**The Great Lenzie Festive Fair Trade Bake Off 2017**

**Competition Rules**

We are delighted that you are considering entering our Lenzie Festive Fair Trade Bake-Off!

So that everyone knows in advance what they can expect and what is expected of ***them***, we thought it would be helpful to set out a few competition rules, as follows:

1. The Bake-Off competition and coffee morning will take place on Saturday 18 November in the Lenzie Union Church Hall. The event will be open to bakers and public alike from 10.00am.
2. Your Bake-Off entries should be with us as soon as possible (and no later than 10.15am) on the morning of 18 November. If you can print off the form from the Lenzie Community Council website - www.lenziecommunitycouncil.org - and bring it with you already completed that would be great as it will save time. There will also be copies in Billingtons and some available on the day as well.
3. When you arrive your entries will be given a number and each category will be judged by two judges, one of which will have professional baking experience/expertise.
4. There will be three categories, and to simplify matters, each category will be asked to bake a specific item. These are as follows:

**Category A for children at nursery and primary schools:**

Please bake a batch (at least four all the same) of some gingerbread figures or shapes, using at least two fair trade ingredients or more if you can. There will be two sections in this category: one for nursery children where help from a parent is assumed and the second for primary school children who will be expected to make the biscuits without help (but probably with supervision!).

**Category B for pupils at secondary schools:**

Please bake a batch (at least four all the same) of festive cupcakes or a single larger cake if you prefer, using at least two fair trade ingredients or more if you can.

**Category C for everyone else:**

Please bake a cake (just one!) suitable for morning coffee or afternoon tea, using at least two fair trade ingredients or more if you can.

1. All entries will be judged on the following criteria:
* taste
* appearance
* number and innovative use of fair trade ingredients (ie not just sugar and chocolate, try fair trade vanilla perhaps?)
* festive input - give your Christmas spirit its full rein
1. You can submit more than one entry if you wish but please stick to the above categories.
2. Our judges will announce the winners at about 11.45 - please note that the judges' decision will be final. There will be a prize for the winner and runner up in each category and the both will also receive a certificate.
3. We hope that you will allow others to taste your baking whether you are a winner or not. However, you have the opportunity to tell us your wishes on the registration form.