Queen Mary, University of London is striving to become a sustainable university. Understanding and managing, the impact our activities have on people and on the environment is an essential part of being an ethical and socially responsible institution. The college therefore commits to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade.

In line with the Environmental Policy and as part of our commitment to sustainable procurement, QM aims to follow the principals of the Fairtrade Foundation by meeting 6 key objectives. These objectives are as follows:

1. Steering Group
   The Fairtrade Steering group represented by Staff and Students will meet quarterly to discuss and stimulate action for Fairtrade across the University. The group will be responsible for promoting QM’s support for Fairtrade and the Fairtrade policy.

2. Sale of Fairtrade products
   QM will make Fairtrade products (such as chocolate, juice, rice, olive oil, work wear and lab coats etc.) available as widely as practicable in all our University and Union campus shops. If for reasons of price, quality, supply availability or contractual obligations we are unable to provide these products, then the University is committed to offering them at a time when these issues are no longer a barrier.

3. Hospitality
   The University will offer Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and hot chocolate at all internal meetings and hospitality events hosted by the University and the Student’s Union. QM commits to increasing the variety of Fairtrade products for events as it becomes possible to do so.

4. Promotion
   The University will promote the sale of Fairtrade products and raise awareness of Fairtrade issues internally and to the wider community. Promotion will, where appropriate, include posters, displays, events such as Fairtrade Fortnight, details on QM web pages and the use of other appropriate university media.

5. Staff and Student Support
   Fairtrade issues and the University’s commitment to address those issues will be communicated to staff and students in order to gain support for QM’s policy and the Fairtrade Foundation’s aims.

6. Monitoring and Review
   Fairtrade at the University and will review this policy statement on an annual basis.

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