



## Northumbria University Fairtrade Policy

Fairtrade aims to achieve better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms for farmers and workers. It supports the development of farming and worker communities and helps to protect the environment in which they live and work.

Northumbria University is proud to have been Fairtrade accredited since 2009 and is committed to supporting, promoting and using Fairtrade goods. This commitment to Fairtrade recognises the role we play in the international community and the importance of raising awareness of social sustainability amongst our staff, students and stakeholders.

### Commitments

We are committed to maintaining Fairtrade University status as awarded by the Fairtrade Foundation. We therefore commit to the Foundation's five goals as follows:

- The Fairtrade Policy shall be reviewed annually and agreed by the Fairtrade Steering Group which includes representation from the Students' Union. It shall also be approved by the University's Sustainability Management Group.
- Fairtrade products are made available for sale in all campus catering and retail outlets. The availability and use of local or Fairtrade products will be reviewed annually and increased where possible. A requirement for items to be fairly traded shall be included in all relevant tenders.
- Fairtrade products will be included in all catered meetings/ events hosted by the University and the Student Union. Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar should be served as standard with other Fairtrade products introduced where possible.
- A range of Fairtrade campaigns, including Fairtrade Fortnight, will be run on campus to increase the understanding of Fairtrade and the consumption of Fairtrade products.
- The Fairtrade Steering Group shall meet a minimum of 3 times a year and include representatives from the student body as well as staff representation from catering and retail. The group is responsible for maintaining the University's Fairtrade status. Links to the community shall be maintained through working with Newcastle City Fairtrade Partnership.

These commitments are made in balance with the guarantees made within the Procurement Policy and the Environmental Sustainability Policy, as well as our commitments relating to sustainability and food.

**Approved by:** Northumbria University Fairtrade Steering Group

**Due for review:** July 2019