

Modern Slavery Statement 2021

Introduction

London South Bank University (“LSBU” or “the 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.

LSBU is one of London’s oldest universities. It has a rich history with strong educational roots dating back to 1892. The University as it is today was created in 1992.

This statement is made in accordance with section 54 (1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and sets out the steps taken by LSBU during the financial year ending 31 July 2019 and constitutes LSBU’s slavery and human trafficking statement.

LSBU is committed to running the organisation ethically, sustainably and responsibly. We strive to maintain high ethical principles and to respect human rights. We are committed to procuring goods and services and employing people without causing harm to others.

Structure of our organisation

London South Bank University is a UK based University. It employs approximately 2,000 staff and teaches over 17,000 students. It operates primarily in the UK but has partnership arrangements with providers of education in the UK and overseas. LSBU has a total income of approximately £190 million. Information regarding the University’s business and structure is available at <https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/about-us/people/governance>.

Our Governance



The Sustainability Steering Group is responsible for the oversight, development and ongoing monitoring of the University environmental and sustainability strategy and overall direction. Work within this area is reported to the University's Executive Committee.

Our spend categories and those that present risks of human rights abuses

The principal categories which the University deems as carrying significant risks are security, catering, cleaning, IT, laboratory consumables, uniforms and workwear. The University deems the corresponding source countries to be as follows:

Category	Country
Security and Reception services	United Kingdom
Catering services	United Kingdom
Cleaning services	United Kingdom
Laboratory consumables	Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan
IT Equipment*	East Asia, China, Eastern Europe, Mexico
Uniforms/Workwear	UK, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Bangladesh

*Due to the complexity of the IT supply chain the list of countries is not definitive and there are likely to be other countries where the equipment is manufactured.

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 which have also published their own Slavery and Human Trafficking Statements.

The University is an affiliate member of Electronics Watch. Electronics Watch is an independent monitoring organisation that assists public sector buyers to protect labour rights and improve working conditions for an estimated 18 million workers in their global electronic supply chains more effectively than any single public buyer sector could accomplish on its own.

The University procures IT equipment through the LUPC led national electronics framework agreement for Desktop and Notebook PCs, which includes model Electronics Watch contract clauses. The University affiliate membership allows the use of the same clauses, resources and information to work with suppliers to improve conditions for electronics workers globally.

Further actions and key goals for 2022

The University recognises that (i) the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union and (ii) its response to the Coronavirus pandemic continue to require new sources of supplies and equipment to be established. As a result, additional measures to develop confidence in new supply chain relationships have been developed and will continue to be required.

To supplement the actions taken this financial year to prevent slavery or human trafficking from occurring in its business or supply chains, the University will continue to review its approach to Anti-Slavery and consider further measures to combat modern slavery and trafficking.

The University reaffirms its commitment to improving its understanding of supply chains and to continue to develop processes and ways of working to identify categories where the risk of modern slavery or human trafficking may exist.

The University will continue to work with its partners (especially the LUPC) to gain experience of supply chain due diligence and mitigation of the risks to human rights in supply chains.

The University will ensure that senior managers responsible for higher risk spend categories and contracts receive Modern Slavery awareness training.

It will also continue to attend events and use available learning material produced especially for public procurement practitioners.

Approval

This statement was approved by LSBU's Board of Governors on 25 November 2021 and will be reviewed annually.



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