



Sustainable Fabrics and Components

RICHMIX, TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

PROGRAMME

From 6.30pm: Presentations and panel discussion including:

Abi Rushton, Ethical and Sustainable Sourcing , Tesco Clothing, Sustainable fabrics for the mass market
Ben Ramsden, Zameen (organic cotton fabric suppliers) A golden supply chain for cotton
Rani Patel and Lucy Jones, RaniJones: Sourcing sustainably as a new business
Jackie Andrews, Consultant, luxury textiles: Fabrics for the luxury sector
Kirsten Samuels, MUMO (Sustainable fabric suppliers): Fabrics and techniques from Brazil

Followed by introductions to:

Loop fabric
Tammam- fabrics from India
Environmental Justice Foundation- Uzbekistan cotton
New Entrepreneurs: Sustainable business advice days

7.30-8.30

Structured networking

Areas within the space will be designated for the discussion of the following topics/ sectors, and participants invited to choose an area to spend time meeting others interested or working in this arena.

- Sustainable luxury fabrics
- Organic and fairtrade cotton
- Fabric pool: Forming partnerships to source larger quantities/ fabric swap shop

We have one designated area free , to which we would like to allocate a topic from the audience. So if you have an idea for something you would like discuss with experienced and likeminded people, please consider this – we will be asking the audience for suggestions during the evening.

Fashion+ is a DfID funded project aimed at reducing poverty and creating sustainable livelihoods in the supply chains to the UK fashion industry. The project aims to integrate training on development, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood creation as a core part of all fashion business training in the UK

Please see over for brief speaker profiles and more information on the project.

About the speakers:

Abi Rushton, Ethical and Sustainable Sourcing , Tesco Clothing

Abi Rushton joined Tesco UK Clothing team 2 years ago. Before joining Tesco UK she had worked for many other UK High St names in both head office and international sourcing roles. She also has hands on experience of garment production having started her career in UK manufacturing.

Ben Ramsden, Zameen & Pants to Poverty

Ben Ramsden is the founder of Pants to Poverty. He co-ordinates Zameen in collaboration with partners. Zameen is a pioneering marketing company for Fair Trade, Organic and Pesticide Free cotton in India.

Rani Patel and Lucy Jones, RaniJones

Rani Patel and Lucy Jones set up Rani Jones in 2008 with the aim of creating design led, directional fashion collections to sustainable criteria. New and exciting sustainable fabrics are part of the Rani Jones Ethos. Rani Jones were one of four winners of the EFF Innovation Award for new talent in sustainable fashion and showcased their first collection at London Fashion Week in September 08.

Jackie Andrews, Consultant, luxury textiles

Jackie has 18 years of experience in the luxury fashion sector. Since 1989, she has worked in a variety of key roles, including as a designer, licence manager and buyer at leading fashion houses from Lanvin to Christian Lacroix to the Gucci Group.

Kirsten Samuel, MUMO

Kirstin Samuel is founder of MUMO, launched as an ethical fashion label in its own right and now providing ethical supply chains for other fashion and interiors companies. MUMO has always aimed to change what is currently 'unethical' about the fashion industry. Ultimately MUMO's concept aims to reduce poverty in a socially, environmentally and financially sustainable way.

The Chair: Clare Lissaman

Clare has worked in corporate responsibility since 2000. Her core expertise is in developing and implementing strategic approaches to social auditing and compliance with labour standards in international supply chains.

Masterclass: Sustainable Fabrics, 17th March, 2-5pm at Rich Mix

If you are interested in sourcing sustainable fabrics and would like to look at the options for your business in more depth, with experts and leading practitioners, then sign up for our sustainable fabrics masterclass on the 17th March at Rich Mix. Participation in the workshop costs from £25 and places are strictly limited , so ensure that participants get the most out of the experience.

Sign up at <http://fabricsworkshopmarch.eventbrite.com/>

The Fashion+ project focuses on four areas:

Buying Practices: The ways in which fashion professionals can influence development through their purchasing practices

Suppliers : The global nature of the industry, fashion supply chains and opportunities for adding value for communities through supply chain choices

People: Empowering the people behind fashion- Creating sustainable Livelihoods

Systems : Standards, Certification, Codes of Conduct, and auditing, in relation to fashion & textiles

The Ethical Fashion Forum (EFF) EFF is a new kind of trade association for the fashion industry, led by businesses, for businesses, and focused on social and environmental sustainability.

The Department for International Development (DFID) is the part of the UK Government that manages Britain's aid to poor countries and works to get rid of extreme poverty. If you would like to learn more or get involved with the project, visit our website: www.ethicalfashionforum.com, (projects) or send an email to fashion+@ethicalfashionforum.com