

# The University of Manchester Fairtrade Statement

**The University of Manchester and The University of Manchester Students' Union assign great importance to the role of the University within the international community, and its obligation to encourage ethical dealing at all levels.**

**The University therefore commits to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade products.**

**Where it is not feasible, whether for reasons of price, supply, availability, contractual obligations or otherwise, (including compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) the University commits to begin selling Fairtrade products as soon as feasible or alternatively, if possible, source more ethically traded products.**



**This will be achieved by following the standards to achieve Fairtrade status as defined by the Fairtrade Foundation. The Fairtrade Foundation has outlined five goals which must be achieved by a Fairtrade University.**

Our commitment to achieving them will be delivered as follows:

## Steering Group

A Fairtrade Steering Group will meet to implement this Statement. This group will meet as a minimum once a semester to continually monitor and improve the University's support of Fairtrade and will report annually to the University's Sustainability Steering Group.

## Sale of Fairtrade Products

The University and Students' Union will sell as many Fairtrade products as feasible, in all campus shops, restaurants, cafés, bars and vending machines.

## Hospitality

The University and Students' Union will commit to serving Fairtrade foods (*for example coffee and tea*) at all internal meetings, hospitality events and conferences, where feasible, with the commitment to increase the use of Fairtrade foods as it becomes possible to do so.

## Promotion

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

- Fairtrade promotional materials will be displayed on University noticeboards and in places where Fairtrade products are sold.
- Articles and other appropriate material will be included in suitable University publications.
- The University will commit to running a series of promotional events during Fairtrade Fortnight.
- Fairtrade will be promoted via the University website.
- Fairtrade will feature in the University of Manchester Students' Union publications.

## Staff and Student Support

All members of the University will be actively encouraged to support the Fairtrade Statement.

Details of this Statement will be communicated throughout the University and the efforts of members of the University to support Fairtrade will be encouraged. *This Statement will be reviewed on an annual basis.*

**Will Spinks**

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