

Call for Courses

*2nd Degrowth Summer School at the Climate Camp in the Rhineland
From August 19th to 23rd in the lignite mining region near Cologne, Germany
Skills for System Change!*

Degrowth Summer School 2016

Last year's Degrowth-Summer School was received by over 500 participants – and it was clear that it was to be continued. So the Summer School will go into its second round, taking place at the Climate Camp in the Rhineland from August 19th to 23rd.

Under the headline “Skills for System Change!”, we will focus on learning practical skills for a social-ecological transformation and the establishment of a society that doesn't depend on growth.

We are looking for groups or individuals wanting to [offer a course](#) at the Summer School. The courses go on for four days (Sat, 20.08. to Tue, 23.08.), 2.5 hours each morning. Additionally, there is the possibility to offer two-day courses (Sat/Sun or Mon/Tue). With a fixed group of people (20-30 persons), the goal is to learn and deepen specific skills in the areas of alternative forms of economy and society. You can find more information on the organization of the courses and a list of potential topics below.

Further programme at the Climate Camp

We see the Summer School and the *Climate Camp in the Rhineland* (which takes place from August 19th to 29th), as a joint place of learning. Therefore, we invite all interested organizations and individuals to contribute events to the Climate Camp, whether through [workshops](#), [world cafés](#), [hands-on-stuff](#) or [other creative formats](#). If you want to contribute an event, please write to workshops-kc2016@autistici.org.

There is also room for spontaneous events during the [Open Space](#) formats in the afternoons.

Moreover, we are planning a [kids programme](#) for the age groups of 3-5, 6-10 and 11-15. We would like children with special needs to be able to participate in the events or there to be an alternative programme for them. If you want to make a contribution or offer a workshop in the areas of games and fun, Education for Sustainable Development, excursions, nature, art, music, theater for and with children, or if you simply want to participate in child care, please send a message to kids-kc2016@autistici.org.

We understand [music](#), [art](#) and [culture](#) as part of a political intervention. That is why we want to invite everyone to contribute artistic acts to take place during the courses or at the Open Space. Additionally, we would love to have a musical, theatrical and/or literary evening programme. If you have wishes or ideas or you want to contribute anything yourself, we are looking forward to your email: arts-culture-kc2016@autistici.org.

Submit proposals now!

Submissions are already possible online:
degrowth.de/en/summer-school-2016/call-for-courses/
The deadline for submissions is 25th of May 2016.

In case of further questions, don't hesitate to contact us at
courses2016@degrowth.de

Information on the course organization

The courses serve to learn and deepen skills that are crucial for a social-ecological transformation and the creation of a society that doesn't depend on growth.

The courses

- take place for two or four days continuously, for 2.5 hours a day,
- the groups consist of about 20-30 participants, who take part all days and (most of them) sign up for the courses in advance,
- provide space for focusing on chosen topics,
- can be the starting point for a long-term campaign or action for societal change,
- can be held in English or German,
- can, if needed, be subsidized with up to 400 Euros.

The format

- can be chosen freely,
- can include practical activities, inputs, discussions, phases of group work etc., or be a mix of all of this,
- allows you to invite external contributors for inputs,
- should take place within the area of the Climate Camp (or close by), i.e. in tents or outside and preferably without electricity.

Potential topics

The courses should fit into one of the following categories:

1. *Manual Skills*

such as vegetable gardening, repairing, up-cycling, creating independent energy supply

2. *Reflective Skills, personal*

such as change within oneself, turning theory into action, sustainable activism

3. *Reflective Skills, social*

such as reflection of hierarchies, role models, gender, anti-racism, good work

4. *Communication Skills*

such as facilitation of groups, educational work, press work, community organizing, Nonviolent Communication, safe digital communication, IT skills

5. *Organizational Skills*

such as founding cooperatives (community supported agriculture, community gardens, Repair-Cafés, communes, etc.), founding of political groups, life in communities, shared economy, political campaigns, alliance building

6. *Discourse Skills*

such as critique of the capitalist system, analysis of the financial system, solution approaches: concepts for change, Degrowth in Sciences, climate protection and climate justice

Your proposals

- include a meaningful short description of the course (max. 800 characters, suitable for publishing in the programme),
- a detailed description of the course content (max. 4000 characters),
- a rough schedule including the methods you plan to use (max. 1600 characters, also for publishing in the programme),
- a short personal description of the course facilitators (max. 400 characters)
- and a short description of which skills can be learned in the course (max. 400 characters).
- have to be handed in by 25th of May at degrowth.de/en/summer-school-2016/call-for-courses/.

We'll get back to you...

The submissions will be reviewed by us extensively in order to establish an awesome, diverse programme! By mid June you will get a response whether your course will be part of the programme.

We're looking forward to the submissions!
The organizing team of the Summer School