

A GUIDE TO GETTING INVOLVED IN FASHION REVOLUTION WEEK 2018

FASHION REVOLUTION

### Join the Fashion Revolution

#### Your voice can change everything

Five years ago, the Rana Plaza factory collapse shook the fashion world, and it it ignited the world's biggest fashion activism movement for a fairer, safer fashion industry.

Since Fashion Revolution started, people from all over the world have used their voice and their power to tell brands that things must change. And it's working. The industry is starting to change.

More brands are being open about where their clothes are made. More manufacturers are making their factories safer. More producers are being seen and heard.

But the story is far from over. We are only just getting started. We can't stop until every garment worker who makes the clothes we love is seen, heard, paid properly and working in safe conditions.

Your voice does make a difference. We need to make this Fashion Revolution Week bigger and bolder than ever before.

Ask brands #whomademyclothes?





## It's time for a Fashion Revolution

On 24 April 2013, the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh collapsed.

1,138 people died and another 2,500 were injured, making it the fourth largest industrial disaster in history. That's when Fashion Revolution was born.

There were five garment factories in Rana Plaza all manufacturing clothing for the western market. The victims were mostly young women.

We believe that 1,138 is too many people to lose from the planet in one building, on one terrible day to not stand up and demand change.

Since then, people from all over the world have come together to use the power of fashion to change the world. Fashion Revolution is now a global movement of people like you.

In just 5 years, we have grown the movement to span over 100 countries and to reach millions of people, but there's still a long way to go. Not enough has changed since Rana Plaza. About 75 million people work directly in the fashion and textiles industry, and about 80% of them are women. Many are subject to exploitation; verbal and physical abuse, working in unsafe conditions, with very little pay. This is why the #whomademyclothes question is still hugely important.

As consumers, our questions, our voices, our shopping habits can have the power to help change things for the better. We are the driver of trends, and every time we buy something, we're voting with our wallet. When we speak, brands listen.

We deserve to know who makes our clothes and under what conditions.

Let's make this Fashion Revolution bigger than ever. Ask brands #whomademyclothes?



Fashion Revolution is a global movement calling for a fairer, safer, cleaner, more transparent fashion industry.

We're encouraging people to ask brands #whomademyclothes during Fashion Revolution Week 22–29th April, to find out where our clothes come from, who makes them, with what pay and conditions.

## Take part ask the brand



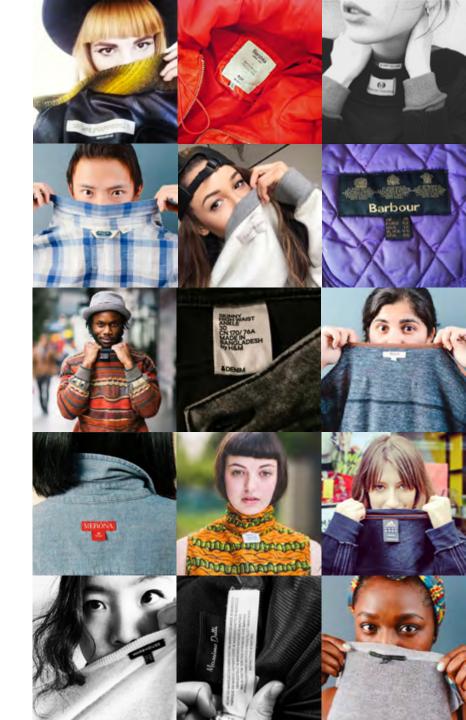
One way (and the easiest way) you can get involved is by taking a photo of your clothing label during **Fashion Revolution Week**, and asking the brand **#whomademyclothes?** 

Make sure you **tag the brand** in the photo so they can see your question. Share your photo on instagram during **Fashion Revolution Week** (23–29<sup>th</sup> April) and encourage your friends to do the same.

It's more effective if you post your photo on your feed rather than doing an Instagram 'Story', as those will disappear after 24hrs and the brand will no longer be able to see your message! It also helps us find your posts and measure their impact.

You can also ask the brand #whomademyclothes on twitter or email using the form on our homepage.

Some brands won't answer at all. Some might tell you where your clothes were made but not who made them. Some will direct you to their corporate social responsibility policy. Only a few pioneers will show that they know something about the people who make their clothes. Let us know how they respond by tagging us at @fash\_rev. If a brand doesn't respond, keep asking. Our power is in persistence.





## SHOW YOUR LABEL

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# ASK THE BRAND #WHOMADEMYCLOTHES?



# Take part write a letter to a brand



Write to your favourite brand and ask them #whomademyclothes?

Print out this page and cut the letter out. Fill in their name, sign yours and either share on social media, tagging the brand and **@fash\_rev**, or look up the brand's HQ address and post it to them.

Dear																															
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I am your customer, and I love your style. But I want to know more. I want to know **#whomademyclothes**.

I want to feel as good about the story behind my clothes as they make me feel when I wear them.

I care deeply about the people who have worked so hard to make the things I buy from you. I want to know that they're being treated fairly, have the freedom to speak out, and are paid enough to live with dignity, opportunity, comfort and hope. So tell me, what are you doing to ensure that the people who make your clothes are being paid a living wage?

Sincerely,

# write a postcard to a policymaker



Governments can have a real impact on the lives of the people who make our clothes. Legislators decide minimum wages, mandate working conditions and create laws that protect people and the environment. Public officials expect to be contacted by their constituents (that's you) and should be doing their best to address the issues that are important to you. Your voice has power, so use it! Here's how to write a postcard to your public officials and help make a real positive change.

Fold here and stick the sides together to make a postcard

- policymakers are Look for the members of government who represent your neighbourhood. Research online or ask your family/neighbours to find out.
- 2 Find out their contact details
  Jot down their email, postal address
  or Twitter/Instagram handle
  if they're on social media.
- Write your letter
  Cut out and use the template
  on this page. If you want to
  send to more than one person,
  mak copies. Fill in their name
  and sign yours at the bottom.

4 Send your letter

Take a photo of your letter and send it to them by email, or by posting it on social media and tagging them. You can also cut out the postcard and send it to them by post. Even better, call them on the phone and read out the message below.

Share their response
When they respond, take a photo
of it. Post it on social media
and tag @fash\_rev so everyone
can see what they say. If they
don't respond, try again.



Dear	
The fashion industry is exploitative and dirty. Research by the International Trade Union Organisation shows that respect for workers' rights in supply chains is declining. Yet everybody wears clothes, so it's up to everyone to solve its problems – including me and you. I want the money I spend on what I wear to make a positive difference, not contribute to exploitation and environmental degradation.	
I want the people who make the clothes I wear to have decent jobs, to be able to access their fundamental human rights and to make a living wage, no matter where in the world they live. The government should implement regulation to ensure all companies are responsible for the impact they have on the lives of the people working in their supply chains, at home and abroad. What are you doing to address this?	
Sincerely,	

# Take part love story



Create a Fashion Revolution 'love story'.

No one can replace the beautiful jacket that your grandmother wore and gave to you. Or that perfect little dress you found while travelling somewhere special.

Rather than buying new, we want people to fall back in love with their clothes, care for them for longer, and take a stand against fast fashion that ends up in landfill.

Share a story, or write a love letter about a piece of clothing that means a lot to you. This could be a photo on instagram, video for Youtube or a piece of writing for our/your blog.

Download our <u>how-to guide</u> here. Share your Love Story with the hashtag **#lovedclotheslast** 







# Take part haulternative



Create a Fashion Revolution 'haulternative' and inspire your audience with other ways of buying and experiencing clothes.

Instead of the traditional fashion haul, where you go shopping and post a video of what you've bought, try a #haulternative; a way of refreshing your wardrobe without buying new clothes.

Join YouTube vloggers, including CutiePieMarzia, Grav3yardgirl, Maddu, Noodlerella and Shameless Maya, and share a better way to shop that's creative and meaningful, from upcycling to swaps to finding gems in charity shops. Check out their haulternative on Youtube and film your own.

Download our <u>guide</u> for simple steps to making your haulternative video.

We have 9 different haulternatives to choose from. Pick the one that most inspires you and create a haulternative video for **Fashion Revolution Week** (23–29th April).







# Take part put on an event



Get people thinking about who makes their clothes by hosting an event during **Fashion Revolution Week** 23–29<sup>th</sup> April.

Upload your event details to our website calendar here.

Contact your Country Coordinator to let them know that you're hosting an event and they will be able to help promote it on their local Fashion Revolution social media channels. Follow your local country handle on social media (search: 'Fashion Revolution' and <your country>) and tag them in photos of your activities.

Visit our website to see our <u>full list of events</u> happening during Fashion Revolution Week.

Check our '<u>Do Something</u>' Pinterest board for ideas and inspiration for what you might organise.'







### **Event ideas**



#### **HOST A CONVERSATION**

This could be as simple as inviting your friends round for a #whomademyclothes themed dinner. You could organise a talk at your school, work, community centre, place of worship, local park, or government building.



#### **STUNT**

Create a public stunt to raise awareness about the issues around transparency in the fashion industry. Find surprising ways to make people consider the people who made their clothes. The €2 T-Shirt vending machine stunt in Germany last year recieved over 7 million views and won a Bronze Lion at Cannes.



#### **EDUCATION**

Schools, universities and youth groups can get involved with Fashion Revolution as activists and Ambassadors. Educators can download educational resources from our website. See our Education Pinterest board for ideas and insporation.



#### MUSIC

Music is a great way to express ideas and attitudes about what we wear. Create a song or music video for Fashion Revolution. German musician Bang La Fresh created this funny and brilliant music video in support of Fashion Revolution.



#### **FASH MOB**

A Flash Mob assembles a group of people to make a public statement through performance. Organise a "Fash-mob" to get people thinking about who makes their clothes.



#### FILM SCREENING

Host a film screening and Q&A panel. Or just invite your friends around for a movie night! You can find a list of films and documentaries about the fashion industry on our Pinterest board.



#### **GO GUERILLA**

Create paste-ups, street art, or murals about Fashion Revolution. You can also download our posters to print out and put up in your local area.



#### РНОТО ВООТН

Create a photo booth to make it fun for people to take selfies asking **#whomademyclothes**.

## Read up



#### **Loved Clothes Last**

Read our second edition fanzine which explores explores the issue of waste and overconsumption in the fashion industry, and hopes to inspire you to buy less, care more, and know how to make the clothes you love last for longer.



#### **Money Fashion Power**

Read our first edition fanzine which explores explores the hidden stories behind your clothing, what the price you pay for fashion means, and how your purchasing power can make a positive difference.



#### Be a Fashion Revolutionary

Download our 'How to be a Fashion Revolutionary' booklet. It's full of inspiration and ideas about how you can use your voice and your power to transform the fashion industry as we know it.



#### Fashion Transparency Index

Ranking the levels of transparency of the biggest global fashion companies.
Our third edition Fashion
Transparency Index, ranking
150 companies, launches during
Fashion Revolution Week 2018.

## Spread the word



Share our Fashion Revolution 2018 key campaign assets and messages and encourage your friends and family to join the Fashion Revolution.



Download and print Fashion Revolution Week <u>posters</u> to use with your social media selfie.



Use your Facebook/Twitter cover images to support the movement. Follow us at @fash\_rev on twitter and instagram and on facebook at www.fb.com/fashionrevolution.org



Raise awareness with these fashion facts & quotes.

### Donate

#### Support us

Fashion Revolution is working to secure radical change in the way that our clothing is produced, sourced and consumed. To continue to grow our global movement for change, we need your support.

Become a Fashion Revolutionary - Use your money and your voice to transform fashion into a force for good.

- Pledge your support all year round become a regular donor by making a monthly gift to Fashion Revolution.
- On the 5th anniversary of Fashion Revolution, make a donation of £5, £50 or even £500 to help power our revolution.
- Take on a challenge set-up an online fundraising page using platforms like JustGiving, Facebook Fundraisers or GoFundMe and get your family, friends and colleagues to sponsor your run, bake, swap, mend or stunt. You could also ask your company to match your donation.
- Host an event organise a ticketed film screening, talk or workshop and donate any money raised. Add your event details here.

Even the smallest donation will help us to continue delivering the resources we need to power our revolution. Please donate, be a part of this movement and help us keep going from strength to strength.

To make a contribution, visit:

www.fashionrevolution.org/donate

there's nothing interesting about looking perfect – you lose the point.

You want what you're wearing to say something about you, about who you are.

# never put anything past the determination of people to affect change.

never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

– MARGARET MEAD –



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