

Fairtrade Uniforms

Department- Estates Division

Project Area- Sustainable Procurement

Summary- In 2014 the Estates Division converted the purchase of all their staff uniforms to Fairtrade cotton, setting a fantastic example for the whole of the sector. The Fairtrade cotton uniforms will mean a better deal for farmers, where they are paid decent wages and given better conditions. They will improve entire communities by improving environmental and ethical standards. The switch to Fairtrade uniforms was recognised in the EU Fair Cotton Award (in the HE category). The Estates Division were also invited to speak about LSE's journey towards buying Fairtrade uniforms for staff members at a panel discussion on Fairtrade procurement in the public sector. The event highlighted case studies from LSE and other institutions and debated how to overcome legal, financial and organisational barriers to ethical procurement.

