

## **Take Action to Make Fashion Fair**

We all wear clothes. Because of this, we are all part of the problem, but we also part of the solution. We cannot shop our way out of human rights abuses of garment workers and environmental destruction. though being conscientious shoppers is a part of the solution. Collective action is the answer. **Personal actions are critical starting points, but let's not stop there.**

To connect with Taslima Akhter and support Bangladesh Garment Workers Solidary:

<http://www.athousandcries.org/index.html>

<https://www.taslimaakhter.com/>

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/bangladesh-garment-workers-covid-19/>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/103868/risk-of-social-isolation-and-greater-health-crisis?fbclid=IwAR0vzspKItBsBsv-YHjttYXJbaqYkyqcdpxHH3S4PWHX1pDxvPI157rsErE>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/104991/coronavirus-epidemic-and-worker-rights?fbclid=IwAR0vzspKItBsBsv-YHjttYXJbaqYkyqcdpxHH3S4PWHX1pDxvPI157rsErE>

<https://www.thedailystar.net/star-weekend/life-partners-1545322>

<https://time.com/3387526/a-final-embrace-the-most-haunting-photograph-from-bangladesh/?fbclid=IwAR0vzspKItBsBsv-YHjttYXJbaqYkyqcdpxHH3S4PWHX1pDxvPI157rsErE>

Organizations doing good work globally on labor rights. Consider a contribution and follow their work as a way to learn about international campaigns and efforts that support garment workers:

[www.fashionrevolution.org](http://www.fashionrevolution.org)

<https://garmentworkercenter.org/>

[www.cleanclothes.org](http://www.cleanclothes.org)

[www.laborrights.org](http://www.laborrights.org)

<https://remake.world/stories/news/brands-need-to-payup/>

If you are a college student, join Students United Against Sweatshops: [www.usas.org](http://www.usas.org)

A great resource of Minnesota (and regional) designers, brands, artists and working to make fashion a tool for good: <https://www.wearethreaded.co>

Podcasts on fashion and sustainability:

Art of Citizenry by Manpreet Kalra

Wardrobe Crisis by Clare Press

Conscious Chatter by Kestral Jenkins

Pre-Loved Podcast by Emily Stochl

Helpful Individual Actions:

**VOTE!**

Try not to buy anything – wear what you already have.

If you have to buy something, buy used.

If you must buy something new, try to buy “better” – more ethical (made under fair working conditions) and more sustainable (made with practices that are more environmentally friendly.)

Organize a swap meet.

Mend and patch when needed! Trying visible mending! Recycle what you can.

Thanks for taking action!

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