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# **LSBU Modern Slavery Statement 2018**

This statement has been published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. It sets out the steps taken by London South Bank University ("LSBU") during year ending 31 July 2018 to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains.

London South Bank University is one of London's largest and oldest universities. Since 1892, we've been providing vocationally-relevant, accredited and professionally recognised education. We're a cosmopolitan university with over 18,000 students drawn from over 130 countries. We've been awarded Silver for teaching excellence under the Government's Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and were the Times Higher Education's University of the Year for Graduate Employment 2019 for the second year running.

At LSBU we are committed to running our business responsibly. We strive to maintain high ethical principles and to respect human rights. This extends to encouraging high standards in our supply chain. LSBU is committed to procuring goods and services and employing people without causing harm to others, and remains committed to supporting the UK Government's National Action Plan, updated in May 2016 to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. In doing so, LSBU supports the Base Code of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI).

## Our Governance

The Sustainability Steering Group is responsible for the oversight, development and ongoing monitoring of the University environmental and sustainability policies and strategy, including Modern Slavery. It is led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer and its membership includes representation from Professional Service Groups (including Procurement and Sustainability teams), students and academics. LSBU's sustainability initiatives are developed through the 3C's approach, covering Campus, Curriculum and Community.



## Our Supply Chain

In 17/18 LSBU spent £6n0 million with 4,000 suppliers and their respective supply chains on a wide range of goods and services. Our high value supplier categories include Estates and building (including construction and maintenance), ICT hardware and software, temporary staff, cleaning, security, and catering, all of which LSBU deems as carrying material risk in terms of human rights. As reported in our previous statement, a number of Modern Slavery initiatives are in place, including London Living Wage accreditation, our Environmental and Ethical Sustainability Policy, Speak-up/Whistleblowing Policy, updated terms and conditions with Modern Slavery obligations, our Code of Ethics, and Electronics Watch affiliation.

In 17/18 The Board of Governors has endorsed LSBU being a signatory to 'The SDG Accord' for Higher Education, with a commitment to its Phase 1 criteria, including the embedding of Sustainable Development Goals across the University curriculum by 2020.

Modern slavery awareness and training initiatives were implemented, including Modern Slavery film screenings attended by SSG members, Procurement, Sustainability and Senior ICT team members. We also launched Higher Education Sector electronic Modern Slavery training on LSBU's in-house training platform, available to all staff.

More information on our approach to Sustainability and Responsible Procurement can be found on our web pages.

## **The future**

LSBU will continue to develop a better understanding of its supply chain and encourage greater transparency and responsibility towards people working within them. We will continue to review and work together to assess what steps need to be taken to prevent, monitor and mitigate the risks to human rights in our supply chains, with particular focus on high risk areas.

We will introduce KPIs to evaluate our progress. These will include training metrics, reports received of modern slavery in our supply chains, and the number of tenders with modern slavery incorporated into their evaluation process and specific clauses.

Training will be expanded to a wider group of key stakeholders, including high risk contract managers.

This statement was approved by LSBU's Board of Governors on 22 November 2018 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed

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**Dave Phoenix**

Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive  
London South Bank University