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**PROJECT NEWS:**

1. Fashioning an Ethical Industry has a new office. You can find us at 10 – 12 Picton Street, Montpellier, Bristol, BS5 6QA. The FEI mobile phone number is 07903170808. Alternatively you can contact us on

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2. Fashioning an Ethical Industry can run participatory workshops or give lectures on a variety of subjects including an introduction to ethical trade, the impact of buying decisions on working conditions and company initiatives. If you would like to learn more or book a session please contact the office.

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**FEI EVENTS:**

3. 7th March 2007: Fashioning an Ethical Industry 07 Conference: 'Creating an Ethical Future in the Fashion Industry'. During the last decade, major high-street fashion companies have begun to address working conditions in their supply chains. Designers and fair trade companies have started to take up the challenge of sourcing more ethically. Some progress has been made. Where does the fashion industry go from here to improve working conditions? Ex-garment workers from Nicaragua, representatives from major companies (Gap, Next and Topshop), fair trade companies and industry specialists' share their visions of an ethical fashion industry.

<http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/newsandevents/events/conference/>

The event will be held at the Fashion and Textile Museum between 9.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. The event is open to all fashion tutors, students and interested parties. The event is free for students and tutors and £75.00 for others. Entrance will be by ticket only. To book tickets please email [info@fashioninganethicalindustry.org](mailto:info@fashioninganethicalindustry.org).

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**RESOURCES:**

4. Fact sheet: We have added a new factsheet to our website under the 'Initiatives and Progress' section. The factsheet summarizes an interesting project involving several major UK retailers, which tried to reduce excessive overtime worked in garment factories in China.

<http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/resources/factsheets/progress/reducingovertime/>

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5. Film: The Dollar a Day Dress. BBC's Panorama travelled the world to create a dollar a day dress highlighting how the textile and fashion industry harms the poor. The dress was designed and made by London College of Fashion students.

<http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/resources/ChinaBlue/dollaraday/>

If you would like to borrow a copy of the film from FEI please contact [Hannah@fashioninganethicalindustry.org](mailto:Hannah@fashioninganethicalindustry.org) two weeks before you require the DVD and we will send you a copy, which we ask you to return after use

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6. Presentations: On 13<sup>th</sup> of December FEI held a successful tutor training day 'Fast Fashion: The impact of buying decisions on garment workers'. You can now download the presentations made at the event by Kate Raworth, senior researcher at Oxfam, and

Simon Hodgson, consultant with Acona, from our website:  
<http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/newsandevents/events/fastfashion/>

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7. Report: We have added a new report 'Well Dressed? The present and future sustainability of clothing and textiles in the UK' to the selection already available on our website. <http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/resources/reports/welldressed/>

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**INDUSTRY NEWS:**

8. Marks and Spencer announce a 'Eco – Plan' which claims the company will be a 'global leader in managing labour standards.'  
<http://fashioninganethicalindustry.org/ecoplan/>

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11. Levi Strauss & Co were suspended from the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) in December following Levi's refusal to adopt the 'Living Wage provision of the ETI base code <http://www.ethicaltrade.org/Z/lib/2006/12/levistrauss-press/index.shtml>

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We welcome contributions and suggestions for this bulletin. Please email [hannah@fashioninganethicalindustry.org](mailto:hannah@fashioninganethicalindustry.org)

The next Bulletin will come out in mid - February.

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Fashioning an Ethical Industry that works with tutors and students of fashion related courses to give an overview of how the fashion industry positively and negatively impacts on working conditions in garment manufacture and to inspire students to raise standards for workers in the fashion industry of the future.