

# **NESTLE BOYCOTT POLICY**

## **PROBLEM/IDEA**

Nestle products were previously sold within Heriot Watt University Student Union. As a result of the first version of this policy several years ago, they are no longer sold at any Union outlet, however are continuing to be sold from other on-campus outlets.

This policy has been in place for several years and as of April 2024 the reasons for the policy shows no sign of slowing.

The Nestlé Corporation is the subject to many ongoing boycotts as of 04/2024;

- 1) [Baby Milk for Action \(IBFAN\)](#) (The worlds longest running boycott)
- 2) [Lakota People's Law Project](#)
- 3) [Many other smaller calls](#) to boycott due to many ongoing [scandals](#)

The Nestlé corporation are widely known for their [immoral](#) and [unethical](#) practises across the globe. Issues including:

- Workers' rights
- Exploiting farmers
- Union busting
- Human rights
- Extremely unethical business practise
- Unethical marketing of artificial baby milk
- Fraudulent labelling
- The Ethiopia scandal
- Severe environmental concerns
- Illegal extraction of groundwater
- Pollution
- Violations of Fair Trade

As a result some universities, colleges and schools have banned the sale of Nestlé products from their shops and vending machines in the period since the revelations.

## ***WHY SHOULD HWUNION DO IT?***

By continuing to boycott Nestlé products Heriot Watt University Student Union are:

- Supporting the calls to boycott from a range of groups
- Inspiring other universities and institutions to act responsibly on global issues.
- Attracting environmentally conscious students to the institution.  
Creating a more politically aware and conscientious environment for the students.

## ***WHAT SHOULD HWUNION DO?***

- Continue to implement a full boycott of all Nestlé products within Heriot Watt University Student Union.
- The Student Union will negotiate with on-campus retailers to stop selling Nestlé products and suggest alternative brands. In order to successfully create a Nestlé Free campus.
- Work to promote the boycott with other institutions and at NUS Scotland.