The Fairtrade Foundation is an independent, non-profit organisation that licenses use of the FAIRTRADE mark on products in accordance with the internationally agreed Fairtrade standards. Hospitality Essex aims to fulfil and maintain the goals of a Fairtrade University as set by the Fairtrade Foundation.

Their vision is of a world in which justice and sustainable development are at the heart of trade structures and practices so that everyone, through their work, can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood and develop their full potential. Hospitality Essex shares this vision and has taken the following steps to promote it:

- We provide and promote Fairtrade products including coffee, tea, chocolate, juice, confectionery and fruit in all possible outlets.
- We participate in a Fairtrade Steering Group which monitors the status of Fairtrade at the University of Essex.
- We provide Fairtrade options at all meetings for which Hospitality Essex is responsible.
- We are involved in the promotion and campaign for increased Fairtrade consumption and purchasing.

2012 Review of Fairtrade Policy:

- Fairtrade accreditation continued, all Hospitality Essex units continue to offer a range of fair-trade foods, snacks and beverages. Hospitality throughout the University is offered ethically sourced items including all teas and coffees for all internal meetings.
The Fairtrade mark is an independent consumer label which appears on products as a guarantee that disadvantaged producers in the developing world are getting a better deal.

To find out more about the Fairtrade Foundation and how you can get involved, please follow this link.

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