

# SOS-International

## Sept-Oct 2023 Members' update



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SUSTAINABILITY  
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## SOS-International Summit 2024

Green Offices, SOS-International members, and friends... We are coming together to support each other on our journeys towards sustainability in our higher education institutions. Are you organising for sustainability at your university? Do you want to? This summit is for you!

**14th-16th March 2024 ~ Enschede, the Netherlands**

**Travelling from crisis to perspective:**

**A holistic journey for sustainability**

Wherever you find yourself on your journey - more on the crisis end of the spectrum, edging closer to perspective or fluctuating somewhere in-between - you are not alone! Over 3 days at U-Twente in the Netherlands, we invite you to share, learn and connect with other members of SOS-International: students, university staff, partner organisations, and keynote speakers. We hope that we will all come away feeling more inspired and more resourced than ever, ready to take the next steps on our journey together.

**[Session proposals open](#) until 13th Nov.**

**[Tickets available on Eventbrite now!](#)**

## Welcome to Emily!

[Emily Swaddle](#) (she/her) joined the SOS-International team in September as Green Office Movement Project Manager, alongside Maartje. Maartje and Emily will be sharing responsibilities and each taking the lead on different projects.

The Green Office Movement is close to Emily's heart. From 2015 to 2017, Emily worked in various roles at the Green Office at Utrecht University. It was an exciting time: strong connections, creative projects, tangible impact... what more could you ask for! Emily is thrilled to be back in the Green Office Movement and to be working with Green Office teams around the world.

**[Book a 10 min chat](#) to meet Emily and introduce her to the work of your organisation!**



The poster for the SOS-International Summit 2024. It features a yellow background with a blue and red geometric pattern at the top and bottom. The text includes: 'STUDENTS ORGANISING FOR SUSTAINABILITY INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT', 'TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW', 'STUDENT TICKETS', 'STAFF TICKETS', '1-DAY TICKETS', '3-DAY TICKETS', 'ACCOMMODATION ADD-ONS', 'PROPOSE A SESSION', 'This summit relies on community engagement because we want to create something interesting and relevant with you, not for you.', 'Bring something along to contribute to the programme!', and 'Session proposals are open NOW and close 13th November 2023!'. Logos for SOS, GreenOffice, Studenten voor MORGEN, and University of Twente are also present.



GreenOffice  
movement

## Erasmus+ funding

In August, Studenten voor Morgen and SOS-International were delighted to be awarded funding from the Erasmus+ programme! The funding will go towards 4 projects:

### Teach the Professor

Co-creation of a set of resources for students to run workshops with their educators, that enables both students and staff to understand each other's perspectives on environmental and social sustainability.

### SustainaBul

Updating and expanding the ranking criteria and process.

### Sustainability Ambassadors

Building on the GO Ambassador Track, Sustainability Ambassadors will be supported to become long-term change makers in their higher education institutions and beyond.

### International Summit

To disseminate and inspire youth-led progress on improving sustainable development in the European higher education sector - see above!

We're very excited to collaborate with you on these projects! Summit planning is already well underway and preparations for the other projects in the works too. We'll keep you up to date on how to get involved via our [social media channels](#) and these newsletters.



The 2023 **Higher Education Summit: Student Takeover** is organized by the COPERNICUS Alliance and oikos International, supported by SOS - Students Organizing for Sustainability International, the Green Office Movement, and the Club of Rome. The event aims to bring together different audiences involving students, educators and changemakers in the field of transformative learning for sustainable development within higher education. It will offer an interactive program with different formats including keynotes, workshops, and spaces for informal exchange among participants.

The summit will take place from 23-25 November 2023, online and free of charge. [Reserve your free virtual seat now.](#)

## Introduce yourself

New to SOS-International? Or simply want to get more connected to the community? We'd love to hear from you!

Please introduce yourself on the Slack channel by sharing...

1. your role and organisation
2. how you're empowering students to lead on sustainability
3. what you wish to gain / contribute to this community

Bonus points for fun facts about you 😊

Please pass this newsletter on to any new team members or board members so that they can keep up to date and introduce themselves too!



**Say hello in the**  
**Slack channel**  
**#introductions**

## Other ways to stay in touch



Got something to share with the community in the next newsletter? Let us know! [contact@sos.earth](mailto:contact@sos.earth)