

## SOS-International June-July 2023 Members' update

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### Membership and governance

#### Welcoming the new SOS-International presidency!

We are happy to announce the **All-Africa Student Union (AASU)** and their Secretary General **Peter Kwasi Kodjie** as the newly appointed president for SOS-International! During our General Assembly of 30 May the new presidency was officially approved. This means, our chairperson Jacob Blasius of DSF Denmark is handing over the torch. We want to thank Jacob and DSF for their tireless commitment to the organisation, and give a warm welcome to Peter and the whole AASU!

At the end of June, our Managing Director, Meg Baker, was able to take part in **AMACE, AASU's Art Music and Cultural Event 2023** at the end of June. It was a great opportunity to build this partnership and begin our journey in exploring how we can ensure SOS-International is representative and works inclusively with those most affected but least responsible for the climate and ecological crises. You can read more about her reflections [here](#).



### SOS International Sustainability Summit 2023 - 2 November to 4 November

This Autumn (**Thursday 2 November till Saturday 4 November 2023**) SOS-international, together with **StudentenVoorMorgen**, is hosting an **international Sustainability Summit!**

You can join online or in Enschede!

For the first time the Summit will have a wider reach than our Green Offices: all SOS-members as well as our partner organizations are invited!

Would you and your organization like to be part of it and provide a workshop? Great! email: [tobias@sos.earth](mailto:tobias@sos.earth). Would you like to help us out with the organization? Amazing! You can sign up [here](#).



## Fossil Free Pride – presentation by Ria Patel

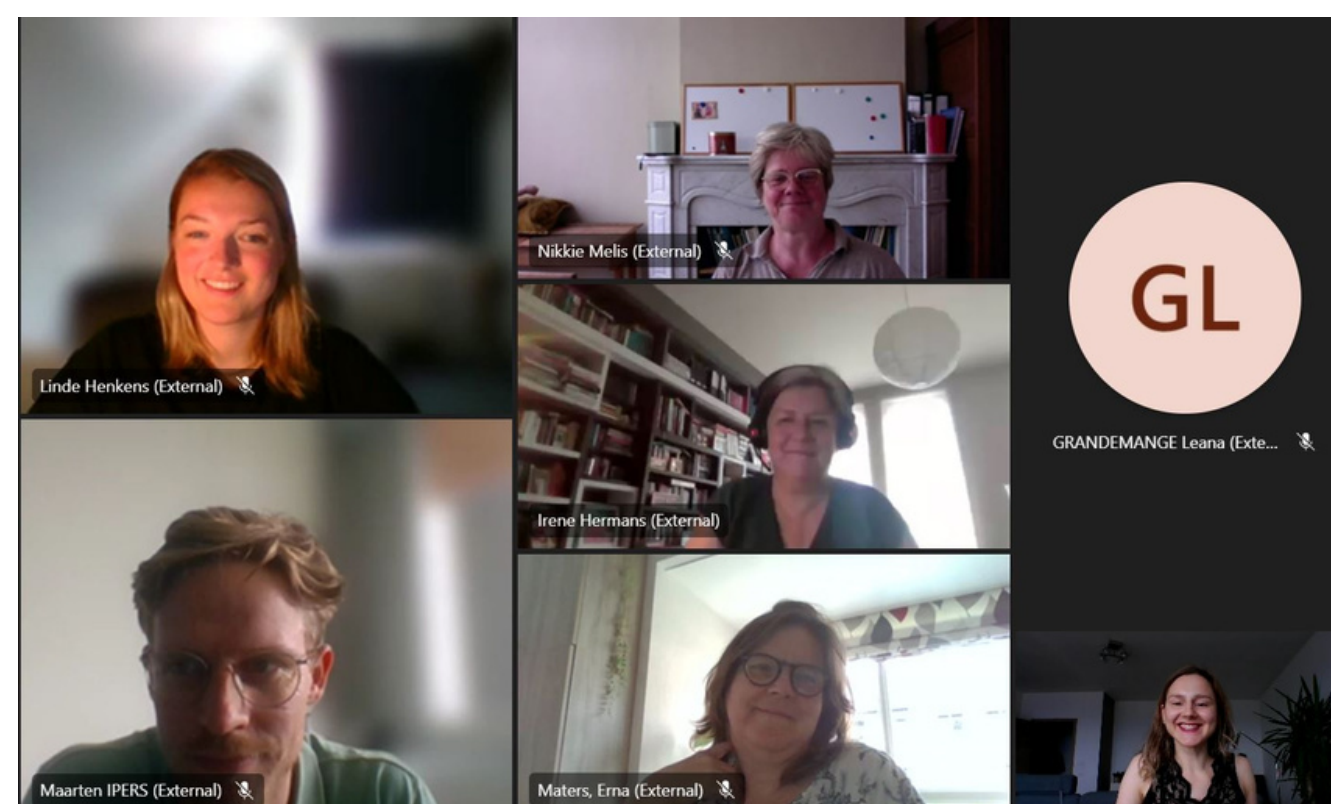
One of the benefits of being hosted by SOS-UK, is that we can join their Liberation Learning Groups. In light of Pride month, Ria Patel from **Fossil Free Pride** introduced us to how LGBTQIA+ rights and climate justice are intertwined. It is their mission to work towards a future where no Prides accept sponsorships from fossil fuel companies or the banks that fund them. It was very insightful, inspiring and interesting! She shared some great links, including [this map](#) with information about gender diversity in cultures all over the world.



## Green Impact news

This edition of the Green Impact program is coming to an end. The 7 participating institutions have all been audited by trained students, and we celebrated the achievements of no less than **2029 actions completed by 43 teams!**

Furthermore, on the 28th of June, we had our very first **Green Impact Coordinators Exchange Call**, where Green Impact coordinators at our partnering institutions came together. They discussed best practices and came up with solutions to continue working towards relevant and appealing toolkit actions, improve external promotion of the program and ensuring a smooth internal communication.



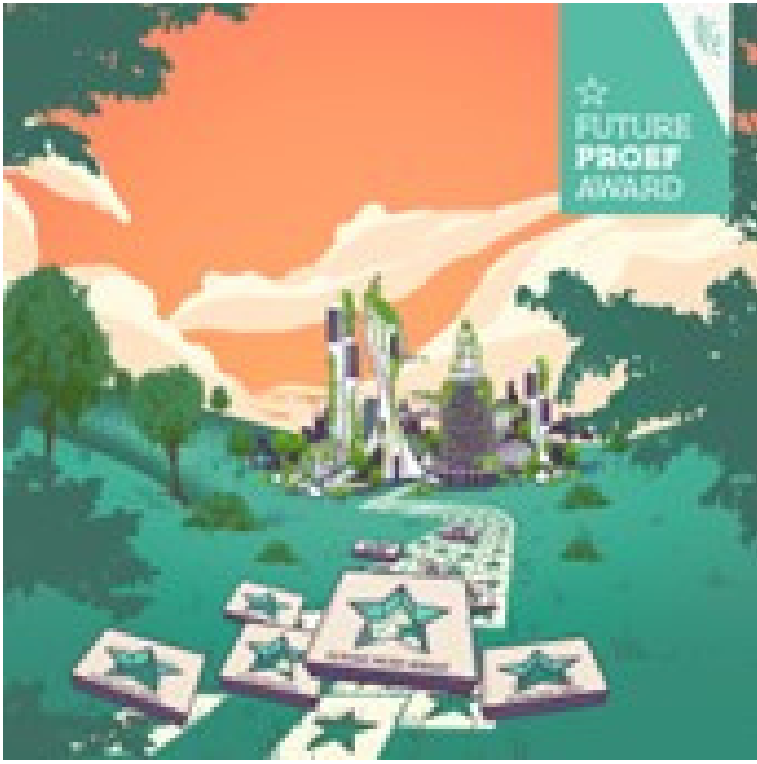
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## Green Office news

The Green Office Movement is ever increasing and spreading all over the world. With our new SOS-international president from the All-African Student Union (AASU), our GOM Ambassadors from all over the world and our upcoming hybrid summit, we hope that this trend can expand in the future. We are very grateful for the opportunity to learn from the wisdom and experience of sustainability practices all over the world. Furthermore, we hope to support the newer parts of the GOM Community with our experience and good practices.

An example of a great project that is ready to be expanded internationally, is the **Sustainabul**, a yearly ranking of higher institutions on their sustainability.





Another interesting new project to copy to other places, is the **Futureproof** Thesis price, a newly launched price for sustainable theses. Students in Flanders (Belgium) can now get more exposure and win a price with their sustainability research!

To connect the people that have been active in Green Offices, and to be able to retain knowledge and experience in the network, we have relaunched the **Alumni Network!** You can find more information on it [here](#).

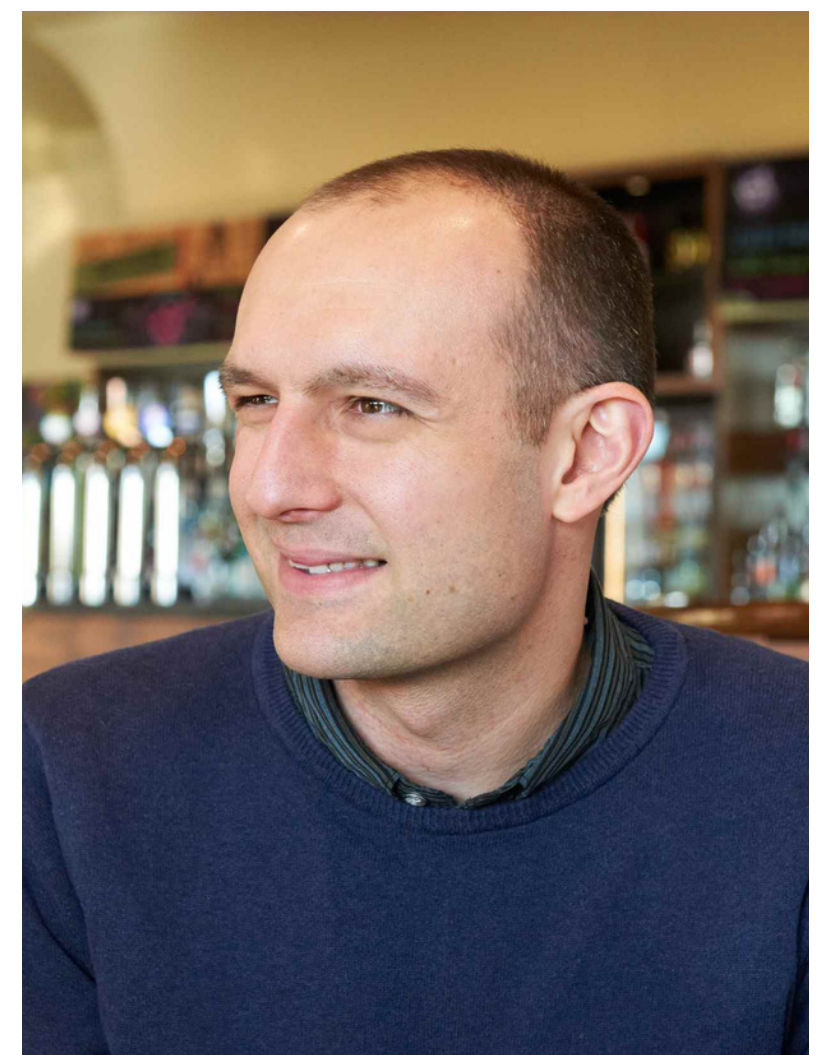
Would you like to set up a Green Office in your country or are you curious whether there are GOM Ambassadors in your country? Get in contact with us ([maartje@sos.earth](mailto:maartje@sos.earth)) or sign up [here](#)!



## Meet the Board

Every newsletter edition, we introduce one of our SOS International board members and their role within the organisation. This week: our **CEO ad interim, Jamie Agombar**.

“I was involved in the founding of SOS-International in 2018, when three national union of students (in Denmark, Ireland and the UK) agreed to work in close cooperation no progress sustainability work. Below is a photo from the launch event at the NOMS conference, of Nordic NUS’s, in April 2019. Our founding vision was a student movement that collaborates on sustainability across borders, so we can all go further and faster with our crucial work tackling the climate emergency. My day job at that time was Head of Sustainability at NUS-UK, but since then we have spun our department off into a new charity, SOS-UK. SOS-UK has recently taken over the hosting of SOS-International from the Danish NUS, so I am now more involved in overseeing the day to day running of SOS-International. I also attend SOS-International board meetings.”



- **Jamie Agombar, Board member**

