

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD STUDENTS' UNION

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MOTION 2

**THE STUDENTS' UNION SHOULD SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY
IN ACHIEVING FAIR TRADE STATUS**

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This Union notes:

- A number of institutions in the higher education sector have fair trade accreditation or are moving towards this.
- The University of Salford has established a fair trade steering group to achieve this aim, which includes Students' Union representatives.

This Union believes:

- Fair trade means fair pay and working conditions for farmers and producers.
- Fair trade is better for the environment. Fair Trade supports sustainable practices that minimize our environmental footprint.
- Fair trade actively promotes integrated farm management systems that improve soil fertility and preserve valuable ecosystems.
- Fair trade supports communities by working through cooperative structures.

This Union resolves:

- To support the University in its move towards fair trade status and accreditation.

- To keep the University and student body informed of the changes to fair trade regulations set down by the Fairtrade Foundation.
- To ensure that the University retains its fair trade status through compliance with Fairtrade Foundation regulations.