

Chilean Fairtrade Blueberry Producer Visits Belfast

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: For the final day of Fairtrade Fortnight 2011 events, the Co-operative Northern Ireland hosted Mr Chino Henriquez from Apicoop at the Merchant Hotel, to share his personal experiences and the differences Fairtrade has made to his community in Chile.

Invited guests included dignitaries, Co-operative members and Fairtrade steering committees in Northern Ireland with a Chilean Fairtrade certified wine (red, white and sparkling) tasting to start the afternoon.



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Back row: Christopher McGaughan - Chair of Northern Ireland Co-operative Council, Chris Boyd - Co-operative Affairs and Democratic Service Manager.

Front Row: Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland & Chair of Fairtrade Belfast, Margaret Carr - Oxfam Ireland and Chino Henriquez - Manager of Apicoop, Producer Co-operative of Fairtrade blueberries and honey from Chile. Picture courtesy of Stanley Matchett Photography

The welcome address was provided by Christopher Boyd – Democratic Services & Cooperative Affairs Manager with Gillian Hannah – Co-operative Membership Services as MC. Guest speakers included Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland & Chair of Fairtrade Belfast, Margaret Carr – Commercial Products Manager Oxfam Ireland and Chino Henriquez from Apicoop.

The event finished with a question and answer session from members of the audience on the various aspects of Fairtrade to the panel of guest speakers.

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