

Imperial College Union

Fairtrade University Policy

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Appendix 2.*

Imperial College Union Notes:

1. The Union's Ethical and Environmental Policy, which states:

Imperial College Union Further Resolves:

10. Where a reasonable Fairtrade alternative is available to sell Fairtrade goods in preference to otherwise equivalent products, whilst where possible maximising choice.
2. That the Union's Ethical and Environmental Policy is due to run out at the end of this year and is currently under review.
3. That the Fairtrade Foundation requires the completion of five clear goals in order for "Fairtrade University Status" to be awarded. These are detailed in the appendix.
4. That the current Fairtrade University Policy does not meet the requirements of the Fairtrade Foundation and is in need of considerable revision.
5. The following universities have achieved Fairtrade University status:
 - i. St Andrews University
 - ii. The University of Birmingham
 - iii. Bournemouth University
 - iv. The University of Bristol
 - v. St Catharine's College
 - vi. The University of Derby
 - vii. The University of Edinburgh
 - viii. The University of Glasgow
 - ix. The University of Gloucestershire
 - x. The University of Hertfordshire
 - xi. Royal Holloway College, London
 - xii. Liverpool John Moores University
 - xiii. The University of Kent
 - xiv. King's College London
 - xv. Kingston University London
 - xvi. The University of Leeds
 - xvii. Leeds Metropolitan University
 - xviii. Loughborough University
 - xix. The London School of Economics and Political Science
 - xx. The University of Manchester
 - xxi. The University of Nottingham
 - xxii. Oxford Brookes University
 - xxiii. The University of Portsmouth
 - xxiv. University of Plymouth
 - xxv. The University of Sheffield
 - xxvi. University of Southampton
 - xxvii. City of Sunderland College
 - xxviii. The University of Sunderland
 - xxix. Swansea University
 - xxx. The University of Warwick
 - xxxi. The University of the West of England
 - xxxii. Worcester College of Technology
 - xxxiii. The University of York
 - xxxiv. Queen's University, Belfast

6. That Imperial College has recently committed to becoming a Fairtrade University.
7. That Imperial College Union does not currently fulfil the requirements for the Fairtrade Foundation to confer Fairtrade University Status upon the College.
8. That the current Fairtrade University Policy resolves

16e. To set up a steering group to further the aims of this policy and promote Fairtrade on campus as required by the Fairtrade Foundation.

Which to present knowledge had not occurred until this term, despite the policy being set in 2004.

Imperial College Union Believes:

9. Ensuring that producers in developing countries are paid sufficiently for the services they provide and goods they produce is an important issue for many Imperial College Students,
10. Imperial College Union has a wider social responsibility to promoting ethical and environmental standards through its graduates, to influence future global trading,
11. Becoming a Fairtrade University will help to promote cultural and social awareness among staff and students through an increased awareness of how our actions affect the standard of living for a wide diversity of people all over the world,
12. Providing an ethical choice and appropriate information is an important service for the Union to provide and can only be beneficial for sales.
13. It will be good for the Union's and the College's reputation for Imperial to become a Fairtrade University.
14. As Imperial College Union fulfils many of the requirements for Imperial College to be a Fairtrade University, it would be beneficial to be recognised for that and to promote that fact.
15. That the Union and College should not limit ethical product sale to products for which the Fairtrade Foundation has criteria for awarding the FAIRTRADE Mark, but where possible should sell ethically sourced products from reputable organisations which uphold the principles of fair trade set out by the Fairtrade Foundation in addition to those with the FAIRTRADE Mark.

Imperial College Union Resolves:

16. To strike the Union's current Fairtrade University Policy (09/06/04) and replace it with this policy, which fulfils the requirements of the Fairtrade Foundation,
17. To work with College to ensure Imperial becomes a "Fairtrade University", specifically
 - a. To nominate the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) to take responsibility for implementing this policy,
 - b. To sell a Fairtrade alternative, where one exists, to all products sold by Union catering,
 - c. Where foods such as tea, coffee and sugar are served at functions/meetings by Union catering to ensure that they are Fairtrade where possible,
 - d. Where a Fairtrade alternative exists, all products provided in the union offices shall be Fairtrade,

- e. To promote the FAIRTRADE Mark and Fairtrade Fortnight in publications, such as student media, prospectuses and the website and also on union noticeboards where appropriate, in fulfilment of the five goals,
 - f. To support campaigns during the annual Fairtrade Fortnight,
 - g. To continue to support the Fairtrade Steering Group which was set up to further the aims of this policy and promote Fairtrade on campus as required by the Fairtrade Foundation. This group shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare) or his/her nominee and membership includes:
 - i. The Fairtrade Society Chair,
 - ii. The Head of College Catering
 - iii. A member of the college authority.
 - iv. Other interested parties as required,
18. To promote the education of students on issues of trade justice and Fairtrade and to commit to campaigning for increased Fairtrade consumption on campus.

Appendix 1

The Five Goals for a Fair Trade University. The Fairtrade Foundation will award the status when these five minimum goals are met.

1. The Student Union and the university authorities both create a Fairtrade policy incorporating these five goals. A member of the Union executive and a representative of the university would each take primary responsibility for implementing this policy, and agree to sit on the Fairtrade Steering group (see goal 5). This could be written into their job description.
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. Foods to be sold would be those sold by the shops at present in non-Fairtrade form that are available in Fairtrade form. For instance, if a shop currently sells coffee they would be obliged to add a Fairtrade brand to their stock or replace it with Fairtrade. Shops would not be obliged to sell Fairtrade foods that they do not already sell as non-Fairtrade.
3. Fairtrade foods (for example coffee and tea) are served at all meetings hosted by the university and the SU, and are served in all university and SU management offices.
4. There is a commitment to campaign for increased Fairtrade consumption on campus. At least three of the following methods must be in operation at any one time. The Steering Group (see goal 5) could propose other means.
 - a. Articles and other appropriate material to be included in student newspaper and on the university's website. Promotion of the Fairtrade Mark could also take place in other appropriate publications, such as university prospectuses. In particular, the publications should commit to cover the annual Fairtrade Fortnight in March, and to update readers with major developments.
 - b. Fairtrade Foundation materials displayed on noticeboards in the hall and common room, and promoting commitment to Fairtrade foods. Materials also displayed in every place where Fairtrade foods are sold.
 - c. Fairtrade Fortnight (March) – this is the opportunity to promote Fairtrade foods and increase sales. The university would commit itself to running a series of events during Fairtrade Fortnight. The steering

group in collaboration with other appropriate bodies would be responsible for organising this.

- d. Other opportunities – the steering group should seek opportunities to promote the Fairtrade Mark at related events – for example those which focus on trade and development.
5. Set up a Fairtrade Steering Group This group will meet at least once a term to reflect on the progress of each of these goals, and decide how to go about continuing to excel in these goals. The group would include a representative from the following groups:
 - a. the residential/catering organisation
 - b. the university authority
 - c. the SU executive
 - d. an appropriate SU society
 - e. each associated institution

The steering group is required to send a full report to the Fairtrade Foundation, explaining how each goal has been achieved in order for status to awarded. For the university's status to be retained, the steering group is expected to develop the goals and send a report at the end of every academic year to the Fairtrade Foundation.

Appendix 2

Seconders for the Fairtrade University Policy:

Name	CID	Department	Position
Kirsty Patterson	00431203	Royal School of Mines	DPEW elect Welfare Campaigns Officer Ethical Campaigns Portfolio Fairtrade Society Chair AEB Exec Hon. Sec. Ferrets Vice-President Sinfonietta Secretary Choir Social Secretary
Ben Harris	00390557	ICU	DPEW
Ellin Barklund	00385158	Electronic Engineering	Ethical Campaigns Portfolio Pugwash Society Chair
Freya Summersgill	00401368	Civil Engineering	Ethical Careers Exhibition Coordinator Dance Junior Treasurer
Chris Larvin	00410071	Royal School of Mines	DPFS elect RSM Treasurer Outdoor Club Hon. Sec. De La Beche Hon. Sec. Ferrets Vice-President
Alistair Cott	00410312	Royal School of Mines	DPCS elect RCC Equipment Officer Canoe Club Bosun Ferrets Vice-President
Shiv Chopra	00354742	ICU	Medic President
Daniel McGuinness	00356832	Medicine	Council Chair ICSMSU Drama Producer
Ashley Brown	00331802	Computing	PG Engineering Councillor Live! Editor
Jonas Neubert	00410950	Mechanical Engineering	Fairtrade Web-editor

Simon Nance	00389044	Chemistry	Natural Sciences Ordinary Member of Council
Lily Topham	00412110	Medicine	ArtSoc Chair DramSoc Acting Director SCC Chair elect Ferrets Costume and Grooming Officer
Bayan Mazadian	00424274	Physics	
Hinrik Bergs	00449457	Physics	
Angus Henderson	00505010	Environmental Policy	
Ed Hughes	00431556	Aeronautical Engineering	
Paul Gilmartin	00430534	Aeronautical Engineering	Ice Hockey, Chair
Paul Rignall	00427946	Aeronautical Engineering	CGU Aeronautics, Publications Officer
Camilla Royle	00424223	Biology	Student Respect Treasurer Socialist Worker Treasurer Karate do Shotokai Junior Treasurer
Kee Chou Ng	00404187	Mathematics	Student Respect Secretary
Sarah Jane	00466883	Physics	
Scott Greening	00467764	Physics	
Jack Cronin	00480096	Physics	
Thomas Isbister	00466287	Physics	
Joshua Springett	00424297	Royal School of Mines	
Alex Holyome	00467093	Medicine	
Thomas Rodurell	00424256	Physics	Rugby Social Secretary
Mahlda Virta	00468943	Natural Sciences	
Saxon Tint	00481031	Royal School of Mines	
Ayesha Jameel	00389024	Medicine	
Chandrashekhhar Kulkarni	00424456	Chemistry	
Francis Angibeaud Montjen	00497309	Royal School of Mines	

Olwen Westerland	00337945	Medicine	
Nicholas Constantinou	00469763	Natural Sciences	
Paren Chohan	00468548	Natural Sciences	
Amy Lewis	00405235	Natural Sciences	Head of Programming (Media IC Radio)
Lisa Annita Bunclark	00394596	Civil Engineering	
Kirsty Singer	00393997	Civil Engineering	
Himanshu Shanbhag	00394866	Tanaka Business School	
Chiemi Taga	00401325	Natural Sciences	
Harriet Kirk	00424244	Civil Engineering	Womens Captain (ACC Cross Country)
Naomi Wheeler	00447837	Civil Engineering	
Yogeeta Naresh Chhatralia	00449278	Civil Engineering	
Alice Clarke	00451165	Civil Engineering	
Hannah Blome	00485707	Natural Sciences	
Joseph Gault	00467100	Chemistry	
Elizabeth Oliver	00467646	Physics	
Zisis Kozlakidis	00300412	Biology	
Leonie Ellen Williams	00391025	Medicine	Junior Treasurer (ICSMSU MedSIN)
Gregory Froome	00386746	Medicine	ICSMSU Music Chair
Jessica Wright	00409840	Natural Sciences	
Christopher Millsom	00427602	Natural Sciences	
Philip Glowinski	00350963	Civil Engineering	
Kyle Reuben Matter	00499425	Civil Engineering	
Richard Brand	004496600	Civil Engineering	
Susannah Kinghan	00424264	Physics	

Shahania Begum	00477118	Chemistry	
Dafydd Johns	00452274	Physics	
Richard Jones	00390853	Electrical Engineering	Table Football Secretary
Tanja Ninkovic	00526393	Chemistry	
Miriam Goyder	00350956	Chemistry	Symphony Orchestra Secretary
Martin Ludwig	00496584	Chemistry	
Oliver Todd	00352370	Medicine	Project Coordinator, MedSIN
William Feenan	00449654	Physics	
Emily lines	00394372	Mathematics	RCSU Hon. Sec.
Robert Cook	00453494	Royal School of Mines	
Amna Suliman	00352023	Medicine	Medic Vice-President
Samir Suliman		Medicine	Medic Vice-President
Yu-Xi Chau	00433337	Physics	
Abeetha Perera	00387504	Chemical Engineering	
Caroline Setchell	00448663	Electrical Engineering	
Ben Jefferys	00390505	Biochemisty	Bike Users Group Chair Environmental Society Secretary
Felipe Perez	00431901	Civil Engineering	
Kirsten Rose	00408733	Chemistry	
Helen O'Hanlon	00403445	Chemistry	
Tom Hampshire	00433387	Mathematics	
Alban Cadu	00449062	Chemistry	
Lawrie Armstrong	00472709	Medicine	Ordinary Member, Meat Appreciation Society
Pandora Male	00452220	Medicine	