

# Natural Fibres for Clothing



**A Family of Threads**

**Paisley Thread Mill Museum**

# Where does your clothing come from?

- What are you wearing?
- Where does it come from?
- Is it a natural fibre?



- Flax
- Used to make cloth for 5,000 years
- Mainly used to make linen



- Cotton
- Latin: *Gossypium*
- Came from India
- People were using it 4-5,000 years before Christ



- Wool
- Sheep selected for woolly coats as early as 6,000 BC!
- Early sheep has their fleece plucked out by hand!