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KINGSTON UNIVERSITY ETHICAL TRADE AND FAIRTRADE POLICY

Policy Vision Kingston University recognises that the goods we purchase have associated economic, social, and environmental costs. We understand our duty to responsibly manage our supply chain and use our purchasing power for good. The purpose of this policy is to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Ethical Trade and Fairtrade agenda and Fairtrade mark products, which tackle global poverty by guaranteeing minimum prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Policy Objectives The objectives below are set to ensure that the University continues to support the Ethical Trade and Fairtrade agenda. All staff, students and contractors are expected to support the University in achieving the following objectives:

1. Achieve and maintain University Fairtrade status as defined and assessed by the Fairtrade Foundation.
2. Prioritise Fairtrade products wherever possible, in particular where there is price parity, and with due regard to the full range of sustainability factors (environmental, social and economic).
3. Work with our supply chain to ensure ethical and Fairtrade products are made available and easily accessible across our campuses (in shops, canteens, cafes, bars and concierge-type services), with a view to increasing variety and availability of Fairtrade products year on year.
4. Develop procurement processes, policies and guidance which encourage contractors and suppliers to meet the objectives of the Ethical Trade and Fairtrade Policy.
5. Comply with all legislation, and applicable national, regional and local Fairtrade commitments.
6. Communicate with key stakeholders (students, staff and the local community) about our Ethical Trade and Fairtrade commitments and activities through regular publicity and awareness raising.
7. Improve the quality of data KU holds on the use and promotion of Fairtrade products.
8. Encourage and support developmental knowledge with regard to Fairtrade where possible through teaching and research opportunities.

Kingston University is committed to providing adequate resources to meet the above objectives. This Fairtrade Policy is supported by a Fairtrade Action Plan that is reviewed termly by the KU Fairtrade Award Group. This Fairtrade Policy is owned by Estates and Sustainability and the KU Fairtrade Award Group and is reviewed every two years by the KU Fairtrade Award Group and Estate Committee.

Signed by:

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