This spring oikos Copenhagen took upon themselves to host the International Chapter Conference (ICC) at their local university. The ICC was made part of Green Week - the annual flagship project of the local chapter, bringing in 24 students from the oikos Community, representing 9 chapters along with a number of local students.

highlighting impact in LIVING

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to host a Legislative Meeting onsite again!

Onsite events are crucial to keep our community together and create long-lasting connections; start early with planning and communicating about onsite events.

Increase the number of participants and have as many chapters as possible onsite during the conference in St. Gallen in fall.
The oikos Community Impact Contest is a participatory, fun and engaging way to invite our chapters to showcase and celebrate their projects. While celebrating each other’s work, this provides a platform to learn, exchange and get inspired within & beyond the oikos community. Following the voting, 3 projects were specifically supported and highlighted by the community.

impact in numbers

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achievements

6 chapters participated with 13 projects, twice as much as last year. We were impressed by the quality of the entries. After over 100 votes (40% more than in 2022), 3 winning projects were celebrated and they are featured in this report below.

learnings

Our chapters submitted amazing and diverse projects they developed at their local level. With the Impact Contest we mainly aim to highlight local initiatives to the global community and celebrate their achievements while inspiring other chapters.

future

We will definitely organize a third edition of the Contest, following the growing interest with an increasing number of participation and votes and continue supporting great work of oikos local chapters.

One of the winners of our Community Impact Contest, GreenMap project by oikos St. Andrews is an initiative spearheaded by student changemakers driving action and innovation towards sustainability. Through GreenMap, various local businesses, the university, and nonprofits alike have a platform for networking and exchanging on green and socially inclusive practices.

oikos St. Andrews
GreenMap

achievements

Gathering a diverse team and meeting with town’s local business, it evolved into a real life platform and a force for making an active difference in our community while promoting sustainable and inclusive practices.

learnings

Setting up a sustainable leadership structure to govern the platform, ensuring the project’s future.

future

The aim is to make the platform an independent entity all under the facilitation of oikos St. Andrews to continue well into the long term, forever putting St Andrews, and its efforts towards sustainability, on the maps of change agents everywhere.
The chapter LEAP hosted by oikos Graz started in February of this year with a total of 15 participants taking part. Over the course of the program, it hosted 5 workshop sessions on specific skills based on the choices and the needs of participants themselves.

**Impact in numbers**
- 15 participants
- 5 sessions

**Achievements**
Hosting 5 workshops, along with the opening and closing sessions, giving participants an active role in shaping the program.

**Learnings**
Adapting the program to the needs of participants through an anonymous voting system where they express their interests and needs.

**Future**
Participants will receive certificates for successfully completing the program. GreenWeek 2023 shaped around green skills taught in the chapter LEAP.

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oikos Warsaw wrote the Students for Sustainability Journal in both Polish and English making it easily accessible to both local and international students. It is a combined work of numerous members of the local chapter, which in its first edition reached over 1000 views, garnering positive feedback.

**Impact in numbers**
- 1000+ reads

**Achievements**
The initiative received a very good response; it received several positive feedback from a number of sources, including the local university; the first edition of the journal has received more than 1000 hits.

**Learnings**
High engagement and good feedbacks from the local university; the importance of a corporate partner who supported the chapter giving credibility and good reputation to the journal.

**Future**
More issues of the journal are on their way with exciting new contributors.
oikos AGORA is a community gathering format with a total of 5 sessions hosted. Each session addressed different topics chosen by their respective hosts. It proved to be a useful platform both for hosts eager to share their knowledge and experiences, but also for our Community members as an opportunity to take on a unique perspective and learn more about specific subjects.

**LEAP YOUth**

Our flagship leadership program - LEAP YOUth has kicked off the 2023 cohort in March with an online meeting, along with another, onsite meeting taking place in Cologne, on 23-26 March. A total of 37 participants from 20 countries are taking on their responsible leadership journeys within the cohort, supported by the voluntary work of 29 LEAP alumni and 24 professional coaches.

**Achievements:**
2023 cohort kick-off; onsite meeting in Cologne; peer groups formed; explored the 'thinking' IDG dimension.

**Learnings:**
The value of onsite kick-offs for participants’ engagement & peer group dynamic; a drop in webinar & workshop attendance;

**Future:**
Reassessing the commitment; Onsite Mid-Term Meeting funding & preparations; Finishing the first phase of recruitment.
LEAP Researchers

LEAP Researchers started its third cohort in March of this year with 17 participants taking part. Over the past three months, the program supported evolution of their personal development and competencies.

Achievements:
Building teaching competencies to work with, motivate and support students; development of new courses where sustainability plays a crucial role; developing participants empathy, listening, setting own boundaries, managing conflicts, knowledge of own strengths and their application on personal and professional life; empowering intellectual courage and confidence; new researcher and teaching collaboration with St. Gallen University.

Learnings:
International collaborations and financial support are absolutely crucial for running the next LEAP Researchers edition in 2024.

Future:
Building the oikos LEAP Researchers community with alumni gathering planned in fall; exploring collaborations with PRME i5, UNITAR, 4EU+.

Transforming Education Squad

The TE squad has fostered a culture of critical thinking and social awareness among oikos chapters. Four chapters are regularly actively engaging, with 4 more ready to commit over the upcoming months.

Achievements:
Successfully fostered a culture of critical thinking & social awareness among chapters; created spaces for meaningful dialogue, knowledge exchange, and personal growth; 2 chapters participated in faculty and student dialogue; additional 4 chapters actively participating.

Learnings:
Individual chapter check-ins support in bringing chapters to attend TE Squad meetup; attract chapters with interesting topics and speakers; networking with chapters during ICC and other chapter conference help build rapport with chapters; challenges in maintaining consistency in chapters attendance

Future:
Role play activities; workshops on proposal writing; consistently engaging chapters; consistency in chapter attendance; aim to reach 2 new chapters every month.

oikos CAMP

The oikos CAMP Team has been hard at work recruiting teams created around projects aiming to transform education, along with finding partners to support the realization of the project. With many things in place, the team is looking forward to oikos CAMP happening in August. With some more preparatory work on the way, the team faced challenges in terms of students commitment due to time constraints as well as securing enough funding for the project.
This spring the squad had hosted 4 online events on Sustainable Finance, which featured prominent speakers from the industry, with engagement from and average of around 10 participants per each session.

**Achievements:**
Hosted online events on topics of Sustainable Finance: The World Bank and impact, biodiversity in finance, violation tracker and personal finances

**Learnings:**
The demand for sustainable finance learning continues to grow and we need to find new partners to support our work. We are looking for financial support for the work we do to provide the community with access to and learnings of sustainable finance, ESG, and impact investing.

**Future:**
At oikos Camp the Sustainable Finance Squad will be gathering to work on spreading the work we’ve done together to other oikos chapters and invite them to participate in future events.
Information Flow

Our IT and Communications teams are actively making information about oikos work, projects, opportunities and impact more accessible to, oikos Community and the wider audience. Over the past 3 months we have made internal communication more efficient and easier, while externally have focused on sharing more engaging content with over 6.7% average engagement rate across all social media.

Achievements:
Improved internal coordination and communication which allowed for more effective support for oikos initiatives, fundraising efforts and our partners’ visibility. Content has been diversified, made more engaging and better presenting our impact.

Learning:
The team grew in terms of managing and coordinating activities. The necessity of a more proactive approach with other oikos initiatives showed to be the key element in overcoming the challenges of internal coordination.

Future:
A set goal for further diversifying social media content and maintaining good engagement. More space provided for support oikos International projects and initiatives, along with addressing local oikos chapters needs.

Behind the impact

The impact oikos creates as an international organization and as a global student network would not be possible without the kind support of our financial partners and individual donors.

Over the past three months oikos enjoyed financial support from:

How you can support oikos work and impact

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