



Fair Trade Campaigns National Conference Racial Justice Sessions Sharing Guide

Fair Trade Campaigns stands against all systems of oppression, fights for human dignity for all, and will continue to support the Black Lives Matter movement by being more actively anti-racist and providing tools, information and resources for our campaigns engage in anti-racism solidarity work. At our past National Conferences, we have been joined by incredible leaders and changemakers for racial justice who spoke about the intersections between Fair Trade and racial justice.

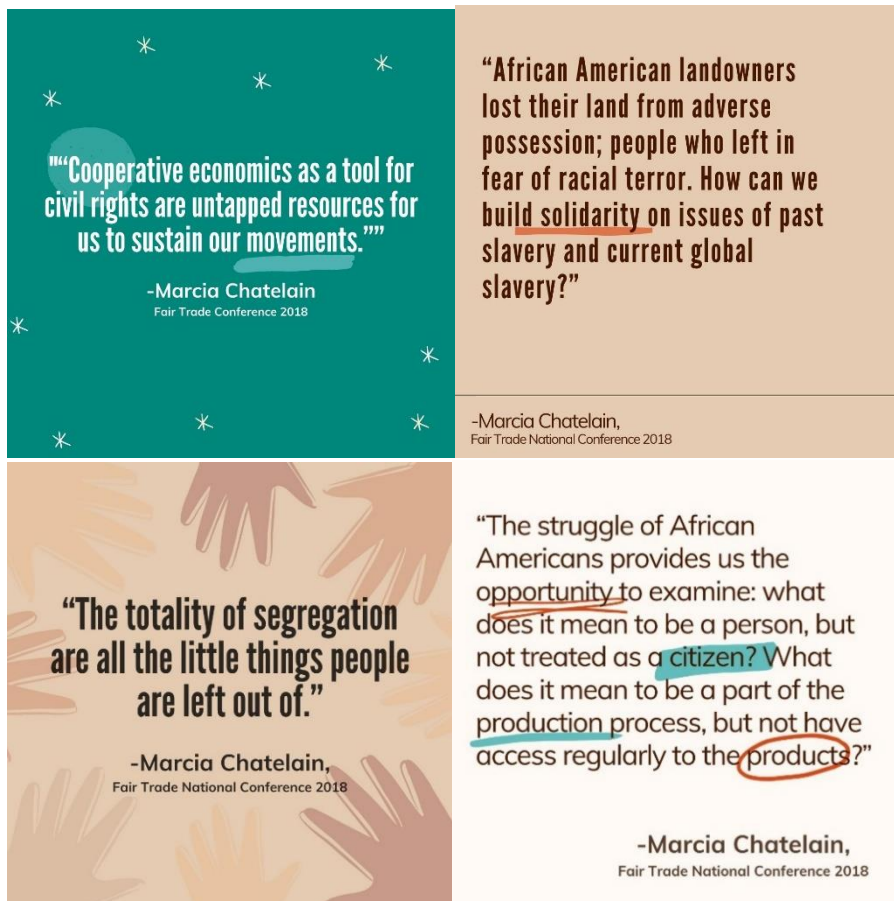
This is a guide to facilitate sharing their insights with your network to help us all learn, reflect, and grow.

Marcia Chatelain – 2018 National Conference

Scholar and speaker on race and ethnicity in America, professor at Georgetown University

<https://bit.ly/FTConfMarciaChatlain>

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Quotes:

"The totality of segregation are all the little things people are left out of."

"The only prerequisite for leadership is a desire to serve."

"African American landowners lost their land from adverse possession; people who left in fear of racial terror. How can we build solidarity on issues of past slavery and current global slavery?"

"The struggle of African Americans provides us the opportunity to examine: what does it mean to be a person, but not treated as a citizen? What does it mean to be a part of the production process, but not have access regularly to the products?"

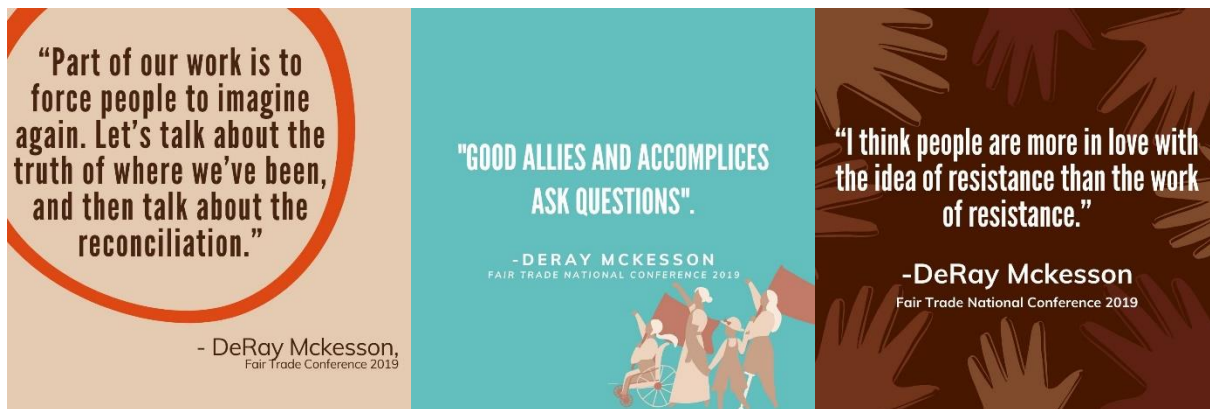
"Cooperative economics as a tool for civil rights are untapped resources for us to sustain our movements."

DeRay Mckesson – 2019 National Conference

Civil Rights Activist / Host, Pod Save the People / Co-Founder, JoinCampaignZero.org

<https://bit.ly/FTConfDeRayMcKesson>

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Quotes:

"I think people are more in love with the idea of resistance than the work of resistance."

"Good allies and accomplices ask questions."

"Part of our work is to force people to imagine again. Let's talk about the truth of where we've been, and then talk about the reconciliation."

Funmilola Fagbamila – 2020 National Conference

*Playwright, scholar, performance artist, professor of Pan African Studies at California State University,
Co-Founder of Black Lives Matter*

<https://bit.ly/FTConfFunmilola>

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Quotes:

"We loudly and urgently declared that we were not going to be silent about this injustice."

"We can never get to the point when we normalize inequality, because then we have accommodated our human rights being stripped from us and broken."

"There are people who are invested in misunderstanding because they don't want to have to change. Put the impetus on them to explain their position."

"This need not be a moment, but a movement."

"The intention was never for use to do well; self-care is an act of political warfare."

"If we are to normalize activism. What we do is we make it so that we no longer applaud loudly for the working activist. When we all take on the call to do whatever it is that we can offer, to leave the world healthier than we found it. The world becomes lighter, rather than a few activists taking on the burden."

Chad Nico-Hiu and Manpreet Kalra – 2020 National Conference

Chad is the Senior Director, Diversity & Inclusion at YMCA of the USA | Manpreet is a digital marketing expert, activist and Founder of Art of Citizenry

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Quotes:

"We don't need to be perfect, but we do need to be aware of all the spaces where we have room to learn." - Chad Nico-Hiu

"Diversity cannot just be through the producers and artisans that you work with, it must be in every aspect of your business." - Manpreet Kalra

"In Fair Trade, we are not empowering people, we are providing opportunities for people to empower themselves" - Manpreet Kalra

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