

## A MOTION FOR A FAIR TRADE UNION AND UNIVERSITY

### THIS UNION NOTES:

1. There is a growing international fair trade movement, which ensures that producers in poor countries get a fair deal.
2. Fair trade guarantees producers such things as long term contracts, support to gain knowledge and skills, and fair prices for goods.
3. The Union shop and Richmond coffee bar already stock fair trade products.
4. The Fair trade mark on coffee, tea and chocolate has gained considerable recognition and is an important guide to consumers wishing to buy moral produce.
5. The Fair Trade market has now increased to over £100 million in the UK showing consumer demand.

### THIS UNION BELIEVES:

1. Fair Trade has been one of the most powerful responses to the problems facing commodity producers.
2. The fair trade movement gives the consumer an opportunity to use purchasing power to alter the balance.
3. The inequality of world trade is increasing but as students we can help to rectify this situation.
4. It is important to see a proliferation of fair trade produce into all outlets across campus.

### THIS UNION RESOLVES:

1. To make fair trade produce available in all Union affiliated sites around campus.
2. To serve fair trade produce at all Union meetings and in Student's Union offices.
3. To campaign for increased fair trade consumption on campus.
4. To lobby and assist the university in achieving fair trade status according to the conditions set out by the fair trade foundation.
5. To set up a fair trade steering group which will:
  - 5.1. Be composed of representatives from the union involved with food and services involving fair trade products around campus.
  - 5.2. Promote fair trade around campus with information to raise awareness of the issues around fair trade.
  - 5.3. Lobby to create a forum/committee of union, university and student representatives, which will meet and discuss the current position of fair trade at the university and how best to achieve fair trade university status. This should take place no less than three times per term.

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