Sustainability Issues & Fairtrade Task Group (SIFTG) – Minute Task Group of the Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Group

Twenty-second Meeting: Tues 3 November 2009 - 3.00pm in Rm 2.04, 13 Infirmary St

Members:

Karen Bowman (Convener)	Director of Procurement	KB
Daniel Abrahams	People & Planet co-Convener	DA
Evelyn Bain	Procurement Manager	EB
John Blair-Fish	IT Unix Systems, Information Services	JBF
Ruth Cape	People and Planet co-Convener	RC
Philippa Faulkner	Ethics and Environment officer	PF
Thomas Graham	EUSA President	TG
Non Jones	Student	NJ
Kristofer Keane	Ethics and Environment officer	KK
Ronnie Kerr	Press and PR Manager, Communication & Marketing	RK
Angela Lewthwaite (Secretary)	Estates and Buildings Office	AL
Ian Macaulay	Asst. Director of Accommodation Services, Catering	IM
David Somervell	Sustainability Advisor	DS
James Wallace	EUSA Vice-President - Services	JW

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Corres	vsponding: VP Professor Mary Bownes, Professor Pete Higgins; Mr Nigel Paul; Prof Jan Webb; Rev Di Williams; Prof Tim Hayward; Dr Graham Russell; Stewart Russell			
Apolog	ologies: Thomas Graham (EUSA President); Philippa Faulkner, Kristopher Keane, John Blair-Fish, Ian Macaulay, Ronnie Kerr (Katrina Kelly attended), Evelyn Bain.			
1	http://www.s	e of meeting held on 11 th August 2009 was agreed as an accurate record. seagfsg.estates.ed.ac.uk/ pps.ed.ac.uk/about/green/fair trade/index.htm	Attached	
1.1	Matters Arising: All covered in the agenda			
1.2	Drinking V	Water Policy - Paper noted	Item 1.2	
1.3	Group men	fairtrade.org.uk/annual_review/?dm_i=605314102 nbers were thanked for their input, particularly Evelyn Bain for her sterling effort in at this application was lodged on time.	КВ	
1.4		Edinburgh University (TEU) – six new posts had been developed. These e funded by SG Climate Challenge Fund till Mar 2011.	Item 1.4	
1.5	iTunesU channel – CAM had confirmed system up and running, however, some colleagues unable to connect.		Item 1.5	
2	Overlap re made to SII (1) Group (2) Delete enviror (3) SEAC	o should change its name to Fairtrade Steering Group (FSG); the last bullet point from remit – "To collaborate on exploring the benefits of an animent management system". G should be informed of this amendment.	Paper 2	
	Noted: SE	ed the SEAG-Ops should have student representation. AG remit would concentrate on policy and strategic direction; (operations) would cover the wider operational agenda.	КВ	

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	Essential that FSG is included re discussions re poverty, ethics, climate change, peak oil etc as all have an impact on the producers. FSG to address these challenges.	
3	Edinburgh Fairtrade City Initiative sub-group (EFCI) –	KB
	Recommended that P&P be invited to attend the next EFCI meeting to talk about their schools work. KB would request this at meeting 3/11/09	
	Post-meeting note:-	
	EFCI subgroup welcomed the recommendation to attend next meeting to talk about schools outreach.	
	City events:	
	Suggestion 1 - A schools FT showcase in Fortnight (22 February – 7 March 2010) –	
	being presented to City committee Tues 10 Nov 09 and P&P/SFTF welcome. Suggestion 2 - Idea of a 'public' FT breakfast event (to avoid clash with UoE Conference)	
	Post-meeting Note - Police Box Coffee outlets	
	George Square – Permit issued by the Council as the box sits on pavement owned by EDC.	
	Charles Street – Convener to discuss with EDC for removal.	
	Meantime the outlets would be handed fairtrade postcards and as Edinburgh residents be	
	encouraged/persuaded to sell Fairtrade products.	
4	Fairtrade Strategy Document final – 5 yr vision –	Paper KB
•	Agreed - To be approved, owned by SIFTG and published online in the new Semester.	
5	Fairtrade Fortnight 2010: 22 February – 7 March 2010	Item 5.1
5.1	First Scottish Universities and Colleges Fairtrade Conference (SUCFC)- Proposal	KB
	Agreed the following 3 options:	
	Option 1. Invite Harriet Lamb to deliver a daytime lecture on Monday 8 March (Note Harriet	
	giving an evening public lecture that day). If Harriet unable for Betsy Reed to give a talk	
	together with a producer as keynote. Harriet to open/close the Conference e.g. late-am or mid-	
	pm .A good way to inform students from all over Scotland could hear the lecture.	
	Post-meeting notes:-	
	Harriet Lamb agreed to attend on Monday 8th March – Debating Hall, Teviot Row House booked.	
	Proposed to send out invitations to other civil society/political contacts	
	Option 2. Tuesday 23rd Feb – To ask Betsy Reed and producer to be invited to give a talk -	
	probably lunchtime or late am start. Post-meeting note - Middle Reading Room and Dining Room in Teviot booked – Time TBA	
	Jackie.Laird@eusa.ed.ac.uk	
	Option 3. Friday 26th Feb – KB to request from Betsy Reed and SFTG producer another source	
	for producer visit.	

	Post-meeting note 1 – People were positive about the idea of having a SUCFC around that	
	time.	
	Post-meeting note 2 - Working group ideas:-	
	* A producer talk	
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	* Ideas sharing sessions/workshops (i.e. how to pass a motion at your union AGM saying	
	the uni should go Fairtrade)	
	* Other workshops about engaging people about Fairtrade	
	* A chocolate fountain	
	* A debate (the role of big corporations, FT vs. the environment, just an ethical label?)	
	* Talks by students * An evening event (possibly fundraising for something) such as a ceilid	
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	* Something practical like a lunchtime mission to find a new fairtrade product or do a	
	price comparison	
6	Report from EUSA – Note AGM – Tuesday 17 th November 2009	
	• Clothing – update	
	http://www.bishopstontrading.co.uk/shop/article.php?category_id=12&article_id=47	
	No further update.	
7	Report from EAUC-S (Environmental Association of Universities and College-Scotland)	
	• Advanced Procurement for Universities & Colleges / Public Procurement Reform:	
8	Report from People & Planet, Edinburgh University – Deferred	DA
	report from Feople & Figure, Edinburgh Chrystolic Edition	
9	Report from Accommodation Services	IM
	Noted : Fruit Tree Planting at Pollock to make it a more sustainable place.	
10	AOB	
10.1	Post-meeting Note 1 A delegation of staff and students from the University Chaplaincy	
	presented a documentary film 'All We've Got', about life in multi Faith Chaplaincy, at the	
	Australian Chaplain's Conference in Melbourne on Wednesday 2 December 2009 and then at the Parliament of World Religions, also in Melbourne, on Friday 4th December 2009.	
	The University' Fairtrade Café in the Chaplaincy Centre appeared in this film thus promoting	
	the issue of Fairtrade.	
10.2	Post-meeting Note 2 – Date for Diaries - Towerbank Primary School – The first Fairtrade	
	Primary School in Edinburgh agreed to host the school event on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 .	
	Towerbank Primary School http://www.towerbank.ik.org/	
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