

Sustainability

Fairtrade Policy

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1. Introduction

NTU is a Fairtrade university, with commitment from both NTU and NTSU. In line with the Environmental Policy, and as part of our commitment to sustainable procurement, NTU aims to follow the principles of the Fairtrade Foundation. Listed within this document are the key objectives which make up NTU's Fairtrade commitment.

2. Action Plan

In addition to this Fairtrade Policy, NTU has a published a separate document, available to read on the Sustainability section of the NTU website, which lists specific Objectives and Targets in relation to the Fairtrade Universities and Colleges (FTUC) Award criteria for the academic year 2021/22.

3. Review

Both NTU's Fairtrade Policy and Fairtrade Action Plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Progress will be reported on intermittently throughout the year. A final submission will be made to Fairtrade Universities and Colleges (FTUC) Award during March of each year, for NTU to receive an official Fairtrade accreditation.

4. Objectives

4.1. Steering Group

The Fairtrade Steering Group represented by staff and students will meet termly to discuss and stimulate action for Fairtrade across the University. The group will be responsible for promoting NTU's support for Fairtrade and the Fairtrade Policy and retaining Fairtrade University status.

4.2. Sale of Fairtrade Products

NTU will make Fairtrade products available as widely as practicable in our refectories, campus shops, cafés and other outlets. If for reasons of price, quality, supply availability or contractual obligations we are unable to provide these products, then the University is committed to offering them at a time when these issues are no longer a barrier.

4.3. Hospitality

The University will offer Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at all internal meetings and hospitality events. NTU commits to increasing the variety of Fairtrade products for events as it becomes possible to do so.

4.4. Workwear

The University will encourage its staff to purchase Fairtrade cotton workwear wherever possible and ensure that at least one contracted workwear supplier offers Fairtrade cotton clothing as an alternative to standard cotton.

4.5. Promotion

The University will promote the sale of Fairtrade products and raise awareness of Fairtrade issues internally and to the wider community. Promotion will, where appropriate, include posters, displays, events such as Fairtrade Fortnight, details on NTU web pages (e.g., Sustainability pages and NTSU website) and the use of other appropriate University media.

4.6. Staff and Student Support

Fairtrade issues and the University's commitment to address those issues will be communicated to staff and students in order to gain support for NTU's policy and the Fairtrade Foundation's aims.

4.7. Curriculum and Research

Students are encouraged to learn about Fairtrade, trade justice or ethical consumption as part of NTU's commitment to embed sustainability throughout the curriculum. This may be through coursework and research or extra-curricular activities in conjunction with NTU's Green Academy and Sustainable Development Team.

4.8. Monitoring and Review

The Fairtrade Steering Group will be responsible for monitoring the activities related to Fairtrade at the University and will review this policy statement on an annual basis.

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