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Port Colborne  
Fair Trade since 1984

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the livelihoods of artisans



Villages Port Colborne has been supporting Fair Trade since 1984. We are a non-profit store that is largely volunteer-run.

*As a business located in Ontario's first Fair Trade town, we are proud to be a part of a local community who support the livelihoods of producers from developing communities by providing ethically sourced products and their stories.*

**Thank you for supporting  
Fair Trade!**

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## Ark Imports

ARK Imports is a Canadian clothing company that helps artisans in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal sell their products in the global market. Since it was created in 1984, their ethical fashion has met or exceeded all fair trade guidelines.

Supporting this company means supporting the fair wages and safe working environment of the Nepalese artisans, thus lifting the people out of poverty. ARK Imports gives their artisans the opportunity to work from home. Over 50% of their artisans are women so this option is incredible for mothers with small children.

All the articles of clothing and accessories are handmade using traditional Nepalese knitting skills, patterns, and fabrics. It was important to the founder of ARK Imports to supply unique fashion pieces while preserving Nepal's culture and sharing it with North America. The clothing is also environmentally sustainable because it is high quality and made to last.

ARK Imports also has a positive impact in the community by sponsoring underprivileged Tibetan youth to get an education. The company raised almost 50 000 dollars to help the victims of the Nepal Earthquake in 2015. They also donate regularly to the Pranmayaganesh Bahadur Chitrakar Memorial Foundation which funds social, health, educational, and training programs in Nepal.

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