

## **Resources for Ecological Economics**

## Where can I find fair-trade products?

There is a wide variety of online sources, but here are some ideas to get you started:

- <u>Equal Exchange</u> is a well-known source for coffee, tea, chocolate and more
- <u>SERVV International</u> was founded in 1949 to help displaced European refugees trade their handcrafts for income after the Second World War.
- Ten Thousand Villages
- One World Fair Trade

## What about other alternative gift ideas?

- <u>Kiva</u> provides opportunities for regular people to make small loans to businesses around the world that don't have access to financial services.
- You can give a gift of an animal to a family in need through Heifer International

## What is the "gift economy"?

Economic activity where community members offer goods and services to other members of the community without expecting monetary payment is known as the "gift economy". This could include donating food, volunteering at a local organization or offering someone a place to stay.

• <u>Freecycle</u> is a network that coordinates giving and receiving of stuff in local communities.