



## May 2016: Scottish Parliamentary Election Manifesto Requests from

- **Network for International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS),**
- **Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP),** and
- **Scottish Fair Trade Forum (SFTF)**

**NIDOS** is the **Network of International Development Organisations based in Scotland**. It aims to strengthen the contributions of Scottish organisations to tackling inequality and poverty worldwide. NIDOS works with its 100 plus members to make them more effective, by enabling them to network and engage, learn from each other, raise more funds and have more influence.

The **Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP)** is the national umbrella network coordinating, representing and supporting Scotland's 150-year old civic friendship with Malawi. The SMP has more than 800 member organisations and key individuals, representing the 94,000 Scots actively engaged with Malawi each year. SMP members contribute £40 million a year of inputs to their Malawi links; this work benefits 300,000 Scots and 4 million Malawians annually. Some 46% of Scots have a friend or family member involved in a Malawi link.

The **Scottish Fair Trade Forum** is an independent body with membership open to any individual or organisation interested in meaningfully promoting Fair Trade in Scotland. Led by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum, Scotland successfully achieved Fair Trade Nation status in February 2013.

Representing our combined membership the length and breadth of Scotland, the SMP, NIDOS and the Scottish Fair Trade Forum call on all political parties to commit to:

- (1) Maintaining or increasing Scotland's International Development Fund and Climate Justice Fund.** The International Development Fund has remained unchanged for six years, representing a real-term value loss of over 8%. Over the last decade these two funds have changed the lives of millions of the poorest and most vulnerable in the developing world.
- (2) Ensuring the delivery of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals,** both domestically and internationally. We call for Scotland to aspire to be the most *inclusive, participative, accountable, transparent and partnership-driven* country in the world in its delivery of these goals. By committing to these five principles Scotland can establish the necessary tone and leadership for the goals to be met, both in Scotland and across the globe.
- (3) Valuing, engaging and supporting the contribution wider civic society makes to Scotland's international development effort.** Hundreds of charities, faith groups, schools, hospitals, colleges, universities, businesses, social enterprises, diaspora groups and community groups across Scotland are actively engaged in international development projects and partnerships. This is a great strength of the sector in Scotland: a uniquely Scottish people-to-people model of development. We call for a strong commitment to the constructive synergy between the efforts of wider civic society and those led by government.
- (4) Ensuring Scotland's international development is underpinned by two-way dignified partnership.** Scotland's international development efforts are not defined simply by "charity" but rather by "partnership". It is a distinctive approach to development which not only addresses material considerations but also answers the cry for human dignity. The links which unite Scotland and Malawi represent one of the world's strongest north-south civic partnerships. We are rightly proud of this relationship and of Scotland's many strong partnerships with the developing world.
- (5) Mainstreaming Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) across the Scottish Government.** PCD calls for *all* government departments and policies to recognise the global impact they have, and for effective systems to ensure international development activity is not undermined by conflicting policies elsewhere across government.
- (6) Developing Scotland as a Fair Trade Nation.** The Scottish Government has an important role to continue: raising awareness of Fair Trade through education; encouraging the purchase of fairly traded goods by individuals and the private sector; increasing procurement of Fair Trade goods by public sector bodies; and supporting organisations and projects that empower Fair Trade producers, workers and small-holder farmers in the developing world.

The SMP, SFTF and NIDOS encourage all political parties to adopt these six points into their manifestos for the May 2016 Scottish Parliamentary election.

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