

**The Scottish Parliament  
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade**

**6pm, Wednesday 26 November 2014  
P1.02, The Scottish Parliament**

**Minutes of the meeting (draft)**

**Attendance:**

MSPs:

George Adam MSP

Claudia Beamish MSP

External Organisations/Individuals:

Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh)

Andy Mount (Livingston Fair Trade Forum)

Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Liz Cooper (University of Edinburgh)

Carol Morton (Hadeel)

Sophie Tolley (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

**Apologies:**

Alison Johnstone MSP

Alison McInnes MSP

Drew Smith MSP

Sarah Boyack MSP

John Mason MSP

James Kelly MSP

Patricia Ferguson MSP

Briana Pegado (EUSA)

Martin Meteyard (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Ian Miller (Scotmid)

Helen Reilly (BMA Scotland)

Robin Stewart (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Graeme Clark (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

**Business of the meeting:**

1. The meeting was chaired by George Adam MSP.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Carol Morton of Hadeel gave a presentation: "Palestinian Fair Trade: Identity and Non-Violent Resistance". The meeting discussed the range of Fair Trade producers in Palestine including food and non-food products such as olive oil and crafts, the history and structure of Hadeel and Palcrafts, and the problems for Fair Trade producers associated with the recent and ongoing political and security situation in Palestine.
4. It was noted that the next meeting would be in Fairtrade Fortnight with a visiting Fair Trade producer.