

University of Leeds and Leeds University Union

Joint Statement Commitment on Fairtrade

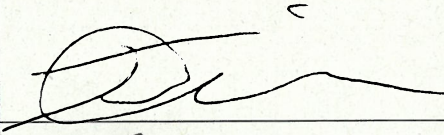
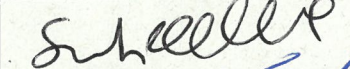
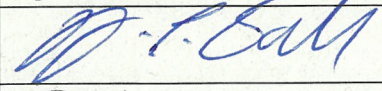
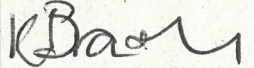
The University of Leeds and Leeds University Union, "The Partnership" are proud to reaffirm our long-standing commitment to Fairtrade, having held Fairtrade University status since 2005. This reflects our shared values of global responsibility, ethical leadership, and sustainability.

Fairtrade aligns closely with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those focused on decent work, reduced inequalities, and responsible consumption. Through the Fairtrade certification, we are exploring how to broaden our scope to include themes such as trade justice, ethical supply chains, and decolonisation. We see potential to use education and advocacy as tools to deepen understanding and support progress in these areas and are interested in identifying opportunities for further engagement as part of our evolving approach.

Our students and staff play a vital role in advancing the Fairtrade agenda through curriculum-based projects, campaigns, and community outreach. We continue to collaborate across departments and disciplines to ensure Fairtrade remains a visible and meaningful part of our institutional culture.

Organisation specific approaches to Fairtrade can be found in the documents below:

- The University of Leeds Fair Trade Policy
- Leeds University Union Sustainability Purchasing Policy and Guide

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