

Virksomhetsrapport 2014-2016

Gruppenavn: NUAS Sustainability

Medlemmer:

Group leader: Meri Löyttyniemi, Senior advisor for sustainability, Aalto University, Finland

Group members:

- Saana Raatikainen, Environmental coordinator, University of Tampere, Finland
- Tomas R. Poulsen, Team leader, Green campus, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
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- Lina Häckner, Environmental coordinator, KTH Royal Inst. of Techn., Sweden
- Sigurlaug I. Lövdahl, Office Manager, University of Iceland, Iceland
- Jorulf B. Silde, Project manager, University of Oslo, Norway
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Changes in group members during 2014-2016:

- 1.1.2016 Finland: Essi Römpötti, Environmental coordinator, Lappeenranta University of Technology → Saana Raatikainen, Environmental coordinator, University of Tampere
- 1.1.2016 Norway: Ottar Michelsen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology → Lars H. Aarø, Environmental coordinator, University of Bergen
- 1.10.2016 Sweden: Teresia Sandberg, Project manager, KTH Royal Institute of Technology → Lina Häckner, Environmental coordinator, KTH

In addition, as coordinator and project manager: Meeri Karvinen, Aalto University, Finland

Seminars/activities

- Group meetings:
 - 15 Video conferences during 2014-2015 (every 2-3 months)
 - 3 face-to-face meetings in Iceland 2014, Gothenburg 2015 and Oslo 2015
- Participation and input in NUAS meetings:
 - NUAS Generalförsamling and Board meeting 5.-7.11.2014 in Copenhagen. NUAS Sustainability presented its activities, project collaboration, NSCN as a network and initiatives for NUAS in the meeting
 - 2015: NSCN accepted as NUAS Sustainability
 - NUAS Board and Leaders' meeting in Copenhagen 9.-10.5. and 10.-11.5.2016. NSCN presented its activities and project collaboration in the meeting.
 - NUAS Board and Leaders' meeting in Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland 27.-28.10.2016, participation.
- Publications:
 - Implementing Rio+20 in Nordic Higher Education Institutions – a survey report nordicsustainablecampusnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/nscn_rio20surveyreport_final_11_2015.pdf

Nordic events organized by NUAS Sustainability:

2016

- Final conference of the SuLiTest project
 - Time: 27-28.10.2016
 - Place: University of the Faroe Islands
 - Title: Nordic sustainable universities conference
 - Target group: Sustainability professionals in Nordic universities, students, municipalities
 - Contents: Share knowledge on how to create a new campus that is socially and ecologically sustainable, how to influence students' learning outcomes on sustainability, and what opportunities can be found when universities collaborate with municipalities and companies.
 - Participants: 36
 - Men 55% / Women 45%
 - Institutions: 15 institutions: University of the Faroe Islands; University of Iceland; University of Bergen; NTNU; University of Gothenburg; Aalto University; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; Umeå university; Tórshavnar kommuna; Bústaðir; MAP arkitektur; Fróðskaparsetur Føroya; MMR; Independent; Landsverk
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Faroe Islands

- A Nordic course on sustainable urban development
 - Time: 9.-12.9.2016
 - Place: University of Gothenburg, Sweden
 - Title: The Nordic City Challenge
 - Target group: Nordic students representing multiple fields around sustainable urban development (city planning, urban ecology, sociology, design, geography etc.), Nordic teachers and lectures, city of Gothenburg.
 - Contents: An intensive 3 ECTS course with a pre-assignment, 3-days intensive period in 4 teams in Sweden, and a reflection task. The framework used in the course was social-ecological approach, and the students applied the approach in developing Lindholmen campus area as their case. Teachers represented various fields, and inspirational talks were given by Nordic professionals in the field. A jury, consisting of relevant stakeholders, evaluated the outcomes.
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 20 students, 8 organizers, 5 others = 33 in total
 - Students: Men 35% / Women 65%, others: 47% men / 53% women
 - Institutions: 8 Nordic universities; NTNU; University of Copenhagen; University of Iceland, Chalmers Univ. Of Technology; Uppsala University; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; University of Helsinki; Aalto University
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland

- Workshop on greener laboratories in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Time: 3.3.2016
 - Place: University of Copenhagen, Denmark
 - Title: Workshop on greener laboratories

- Target group: Lab coordinators, researchers, sustainability professionals and health and safety coordinators of Nordic universities
- Contents: The workshop aimed at discussing the key issues in managing labs, and sharing best practices in minimising laboratory energy use and environmental impact in practise.
- Participants:
 - Amount: 42
 - Men/Women: -
 - Institutions: -
 - Countries: Denmark

2015

- Final conference of the “Rio+20”- project 2014-2015 and the launching of the SuLiTest-project 2016.
 - Time: 12.-13.11.2015.
 - Place: University of Oslo, Norway
 - Title: Sustainability at Nordic universities – How are we doing and what should we do next?
 - Target group: Sustainability professionals, teachers and researchers interested in campus sustainability in Nordic universities + interested stakeholders
 - Contents: Publishing the results of the Rio+20 project and to analyze the project survey results even further. In the conference workshops the participants had the chance to plan how the results could be implemented in their own countries, in the Nordic region, and also globally.
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 52
 - Men 54%/ Women 46%
 - Institutions: 26 Nordic higher education institutions (HEIs), 1 international HEI and 6 stakeholders (Nordic Council of Ministers, NUAS, FEE Norway, Spira, UNEP, Tvergestein): University of Oslo; University of Agder; KEDGE Business School / SuLiTest; University of Halmstad; Lappeenranta University of Technology; NMBU, Høgsk. i Oslo; Framtiden i Våre Hender Oslo Studentlag; Studentparlamentet ved Universitetet i Bergen; FEE Norway; University of Helsinki/Centre for Environment; NTNU; The Student parliament at the University of Oslo; Tvergastein//Centre for Development and the Environment; Hamstad University; University of Bergen; University of the Faroe Islands; NUAS; Studentparlamentet UiO; Technical University of Denmark (DTU); (by video) UNEP/GUPES, Kenya; Spire; Aalto University; Nordic Council of Ministers NCM; Forum for Nature Protection NGO; Rodulf Steiner University College; Martti Ahtisaari Institute at Oulu Business School; University of Iceland; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; Norwegian University of Life Sciences; Södertörn University; University of Gothenburg
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Faroe Islands, France, Kenya
- A Nordic course on sustainable urban development

- Time: 26.-28.10.2015
 - Place: Swedish-Finnish Cultural Center Hanaholmen and Aalto University, Finland
 - Title: The Nordic Case Competition on Sustainable Urban Development
 - Target group: Nordic students representing multiple fields around sustainable urban development (city planning, urban ecology, sociology, design, geography etc.), Nordic teachers and lectures, Aalto University staff involved in campus development, city of Espoo and local inhabitants.
 - Contents: An intensive 3 ECTS course with a pre-assignment, 3-days intensive period in 5 teams in Finland, and a reflection task. The framework used in the course was social-ecological approach, and the students applied the approach in developing Otaniemi waterfront walkway as their case. Teachers represented various fields, and inspirational talks were given by Nordic professionals in the field. A jury, consisting of relevant stakeholders, evaluated the outcomes in an open award ceremony.
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 24 students, 9 organizers, 10 others = 43 in total
 - Students: Men 46% / Women 54%, others: 32% men / 68% women
 - Institutions: 9 Nordic universities; University of Oslo; Technical University of Denmark DTU; University of Iceland, Chalmers Univ. Of Technology; Stockholm Resilience Center; Uppsala University; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; University of Helsinki; Aalto University
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland
- Gothenburg workshop on sustainability measuring and reporting
 - Time: 20.-21.5.2015
 - Place: University of Gothenburg, Sweden
 - Title: If you can't measure it, you can't manage it – is this true?
 - Target group: Sustainability professionals, teachers and researchers involved or interested in sustainability measuring and reporting in Nordic universities + interested stakeholders
 - Contents: Sharing good practices on sustainability indicators, evaluating the results from the HEI sustainability survey regarding measurement, looking at sustainability criteria for course labelling, looking at how social sustainability might be measured, discussing solid connections between targets and indicators.
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 27
 - Men 41% / Women 59%
 - Institutions: 13 Nordic institutions + 1 international: Aalto University; Chalmers University of Technology; CSR Västsverige; Högskolan i Borås; Kristianstad University; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; Lappeenranta Uni. of Technology; University of Copenhagen; University of Gothenburg; University of Iceland; University of Oslo; University West; Nordic Council of Ministers; University of Zagreb
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Croatia

2014

- Workshop on sustainability steering mechanisms in universities

- Time: 22.-24.10.2014
 - Place: University of Copenhagen, Denmark. KU organising the conference with other IARU (Intl Alliance of Research Universities) members
 - Title: Making Universities Sustainable Conference MUSC / NSCN Workshop on steering sustainability in universities
 - Contents: The workshop was arranged as a part of MUSC conference. The attendees discussed the level of sustainability integration in their universities, the steering of sustainability-related issues, and brainstormed how we could overcome the obstacles that hinder universities to implement sustainable development more efficiently.
 - Participants: 24
 - Amount: 24
 - Men 67% / Women 33%
 - Institutions: 14 HEIs: Ghent University, Aalborg University; Technical University of Denmark, DTU; University of Copenhagen; Aalto University, Lappeenranta University of Technology; HFT Stuttgart; Oslo College University; University of Oslo; National University of Singapore; KTH Royal Institute of Technology; Lund University; University of Gothenburg; Cornell University
 - Countries: Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany, Belgium, USA, Singapore
- NUAS Facilities and Environment conference in Finland, NSCN co-organised the event
 - Time: 24.-26.8.2014
 - Place: University of Helsinki and Aalto University, Espoo
 - Title: CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT, *From Outside to Inside, from Present to Future*
 - Contents: The goal of the conference was to get insights to campus development in different scales: 1st day at Univ. of Helsinki was dedicated for urban sustainable campus development and future, the 2nd day in Otaniemi campus of Aalto University was more about learning environment solutions, sustainability and future.
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 135
 - Men / Women -
 - Institutions from all Nordic countries
 - Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland
- Seminar in Iceland
 - Time: 27.-28.2.2014
 - Place: University of Iceland
 - Title: Rio+20 project launch seminar
 - Contents: Workshop on the Rio+20 project 2014-2015 activities, agreements and responsibilities, and sharing practices on sustainability work at Nordic universities
 - Participants:
 - Amount: 10
 - Men 40% / Women 60%

- Institutions: 6 Nordic HEIs: Aalto University, Lappeenranta University of Technology, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, University of Gothenburg, University of Oslo, University of Copenhagen, University of Iceland
- Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland

Other remarks

- Development: NUAS sustainability has an own website with an active blog, where all member institutions can share their best practices and cases. An own flyer was created in 2014 and updated in 2016. nordicsustainablecampusnetwork.wordpress.com
- Discussions going on: Communications (Facebook) and developing new projects (contributing to NCM Agenda 2030 Program in 2017? Supporting and implementing Sustainable Development Goals? Continuing with SuLiTest? Nordic Green Gown Awards? Rapid Response Team in conjunction with Global Education Alliance?). Collaboration with the other NUAS groups and contributing to NUAS events like direktörmöte May´18 and storsamling Aug´19.
- Outreach: NUAS Sustainability has contributed to the following events by representing the network, presenting its work or distributing its flyer:
 - 19.-21.3.2014 IAU International Conference 2014 in Peru / participation
 - 1.-4.6.2014 ISCN Conference 2014 in Massachusetts, Cambridge /presentation
 - 16.-18.6.2014 Gronen Conference 2014 in Finland / participation
 - 13.-15.8.2014 ISEE Conference 2014 in Iceland / flyer distribution
 - 25.-27.2.2015 International Symposium on Northern Development in Quebec, Canada / presentation
 - 17.-19.6.2015 ISCN Conference 2015 in Hong Kong / presentation
 - 28.6.-2.7.2015 World Environmental Education Conference WEEC2015 in Gothenburg, Sweden / presentation
 - Autumn 2015 EAUC, UK & Ireland Green Gown Awards, NSCN jury representative
 - 13.-16.6.2016 ISCN Conference 2016 in Siena, Italy / participation
 - 14.-16.9.2016 World sustainability summit for universities WSSD-U conference in Massachusetts Institution of Technology MIT / presentation
 - Autumn 2016 EAUC, UK & Ireland Green Gown Awards, NSCN jury representative
 - 22.-23.11.2016 Nordregio Forum, Helsinki, Finland / poster
 - 29.11.2016 Dialogue meeting on Nordic Cooperation in response to the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Helsinki, Finland / participation by invitation

NSCN webpages: nordicsustainablecampusnetwork.wordpress.com

NUAS Sustainability: www.nuas.org/sustainability