

## SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

### Introduction

Sheffield Hallam University is one of the biggest universities in the UK. With 31,000 students and a turnover of £287million, Sheffield Hallam as a civic university, has a key role to play in transforming lives, communities and the local economy.

Sheffield Hallam University supports the UK Government's Action Plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The university is actively following the "Preparing a Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement: Guidance for Higher Education" published in October 2018.

Sheffield Hallam University has four major routes through which it promotes its expectations in relation to human rights and trading decisions:

1. risk identification and relationship management of its supply chains
2. relationship enhancement with its international partner organisations
3. internal policy, process and activity development which reinforces our intolerance of trading activity which might impact on individuals' freedoms
4. support of student-led activities to minimise risks of trading where unethical practices persist

Sheffield Hallam University is a member of the North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC), accessing many of its procured solutions. NEUPC has a [responsible procurement action plan 2019](#) encompassing Modern Slavery.

The University's slavery and human trafficking statement has been reassessed and we now intend to develop specific responsible procurement policy of our own, as part of the revision of the Environmental Plan, to reinforce our adherence to Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

The key themes of the statement are:

- creating an ethical procurement policy
- updating the procurement plan
- raising awareness of the risks
- reassessing our risk priorities and targeting activity
- focusing upon contract management, supporting the supply chain to reduce opportunity for individuals' freedoms to be compromised
- improving cross-university reporting of effective change.