Fairtrade Policy

Fairtrade is about improving the lives of farmers and workers in developing countries by changing the way trade works through better prices to achieve a fair deal, decent working conditions and empowerment. The College is committed to Fairtrade as part of a wider commitment to sustainability.

The College supports the principles and aspirations of Fairtrade and aims to adhere to the goals stipulated by the Fairtrade Foundation for achieving and maintaining Fairtrade Status.

The College will support and promote Fairtrade by:

- Selling Fairtrade products in all catering outlets and the bar with a commitment to increasing the use of Fairtrade products as it becomes possible to do so.
- Ensuring Fairtrade refreshments (tea, coffee and sugar) are available at all internal meetings and hospitality events served by the College’s catering department where possible.
- Raising awareness of Fairtrade through campaigns and information available at the point of sale, on the College website and other appropriate material, to encourage College members to buy Fairtrade goods.
- Running a series of events during Fairtrade Fortnight each year which will be promoted across the College.
- Working with the University and other participating colleges to run collaborative Fairtrade campaigns.
- Reporting annually on Fairtrade activities and statistics in the College to demonstrate the College’s continuing commitment.

The College’s Sustainability Group, chaired by the Domestic Bursar, will implement and oversee compliance with the College’s Fairtrade Policy and consider ways to improve the College’s support for Fairtrade. The group will comprise SU, MCR and staff representatives and will meet a minimum of three times per year, normally once per term.

This policy has been developed with the SU and MCR and will be reviewed by the Sustainability Group on an annual basis.

Contact

Students with ideas and feedback on Fairtrade should contact the SU Charities, Environment and Ethics Officer: su.charities@wadham.ox.ac.uk. Fellows and staff should contact the Domestic Bursar’s office: domestic.bursar@wadham.ox.ac.uk