

Fairtrade Policy

Southampton Solent University and Solent Students Union strive to be a Fairtrade University and will work with the Fairtrade Foundation to formalise that status and agree to follow our commitments as set out below;

1. Instate this Fairtrade Policy

This policy is a joint statement between Southampton Solent University and Solent Students Union and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

2. Sale of Fairtrade Products

The University will ensure Fairtrade products are available for sale in all University retail outlets. Where this is not possible, due for example to purchasing constraints and long-term contracts, there is a commitment to replace existing stock as soon as it is possible.

3. Hospitality

The University will commit to offering Fairtrade products, such as tea, coffee and sugar at all meetings and events hosted by the University and Solent Students Union including internal management meetings. Where staff provide for themselves (e.g. in offices) we will encourage them through campaigning to purchase Fairtrade.

4. Campaigns

The University and Solent Students Union will work closely together to campaign increased Fairtrade consumption via the following methods:

- Encouraging students and staff to switch to buying Fairtrade products where possible
- Raising awareness about the work of the Fairtrade Foundation through Fairtrade Fortnight and other events that highlight the importance of buying Fairtrade and ethically produced goods
- Effective promotional material displayed on University notice boards and in all outlets where Fairtrade products are sold
- Articles and other appropriate material about Fairtrade will be included in suitable University publications and on the website

5. Steering Group

A University Fairtrade Steering Group will be established, with representatives from the student body, University staff and catering or procurement department. We will endeavour to;

1. meet at least once a term
2. ensure the University Fairtrade Policy is upheld
3. consider proposals for supporting or organising campaigns to enhance the Fairtrade ethos
4. keep a record of meetings held along with minutes from at least two steering group meetings
5. submit a short progress report at the end of each academic year to the Fairtrade Foundation

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