



Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

Fair Trade is a system of exchange that ensures livable wages to the workers, safe working conditions, and employing environmentally sound company practices. Typically when we think of 'fair trade' practices, agricultural products from bananas to coffee come to mind. But fair trade is not just about food. Everything from the clothes we wear to the pens we write with have impacts on the workers who make them.

NYU Wagner's International Public Service Association is excited to partner with the **NYC Fair Trade Coalition** to bring local fashion designers who adhere to Fair Trade business practices in their production of clothing, jewelry and accessories. Come and learn about these amazing designers, vendors, and watch Wagner students strut their inner model down the runway! Join us for a night of fair trade fashion, food, shopping and fun!

Designers featured: Kopali Organics, Toriola Fashion, Rising Tide Fair Trade, Pokuasi, KNO Clothing, Cambodian Threads, Global Goods Partners, and My Fair Label.

When: Thursday May 2, 2013, 6:00-8:30pm

Location: The Puck Building, The Rudin Family Forum for Civic Dialogue, 2nd Fl.295 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012-9604

Interested Designers and Vendors?

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ADDITIONAL TEXT only if needed - (formal invite letter - partial body text)

I am writing on behalf of the International Public Service Association (IPSA) at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service to invite you to participate in our **2nd Annual Fair Trade Fashion Show**. We are excited to partner with the NYC Fair Trade Coalition to showcase local fashion designers and organizations who adhere to fair trade business practices and promote environmental sustainability. This year's show will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 6pm - 8:30pm at NYU Wagner's Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, New York.

This event attracts a variety of socially conscious attendees including students, faculty, entrepreneurs, and designers from NYU and the broader community. Last year, the event featured active leaders in the fair trade space including Kopali Organics, Rising Tide Fair Trade, Pokuasi, KNO Clothing, Cambodian Threads, Global Goods Partners, and My Fair Label.

The goal of IPSA's 2013 Fair Trade Fashion Show is to expose participants to the wide variety of fair trade efforts occurring in the local community and world at large. The fashion show will focus on connecting people to a variety of fair trade campaigns, raising social consciousness to environmental sustainability, and highlight the amazing work of respected designers and vendors in this field.

As a fair trade vendor and/or designer we invite you to participate in this unique opportunity to have your products and/or designs showcased during the entire event. We envision this event as space for vendors to promote and sell their products.

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