World Fair Trade Gathering in photos

The World Fair Trade Gathering was staged at the Usher Hall on Saturday night and presented by Gail Porter and Eunice Olumide. It was held to celebrate World Fair Trade Day with over 70 countries. There was a concert and ceilidh, speakers and stalls.

We popped in to take some photos early on in proceedings and caught Indie band Zuba and Cantara who were playing.

Later in the evening Pulse of the Place from Leith will play, Glasgow's Colonel Mustard and the Dijon 5 with Scottish folk musician Rachel Sermanni, Reel Time Ceilidh Band, Irish dancers Siamsoir and Miracle Glass Company who played in New York during Tartan Week.

Event organiser & director, Tania Pramschufer, Hand Up Events said: "Our events are about raising awareness and engaging mainstream audiences with fair trade, so to be organising such an awe- inspiring concert and ceilidh on World Fair Trade Day at The Usher Hall is a great honour and it is a pleasure to be working in partnership with The Usher Hall and with support from Edinburgh City Council to bring this celebration concert and ceilidh together. This event connecting with 400 WFTO member organisations across 70 countries.

This year's World Fair Trade Day event will bring together inspiring speakers and incredibly talented musicians — a day of global unity and celebration. We hope this World Fair Trade Day celebration will have a lasting impact and encourage more people to support the Fair Trade movement going forward."



Martin Rhodes, Director Scottish Fair Trade Forum speaking at the World Fair Trade Day Gathering at the Usher Hall on 11 May 2019



Louise Marshall the World Fair Trade Tartan piper brought her band Cantara to play on the Usher Hall stage.



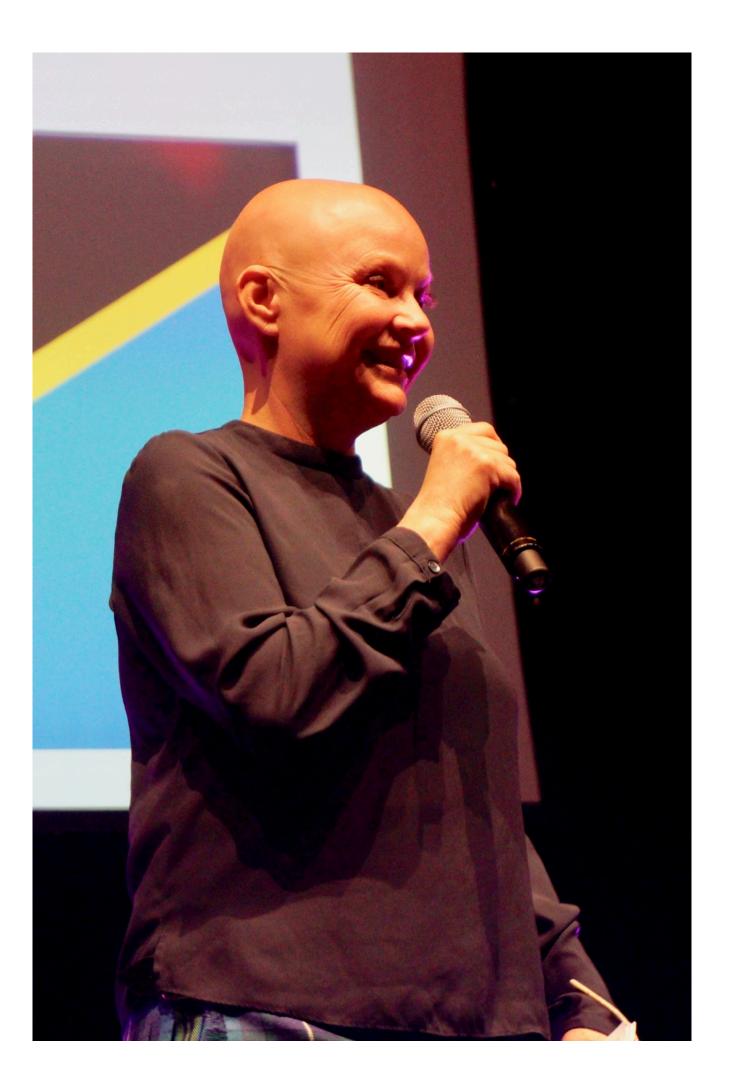
Eunice Olumide was one of the presenters



Some of the audience in the stalls area where seats were cleared for the ceilidh



Zuba played some of their songs



Gail Porter was one of the presenters





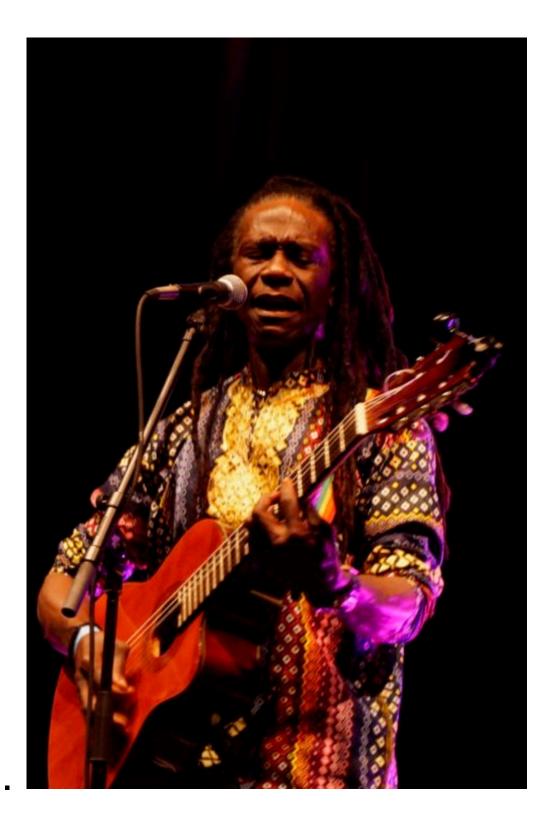














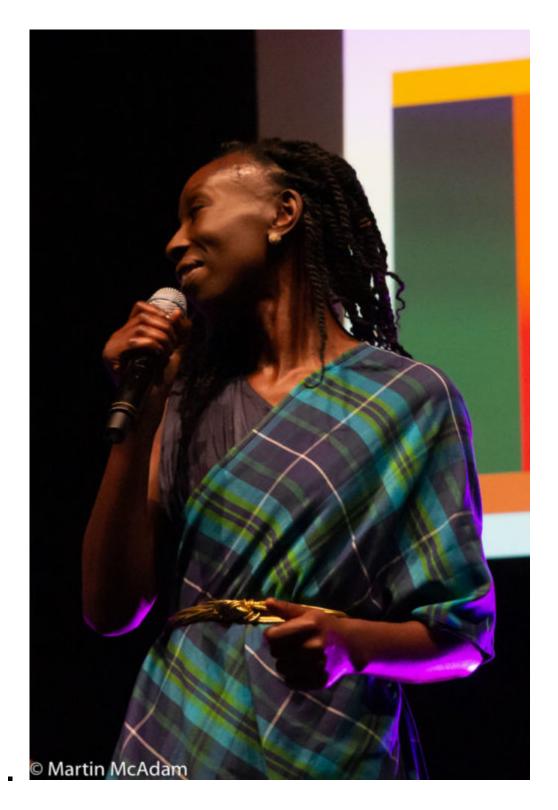








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This year, World Fair Trade Day, is focused on the innovative aspects of Fair Trade. It is also an inclusive worldwide festival of events celebrating Fair Trade as a tangible contribution to sustainable development, especially the economic empowerment of small producers, gender equality in workplaces and responsible production practice.