

**Submission Form
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Details of the motion

Motion Title: Motion for the Sustainable Procurement of Food & Drink

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- Special Resolution
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To be considered at:

- Union Council – date of meeting 23 / 11 / 2010
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Motion for the Sustainable and Ethical Procurement of Food and Drink

The Union notes:

1. That sustainability is a core constitutional commitment of UCLU.¹
2. That good environmental sustainability policy exists, as per the Sustainable Development policy.²
3. That UCLU is signed up to the Green Impact Award, which aims to reduce student unions' environmental impact in all respects.
4. That criteria in the Green Impact Award require the union to take a proactive role in developing policy in different areas relating to environmental sustainability.³
5. That one recurring area of concern in the Green Impact Award criteria is policy on food procurement and disposal.⁴

The Union believes:

1. That reducing and minimising our environmental impact is a good thing in itself, with or without the Green Impact Award.
2. That the union's lack of a clear and formulated position with regards to the procurement of food should be corrected.
3. That tackling the issue of waste in food procurement, and procuring food properly and responsibly, is one of the easiest ways to help to reduce our environmental impact.
4. That there can be no financial argument which would outweigh the importance of developing policies such as these and which would stop them from being seen through.
5. That the environmental cost of not acting decisively to reduce our impact as soon as is possible would be far too great and must be avoided.
6. That Fairtrade, organic and free-range products fall within the definition of ethical food.

The Union resolves:

1. To ensure that food and drink procured for its meetings and events is delivered with as little packaging as is necessary, and where packaging is necessary and when possible that the packaging is recyclable and recycled.
 - a. Therefore mandating the Finance & Services Officer to ensure that all central orders to supply food and drink to UCLU services or events are done so with minimum packaging, contacting where necessary the relevant parties to ensure this is enacted, and reviewing where necessary other providers which can deliver equal or better goods with less packaging.
 - b. Therefore mandating the Student Activities Officer to develop a strategy with which to encourage, and where appropriate to enforce, all union clubs

¹ UCLU Constitution, Objects, point 6.

² UP0809

³ Green Impact Award 2010-11 Workbook

⁴ Ibid.

and societies procure food and drink in accordance to this policy, and that packaging is recycled.

2. To make jugs available to large meetings and events to curb the unnecessary purchase of bottled water.
3. To similarly mandate the Finance & Services Officer and Environments & Ethics Officer to develop strategies to cut the sale of bottled water on union premises.
4. To ensure that, as far as it is relevant, meetings and events are provided with food that is seasonal when an available option, mandating the Finance & Services Officer to see that this is enacted.
5. To mandate the Environments & Ethics Officer and Democracy & Engagement Officer to develop strategies to encourage students to eat more sustainably: for example, publicity campaigns to encourage food packaging is recycled, but also against their unnecessary purchasing of food and drink with surplus packaging.
6. To actively improve the union's procurement of Fairtrade, free-range and organic food and drink in favour over non-Fairtrade, -free-range or -organic products, wherever available – mandating the Finance & Services Officer to see this enacted.