

Fairtrade Policy

The University originally gained Fairtrade status in June 2006 and has successfully applied for status renewal every 2 years since. The policy is to reflect the 5 goals of the Fairtrade Foundation.

1. The University strives to be a Fairtrade University and will work with the Fairtrade Foundation to continue that status.
2. Fairtrade products will be made available for sale in all University outlets. Where this is not possible, due for example to purchasing constraints and long-term contracts, there is a commitment to replace existing stock as soon as it is possible.
3. Fairtrade options will be provided at all University and departmental meetings served by the University's Catering provider and, where staff provide for themselves (e.g. in offices), encourage staff through campaigning to purchase Fairtrade foods.
4. The University will work closely with the Students' Union to campaign for increased Fairtrade consumption within the University. These campaigns will include but not be limited to:
 - i. Educating staff and students within the University as to the existence of this policy and the purposes and reasoning behind our adherence to it.
 - ii. Raising awareness of the FAIRTRADE Mark.
 - iii. Holding events to make Fairtrade part of the University "culture".
5. There will be a University Fairtrade Steering Group to ensure implementation of this policy.

The Fairtrade Policy is to be reviewed annually through the Sustainability committee and progress is to be reported against the catering policy and annual sustainability report.