



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?)

In 2009 the University obtained Fairtrade status and now, we are going for Fairtrade re-accreditation. This has been made possible through the Fairtrade policy which is ratified annually. At the moment, we are compiling a list of all the products available on campuses and seeing what has changed since 2012. The list shows that we have a wide variety of products such as different types of juices, baked goods, fruit mixes, as well as t-shirts, hoodies and sweatpants which are all Fairtrade accredited and available to all members of the university and that the choice of products increases every year by a significant amount! Also, 100% of the coffee at the university is from Fairtrade sources. To promote our success, we share news through campaigns, events, information displays among other forms of engagement. The next event that we will be hosting will be happening on March 3rd at one of campuses, we will have two producers from Craftaid Mauritius visiting. We are also members of the Edinburgh City Fairtrade Group.

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

In the future, we would like to continue engaging staff and students to be more involved with all the work that we do in regard to Fairtrade such as by having more events, setting up more campaigns, and other types of promotion. We would like to continue improving our selection of products to ensure we source and sell products in all outlets across each campus belonging to the University. We would like to continue using Fairtrade products at internal meetings and events. We plan to continue celebrating Fairtrade fortnight, networking and sharing information with external organisations, linking our work with the work done by the City of Edinburgh and finally, we would like to continue helping Scotland become Fairtrade nation.