**Nottingham Trent Students’ Union Environmental Policy**

Nottingham Trent Students’ Union (NTSU) acknowledges the impact that its operations and membership have on the local and global environment. As a responsible union with global concerns, NTSU aims to minimise its environmental impact and will actively campaign for greater awareness of and contributions to global environmental issues. This will be achieved by making environmental issues central to its operations and policies.

In order to meet our environmental responsibilities, we will adopt the following principles in line with the University Environmental Policy.

**Awareness**

* Promote awareness of environmental issues and the environmental policy amongst students, officers and staff.
* Provide appropriate mechanisms for staff and members to contribute to improving our environmental performance.
* Ensure that environmental issues are central to NTSU’s operations and practices and form an integral part of staff training and induction.
* Promote NTSU’s work in relation to environmental issues to its members and the wider world.

**Energy and Utilities**

* Actively promote energy saving and conservation issues amongst students, officers and staff.
* NTSU commits to promoting energy efficiency within Union buildings by encouraging staff and students to switch off unnecessary lighting and electrical items when not in use.
* NTSU resolves to improve the energy efficiency of lighting within Union-controlled spaces.
* Encourage students to be aware of their energy impact and how to improve their own personal environmental impact.
* NTSU resolves to monitor, where possible, its energy consumption in order to set annual targets for reduction.

**Purchasing**

* Environmental factors should play an important part in any purchasing process.
* Consider environmental impact and lifetime costs when assessing equipment and products for purchase.
* Ensure paper supply is accredited by the National Association of Paper Merchants (NAPM) as both made from recycled paper and recyclable, where possible.

**Transport**

* NTSU mini bus miles are tracked with trackers and log books. Nevertheless NTSU shall encourage and promote cycling, walking and public transport within the city, and raise awareness of the environmental impacts of various modes of transport.

**Waste Management and Recycling**

* NTSU resolves to avoid purchasing wasteful electrical appliances, such as patio heaters, fan heaters and electrical heaters unless in exceptional circumstances.

**Fairtrade**

* NTSU are committed to promoting, supporting and using Fairtrade.
* NTSU will strive to provide as many Fairtrade products as is achievable in all of our shops, venues, and catering outlets.
* Promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight and the Students’ Union Green Week.

NTSU House Service Manager (Colin Hutchinson)…………….……………..…………………………………….

NTSU Green Champion (Dan Gallagher) ...……………………………………..……………………………………

Date passed:

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.