

## ***Trade union international development education Fact Files***

TUC Fact Files are designed to:

- help trade union tutors educate union reps on the interconnection between the lives of working people in the developed and developing world;
- enable readers to make informed links between international development, social justice and trade unionism;
- enable tutors and union officers to feel confident about tackling issues in the classroom or other learning forums;
- build interest, understanding, activism and support for key campaigns on international development among trade union reps.

They contain a series of fact sheets and activities covering the key issues of international development and trade unions. Follow-up References and details of further information are provided to help readers pursue their interest and follow up new questions that will surely be formed as a result of discussion and work on the subject areas. These Fact Files are free to download and easily fit into trade union education courses while meeting accreditation requirements.

- **Refugees and migrant workers**
- **International development and the trade union role**
- **Trade and trade unions**
- **Play Fair at the Olympics(..and at the World Cup)**
- **Slave and forced labour in the twenty-first century**

### ***Refugees and migrant workers***

This Fact File covers why people move around the world and under what conditions, what their legal rights and protections are, and the links between migration, workers' rights and development. There are teaching materials and tips on dispelling myths about migrant workers and on dealing with racism and xenophobia. This complements other TUC booklets such as [Tackling Racism](#), [Migrant Workers: a TUC Guide](#), and [Busting the Myths: Getting the facts right about migrant workers](#)

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### ***International development and the trade union role***

The Fact File explains the concepts, history and dilemmas of development and poverty, and how they relate to trade, aid and debt. Importantly it covers efforts to tackle these

issues, including the creation of the Millennium Development Goals (the global targets for poverty reduction), and the [MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY](#) campaign (of which the TUC forms part), explaining why trade unionists can and should be central to efforts for socially just development.

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### ***Trade and trade unions***

This Fact File covers the concepts, politics and importance of international trade. Exploring how trade can either drive or undermine a country's development, it covers how the global trading system works (including the roles of the World Trade Organisation, multinational companies and foreign direct investment), how it favours developed countries and what needs to change. These issues are explored through examining global supply chains, export processing zones, corruption, pensions, fair trade and trade justice as well as the trade union role in pursuing a just globalisation.

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### ***Play Fair at the Olympics***

Play Fair at the Olympics is a campaign to highlight the working conditions facing those poor and mainly female workers producing Olympic goods, and pressuring the big brand sportswear companies and the International Olympics Committee (and host city associations) to take responsibility for the appalling conditions facing these workers. This Fact File aims to build support for Play Fair at the Olympics; provide an opportunity for reps to explore the relationship between a supply chains and workers' rights; and to build knowledge of international development and its relevance for workers in the UK.

**[Download Play Fair at the Olympics fact file](#)**

### ***Sweet FA? Football associations, workers' rights and the World Cup***

The world's football associations will make over £200m from sponsorship and licensing arrangements in 2006. While their sponsors are expecting hundreds of millions of pounds in additional revenue from World Cup goods. Meanwhile, the people stitching the footballs, sewing the shirts and gluing the boots that will earn this money are working late into the night, six or seven days a week for poverty wages. Those that attempt to form trade unions to try to improve their working conditions are persecuted and often

lose their jobs. This report from the TUC and Labour Behind the Label provides excellent material to complement the [\*Play Fair at the Olympics Fact File\*](#).

**[Download Sweet FA Report](#)**

### ***Slavery and forced labour in the twenty-first century***

The International Labour Organisation estimates that after 200 years of the formal abolition of slavery, there are still 12 million women, children and men who are in various forms of slave and forced labour. A Fact File designed to enlighten, stimulate and inform debate about the slave trade and forced labour. It gives an excellent account of the history of slavery and links it to the causes and consequences of slavery and forced labour in today's world.

**[Download Slavery and forced labour Fact File](#)**