

Shopping Shouldn't Cost the Earth

This Union Notes:

1. That through the adoption of Planet Pledge, UBU has made a formal commitment to environmental sustainability.
2. That the Ethical and Environmental Committee (E & E Committee) of NUSSL (NUS Services Limited) is now in a position to provide us with more comprehensive information on suppliers' ethical and environmental credentials.
3. That NUSSL are making efforts to support Unions who wish to get involved with ethical purchasing.

This Union Believes:

1. That ethical and environmental criteria should play an integral role in UBU's overall purchasing strategy.
2. That students should be made aware of which products are ethically and environmentally superior through point of sale material

This Union Resolves:

1. That wherever practicable (and where NUSSL purchasing discipline allows) the majority of products in any one product category purchased within UBU should be purchased from suppliers who have received a grade B or above from NUSSL and its E & E Committee.
2. That wherever practicable, at least one product in each product category within the Union Shop should be a positive choice ie grade A or A*, unless there are no such products in this category.

3. That NUSSL point of sale material should be used to indicate positive choice products and that posters, explaining what positive choice is, should be prominently displayed.
4. That whenever coffee and tea is sold within the Union there should also be a fair trade alternative.
5. That the Union work towards further improvements in line with NUSSL and E & E Committee developments.
6. That mechanisms be put in place to monitor the purchasing strategy and review it on an annual basis.

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