



University of Strathclyde and Strathclyde Students' Union Fairtrade Policy

The University of Strathclyde and Strathclyde Students' Union made a commitment to Fairtrade in 2017 by becoming a Fairtrade University, and will continue to work with the Fairtrade Foundation on maintaining the status.

Fairtrade is a growing international movement which ensures that producers in poor countries receive a fair price for their goods, one that covers the cost of their produce and guarantees sustainable living. Fairtrade empowers communities and producers to help them sustain their livelihoods and communities.

Policy aims

- Strathclyde University staff and students can help the Fairtrade movement by increasing Fairtrade activities. Fairtrade should be made a part of the procurement specification, where applicable.
- Fairtrade is an important issue for staff and students, and one that the University and Students' Union will continue to campaign on.
- By the end of 2020 majority of the products sold in catering outlets will be Fairtrade or at the very least ethically sourced or linked with a charity/ social enterprise to reflect the University and Students' Union's socially progressive values.

1. Fairtrade products offered for sale on campus

a) Fairtrade Food and Beverages

Fairtrade food and beverages will be made available for sale in all University and Students' Union retail outlets and used in all cafes, restaurant and bar outlets. Where this is not possible, for instance, due to purchasing constraints, there will be a commitment to start using Fairtrade food and beverages in these establishments as soon as it is practicable to do so.

b) Fairtrade Products

The University and Strathclyde Students' Union will endeavour to broaden the range of Fairtrade products they are able to support and to offer. They will continue to work with our suppliers to review and expand the range of products available. This will include the use of Fairtrade cotton products.

Students' Union's policy of 'Association Ethical Clothing' calls for clothing to be sourced from Fairtrade ethical and local suppliers. The Union already sources Fairtrade clothing for campaigns and will also support clubs, societies and sport clubs that wish to use Fairtrade clothing and encourage this where possible.

2. Hospitality and Catering

Fairtrade hot beverages will be provided at all University and Students' Union meetings, catered by the respective Catering teams. Where staff provide their own refreshments for meetings, they will be encouraged and enabled to purchase Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and hot chocolate drinks.

All coffee and tea used within all of our catering offer are Fairtrade and we will ensure that this continues.

3. Steering Group

The process of achieving and maintaining Fairtrade status will be co-ordinated by the University Fairtrade Steering Group, which reports to the University's Estates Committee on a six-monthly basis. The Group will be chaired by a senior member of staff and will have membership from University and Strathclyde Students' Union staff as well as students.

Under new Fairtrade University accreditation process student groups and societies will be encouraged to grow the student representation on the University Fairtrade Steering Group, and increase student involvement within related University structures.

4. Promotion and Campaigns

The University and Strathclyde Students' Union will proactively ensure that its internal processes allow Fairtrade and ethical aspects to be considered and promoted.

The University and the Students' Association will work closely with students, staff and external stakeholders to campaign for increased Fairtrade offerings across the campus. These will include but not be limited to:

- Educating staff and students as to existence of this policy and purposes and reasoning behind our adherence to it;
- Raising awareness of the Fairtrade mark and other ethical schemes, including information on our websites;
- Holding events which aim to promote Fairtrade including promotions during annual Fairtrade Fortnight

The University and Students' Union will work with like-minded organisations such as the Scottish Fair Trade Forum in offering support, joint promotion, positive and pro-active engagement.

The University Fairtrade Steering Group will seek to increase outreach to the immediate and wider Glasgow community, encouraging shops most frequently used by our students to engage more with and stock Fairtrade products.

5. Reporting

The University Fairtrade Steering Group will deliver these goals and submit a report to the Fairtrade Foundation when required for renewal of Fairtrade status.

Strathclyde Students' Union Strategic Plan aims to get a Fairtrade Status for the Union by 2019.

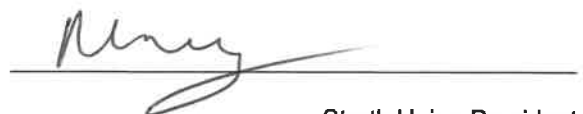
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