

FNET Worker Representation Project

In January 2022, a number of retailer and supplier members*of the Food Network for Ethical Trade (FNET), chose to support a project aiming to increase the number of effective worker representation committees in UK and global food supply chains.

Co-ordinated by an external project manager and developed by an experienced technical consultant, there are a number of project activities (outlined below) that will run through this year:

- Training delivered to suppliers (FNET and non-FNET), including farms, to support the establishment of effective worker committees and effective worker representatives
- Worker representation training materials and a train the trainer manual developed to support training participants and to be made publicly available
- Training provided to participants with support between training courses to overcome challenges in developing effective worker committees and exploring links between committees and grievance mechanisms
- Three target countries and supporting partners identified to rollout worker representation training outside of the UK.

We are looking for large and small suppliers and growers across the UK who would be interested in participating in either of the pilot training sessions for:

- → Managers who will be supporting the development and running of worker committees (May-June, online)
- → Worker representatives who are either setting up or in a new committee (August-September, onsite)

Participation is free, though we would ask for feedback and support in ensuring the training and materials are as useful as possible.

Please contact Laura Falk (<u>laurafalk.consulting@outlook.com</u>) for further information, **by Wednesday 16**th **March.**

*Sponsors: Coop, Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi, Waitrose, AM Fresh, Angus Soft Fruits, Avara