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Dear Sustainability Community,

Have you ever wondered how the COVID-19 pandemic influences our ecosystem and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals? How does the pandemic impact the Energy Transition, and what does the European Green Deal have to do with saving our planet?

Well, if you're curious and want to know more, this newsletter will provide you with interesting information about upcoming events and sustainability initiatives on campus! Join other students and staff in discussions about the future of sustainable development at the UT and abroad!

Stay tuned for more!

SHARE THE SUBSCRIPTION LINK HERE!

Do you have someone in mind who would also be interested in reading the latest sustainability news?



NEWS



Sustainability Series kicked off successfully!

After an exciting interactive discussion about the European Green Deal, we are happy to announce the topic for the next two events of the Sustainability Series, taking place in April: **Energy Transition!** Even if you've missed the start of the series, we look forward to hearing YOUR VOICE in the next discussions!

[News: Sustainability Series](#)



Future of Energy - Lunch Lecture April 6th

How has COVID impacted the pace of the transition?

What will the role of hydrogen be, or synthetic indeed hydrocarbon fuels?

Explore the Future of Energy with Deloitte experts and the various pathways it may take. The **Centre for Energy Innovation** will share how to tackle their clients' toughest questions and give their perspective on some of the latest developments.

[News: Register for the event](#)



Cleantech Battle 2021

Are you an MBO, HBO or WO student from the Eastern Netherlands and have you worked on an issue in the field of clean technology? Then register for the Cleantech Battle 2021. Submit a report on your sustainability issue, whether it concerns a research report, final exam, internship report or study assignment. This way you can compete for the main prize of 3000 euros!

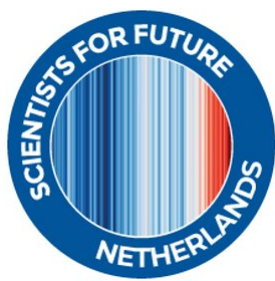
[News: Register before May 25](#)



Campus app offers new features

From now on, the Campus app guides you to the **closest water tap** and **e-bike charging facilities**. As a student at the University of Twente, the app also shows you your timetable and information about current events. Even in times of COVID-19, the app allows you to explore the campus, see and join upcoming virtual events or post on the message board.

[News: CampusApp](#)



Fossil fuel pension or not? Please fill in the survey!

Scientists for Future NL is doing a survey to find out about university student and staff's views on pension funds' investments in fossil fuels.

[News: Survey on university pension fund](#)

DRUM ROLLS FOR..."SHAPING EXPERT GROUPS"

This section presents different sustainability stakeholders at the UT, this time Dr. Hasib Mustafa from the [Shaping Expert Group \(SEG\) Sustainability](#).

Please, introduce your group!

"Shaping Expert Groups (SEG) were formed to interweave various initiatives and different expertise for realizing the [Shaping 2030 vision of contributing to a fair, sustainable and digital society](#). Sustainability is not a new concept for UT, and many projects and initiatives have been realized, as well as, are ongoing within our educational, research, valorization, organizational and campus activities. However, lack of coverage of the current state-of-art of sustainability in UT is one of the biggest impediments to manage our sustainability transition properly at various levels so that we remain in sync and are able to reach out. The role of this SEG is to create a setting to realize ideas, establish missing links, be a platform to bring ideas together, share results and inspire others both internally and externally – in pursuance of the ambitious goal of becoming the most sustainable university in the world."

Sustainable transformation is a long process, if you could make one change overnight, what would that be?

"It would be to **bring sustainability in the DNA of all students, faculty and staffs** because after all, sustainability is about awareness, a conscious choice making in a world where unsustainable ways of living have become the biggest threat to humanity."

And who gets nominated for the next edition?

["Center for Energy Innovations"](#)

TREE PLANTING AT KENNISPARK

21 entrepreneurs have planted their own tree along the [Innovation Path at Kennispark](#). As a community member with a green heart, **Green Hub Twente sponsored a tree** and GH Coordinator Alex Baker-Friesen did the first shovel in the ground himself. In addition to the CO2 that the trees absorb, they also have a cooling and water-saving function. Besides, the first insect hotel was also installed. It is of

vital importance for insects, they provide much-needed pollination for flowers and plants.



Thanks for caring about the environment by staying tuned about sustainability at our University!

Yours, [Green Hub Twente](#)

**Clarification regarding the Newsletter Edition 02/2021: The temperature difference of 41°C mentioned in the last newsletter's introduction was in reference to the day time - night time temperature differential measured within two weeks. Our intention was to emphasise climatic disruptions. Sorry ☐



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