



# Approaches to fair trade in educational institutions in 2015

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**What is your institution currently doing about fair trade and working conditions in supply chains? (procurement and product sales, awareness-raising, research, teaching, other?)**

During the year our students run regular Fairtrade Cafes in the community with a snack and lunch menu using Fairtrade produce. Once every 3 months we have an awareness-raising stand in the main college public areas. Our main focus is during Fairtrade Fortnight when we run events and the College training restaurant features special Fairtrade menus. This year we have hired 2 Smoothie bikes which will use Fairtrade fruit. We feel this will be a fun way to raise awareness.

**What plans do you have, or what would you like to do in future regarding fair trade in your institution?**

We want to carry on raising awareness as much as possible to students and staff, and to continue finding unusual ways of doing this which catch the interest so that the information “stays” better! We would like to encourage our suppliers to stock more Fairtrade products.