



Graffiti action on adidas hits the spot

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Dear nikeWATCH supporter,

This edition of NikeWatch News includes an update on adidas actions, news of a Spotec worker committee's representations to adidas in Indonesia, a call to action in support of Australian outworkers and alert that this newsletter will be in HTML from next month. There are now a total of 2,665 people on the NikeWatch lists.

Graffiti marks the spot on adidas actions

On the 30th August students at Sydney University's Oxfam groups stamped their feet making a mural sending messages to adidas such as "fair footwear!" and "stamp out poverty!". One USYD student reported to us on the action:

"Our final rampage of the Uni Grounds was the destruction of the graffiti tunnel with green footprints to stamp in protest of the poor labour rights conditions continually imposed on employees in footwear companies like Adidas. (...) We thoroughly enjoyed being part of an important campaign such as this one."

Photos of this action are available on our flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/sweatshop_watchdog

On John Butler Trio's current tour John Butler scrawled "Make Trade Fair" on the white stripes of his Adidas sneakers!

Next month a group from the University of Canterbury are planning to campaign during the Rugby World Cup against adidas' unfair labour practices. We wish them all the best with this action and will be reporting back on their activities. Over the last month we have gained many new subscribers to NikeWatch news. Welcome to those receiving NikeWatch news for the first time today!

Unions get organised as letters flood in to adidas

The last couple of months have seen more than 200 letters sent to adidas in support of workers in the adidas supplier factories Spotec, Dong Joe and Tong Yang.

Heeding these messages of concern, adidas has recently met with a new Spotec workers committee to negotiate a process for employing Spotec workers who lost their jobs last November. The very same factory that Spotec workers made adidas in for the past 5 years has now re-opened under the new name PT Garda/Cing Lung with new management. We now need to make sure that Spotec workers get the first preference of employment at this new adidas supplier factory, so at least these workers can provide for their families again. We are following this situation closely to make sure that adidas does everything they can to facilitate Spotec workers to gain employment at this new supplier factory. Spotec workers (and the Dong Joe workers) are still without their full outstanding entitlements (back wages and severance pay) from when the two factories closed last year. We are continuing to support them to receive these entitlements.



Workers in the Tong Yang adidas supplier factory continue to wait to see if they can keep their jobs or else be paid the legal entitlements they are owed. Adidas still has a lot to answer for.

If you haven't already, please SEND ADIDAS A MESSAGE by signing a letter at:
http://www.oxfam.org.au/campaigns/labour/action/07adidasprotest/write_to_adidas.php

Call to Support Australian Outworker advocates

A group of 15 outworkers, who last year completed training to become advocates, are taking an active role in lobbying manufacturers directly about their clothing chain of production in Australia. Australian outworkers are paid as little as \$3 an hour to sew garments from home for the Australian market. This group of outworkers have written letters to and spoken personally with representatives from four companies to ask for a meeting to encourage them to ensure the workers employed in their chain are receiving fair wages and conditions. The outworkers group is currently targeting Lisa Ho who continues to refuse to meet with them.

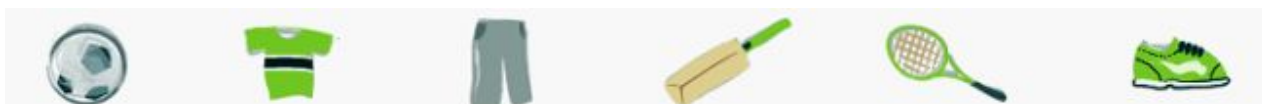
Please support these women outworkers by writing a letter to:
Mr Bruce Green
Lisa Ho Fashion
Level 2, 11-17 Buckingham Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010
Ph: 02 9699 0816 Fax: 02 9319 1212

[Download a Sample Letter here](#) to send to Lisa Ho.

Please send Fair Wear fairwear@awatw.org.au a copy of any letter you send, so that they can keep a record for the campaign.

Nike Watch news to go HTML

Thank you for your patience as we go through a few teething issues with our new look NikeWatch news. We now have the opportunity to move to HTML online newsletter next month (October). You will continue to receive nikewatch news to your email and you might need to add Oxfam to your Safe Senders list and also click on "show images" to view pictures and formatting. If you have any problems with viewing the new HTML email, you will be able to click on a link to view it online.



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