

Edge Hill University
Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement
Financial Year 2015-16

Status

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for the financial year ending 31 July 2016.

Modern slavery is a crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. It takes various forms, such as slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. All of which have in common the deprivation of a person's liberty by another in order to exploit them for personal or commercial gain.

We are committed to combatting slavery and human trafficking in our business practices.

Our organisational structure

We are a UK Higher Education Institution providing a wide range of teaching, research and related activities. Our main campus is based in Ormskirk, West Lancashire. We have 15,702 students registered on courses in the UK and overseas. We employ 2734 people and have an income of £128.127k for the financial year ending 31 July 2016.

More information about us and our activities is available here: <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/>

Our supply chains

Edge Hill University is actively engaged with its responsibilities under the Modern Slavery Act 2015. A briefing at the Value for Money and Procurement Group has raised awareness across faculties and departments, and we have engaged consultancy support from NETpositive Futures to consider our procurement processes. We remain committed to better understanding our supply chains, working towards greater transparency and responsibility towards the people working in them.

We will be using the NETpositive Supplier Engagement (HE) Tool to provide a single mechanism to engage contracted and non-contracted suppliers with issues of modern slavery and human trafficking. This Tool was developed by the North West Universities Purchasing Consortium, the University Caterers Organisation and the North Eastern Purchasing Consortia.

The Supplier Engagement (HE) Tool will enable us to:

- collect data on which of our suppliers is aware of, and engaged with, the responsibilities relating to modern slavery and human trafficking, as well as those which are not;
- offer support, guidance or training to our supply base and to share best practice between them;

- track the actions being taken, and, where required, the progress being made, by our supply chain in addressing aspects of modern slavery;
- have access to this information in real time; and
- build modern slavery into our contract management processes based on action plans developed by our suppliers.

Our effectiveness in combating slavery and human trafficking

The NETpositive Supplier Engagement (HE) Tool allows us to access data created by our suppliers to enable us to ascertain the percentage of our suppliers which have:

- been **made aware** that modern slavery is a consideration for their business;
- **acknowledged** modern slavery is a consideration for their business;
- **committed** to take action to address modern slavery in their business;
- **completed** actions which address modern slavery in their business; and
- set actions to **undertake training** on modern slavery.

The Tool will also provide examples shared by our suppliers about their activities in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking. The data from the Tool will enable us to differentiate responses by business type so we can identify progress in priority risk areas such as agriculture, construction, hospitality and manufacturing.

Further steps

We are committed to ensuring there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. As part of this commitment we intend to take the following further steps:

- develop a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy;
- develop guidance on slavery and human trafficking for internal purchasers; and
- develop training for key staff.

Edge Hill University
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