



LSE Fairtrade Policy

As approved by the LSE Fairtrade Steering Group, 12th September 2016

The London School of Economics and Political Science and the **LSE Students' Union** assign great importance to the School's social and environmental sustainability, and our role within the international community. We therefore commit to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade products.

The LSE will implement this policy through maintaining Fairtrade status as defined by the [Fairtrade Foundation](#). The Fairtrade Foundation has outlined five goals for a Fairtrade University, and our commitment to them is as follows:

Fairtrade products on campus:

Fairtrade products will be sold in all campus shops wherever possible, including but not limited to chocolate, snacks, fruit, juices, tea, coffee and clothing. Fairtrade foods are used in all LSE Catering and Students' Union cafes, restaurants and bars. Where this is not possible, there is a commitment to begin to use Fairtrade foods in these establishments, including vending machines, as soon as it becomes possible to do so.

Fairtrade products in meetings

Fairtrade foods (for example tea and coffee) are made available wherever possible through hospitality catering for use in meetings, with the commitment to increasing the use of Fairtrade foods at meetings. Departments and budget holders will also be encouraged to buy Fairtrade products.

Fairtrade campaigns

- LSE and LSESU will promote Fairtrade products and events to students, staff and visitors, through noticeboards and leaflets at catering outlets, student and staff newsletters, online and via social media, and through any other suitable channels.
- The Students' Union and the LSE Catering will run a series of promotional events during the Fairtrade Fortnight. This will be coordinated through the Fairtrade Steering Group.
- LSE Catering and Student's Union Environmental and Sustainability policies and statements will include a commitment to promote Fairtrade.

Fairtrade Steering Group

A Fairtrade Steering Group will meet once a term, and short minutes will be produced of actions and outcomes. This group shall report to the Residences and Catering Services Division Environmental Management Working Group (RCSD EMWG), and its role will be to continuously monitor and improve the School's approach to Fairtrade.

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This policy statement will be communicated throughout the University, and efforts to support Fairtrade will be strongly encouraged.

This policy statement will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Fairtrade Steering Group.