

oikos Kit

Alumni



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Who are oikos alumni?

An alumnus or alumna is a former oikos member still motivated by the same values which are summed up in the following sentence: 'oikos strengthens action competence for sustainability amongst decision makers.'

oikos alumni are these decision makers, with competences for sustainable development. They are those who try to:

- increase awareness for sustainability opportunities and challenges;
- foster their ability not only to analyse long-term economic, environmental and social trends, but also implement sustainability-driven innovation;
- create institutional support for these learning processes through the integration of sustainability issues in, amongst others, research and teaching at faculties of economics and management.

oikos alumni are active across the world in business, government, NGOs and academia. Their common history and interest in sustainability provides a bond that lasts long beyond their university years. It also offers a platform to engage in joint projects. Furthermore, it allows our student members to tap into a rich pool of knowledge and passion for sustainability and oikos projects around the globe.



oikos alumni event in Paris, 2013

What are the advantages?

Being part of the oikos network offers plenty of opportunities!

LEARN AND DEVELOP YOUR CAREER

- **Join the [oikos alumni LinkedIn Group](#)**
Find and share career opportunities.

- **Learning Circles**
Open for both members and alumni, a Learning Circle is a highly interactive, participatory structure for organizing group work within a subject area. The Learning Circle gives the oikos community the opportunity to map the landscape of a specific topic, get in touch with external experts and systematically spread the knowledge in our network. Here are our current Learning Circle topics: *Economics, Energy, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain (Fashion), Finance, and Participatory Learning*. More info and registration [here](#).

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

- ***Subscribe and give a testimony for the [monthly newsletter](#):***
If you are willing to share an experience or achievement with the community, please let us know and write a '30 seconds with'- Portrait for our newsletter.
Inspire the community by sharing your path!

- ***Become a speaker in oikos conferences and events***
Let us know which field you work in and your topic of interest (see contact below). We will contact you whenever a conference on your topic is staged.

- ***Be an oikos local advisor***
Share your knowledge, establish contacts and help oikos chapters to identify effective leverage points to pursue the oikos mission!

- ***Be a mentor of oikos members***
Enable them to maximize their potential!

CONNECT WITH OTHER ALUMNI

- **Join [the oikos alumni Facebook group](#)**

Share opportunities and keep updated about our events.

- **Local and international meetings dedicated to the alumni:**

- o oikos alumni get-together in several cities (Paris, London, Zurich, Warsaw, Berlin, Lausanne, Munich and others)
- o [oikos Alumni Debates](#) and Alumni Debates Online: platforms to bring different oikos alumni generations together to discuss topics that they are passionate about.

- **Become an [oikos Ambassador](#)**

Be responsible for the alumni living in your region and work in international project teams, like the Mentorship Programme or oikos Alumni Debates Online. Help start an oikos Chapters in your region! Participate in bi-monthly calls and get to know the community.

- **Join the two international meetings for all oikos members and alumni**

FutureLab (in November) and Spring Meeting (in March/April).

- **Join the [Alumni Intranet on Podio](#) and stay up to date with Alumni activities**

Exchange ideas, news and contacts on the Alumni Workspace online.



oikos Alumni Debates in Zurich, 2013

What do they say?

“oikos never stopped impacting my path. Through oikos I became involved with swisscleantech, the Swiss business association of the Green Economy, where I wrote my bachelor thesis. Then oikos introduced me to another employer: Accenture's Sustainability consulting group. At the moment I am pursuing a double Master's degree at the University of Mannheim and NHH in Bergen, Norway. I first heard of the program at the oikos Winter School in Witten.

By now I have found my personal lever to change businesses to the better: sustainability ratings. Their recommendations already influence investments worth billions and they will hopefully incentivize more sustainable business practices through many more investments in the future. Let's hope they will do a good job! I research into sustainability rankings in my Master's thesis - again - it was oikos that impacted my thesis.

The oikos Finance Initiative was a perfect fit and a great place to find peers. When I heard about the corresponding Learning Circle on Finance, joining it was a no-brainer. There is one on Entrepreneurship, Finance, Energy, Management, Economics and Supply Chain (Fashion). If you are interested in any of these topics, make sure to join one as I did.” **Yannic Steffan, alumnus of oikos St. Gallen**

“I would like to encourage each and every one of you to engage in oikos' international bodies such as the EB and cross-chapter project teams. Apart from the impact you may yield with your engagement and the friendships you may develop with like-minded internationals as you are, via conference calls and face-à-face discussions in cross-cultural working groups you will prepare yourself for a career in an international working environment. Take these chances!” **Eike Haas, Former oikos Executive Board Member and Winner of the University Meets Microfinance (UMM) Master Thesis Award 2014**

Help us to improve the alumni network!

We have prepared a survey to gather your feedback and collect ideas and suggestions on how to serve you better in the future. Your ideas, remarks and questions are very important to us, so please take a few minutes to answer our questions. Click on the following [link](#) to start the survey.

Contact

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Sanober and/or Adrian.

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