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**Austria - Clean Clothes-Kampagne Public Awareness Campaigns China Tour**

From the September 14th to September 17th, Yuk Yuk Choi and Jenny Chan from China visited Austria. The Austrian CCC organised a press conference, a panel discussion after a cinema showing of "China Blue", and a seminar. The media coverage was very good, a fact highlighted by a report in the Austrian TV News. Other activities and Events

- Over the summer the content of the Austrian CCC website was revised, and we are working on a new graphic design for the website.
- In a radio show Christian Mücke and Michaela Königshofer spoke for 45 minutes about the work of the CCC and answered questions of the listeners.
- A radio show about the work of the CCC was broadcasted in cooperation with Women solidarity.
- We gave a presentation about the CCC on two schools in Wels and Neusiedl.
- We organised a presentation of the CCC with an information stall at three events.

**Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Paxar**

We posted a report on the Austrian CCC website of the Paxar case with a sample protest letter. An action request was sent out to the UA-Activists. 746 protest letters were sent from the Austrian CCC website. We reported about the Paxar case in the Newsletter of the Austrian CCC.

**North Sails**

We were in contact with ITGLWF and Austrian metal and textile workers union GMT on the OECD complaint. Until now we have spread around 1000 protest postcards and have collected around 200 signatures.

**Bangladesh**

We wrote a report and two updates about the developments in Bangladesh (during the summer). We reported about Bangladesh in the Newsletter of the Austrian CCC in July. We published a report and one update about the minimum wages in Bangladesh on the
website of the Austrian CCC plus one sample letter addressed to BGMEA and BKMEA and one sample letter addressed to New Yorker, Kik, NKD, Hofer and Lidl. An action request was sent out to the UA-Activists, until October 1424 protest letters were sent from the Austrian CCC website. New Publications and Materials Action handbook
We have published a printed version of the CCC Action handbook.

Belgium North - Schone Kleren Campagne Public Awareness

- Cycling event Mount Ventoux
  This was a trade union initiative for awareness raising and fundraising, which brought the CCC in touch with Bioracer, a Belgian producer of cycling wear and market leader for team equipment.
- China tour
  We organised a conference, meetings with international and national trade unions, a strategy meeting with steering groups on Olympics 2008 and a factory visit to Sioen (work wear)
- T-shirts for organisations and events
  We are doing basic research on suppliers and buyers and are developing some materials.

Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Spectrum - Bangladesh We are following up with trade union delegates of Carrefour. GP Garments - Sri Lanka We are keeping in touch with our partner Anton Marcus and the NCP to find out about their statement.

Workwear Lanka We are keeping in touch with our partner Anton Marcus and Maquila Solidarity Network, and we are pressuring the Belgian buyer Midera.

Hermosa - El Salvador One Belgian NGO (FOS) is taking up this appeal.

Harvest Rich - Bangladesh We sent a letter to Carrefour, and are following up with trade union delegates of Carrefour. Companies

- FWF project
  We had a first meeting with Creamoda, the employers' federation of Belgian garment producers (see report Belgium South below).
- Clean Clothes at work
  This is ongoing, we have produced some new materials.

Public Authorities Ethical Procurement Clean Clothes Communities Ongoing activities

Belgium South - Campagne Vêtements Propres Public Awareness Campaigns World Cup
We released the "Off side"-report together with Oxfam Magasins du monde, and got attention for the urgent appeal on Panarub (see urgent appeal section below).

Public Procurement
We did a pre-election campaign for the local elections, in coalition with environment and
development organisations through local groups requesting engagement from the candidates on several issues, among them public procurement of work wear. Twenty local communities committed themselves. We will follow up with a technical manual, indicators of progress and an annual evaluation involving local groups.

Giant supermarkets
We are working together with Attac, trade unions, NGOs, rural organisations and consumer groups on the negative impacts of big supermarkets on several issues (among them workers in production and retailing). We are doing public awareness work (Attac university and follow up). One of the possible next steps will be to work on a proposal for a European directive against the abusive use of the supermarkets' dominant position.

China visit
Our five Chinese guests (Patrick, Vikky, Staphany, Lai Ha and Michael) were staying in Belgium from the 30th of September to the 4th of October. Most of the programme was co-organised by the two Belgian campaigns:

- A seminar on the Chinese garment industry (2nd of October): 100 participants from member organisations and from Belgian garment companies, high level participation from federations of employers (retailers and garment production), European commission, European trade unions and FWF. We received excellent prime time coverage on national radio.
- A strategic platform meeting to start planning the next Olympic campaign and other meetings with ICFTU and national trade union federations.
- A visit to a work wear Belgian company (Sioen), jointly organised by the trade unions and the management.
- A meeting with young jobless workers and the local press in a region suffering from the relocation of the textile and garment industry.

Clean clothes at work a trade union's initiative
We re-launched the trade union campaign to request clean work wear in private and public enterprises and institutions. Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Bangladesh

- We are following up on Spectrum with Cotton Group about its participation in the voluntary funds.
- We have contacts with Carrefour following up the release of a recent child labour report. We are preparing a trade union demand for the next European workers council (end of November). Indonesia

Panarub
We have launched an urgent appeal during the World Cup (1700 e-mails were sent to adidas), and had a meeting with Perbupas and GSBI in Indonesia in August.

Thailand - Gina
We are following up the urgent appeal together with Oxfam solidarity. Companies Pilot for independent verification, using the FWF, in the work wear sector.
discussion initiated by the sectoral trade unions in the social dialogue structure, together with the Belgian garment producers federation, this employer federation agreed to be part of the project. The same process still needs to be finalised with the employers of the laundry sector. A first presentation of the pilot project to the companies took place on the 21st of November. 

Public Authorities Ethical Procurement
See "Campaigns".

Public social label
We are moving towards the creation (through a law) of a public foundation with a yearly budget of 900,000 euros to raise awareness of the consumers and companies of the public labels (social label and euro ecological labels). New Publications and Materials

- Updated China brochure (October 2006)

Soon:

- a brochure on Bangladesh: the price of our t-shirts
- a leaflet to present the technical manual on public procurement of work wear
- a technical manual on public procurement of work wear

Germany - Kampagne für 'Saubere' Kleidung
Public Awareness Campaigns World Cup - Campaign

- We did actions, workshops and seminars in different city's (Berlin, Köln, Frankfurt/Oder, Rostock, Frankfurt/Main, Magdeburg, Halle, Chemnitz, Leipzig, Dortmund) with Action-Tattoos with information, a huge T-shirt and protest cards.
- More than 50 kg of protest cards where collected. More than 10,000 protest-cards and signature-lists demanding a living wage were delivered at a discussion with Frank Henke (adidas) on November 8th.
- During the campaign a video-clip was shown in the subway and movie-theaters targeting the sporting goods industry.
- We did press work, resulting in many press articles and interviews.
- For information about the WC-campaign please visit www.inkota.de/wm2006; www.saubere-kleidung.de or www.ci-romero.de

Tchibo - Campaign

- A follow up meeting with Tchibo representatives took place on November 11th.

Other activities and Events

- INKOTA is the official film partner of China Blue. The documentary will be shown in a nation wide film festival taking place in over 60 cities. During the film festival INKOTA will organise several activities and presents the CCC work.
• CCC-Germany became member of CorA (Corporate Accountability network).

Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Spectrum/Bangladesh
We are building a coalition with representatives of the protestant church, are pressuring Karstadt Quelle to attend in a follow up meeting on the case, and had a meeting with KQ to hand over 500 signatures of church representatives from all over the world.

Bangladesh/Riots
We sent an appeal for action to the German Embassy in Dhaka (September). Philippines Appeal
We sent an appeal for action to adidas (October).

Panarub/Indonesia
We launched a public appeal (June) and contacted adidas.

Partner Activities
We organised a training workshop of the CoC Network Jakarta on codes of conduct and the impact of the expiry of the ATC (2-4 August 2006 Depok). Companies Brand related work
- The pilot-project with PUMA AG failed, because Puma was not willing to pay for the prolongation.
- We participated in a stakeholder meeting organised by Puma.
- We had a meeting with the Tchibo social department staff and Systain, focusing on Bangladesh (Basic Apparels, MFA forum) and Tchibo's purchasing strategy.

Public Authorities
Ethical Procurement
We formed a team of experts (representatives of communities, NGOs, companies and the government of Nordrhein-Westfalen):
"Fachforum NRW für die Integration von Sozialstandards in öffentlichen Ausschreibungen bei Arbeitsbekleidung" We contacted the Ministry of Economy about the new EU-guidelines. New Publications and Materials
- ARTE TV film production on labour conditions in Indonesia (adidas suppliers), India (H&M), Turkey (OTTO) and Spain (Inditex) due to be broadcasted at the end of 2006. Indonesia: CCC representatives were interviewed on August 10 in Jakarta, interviews with Perbupas/GSBI, SPN and PMK, factory visits and visits to workers' homes were also part of the research.
- Documentation on the Tchibo campaign of the CCC will be edited by Terre des Femmes (in German)
- The German version of "Looking for a Quick Fix". 

International secretariat - Clean Clothes Campaign Coordination Organisation
Euromeeting and 10 YEARS CCC party
The IS, together with the Belgian CCCs, organised and coordinated the European
meeting, November 16th and 17th, Brussels, and we subsequently celebrated 10 YEARS of CCC.

Preparation International Forum
The IS is, with the input of the European CCCs, working on the preparation of the International Forum. The outcomes of the Brussels Euromeeting will give the necessary guidance for this.

CCC work in "new" countries
The IS has been supporting the Norwegian organisation Future in our hands in setting up the CCC in Norway. Also, talks are going on with organisations in Portugal and Denmark, about making CCC related work in their countries more structured, and eventually move into a CCC coalition.

Book History of the CCC
The IS has started preparing for a book on the history of the CCC as a movement, coinciding with the secretariat existing for over 15 years, many CCCs for 10 years and the International Forum coming up. The expected writer, Liesbeth Sluiter, is at this moment busy applying for funds and finding a publisher.

China Meeting and tour
Representatives from six Hong Kong / mainland partner organisations toured Europe in September. On the 27th and 28th the CCC China Strategy days were organised in Cambridge, where also representatives from Global Unions, Oxfam and others participated. The first day was more general on strategies to improve the workers' situation in China, and strategies for European groups to support our HK and mainland partners. The second day focused on possibilities for campaigning towards the Beijing Olympics. Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals In addition to ongoing casework, the IS UA team followed up on new cases from the Philippines, Cambodia and Bangladesh. During this period the IS UA team worked on finalising the UA manual and preparing the UA training workshop (focusing on media work and dialogue with companies), which was held in the UK on Sept. 26th. The manual is now being revised to include inputs from the training. The IS team discussed the issues of strategic decision-making in relation to UA case selection, based on this discussion an input document was written for the November Euro meeting. Work is underway on a publication focusing on the successful aspects of CCC UA work.

Funding: In mid-July the Sigrid Rausing Trust informed us that they would fund CCC UA work during 2006/07. In consultation with the European CCCs a decision was made to distribute these funds to several CCCs to support their UA work. Companies Monitoring and Verification Jo-In update
8-20 July 2006 - Turkish trade unions, NGOs, business associations, factory management, and brand representatives assembled in Istanbul to participate in Jo-In's training seminar. Offered in Turkish to businesses in one day and to non-businesses over the course of two days, the training clarified similarities and differences among the six and reviewed various tools, such as complaints mechanisms, that can be accessed by
local stakeholders in their efforts to improve workplace conditions. In developing the training, the six organisations in Jo-In sought a clearer, more efficient alternative to the practice of holding six separate trainings for stakeholders in countries where many or all of the six organisations work. The Jo-In training materials can be used for local stakeholder training around the world and are available from the Jo-In website. A local working group meeting was held in August, and a next one is planned for November. The assessments are presently underway at 5 factories. The outcomes will be discussed at the next steering committee/stakeholder forum which will be organised early next year.

Brand related work
CCC staff participated in the public part of the MFA Forum meeting early September in London, which focused on Bangladesh. Brands sourcing in Bangladesh were subsequently approached on issues relating to wages and the EPZ law.

Public Authorities
CCC provided input (in writing and during a meeting) for Richard Howitt, reporter to the EP on CSR. New Publications and Materials
A new newsletter was published in October 2006, containing articles on World Cup campaigning, Jo-In, Low-Cost Retailers, the national CCC Belgium South, urgent appeals and new resources.

- The Netherlands - Schone Kleren Kampagne
- Public Awareness
True Blue (www.true-blue.info) was a joint campaign by the Dutch CCC, Amnesty International, Fair Wear Foundation, Goede Waar & Co (consumer organisation) and Cinema Delicatessen (distributor of the China Blue Movie) with the aim to raise awareness of working conditions in the Chinese garment industry. The campaign was launched at the release of China Blue in the film theatres on September 14, a documentary on the life of a young Chinese garment worker in a jeans factory. From 18 - 20 September, Yuk Yuk Choi (Worker Empowerment) and Jenny Chan (SACOM) were in the Netherlands. We organised three debates in different film theatres with the audience after seeing the documentary, a meeting for our platform organisations, a guest lecture at a fashion school and Amnesty International organised a company screening on CSR & China. There was a lot of interest by the media for Yuk Yuk Choi and Jenny Chan: coverage in two national newspapers, one regional newspaper and two radio stations. Up till now, requests from schools and fashion institutes come in to see China Blue and having a program/discussion along with it.

Groen Licht (Green Light)
This will be a new campaign focusing on the public transport sector. The aim is to raise awareness amongst workers working in this sector through union channels and the workers councils in public transport companies, the commitment of public transport companies to the purchase of clean representative clothing, and to get garment companies become a FWF member. New material comprises a poster, leaflet and action card. A CCC-bus tour to the HQ's of the public transport companies is scheduled for 2007. An interactive web portal will be set up where buyers for work wear (including also representative wear) can ask questions. The portal will be developed and piloted by the Dutch CCC, if successful it will be translated into French and English.

Solidarity Work
Urgent Appeals
Fibre & Fabrics International - India
The Dutch CCC and the India Committee in the Netherlands (ICN) are publicly campaigning on G-Star. We contacted G-Star in October 2005 after information about
appalling labour conditions (including verbal and physical abuse) in FFI and JKPL (suppliers in Bangalore, India) was uncovered by the local union GATWU. From March 2006, G-Star kept silent, while additional interviews with workers uncovered new disturbing information. Late May, we issued a protest letter. G-Star questioned the validity of the violations and started blaming the CCC and the local union GATWU of causing a conflict. Since late July, the CCC and the ICN hold off dialogue with G-Star because of a restraining order placed on GATWU and other Indian labour rights organisations. This court order prevents them from sharing information about the labour situation in FFI and JKPL with others within and outside India. Late August, FFI/JKPL applied for contempt of court proceedings. Thus far the defendants are not heard; the hearing is now postponed to December. In October, the Dutch CCC and the ICN filed an OECD complaint. Companies C&A In September, the CCC, FNV and LBC (Belgian union) spoke with C&A related to the report by the Brazilian research organisation Observatorio Social uncovering that C&A's suppliers are subcontracting production to unregistered workshops exploiting illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries. C&A stated an investigation to their (sub) contracting chain in Brazil. C&A spoke to all their suppliers and contacted a migrant organisation to support the illegal migrants. Furthermore C&A's Code of Conduct and Socam were discussed.

Pilot project company database
The Dutch CCC participated in the pilot phase of this project. Hema (BSCI member) is submitted to the database. Hema did fill in the requested questions but did not sent any additional documents to support their statements.

Project on Transparency
The Dutch CCC did a quick research on three companies about their transparency on the availability and reliability of information concerning labour conditions, from a consumers' point of view. Information was gathered in the shops (are shop keepers able to tell you?), from the internet and website and by calling the companies. This research is one of the case studies that will be input for a debate that SOMO will organise in December on this issue of the need for more legislation on transparency. New Publications and Materials Dutch newsletter Schoon Genoeg, November 2006.

Norway - Kampanjen Rene Klær: We are not formally established yet but hope to be so soon. We have contacted different organisations with the aim of cooperation and are following up these communications now. Public Awareness Campaigns We have not engaged in any campaign yet but have plans to join the campaign on OL in Beijing 2008. Other activities and Events We organised a workshop about Urgent Appeals at Changemaker's (Norwegian Church Aid youth organisation) weekend seminar in October. At the Future in Our Hands annual meeting a lecture on CCCs aim and working methods was held and all FIOHs local groups took part in this. We have started work on some urgent appeals involving Norwegian brands. New Publications and Materials We have started to translate the Swedish brochure "Om Rena Klær" ("About Clean Clothes") into Norwegian. Our website www.reneklaer.no is
registered and the design work has started.

Spain - Campaña Ropa Limpia Public Awareness Campaigns Public procurement: see "Public Authorities" Other activities and Events Press releases

- July 13: PR about Inditex shareholder's meeting (CRL denounces grave lack in INDITEX CSR policy).
- September 7th: announcement of the conference and screening of China Blue.

Interviews (selection)

- June 30: CRL Aragón, Alba Santos, interviewed by "Aragón radio" about CCC work.
- July 15 and August 6: CRL Aragón, Alba Santos, interviewed and participate in a debate in "Aragón radio".
- July 19: news about the intervention of the CCC at INDITEX shareholder's meeting on TVG (TV channel in Galicia), "La Opinión de la Coruña" and "El Correo Gallego" (regional newspapers).
- October 5th: CRL Catalonia, Albert Sales interviewed at BTV about labour conditions in the garment industry in China.
- October 5th: CRL Spain, Eva Kreisler interviewed by RKO radio about labour conditions in the garment industry in China.

Street Events

- June 24: street action in the framework of the campaign "What lies behind INDUYCO's clothing" in front of El Corte Inglés' mall in Pamplona. Signatures collection and distribution of postcards.
- June 30 and September 22: street action for the INDUYCO campaign in Valencia.
- July 1: street action for the INDUYCO campaign in Zaragoza (160 signatures collected).
- September 2 and 3: signatures collection in the framework of the campaign "What lies behind INDUYCO's clothing" at the Zaragoza Global Festival.
- September 16 and 17: signatures collection for the INDUYCO campaign at the Campo de las Culturas de Daroca Festival in Zaragoza.

Educational activities

- June 1: Screening of the video "Tejido con dignidad" and presentation of the CCC for primary school students in the school "María Moliner" in Zaragoza.
June 16: Presentation of the CCC and debate in a cultural centre in the city of Zaragoza.

June 16th: Presentation of the CCC and its UA system at the "Escuela de Adultos San Federico" in Madrid.

October 5: Presentation of the CCC at a Forum on Responsible Consumption in Pamplona.

October 17: Presentation of the CCC at a conference on organic cotton at "La Casa Encendida" in Madrid.

October 19: Presentation of the CCC at the faculty of Sociology - University of Navarra.

Activities on China

- China Blue screening in 5 cinemas in Spain. Before the screening, CRL presented the work of the Clean Clothes Campaign.
- China tour: Patrick Poon (CLB) and Staphany Wong (HKCTU) visited Barcelona and Santiago de Compostela.
- China Activities in Barcelona (4th and 5th of October): meeting with CRL team on the 4th, meeting with Catalan's public authorities, meeting with representatives of trade union (UGT) and NGO (Interm\n\nOxfam), conference "Made in China" (open to companies, trade unions, NGOs and public in general) and screening of China Blue.
- China Activities realised in Santiago de Compostela: breakfast with journalists, conference and debate with companies (rep of Inditex, Adolfo Dominguez and Textilonia), public authorities, professors of the University and trade unions. We received very good media coverage. China Blue screenings are scheduled in the coming months in Barakaldo, Vitoria, Bilbao and Donosti (all cities in the Basque Country).

Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals
1. Cases taken up: SPECTRUM follow up: emails, phone calls and meetings with representative of INDITEX.
2. A new UA leaflet was published by CRL Valencia. Companies Brand related workEL CORTE INGL\S (ECI)
See "Street action".

July: meeting with the companies El Corte Ingl\s and INDUYCO (principal clothes supplier of El Corte Ingl\s) together with Interm\n\nOxfam, CECU (critical consumer organisation), two other NGOs and CRL to get information about their suppliers and their codes of conduct. El Corte Ingl\s is the main department store in Spain, it has more than 30,000 suppliers. Bangladesh: we raised the issue at the meeting and sent ECI a letter in relation to the labour unrest in Bangladesh (ECI is sourcing from Bangladesh).

INDUYCO
See "Street action".

We sent them a letter in relation to the labour unrest in Bangladesh (INDUYCO is
sourcing from Bangladesh). Surprisingly, a CSR representative attended the conference "Made in China" and the screening of China Blue in Barcelona.

ADOLFO DOMINGUEZ
Good news: they’ve abandoned the BSCI and have joined the ETI recently. They are in regular contact with CRL Galicia to share information.

INDITEX
See Urgent Appeals.

MANGO
We sent them a letter in relation to the labour unrest in Bangladesh (MANGO is sourcing from Bangladesh). Public Authorities
Ethical Procurement
21st of September: presentation of Public Procurement Programme at the Conference "Ecoprocura" (about ethical public procurement) in Barcelona.
5th of October: meeting with Patrick and Staphany (see "China")
22nd of October: Public Procurement booklet printed again (1,000 booklets)
22nd of October: new leaflet of Public Procurement Programme
25th of October: the first e-newsletter of the "Xarxa per la Compra Pública Ética" released
New Publications and Materials
See "Ethical public procurement in Catalonia" and "urgent appeals". We are working on some new audiovisual materials:

1. A 30' documentary about the relation between the destruction of farmers way of life and the maquilas, recorded in Central America.
2. A person connected to the CRL has travelled to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador to prepare a documentary (50') describing the problems of the maquilas in the last 10 years, including the analysis made by the persons involved and the solutions they suggest.
3. A team of the Basque TV channel (ETB) will travel at the beginning of the year to Romania (maybe Bulgaria) to record testimonies of workers in the garment industry.

Sweden - Renate Klander Public Awareness Campaigns
Public Procurement - Mina Skattepengar - My Tax Money
In July we arranged a big national event during the annual "Politician week" (a huge PR/politician/media event) on the island Gotland. 25 of our local activists took part in the activities and among other things we arranged a seminar/panel with the title "Social responsibility - what can the public learn from the private". Amongst the participants were Ingrid Schullström from H&M, Wanja Lunby Wedin (president of the biggest trade union confederation), Kristian Karlsson from the neo-liberal think tank Timbro and Fredrik Malm (president of the Youth Association of the Liberal Party). It was a popular seminar with about 80 people in the audience. During the week we got a lot of attention and positive reactions from the politicians visiting the Politician week and some media attention too.

The campaign has continued on a local level. In seven cities local campaign groups have
been formed and they now target their local politicians in the municipality and the county council.

Two weeks before the Swedish general election we released an overview of the answers from all parties in the parliament about their position on ethical demands in public procurement. Regarding the answers, 5 of 7 parties have a positive attitude concerning ethical demands. One of the biggest Swedish newspapers wrote an article on the subject.

A training on how to affect politicians and communicate our demands better was organised in November. 25 of our local activists took part. We are also planning to release a report on work wear used by the police in late November.

Play Fair 2006
Play Fair 2006 in Sweden focused on two Swedish sportswear retailers, Stadium and Team Sportia, and the Swedish Olympic Committee. During the summer we had meetings with Stadium and Team Sportia and they talked a lot, but so far we have seen no action. Finally, we received an answer from the Swedish Olympic Committee and we had a meeting with the General Secretary Gunilla Lindberg in November.

During June, July and August the platform members Youth of The Swedish Church and Red Cross Youth Association have arranged a tour to several music festivals as a part of this campaign. They have visited six music festivals and raised 8000 postcards to put pressure on Stadium, Team Sportia and SOC. Other activities and Events
21-24 September Rena Klönder took part in the Book Fair in Gothenburg together with LO-TCO Secretariat of International Trade Union Development Co-operation, a member of the Swedish platform. We arranged seminars and presented our textbook "Is it worth it?" about trade, human rights and the garment industry to teachers.

China Visit
In September we had the opportunity to welcome Yuk Yuk Choi and Jenny Chan. During their visit we arranged several meetings and seminars in Stockholm and Gothenburg, among others a seminar at the Book Fair in Gothenburg with Swedish fair trade clothing production company DEM Collective on problems in the garment industry in Asia. Unfortunately we did not get much media attention about their visit.

Rena Klönder training
21-22 October Rena Klönder held an activist training. 13 activists participated and the majority were members of The Commercial Employees Union and Red Cross youth association. The education focused on Play Fair 2006 and public procurement. Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals
Bangladesh
All big retailers in Sweden have information about the situation in Bangladesh but just a few of them (H&M, Varner Group and New Wave) say that they use suppliers in Bangladesh. We have communicated all information about the work to increase the minimum wage and we urge them to take action now. At the 30th of October the situation
in Bangladesh was highlighted on the national television news and we commented on the situation.

Gina
We are in dialogue with Lindex and Clover Group. Lindex orders from Clover Group factories in Cambodia and China but not from Gina and therefore they do not accept their responsibility. Lindex has told us that they are soon going to do audits in the factories in China and Cambodia.

Lanka Workwear
We have been in contact with Ejendals in Sri Lanka several times and the ILO has made a recommendation but so far the situation has not changed. Companies Brand related work Fashion Report
The report focuses on nine smaller, Swedish fashion companies and was released in the beginning of July. We got a lot of media attention in newspapers and the report was highlighted on the national tv news. A month after the release we followed up with a public seminar where three of the companies in the report took part in the debate together with the Commercial Employees Union and the Red Cross Youth Association. The report concludes that 4 of the 9 companies do not even have a Code of Conduct. None of the companies monitor their code.

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 Klüber have started to prepare a similar report about Indiska. The release was planned for August or September but is postponed because we want the writer to visit some of Indiska's largest suppliers. It will now be released in late December. Public Authorities Ethical Procurement Mina Skattepengar
See "Campaigns". New Publications and Materials Questionnaire to all parties in the parliament
About there position on ethical demands in public procurement. In Swedish.

Fashion Report
About nine, smaller, Swedish fashion companies. In Swedish.

Flyer
For the public procurement campaign, "My Tax Money". In Swedish.

- We surveyed and profiled around 30 high street companies
- Eight platform members were involved in production of the website and report.
- The report has been very well received by media, labour rights consultants, ethical investment fund managers (several meetings took place), but not by companies! The 'Take a Stand on Fashion' postcards are very popular.
- Our China Blue film screening was attended by 150 people.
- www.cleanupfashion.co.uk

**Bargain retailers/Tescopoly campaign**

- We published a small report on low-cost retailers/purchasing practices.
- The media are really interested and have picked up on it quite a bit - companies are very scared, and Asda (one of the four profiled) wrote a letter to the Guardian newspaper in response to an article about the report.
- Some research from Bangladesh on these retailers is about to be published by LBL/War on Want.

**Corporate accountability**

- The Tescopoly campaign, of which LBL is a member, successfully pushed the government's Competition Commission to investigate supermarkets. Unfortunately it doesn't look like they are interested in overseas suppliers.
- The UK Government passed a new Company Law Reform Bill, which includes greater responsibility for Directors and an obligation to disclose supply chains. It's a very weak obligation though, and it's not clear whether it will be of any use to us.

**Solidarity Work Urgent Appeals Bangladesh**

We had an e-action on our website.

We wrote to the British High Commissioner, and to all high street retailers about the situation, and met with one (Next).

LBL staff went to speak at the European Parliament, and has been in touch with MEPs.

**Gina Form**

We did a demonstration outside Calvin Klein's store in London.

There is an e-action on our website.

**G-star**

We did a demonstration outside the G-star store in London.

There is an e-action on our website.

**Paxar**

We were in touch with UK brands about this.

**Harvest rich**

A TV station found child labour in a factory supplying Tesco and Marks & Spencer in Bangladesh. We have been in touch with the brands and via ETI as it appears the children have just been fired as a result. Companies Fair trade cotton
The following retailers have launched or announced ranges made with Fair trade cotton: Marks & Spencer, Monsoon, Sainsbury’s. We met with all three before they launched, and successfully got articles in the trade press explaining the problems with Fair trade cotton. Between 4 and 14 major high street companies will launch a fair trade cotton range next year.

Arcadia group Following our campaign last year, we were invited to meet with Topshop, one of the brands in the Arcadia group we have been campaigning on for years. They are developing a CSR policy and while it is not clear how serious their commitment is, it is still a very positive situation.

New Publications and Materials

- Let's Clean Up Fashion - the state of pay behind the UK high street http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org/content/view/126/53/
- New websites www.cleanupfashion.co.uk and www.fashioninganethcialindustry.org
- Who Pays for Cheap Clothes? 5 questions the low-cost retailers must answer http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org/content/view/123/54/