

Ethical Sourcing Policy



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Summary

Outline of Woodcraft Folk's approach to sourcing goods and services

Cost implications

Ethical suppliers may cost slightly more, and this will need to be balanced against the needs of the Woodcraft Folk branch. No branch should cease operations or limit its activities because of the suppliers it uses.

Full policy

Woodcraft Folk is committed to living out its educational work through its actions as well as its words. For this reason, we aspire to reach the following standards in our sourcing of goods and services:

- Wherever possible and practical WF will source food for its events from one of the following (in no order of preference)
 - The Co-operative Group
 - Other co-operative suppliers
 - Local independent farmers or suppliers
- Woodcraft Folk will endeavour wherever possible and practical to ensure that all food it sources is sustainably produced, bearing in mind recognized marks such as FairTrade™ and giving thought to other issues such as food miles, use of pesticides or herbicides or other relevant factors
- Woodcraft Folk will use ethical suppliers for Folk Supply merchandise wherever practical and possible
- Woodcraft Folk will, wherever practical and possible, source its financial, legal and other professional services from suppliers with a clear ethical policy
- Woodcraft Folk will endeavour not to use any suppliers whose activities would contravene its charitable objects as set out in the Constitution of Woodcraft Folk
- Woodcraft Folk will give preference, wherever practical and possible, to social enterprises, co-operatives or mutual societies when sourcing services or goods
- If Woodcraft Folk discovers that one of its suppliers has acted in unethically in its business dealings it will give due consideration to ceasing the relationship with that supplier.

In return for suppliers of goods and services meeting the above criteria Woodcraft Folk will:

- Pay all bills within the required invoice period
- Willingly recommend, or give references for, suppliers with whom it has a good working relationship
- Maintain a register of ethical suppliers available to any person, internal or external, who requests it

Policy History

January 2009: Policy approved by General Council