manual_garment_dec_2006_NL.pdf
SOMO also published Stitching for South Africa, about the responsibility of South Africa retailers for their supply chain.

Italy - Campagna Abiti Puliti Public Awareness

- Other activities and Events
  - We have held trainings and public meetings to raise awareness on the issues in the garment sector, corporate crimes and the work of the CCC, in several cities: Parma, Urbino, Fidenza, Cagliari, Roma, Napoli, Lodi, Milano and Varese.
  - A big article and interview with the CCC appeared in the newspaper, Il Salvagente.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  FFI
  Pressure put on Armani and RaRe; launch of the public appeal and media work, ongoing.
- Partner Activities
  - New organisations become part of the CCC: at the beginning of 2007 fair trade organisations ASSOBOTTEGHE and LIBEROMONDO decided to adhere to the campaign.
  - We are strengthening the partnership with the national unions, through collaboration on training programs and UA activities.

Companies
• Brand related work
  An index with all information about companies gathered during 2005 and 2006
  and published in the newsletter is now available on the website:

Public Authorities

• Legal Action
  We are collaborating with the Italian CSR coalition to lobby for a positive
  outcome of the European Parliament's hearing on the new CSR report half March
  - we are preparing joint letters (CCC/CSR Coalition) to be sent to the Italian MPs
  including all strategic points. For the outcome, see
  http://www.cleanclothes.org/publications/07-03-15.htm

New Publications and Materials - Monthly newsletter - it has been developed and now
has become a very important information tool which reach some 3.000 people every
- Critical guide on textile and garment sector - we continue to promote the book through
meetings and public initiatives. The book is about to be translated in Spanish, and
contains profiles of some 90 companies.
- Promotion of the video realised by RAI 3 (national TV) thanks to the collaboration with
the CCC on the A-One case, used in training meetings.

Netherlands - Schone Kleren Kampagne

Public Awareness

• Groen Licht voor Schone Kleding
  The launch of this campaign took place in December 2006 at the central train
  station in Utrecht. Aim of this campaign:
  - raise awareness of workers working in the public transport sector and create a
    need for clean clothes within this sector
  - commitment of public transport companies to purchase clean representative
    clothes
  - move garment companies to the FWF
  Material will be distributed through union channels. An interactive web portal
  will be set up for buyers (possibly translation into French and English). Activities
  include: presentations at worker council meetings, meetings with public transport
  companies, their buyers and garment companies.
• Fashioning an Ethical Industry
  This project aims at fashion students in order to make them aware of the problems
  in the garment industry so that, they when they are about to enter the fashion
  industry, will contribute to change CSR policies/ corporate attitudes.
• Play Fair 2008
  CCC contributed to two workshops at the Made in China seminar organised by
FNV (Dutch trade union federation) on March 3rd: one about the Olympics, and one in cooperation with the FWF.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  Fibre & Fabrics International - India
  SKK and ICN (India Committee of the Netherlands) are publicly campaigning on G-Star sourcing from Fibre & Fabrics International and its subsidiary Jeans Knit Pvt Ltd (Bangalore, India). Other brands involved are Mexx (Dutch, FWF member), Ann Taylor, GAP, Armani, Ra-Re, and Guess. See http://www.cleanclothes.org/urgent/07-01-10.htm for the latest information.

Companies

- Project on Transparency
  SKK was one of the speakers at a debate on transparency organised by SOMO in December. SKK looked at three companies about their transparency (availability and reliability of information concerning labour conditions under which their products are made) from a consumers' point of view: AGU, Falcon (FWF member) and M’Braze (Made By label).

- New members FWF
  FWF has new members including Mexx (Dutch) and Switcher (Swiss). FWF has now 29 members in total in the Netherlands, Belgium (Sparkling Ideas), Switzerland (Switcher), Germany (Hess Natur), UK (Continental Clothing).

New publications and materials - Dutch translation of Made By Women
- ‘Groen Licht’ material (leaflet, card and poster)
- Monitoring brochure (updated version)

Norway - Kampanjen Rene Klær We are in the process of establishing a CCC network in Norway.

Public Awareness Other activities and Events
We have had several meetings with organisations within Norway to inspire them and get them to join us in the Norwegian CCC. So far Framtiden i våre hender (The Future in Our Hands) is joined by Changemaker (Norwegian Church Aid youth organisation) and Handel og Kontor (Norwegian Union of Commercial and Office Employees).

Public Authorities Ethical Procurement
Kampanjen Rene Klær has started a small project asking our politicians in Parliament whether or not they support ethical guidelines as a condition for public procurement. Based on their replies we will publish a report.
New Publications and Materials We have translated the Swedish brochure "Om Rena Klader" ("About Clean Clothes") into Norwegian, which will be printed in March, and we are working on our website www.reneklaer.no.

Spain - Campaña Ropa Limpia (CRL) Public Awareness

- Campaigns
  We are campaigning on the company INDUYCO, the main garment supplier of El Corte Inglés (the biggest department store of Spain), which has its own shops and produces uniforms for many European cities. "What's lies behind INDUYCO's clothing".

- Other activities and Events
  Press Events
  December: PR in connexion with the Bread & Butter Festival in Barcelona.
  January 8: Final act / Closing of INDUYCO's campaign. Very good media coverage: prime time in the news on 2 nationals TV channels (TV2 -state channel- and Tele 5 -private channel-)
  February 15: in the frame of the International Fashion Week in Madrid, CRL participated in a panel with the Spanish Federation of garment companies, FEDECON, a consumer organisation (CECU), trade unions (UGT and CC.OO) and Intermón Oxfam.

- Interviews
  January 2: CRL in Catalonia interviewed by radio 4 about responsible consumption during Christmas time.
  January 8: CRL interviewed by national media connected to the street action planned to end the campaign "What's lies behind INDUYCO's clothing" in Madrid (see below).
  February 14: CRL Catalonia interviewed by Radio Mataró on Public Procurement
  February 16: CRL Catalonia interviewed by Catalunya Ràdio on Public Procurement
  February 16: CRL interviewed by the national newspaper El País, an economy magazine (Economista) and an e-agency of solidarity news (CanalSolidario). An article was published in México about the panel organized during the International Fashion Week.

- Travel with media
  CRL, together with a Basque designer and the Basque TV channel made a trip to Romania to easier contacts to shoot a documentary on garment production.

- Street events
  November 4 and January 7: signature collection in front of El Corte Inglés for the campaign "What's lies behind INDUYCO's clothing" and to add members to the list of e-mail activists.
  December 15 to January 5: signature collection at the fair trade stand in the city of Pamplona.
  December, 16 and 17: street action on responsible consumption during Christmas
time in Barcelona, with participation of 50 activists. January: during the sales period, activists wearing work uniforms went on the streets of Vitoria (Basque Country) to collect signatures for the campaign towards INDUYCO with the slogan "labour rights not for sale". January 8: closure of the campaign "What's lies behind INDUYCO's clothing" in Madrid.

Continuing in the holiday spirit, we organised an action around the Reyes Magos (The Three Wise Men: on the night before the 6th of January children in Spain go to bed expecting Los Reyes Magos to bring them presents, but, the Three Wise Men can also bring coal to the children if they have behave badly during the year. Three activists, dressed as los Reyes Magos, delivered three gifts at INDUYCO's headquarters: a big postcard symbolising the number of signatures collected (more than 5,500), the CCC code of conduct and a big bag of coal. We invited the press the morning of the event to come to CRL's office and from there, the Wise Men, staff and activists of the CRL together with the press boarded a customised bus with images of the CRL. We made a stop in front of the Tintoretto y Sintesis (INDUYCO's brands) to allow the press to link these stores with INDUYCO and for the Wise Men to make an appearance. For the CRL it was the moment to distribute leaflets and speak to the customers at the stores. Then we made our way to Induyco's headquarters. Unfortunately, we were not able to hand-deliver these gifts, given that no Induyco representative received us at the door. However, the trade union representative of Induyco did participate in the activity and was interviewed on site. The CRL gave a short press conference and afterwards, the bus returned back to CRL offices with all the participants.

• Educational activities

November 4: screening of China Blue and new exposition of CRL "Nuestra moda trae tela" in Zaragoza in the frame a fair trade fair.

November 29: Screening of China Blue in the city of Badalona. Panel with the CRIC (center for research and responsible consumption), Observatori del Deute en la Globalització (Globalisation Debt Watch) and CRL.

November 30: presentation of the CRL in the city of Manresa within the course "Globalterapia".

December 19: screening of China Blue in a cinema in Barcelona in collaboration with Intermón Oxfam.

18 to 26 of December: "Week of clean fashion" in the city of San Sebastian: a week meant to present the CRL to the citizens of San Sebastián (Basque Country). Activities: exhibition "Nuestra moda trae tela", panel with 2 Basque companies and Fair Fashion Association (Cambodia), screening of China Blue in the frame of a film festival on labour rights with the collaboration of the city hall of San Sebastian and debate, ateliers to recycle garments and teddy bears, alternative fashion parade wearing the recycled garments (re)made in the ateliers, jazz concert, fair trade lunch. We reach a public non-traditionally attracted by NGOs activities (in total 800 participants). The regional media coverage was very good. Contacts made with the Fair Wear Foundation to visit the FWF within the framework of the "Clean Fashion Week in San Sebastian". The winners of the competition on alternative design will visit the FWF in the Netherlands.
February 1: Launch and screening of the documentary "Lo último en moda": 80 viewers.
February 3: screening of China Blue on the Catalan TV "channel 33": 120,000 viewers.
February 7: screening of China Blue in a cinema of Barcelona (fourth time): 110 viewers.
Presentation of the CRL in schools in the city of Zaragoza.
Screening of China Blue in a school in Pamplona and a debate about China.
February 28: Seminar about CRL in the Master for Sustainable Development in the "Escuela de Organización Industrial"
Courses in a school in Galicia about CRL and conferences on CRL in the frame of two masters of the University of A Coruña (Galicia).

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  1. Cases taken up:
     Spectrum (Bangladesh): follow up with Inditex CSR person and with social organisations and media that are following the case.
  2. Cyber activists:
     We've increased the number of cyber activists through the signature collection for the campaign "What lies behind INDUYCO's garment": the people who signed to demand transparency of INDUYCO generally also signed to become cyber activists of the CRL. We collected 5500 signatures for this campaign.

Companies

- Monitoring and Verification
  Mid-December: We have had a meeting with GMIES: centre for independent monitoring and verification from El Salvador (they have been working on social audits for GAP).

Public Authorities

- Ethical Procurement
  Ethical public procurement in Catalonia
  November 20: Workshop on Ethical Public Procurement
  January 2: the City Hall of Girona joined the Public Procurement Network, the "Xarxa per la Compra Publica Etica"
  February 16: meeting about Public Procurement. 28 Catalan Public Administrations attended the meeting.
  Ethical public procurement in Basque Country:
  We have begun the work on public procurement in the Basque Country as a long term activity of awareness raising via a grassroots approach.
  Ethical public procurement in Galicia:
  We are lobbying the regional government to include CRL criteria in the
forthcoming CSR declaration and to include labour rights compliance all along the supply chain in the production countries.

New Publications and Materials New audiovisual materials: "Lo último en moda". 30 mins. documentary about the relation between the destruction of farmers' way of life and the maquilas in México. Includes an interview with Martín Barrios.

A team of the Basque TV channel (ETB) travelled to Romania to record testimonies of workers in the garment industry.

New materials: Guide on Responsible Consumption in the Basque Country and a new CRL exhibition which can be used for awareness raising.

Switzerland - Clean Clothes Campaign Public Awareness

Clean Clothes Events

- Lausanne: over 100 signatures were collected for Bangladesh during an Action Day for Sustainable Development.
- Street actions in Zurich and Zug from an independent action group (Glore) in the Autumn of 2006.
- Publication of a new CCC-Leaflet in French on garments with the price of the product and the share of the wages for CMT. During 2006 more than 100,000 CCC leaflets have been distributed over street actions, schools or individual activists.
- Fairtrade week with a public panel in Wolfurt (Austria closed to Swiss border) on the CCC
- CCC-Workshop in Basel (November 8th) and in Emmenbruchke (Nov. 7th). 
- CCC lecture at the University of Luzerne, November 7th.
- Participation in a CSR workshop at the University of Lausanne (December 8/9).

Publication on CSR (January 2007)

Berne Declaration released a publication on CSR in German and French with an analysis of Migros' sustainability report and an interview with Stefan Seidel from Puma on their code implementation.

Solidarity Work

- Urgent Appeals
  Spectrum / Bangladesh
  We have done media work and a homepage update on the French CCC-Homepage, as well as an action in Geneva.
  Hermosa / El Salvador
  We put an update on the homepage and did media work.

Companies

- Monitoring and Verification
  ISCOM
  The Swiss trade union UNIA has signed a declaration that they support the
verification organisation ISCOM / Fair Wear Foundation and that they will be part of the governing body.

Sweden - Rena Kläder Public Awareness

- Campaigns
  Public Procurement - Mina Skattepengar - My Tax Money
  During the autumn this campaign has continued on a local level. In seven cities local campaign groups have been formed and they now work towards their local politicians in the municipality and the county council. In November we arranged an education course on how to influence politicians and communicate our demands better. In January, the activists in Gothenburg arranged a "Community Night" where they invited local politicians from the community and the county council, journalists, Rena Kläder and the public to talk about ethical public procurement. During the night they gave the politicians over 1000 signed action cards. So far no formal decisions in favour of ethical demands have been taken, but several municipalities and county councils are working on the issue.

  We have also been working on a report about surgical tools and hospital/patient clothing together with Fair Trade Center (FTC) and SwedWatch. SwedWatch is a non-governmental organisation that writes reports on Swedish business relations with developing countries. The aim is to highlight the violations of human rights in this industries to put further pressure on the county council and to create a public opinion. SwedWatch has done the research in Pakistan and India and Rena Kläder and FTC are writing the recommendations to the buying companies and to the county councils that buy from these companies. The report will be released at the end of March.

- Play Fair
  The Swedish Play Fair-campaign put focus on two Swedish sportswear retailers, Stadium and Team Sportia and the Swedish Olympic Committee (SOC). In November, we had a meeting with SOC and gave them the nearly 3000 postcards we collected during the summer and autumn. Since the meeting they have chosen a new supplier on clothing but so far they have not communicated any changes in their buying strategies or policies.

  We have also sent the collected action cards to Stadium and Team Sportia together with a letter with our demands and Stadium recently responded to the letter positively and we will have further contact soon. Team Sportia has not responded yet.

  In January we had a planning day with the Swedish platform members where we discussed Play Fair 2008 among other things. Many of the members want to have an active role in the campaign and we decided to continue to have focus on the
Swedish retailers. Next steps are to make a Swedish campaign plan and to form a working group to further plan Play Fair 2008.

Other activities and Events Course on Swedish School of Textiles
The Swedish School of Textiles is the biggest college of textile education in Sweden. Rena Kläder has given lectures at the school before but now our collaboration with the school was extended. In November we got the opportunity to give a one week course to educate textile students in ethical and social aspects in the garment industry. Together with Fair Trade Center we will continue to give courses this year as well, on different levels.

China Blue
China Blue had its Swedish premiere in the middle of November. One week before, November 7, we arranged a movie night to show the film in advance. After the film we had a panel discussion with Weekday, a smaller fashion company. 100 people came to see the film and it was much appreciated. During the later premiere, the director Micha X Peled visited Sweden and he was interviewed in Swedish media. Later in November, national television broadcasted China Blue.

Christmas campaign
When China Blue was highlighted in media just before Christmas, many people wanted to have concrete tools to put pressure on companies while shopping Christmas gifts. We decided to start a smaller Christmas campaign. The campaign had the slogan "Hard working conditions behind soft Christmas gifts". The weeks before Christmas we stood outside shopping centres and distributed action cards. We also had a web action on our website.

Companies

- Brand related work
  Indiska Report
  H&M took part in the Swedish pilot that was conducted a couple of years ago. Indiska is another company that participated in the same pilot. Now when the H&M report is finished Rena Kläder have started to prepare a similar report about Indiska. The report was released on December 28 and got a great media coverage. All national newspapers and television stations did something on it and we got good response.

  Follow up on fashion companies
  The last month we have attended meetings with fashion companies that were a part of the fashion report from last year and some other similar companies. So far we have met Filippa K, Björn Borg, Nudie, Acne and Velour. Some of them haven’t improved since last time and we also met a lack of knowledge. Others have taken small steps to improve working conditions in their supply chain. Later this spring we will arrange a round table meeting with some of this companies to discuss further.
Public Authorities

- Ethical Procurement
  Mina Skattepengar
  See "Campaigns".

New Publications and Material

Indiska Report
A critical report on how the Swedish retailer Indiska is working to improve the working conditions in their supply chain. In Swedish.

Action card
For the Christmas campaign, in Christmas style, urging people to put pressure on companies during Christmas-shopping. In Swedish.

United Kingdom - Labour Behind the Label

Awareness-raising High street fashion campaign

- We are working with a student campaign network called People on Planet who have previously worked on Fairtrade.
- We helped The Ecologist magazine made a booklet about ethical fashion to distribute at London Fashion Week and in their magazine.
- We were in the Draper's magazine (the UK fashion industry journal) "Movers and Shakers of 2007".
- We have now met with several investment fund managers as a result of Clean Up Fashion/Fashion Victims. We have been invited to give a seminar for the UK Social Investment Forum.

Bargain retailers/Tescopoly campaign

- The War on Want Fashion Victims report gained huge publicity
- We did a postcard action on Asda - 14,000 postcards were distributed.
- We helped the Tescopoly campaign to write a webpage on 'Tesco round the world'.

Sportswear

- We sent a new proposal to LOCOG (2012 Olympics).
- The local Fairtrade groups and local authorities in East London (site of the 2012 games) are interested in being involved in the campaign, and we will speak at their next meeting in March.
- We will have the first meeting of our Play Fair 08 platform in March.
Urgent appeals FFI, India
Í Update posted on LBL website.
Philippines
Í Appeal now on Labourstart website, updated on LBL website.
Hermosa, El Salvador
Í The update and new appeal is posted on our website.

Companies Levi's

- Levi’s were suspended from ETI and then resigned. We placed an article in The Times, and are going to "downgrade" their scores on the Clean Up Fashion website and send a press release.
- Other companies
- We had a lot of meetings with companies, about things that we or War on Want have published: Sainsbury's, Primark, M&S, Asda, Arcadia.

Publications · Fashion Victims (War on Want): <www.waronwant.org/fashionvictims>