Dear sustainability enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 18th edition of the newsletter that we publish as the university's climate protection management team. Here you will find small reports from the university's climate action and sustainability cosmos at more or less regular intervals. If you have recently joined us (yay!), you can view the old issues on the <u>website</u>.

Major project

No climate protection measure is as crucial as the conversion of the university's energy supply to renewable energies. After all, emissions in the area of building energy (depending on how you look at it) account for almost 75% of our university's total emissions. At the same time, the energy transition at a university is (even) more complex than for residential buildings. Of course, we are not intimidated by this. To sound out the technical possibilities and identify initial courses of action, we want to conduct a feasibility study. Led and implemented by Department 4, the kick-off meeting with the engineering firm Ahrens took place on March 4 to get the project off the ground. We are very much looking forward to the findings!

Closing ranks

Also from the kick-off category: The first meeting on the key topic of 'climate neutrality' of the renewed cooperation between the city and the University of Oldenburg took place on February 8. The actors involved on both sides met to define the areas of action and initial measures. For us as a university, cooperation around everyday mobility will be particularly exciting. By the time of the next meeting in six months' time, we want to further concretize the cooperation and develop specific measures.

Rainwater retention basin

...was the original function of today's mud pit at the rear of building A01 towards A05 on the Haarentor campus. In a project by Dr.Wilke and Prof. Dr.Albach, supported by Department 4, the pond is now to be restored as a biotope on the campus. In order to leave a refuge for small creatures during the excavation work, the bank side facing A01 will remain unchanged. The edge areas towards building A05 will be designed as a shallow water zone and a deep water zone will be created in the water. In addition to the ecological enhancement, rainwater will also be better collected in the future.

Mini unsealing

One last report from the "small animals also make dung" category. A small area at building A03 has been unsealed and planted with small beds.

With this small piece of news, we start the spring with you and perhaps we will hear or see you again soon.

Best regards

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