

Sustainable Food Student Rep (RECRUITING CURRENTLY CLOSED)

The University of Kent is currently looking for student volunteers to assist the members of the Sustainable Food Steering Group in delivering the work done to achieve Fairtrade University Status and develop a sustainable food movement at the University. The successful applicants will work alongside representatives from Kent Hospitality, Kent Union and the University's Sustainability Team.

In the role you will:

- Assist the Steering Group in activities that maintain our Fairtrade accreditation
- Assist in the delivery and promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight and Sustainable Food events
- Be an active participant at Sustainable Food Steering Group meetings
- Promote Sustainable Food and Fairtrade through your social networks
- Fulfil secret shopper tasks across the University and Union outlets

This is a great opportunity to receive work experience in a professional environment and have input into the University's food offering. Sustainability and environmental issues are becoming more important as employers look for ways to improve their resourcefulness, cut costs, remain innovative and meet social expectations for corporate responsibility. The 'green' sector is one of few sectors that continues to grow in a period when the UK economy has been contracting. Gaining experience in this field will give the successful applicant an advantage when entering the job market in the future.

Successful Applicant will have:

- An enthusiasm for food!
- An interest in environmental, social and economic sustainability
- Good communication skills
- Time to fulfil the tasks involved with the role

Time commitment and benefits:

Students will need to attend a 1 hour introductory/training session. This will be coordinated with the successful applicants to ensure a convenient time.

Students will be required to attend at least 2 of the four steering groups meeting that occur quarterly on the following dates:

9th November 2017
 8th February 2018
 10th May 2018
 9th August 2018

Steering Groups are likely to last no more than 2 hours.

Students will need to commit 10 hours termly to the sustainable food project.

Students will receive money off vouchers for Kent Hospitality outlets to thank them for their time. As well as this students will gain the following key skills:

Key skills, knowledge and experience gained from this role:

- Experience of communicating using a variety of different means
- Teamwork
- Project management
- Insight into sustainable procurement & supply chains
- Knowledge of environmental management of catering and academic institutions

How to apply:

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~~Please email sustainability@kent.ac.uk with no more than 200 words as to why you would like to be involved in this project and what you could bring to the steering group by the 16th October. All applicants will be contacted after the 16th to inform them if they have been successful or not.~~