FAIRTRADE POLICY

In line with its commitment to sustainability, York St John University is committed to supporting, promoting and using Fairtrade goods.

The University aims to be a Fairtrade University and will work with the Fairtrade Foundation to formalise that status by meeting the five goals as laid down by the Foundation (Appendix 1)

1. The University and the Students' Union will adopt a Fairtrade Policy and it will be communicated to all staff and students. A review of the policy will take place on an annual basis.

2. Fairtrade products will be made available as an option in all University outlets with a commitment to increase the variety of products on an annual basis.

3. Fairtrade options will be provided at all University meetings served by the catering department. Where staff provide for themselves, e.g. in offices, they will be encouraged through campaigning to purchase Fairtrade goods.

4. The University and the Students' Union will work closely together to campaign for increased Fairtrade consumption in the University

5. The process of achieving and maintaining Fairtrade status will be co-ordinated by a Fairtrade steering group, which will be comprised of both staff and student representation, with the following membership and terms of reference:-

   Membership

   - Deputy Director of Facilities
   - Students' Union President/VP
   - Catering Manager
   - Students' Union Manager
   - Student Representatives
   - Staff Representatives

Terms of Reference

1. The Fairtrade steering group will meet at least three times per year

2. The steering group will monitor the implementation of, and adherence to, the policy.

3. The steering group will ensure awareness-raising campaigns are carried out throughout the year, including but not limited to, Fairtrade fortnight promotions.

4. The steering group will, via the Environmental Management Committee, provide an annual report to the University on ‘Fairtrade at York St John University’

5. The steering group will liaise with other Fairtrade universities on Fairtrade policy and related issues.

Appendix 1

Fairtrade Foundation Goals

1. The Students' Union and the University authorities both create a Fairtrade policy incorporating these five goals.

2. Fairtrade foods are made available for sale in all campus shops. Fairtrade foods are used in all cafes/restaurants/bars on campus. Where this is not possible, there is a commitment to begin to use Fairtrade foods in these establishments as it becomes possible to do so.

3. Fairtrade foods (for example coffee and tea) are served at all meetings hosted by the University and the Students' Union, and are served in all university and Students' Union management offices.

4. There is a commitment to campaign for increased Fairtrade consumption on campus.

5. Set up a Fairtrade Steering Group