Nordic Sustainable Campus Network – NSCN

Vision
NSCN is a network for Nordic universities and higher education institutions. We aim at ever more sustainable universities in the Nordic countries. The goal is to strengthen the role of sustainable development in all university operations, the special emphasis being on

- campus greening and
- integrating sustainable development into all teaching and research.

In addition, we aim to get the universities' top management increasingly engaged in following the principles of sustainable development, to increase student engagement, and to change attitudes and behaviour at campuses in a more sustainable direction.

By striving together to achieve these goals, Nordic universities may act as encouraging examples of sustainable communities, and furthermore, strengthen Nordic visibility in global networks.

Background
Nordic universities in general are committed to integrating the principles of sustainable development into their core activities and operations. To support these activities and the sharing of experiences and after celebrating the Nordic Climate Festival 2011 together, Aalto University and the universities of Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo and Iceland established the NSCN network in January 2012.

NSCN is financially supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Activities
Our primary activity is expanding our network to reach sustainability experts from all Nordic universities. To share our experiences, we organise annual NSCN Seminars targeted at all university staff working with sustainability-related issues and students interested in the subject. We also participate in organising various seminars and events with our partners.

We participate in celebrating sustainability theme days at our member universities, such as World Environment Day and WWF’s Earth Hour, by organising campaigns and challenges, and also plan to organise summer schools and student exchanges to encourage and support students in pursuing a better future.

Organisation & members
NSCN has over 30 member universities representing all Nordic countries. At the moment there is no membership fee. NSCN has a coordinator responsible for the communications, member register and activities of the network. The core group of NSCN consists of the following members of the network:

- Meri Löytyniemi, Aalto University, chair
- Tomas R. Poulsen, University of Copenhagen
- Eddi Omrcen, University of Gothenburg
- Jorulf Silde, University of Oslo
- Sigurlaug I. Lövdahl, University of Iceland
- Teresia Sandberg, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Partners
We cooperate with national networks of sustainability and education, especially the Nordic Association of University Administrators, NUAS. Additionally, we emphasise outreaching and interaction with all actors of society related to sustainability. To enhance Nordic expertise on sustainability globally, we participate intensively in the activities of the International Sustainable Campus Network ISCN.

NSCN is welcoming new members
If your organisation wants to join the network, please send the name of your institution, contact persons’ e-mails (can be several), link to your website, and logo to:

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NSCN mailing list
If you are personally interested in following our activities, join our mailing list by sending a request to: meeri.karvinen@aalto.fi. The address of the list is: nscn@aalto.list.fi.

For additional information: www.nordicsustainablecampusnetwork.wordpress.com
www.aalto.fi/nscn