

## **Fairtrade Policy**

The University of Manchester and The University of Manchester Students Union assign great importance to the University's role within the international community. We recognise that the purchasing decisions we make have an impact on the environment, people and communities that provide our goods. Therefore, we are committed to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade to provide a positive impact.

This policy will be upheld through the following objectives:

### **1. Steering Group**

A Fairtrade Steering Group, with representatives from the staff and student body, will meet once a term at minimum to discuss and encourage action for Fairtrade. The Steering Group's job will be to continuously monitor and improve the University's approach to Fairtrade.

### **2. Sale of Fairtrade products**

Fairtrade products will be made available for sale in all University and Student Union. We will seek to increase the number of Fairtrade products available throughout the whole organisation. 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.

### **3. Hospitality**

The University will offer the option of Fairtrade tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar at all internal meetings and outlets.

### **4. Promotion**

The University will work closely with the Students Union to run campaigns on campus to increase the understanding of Fairtrade and encourage the uptake of Fairtrade products. These campaigns will include,

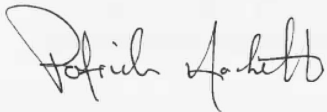
- Educating staff and students at the University on the existence of this policy.
- Participate in the annual Fairtrade Fortnight event.
- Maintain and act on a Fairtrade action plan.
- Deliver at least one event on Fairtrade each year.

5. 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 the efforts of members of the University to support Fairtrade will be encouraged.

#### 6. Monitoring and Review

The University and Students Union will be responsible for reviewing this policy annually.

Signed;



The University of Manchester

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