

Social Engagement - Summary

Collective effort is needed in order to achieve sustainability. For this to work, it is necessary to create an inclusive, safe, and just environment in which people can believe and support the cause. Three main areas have been identified which need to be addressed to achieve this.

Communication

The topic of communication is taken as how TU Delft communicates about the sustainability initiatives undertaken on campus. A [webpage](#) on the TU Delft website is dedicated for this very purpose, which brings to light various activities towards achieving sustainability in education, research, and operations of the university. GreenTU has its [own page](#) too, as well as making use of social media to share sustainability activities and updates.

Events and stakeholder engagement

Events are a way to bring people together. This helps in educating them about the need to work towards sustainability and related opportunities. It also provides a platform for new ideas to spread or emerge. Sustainability is of concern to everyone. Therefore, there is value in engaging students and employees with sustainable initiatives. Apart from GreenTU, a few organisations committed to this are:

1. [Energy Club](#)
2. [Center for Sustainability](#)
3. [Foodsharing Delft](#)
4. [Students4Sustainability](#)

Study associations like [Delft SEA](#) (of Sustainable Energy Technology) and [IESA Shift](#) (of Industrial Ecology) also work towards this goal. Apart from these, GreenTeams have been set up, which function as Green Offices on a faculty level. As of 2021, seven of the eight faculties have active GreenTeams.

These organisations organise workshops, lunch lectures, excursions and more. The annual **Day of Sustainability** is organised collaboratively with many of these. In the academic year 2019-2020, many events and initiatives have been taken up by GreenTU with the help of various collaborations. These include:

- a. **Secret Santa on Campus:** In collaboration with LDE-CfS and ISA, a christmas gift sharing of reused items had been organised.

- b. **No meat week at BK-Canteen:** In collaboration with the canteen at BK faculty, no meat products were offered for a week in March 2020 which received a positive response.
- c. **Recycling pilot:** A pilot started at BK faculty to improve the way in which TU Delft differentiates and recycles its waste.
- d. **Schools and Satellites lunch lecture:** A lunch lecture in collaboration with TU Delft library was held, where participants learned how to predict rainfall with AI and built a rain gauge of their own like the project **Schools and Satellites** in Ghana.
- e. **Zero Waste Challenge 2020:** Due to CoVID-19, the event had to be pushed online but was a success and interesting ideas about how to reduce waste in day to day life came to light from the participants.

Inclusion

It is necessary to make sure the opinions and needs of all the stakeholders are considered for sustainability to be a success. Being a global university, TU Delft addresses inclusion with the help of SDGs like **Quality education**, **Gender equality** and **Partnership for the goals**.

The Diversity and Inclusion Office at TU Delft strives to make sure policies are in place to create a diverse and equitable environment in terms of gender and culture background. TU Delft also has DEWIS, an organisation of women scientists who motivate more women to pursue and succeed in academia.