University of Huddersfield Fairtrade Policy

The University of Huddersfield assigns great importance to Fairtrade. Fairtrade will not only emphasise the point that we believe in environmental and ethical issues, but that we can inform and teach our students about issues affecting people across the globe and extend their education beyond their chosen course subject.

In this respect, we are conscious of the positive role we can play within the wider world through the education of our students. We therefore commit to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade products on our campuses.

The University of Huddersfield will, to pursue, obtain and maintain Fairtrade status, commit to:

1. Maintaining a Fairtrade Steering Group

The Fairtrade Steering Group will monitor the implementation of this policy. This group will meet a minimum of once a term to continuously monitor and improve the University support for Fairtrade.

This group includes representatives from Estates and Facilities (both a Senior Manager and the Catering Manager) and a Students' Union officer. Any student organisation dedicated to ethical issues could also be invited to attend.

Sale of Fairtrade Products

The University will sell as many Fairtrade products as is viable in all our cafes, shops and other outlets. Where it is not currently feasible (for reasons of price, product availability or contractual obligations) to sell a particular Fairtrade product, the University is committed to begin selling it when viable.

3. Hospitality

The University will serve Fairtrade foods (e.g. tea and coffee) at all internal meetings and hospitality events (e.g. open days), with a commitment to increasing the use of Fairtrade products if viable.

4. Promotion

The University will promote the sale of Fairtrade products via the following methods:

- Fairtrade promotional materials will be displayed on University notice boards and in all places where Fairtrade products are sold.
- Articles and other appropriate material about Fairtrade will be published in the student newspaper, on the University website and in other appropriate publications, such as the University prospectus.
- A series of promotional events will be run during Fairtrade Fortnight every March. The Steering Group is
 responsible for organising these events, which will be promoted in the appropriate University publications.

5. Staff and Student Support

All members of the University will be actively encouraged to support the Fairtrade policy. Details of this policy will be communicated throughout the University and their efforts to support Fairtrade will be strongly encouraged.

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