

Fairtrade

What is Fairtrade?

The Fairtrade Foundation was set up to help improve the livelihoods of farmers and producers around the world, with the aim of achieving better prices, fair terms of trade and improving working conditions and local sustainability.

Fairtrade promotes and develops positive and long-term local change through building fair, trade-based relationships that build and encourage self-sufficiency. This enables farmers and producers to improve their position and have more control over their lives. More than just a fair wage, Fairtrade partnerships are based on mutual respect between parties.

Purchasing a product with a Fairtrade logo means producers and businesses have agreed and met internationally recognised standards and that they uphold national health and safety regulations and ensure products are environmentally sustainable. All of this is independently certified.

We are a Fairtrade University!

Queen's achieved certification as a Fairtrade University in 2019. This is an accreditation that is reviewed every two years and marks us out as a University which has made a commitment to supporting and using Fairtrade. This involves using as many Fairtrade items as possible in our day to day business, as well as raising awareness through the year, centered round key dates such as Fairtrade Fortnight and World Fairtrade Day.



What we do in Campus Food and Drink

Here at Campus Food and Drink, we are committed to using as many Fairtrade items as possible while serving customers.

All the tea and coffee served by the Great Hall and Riddel Hall for deliveries, meetings and events are Fairtrade and provided by [Bewleys](#). We use Fairtrade sugar cubes and packed sugar.

Our house wine comes from the [Miguel Torres](#) vineyard in Chile. It is one of the largest Fairtrade and organic vineyards currently operating in Central Chile.

We also hold and promote several events on campus every year over Fairtrade Fortnight and on World Fairtrade Day. Recent events have included coffee mornings and a free Fairtrade pancake making demonstration!

A lot of other departments around the University also hold Fairtrade events throughout the year - be sure to check the weekly Comms for any updates. The students Union shop sell Fairtrade products all year round which can be purchased with project code.