

Lancaster University Fairtrade Policy

Lancaster University, its students, staff and Students Union (LUSU) recognise the positive impact that the production and sale of Fairtrade products can have upon communities and individuals in developing countries around the world. To this end, Lancaster University is committed to supporting and promoting the use and sale of Fairtrade products across the campus. In order to implement the Fairtrade Policy Lancaster University is committed to:

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FAIRTRADE ACTIVITIES

Establishing and maintaining a Fairtrade Steering Group in order to oversee and review implementation of the Fairtrade Policy and establishing and maintaining a Fairtrade Action Group in order to coordinate and undertake implementation of Fairtrade activities across campus.

SUPPORTING THE SALE OF FAIRTRADE PRODUCTS

The University and LUSU will endeavour to maximise the sale of Fairtrade products in its shops, restaurants, cafés and other outlets. In addition to Fairtrade food and drink products the University will encourage the sale of clothing and other Fairtrade products. Where it is not currently feasible to sell Fairtrade (for reasons of price, quality, supply availability or contractual obligations) the University is committed to trying to offer the choice of Fairtrade products in the future. The University will seek to encourage independent retail outlets based on campus to provide and promote Fairtrade items as part of their product range.

INTERNAL USE OF FAIRTRADE PRODUCTS

The University and LUSU will offer Fairtrade drinks and, where possible, Fairtrade food at internal meetings and hospitality events. Product ranges will be regularly reviewed in order to identify new Fairtrade products that can be made available.

PROMOTION OF FAIRTRADE PRODUCTS

The University and LUSU will promote the sale of Fairtrade products and raise awareness of the importance of Fairtrade across the campus throughout the year at any appropriate events.

FAIRTRADE AWARENESS

Members of the University and LUSU will be encouraged to support the Fairtrade policy and any Fairtrade events organised at the University. Details of this policy and of Fairtrade activities and events will be communicated throughout the University in order to improve awareness.

ANNUAL REVIEW

This Fairtrade Policy and its implementation will be reviewed and reported upon on an annual basis by Lancaster University Fairtrade Steering Group.

