

## What is Fair Trade?

Fair Trade is an ethical alternative to conventional trade principles. Producers and consumers are empowered by Fair Trade for five reasons:

- **Wages remain stable.** The fluctuating market does not influence the set minimum price that producers receive.
- **Social Premiums.** Producers can contribute to improving their community through the development of schools, health centers, etc.
- **Producers have a voice.** Producers are partnered with Fair Trade Labeling Boards, where they democratically decide on wages, trade standards, etc.
- **Respect for Environment.** Farmers are able to sustain their land and their livelihoods through environmentally conscious production methods.
- **NO Child Labor/Slavery!** Fair Trade does not stand for the exploitation of children.

Fair Trade is not charity— it is a HUMAN RIGHT!

## How Do I Know if it's Fair Trade?



Look for these symbols



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## About The Marquis Project

The Marquis Project is a non-profit, non-governmental organization providing education to Manitobans on global issues, such as fair trade and environmental topics. We also actively participate in sustainable rural development projects with our partners in developing countries. The Marquis Project is a membership driven organization that invites interested individuals to get involved in its committees, the Board of Directors and event planning. We are sustained by the generous support and participation of individuals, families, congregations, schools and community organizations, as well as various grants and annual funding from Manitoba Education.

### Marquis Mission Statement

- To help educate Manitobans as to the nature of economic, political and social issues involved at both the local and global levels.
- To seek to participate actively in sustainable projects and partnerships aimed at improving the quality of life in small, rural communities in developing countries.

### Support The Marquis Project

Become a member or make a donation to assist The Marquis Project to carry out its mission. For further information, membership and donation forms, please visit The Marquis Project website at

[www.marquisproject.com](http://www.marquisproject.com)

*“Linking Manitobans with the Developing World”*

## Overseas Partnership

First hand experience with our international partner, the Tanzanian Society for Agriculture Education and Extension (TSAEE) helps bring our educational presentations to life. Our membership in MCIC helps us access project funds for TSAEE. Current projects in Tanzania address clean energy, gender equity, climate change adaptation, and sustainable agriculture. Past projects have included fuel efficient stoves, HIV/Aids awareness, government and democracy, and entrepreneurship and craft development.



## YETII - Youth Educating Themselves on International Issues

Each year The Marquis Project hosts a YETII (Youth Educating Themselves on International Issues) conference to engage and educate youth on important global issues. Planned and facilitated by young people, this conference provides a stimulating and interactive learning environment for senior and middle years youth from southwestern Manitoba. To learn more about this conference or to participate in planning, contact us by email: [marquis@marquisproject.com](mailto:marquis@marquisproject.com), by telephone at 204-727-5675 or visit our website at [www.marquis.com](http://www.marquis.com).

## Educational Programs

At The Marquis Project we understand that education is the key to creating a healthier future for people and the planet. The Marquis Project delivers educational presentations and interactive activities focused on raising awareness about important global concerns. While presentations may be tailored to any grade level, our program has been specifically developed to meet Manitoba curriculum requirements for clusters within:

- Grades 3, 7 & 9 Social Studies
- Grade 10 Geographic Issues
- Grade 12 Global Issues & World Geography

The Marquis Project Educators are young people who facilitate workshops, games, interactive activities and media tools on topics of global importance such as:

- Fair trade
- Environmental issues
- Human rights and social justice
- Sustainable international development
- Life and development work in Tanzania
- Other topics related to global issues on request

Educational resources available through The Marquis Project include:

- The Fair Game™, an interactive game for the entire class that explores the costs and benefits of world trading systems. (ages 13+)
- The Global Trader™, a less complex game for ages 12+ that explores both competition and cooperation in the buying and selling of resources.
- “What Would You Do?” A scenario-based approach to Human Rights Education.



Students playing The Fair Game