Anti-slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year 2015/16

Introduction

London Metropolitan University is committed to preventing acts of modern slavery and human trafficking from occurring within its business and supply chain, and imposes the same high standards on its suppliers.

This statement is made in accordance with section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes London Metropolitan University’s slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year commencing 1 August 2015 and ending 31 July 2016.

Structure of the organisation

London Metropolitan University is a UK based university. It employs 1,198 people and teaches 12,932 students. It primarily operates in the UK, but has partnership arrangements with education providers in the UK and overseas.

London Metropolitan University has a total income of £106.6 million. Further information regarding the University’s business and structure is available at http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/about/

Policies

As part of its commitment to combating modern slavery, the University has adopted an Anti-Slavery Policy, which is published on the University’s website at http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/about/policies/anti-slavery/

Due diligence and compliance

The University is a member of the London Universities Procurement Consortium (LUPC), which is a non-profit professional buying organisation. LUPC is a member of Procurement England Limited (PEL), these bodies have together published a shared Sustainability Policy, to which all PEL member consortia are committed. LUPC has also published its own Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement setting out its position with regard to modern slavery and human trafficking. The University also purchases via the APUC, NEUPC, SUPC, NWUPC consortia and via Crown Commercial Services, and which have also published their own Slavery and Human Trafficking Statements.

The University has developed standard contractual clauses which are being rolled out into its standard terms and conditions of supply, and which obliges suppliers to
adhere to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and to maintain records. The University does not tolerate slavery and human trafficking within its supply chains.

Further actions and sign-off

Following the actions taken this financial year to prevent slavery or human trafficking from occurring in its business or supply chains, the University shall review the operation of the Policy and other measures taken to combat slavery and human trafficking. The University will continue to review its contractual templates to address modern slavery where necessary.

Chair of the Board of Governors
London Metropolitan University
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