



Common Grounds Café Ethical Purchasing Policy

At Common Grounds Café (CGC) we believe that any purchase we make should not simply be on the grounds of financial factors but must also take account of environmental and social factors. We recognise the importance of sustainable development especially for people living in poverty and as such commit to foster this where we can. We do this not only as responsible humans, but also as Christians - "Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." Isaiah 1:17

CGC recognise that in an ideal world an ethical purchasing policy would not be required because employment rights and treatment of the environment would be standard practice. Until that time it shall be a tenant of CGC policy, in its position as a part of the local community, to use and promote ethically sourced goods.

The purchasing policy of Common Ground Café shall be, by habit, to purchase goods or services with due consideration for the following factors appropriate.

- Purchase of products with ethical certification shall be given preference over those without. As a minimum it is envisaged this shall include all coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate and juice;
- Due regard to environmental factors (such as energy used in transport) shall be given in purchasing;
- By way of commitment to our local community products or services with local produce or content shall be considered generally preferable over those not;
- Suppliers shall be queried as to their own purchasing policies and Common Grounds Café shall seek to align supplies purchasing policies with those well fitted to our own;
- Where ethical certification is not available CGC shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure no unethical working practices have been employed in the production of the good (resources such as Ethical Consumer Group or Free2Work may assist);