



## Fairtrade Policy

As part of the University's commitment to sustainable development, the University's Governing Body notes that Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

For 500,000 workers and farmers in the developing world, Fairtrade means better terms of trade and decent production conditions. The Fairtrade Foundation, with its partners, maintains these standards by regularly inspecting third world suppliers, and checking contracts and trade terms.

The Fairtrade Mark is an independent consumer label which appears on UK products as a guarantee that they have given their producers a better deal.

Accordingly, it shall be the policy of the University that:

- Fairtrade foods will be made available for sale at every food outlet across the four campus network.
- Fairtrade foods (for example, coffee and tea) will be served at all meetings hosted by the University where refreshments are made available, and will be served in all University offices where hospitality is extended.
- There is a commitment to increasing Fairtrade consumption on campus through such consciousness-raising events as Fairtrade Fortnight and other promotional campaigns.
- The University will endeavour to expand procurement of Fairtrade Products beyond existing categories (e.g. garments and raw ingredients)
- The Fairtrade and Sustainable Food Working Group will be maintained, comprising both staff and student representation, and reporting to the University's Sustainable Development Working Group.
- This policy shall be subjected to regular review.