



Shaping Sustainable Universities

Together with *netzwerk n*

Who we are and what we do

netzwerk n is dedicated to initiating change at universities in line with the values of a social-ecological transformation. We work with the intention to transform the institutions in which we are active. To do this, we implement sustainability and climate protection in the structures, teaching, research, transfer and operations of universities.

ENABLING EMPOWERMENT AND NETWORKING

As a non-profit organisation predominantly made up of students, we create spaces in which we can support each other in our engagement. Our work is carried out in project teams, the managing committee and voluntary working groups. Here, we bring students and other stakeholders in the higher education landscape together and provide a platform for networking and exchanging knowledge and experiences.

GETTING INVOLVED TO HAVE A SAY

We elevate the voices of students in political debates. Be it through critical-constructive work in committees, through lectures and workshops or through participation in conferences and podium discussions – we are shaping the discourse around university transformation.



Our vision of a sustainable university

More and more people are choosing to study and are spending a formative time in their lives at university. These are places of teaching, learning and empowerment, but also places of active engagement. Universities are where the multipliers and decision-makers of the future study before they go on to impact all sectors of society. Sustainable education requires spaces where people both inside and outside the institution can engage in critical thinking and personal development. This makes it all the more important that universities see themselves as institutions that learn and as testing grounds for sustainable development; as places of research into the causes of social and ecological phenomena, where values are accepted and defined, and where transformative processes are shaped actively and participatively.



Formats and events – reconceptualising universities

The formats described here have been made possible through the project »Sustainable Universities – Think. Act. Change. Regionally supporting and networking young actors in the great transformation« funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) as part of the »Research for Sustainability (FONA)« strategy.

KONFERENZ N AND NETWORKING DAY

Get inspired, enthuse others, meet like-minded people and get involved in academic politics. To do this, we get together once a year for a conference called **konferenz n** with students and other stakeholders from universities and academic politics. The **Regional Networking Day** is an integral part of the two-day digital konferenz n. Networking events for student sustainability initiatives are held in ten regions in parallel – as transformation is easier together.

PERSPEKTIVE N

Looking for a series of discussions on sustainability at universities? Want to engage stakeholders from all academic ranks in the conversation?

perspektive n creates a space to address the current situation at a particular university, highlight opportunities for development and motivate the active players and decision-makers to take action together.



COACHING PROGRAMME

We offer you, the student sustainability initiative at your university, several months of supervision from two of our specially trained coaches. During the programme, you deepen your topic-related, methodological and strategic understanding of university transformation and work on your vision for a sustainable university. At the heart of the concept is a weekend together with our peripatetic Wandercoaches.

We accept applications – at the end of
summer and winter semester

Educational materials – tools for change for your sustainable university

All materials are available to download and order at netzwerk-n.org



Through **methode n**, we give you the tools you need to transform your university in line with the values of sustainable development. With the help of this collection of methods, you are well-equipped to hold your own workshops with groups and awaken enthusiasm for transformation.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE – GET INSPIRED



Courageous universities and strong initiatives are already showing us what the transformation of our universities can look like. **»Shaping Sustainable Universities«** documents examples of success from the action areas of teaching, governance, research, operations and transfer.



Our publication **»Sufficiency for Universities in Rural Areas«** shows how it is already possible to reduce resource consumption and show moderation.



Together with the VCD (Traffic Club Germany), we put together the brochure **»Sustainable Mobility at Universities«** to share the approaches taken by different universities and provide impetus for establishing sustainable mobility projects.

Get involved – become active



ONLINE-PLATTFORM

Using **plattform n** you can work together on projects and in virtual groups. Sustainability initiatives and projects as well as individuals organise over this open-source and green web hosting platform and use the digital tools to transform universities. This includes the forum for latest news, the messaging service *rocket.chat* and file storage, as well as tools for simultaneously working on documents, creating calendars, arranging dates and managing tasks.

WORKING GROUPS

We regularly come together in various working groups (AGs) and meet online to network, learn from each other and put projects into practice. The AGs are always run by two spokespersons for the duration of a semester. For an overview of our AGs and contact persons, please visit [our website](#).



Transforming universities together



Do you want to pursue issues related to the sustainable transformation of universities beyond your university and network with other people involved? Then get in touch with **netzwerk n** to exchange ideas and become active.

STAY UP TO DATE

You can find all the latest news from the world of university transformation on **plattform n**. And be sure to follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, or sign up to our newsletter.

SUPPORT US AND BECOME A MEMBER

To support the network long-term, **join our organisation!** And we are always delighted to receive donations and supporting memberships. Thank you for your support!

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