

Tutorial 3 Ethics and CSR

Scenario - Child labour

You are planning to purchase a new pair of trainers made by a well-known brand. You think of yourself as an ethical consumer and want your purchases to match your beliefs. You locate a pair on the internet. Before you make your purchase you do some investigation about the company and how it produces its goods. You find a report on the company that a lot of its products are stitched by hand by women who are paid very low wages and subject to long hours with no overtime; women are regularly sacked for becoming pregnant with no recourse to the law. You see further that female participation in the labour force is low and that most of these women were previously very poor subsistence farmers. If they do not receive this income then they will likely descend into poverty.

Should you buy the trainers or not? What are the ethical issues?

This could be a group activity or individual

- **Clue consider impact on Stakeholders**

Ethical Dilemmas

Your tutor will allocate your group two ethical dilemmas, you should discuss these and be prepared to feedback on what you would do.