

Sustainability in Action with Student Initiatives at the Fremdsprachenzentrum

The Fremdsprachenzentrum, known as the Language Learning Centre (LLC) in English, has been actively engaged in the topic of sustainability since 2009. It all started with the two language courses: 'Turning the Air Blue' in English and 'Environnement et éco-responsabilité' in French. An additional course in Spanish, 'Laboratorio de sostenibilidad', was added. These courses led not only, for example, to cooperation within the International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences & Humanities, and, externally, with the University of Freiburg, the University of Edinburgh, and the Agro Campus in Angers, but also with student initiatives such as Greening the University and projects such as campusWELTbewerb. The LLC can claim to be the only higher education language centre to offer such language courses on sustainability in Baden-Württemberg.

A more recent and equally fruitful development at the LLC was the participation of two student initiatives in the UNICert® IV (CEFR C2) English course 'Global Issues & Ethics' in the summer semester. The **Global Marshall Plan**, presented by Annika Luginsland, and **Anti-Corruption International**, presented by Felix Amelung, took the opportunity to raise awareness of their causes by presenting their initiatives and current actions to the course participants.



The Global Marshall Plan, founded in 2003, aims to see a world in balance by focusing on 1) sustainable development worldwide, 2) improved living conditions for all human beings, and 3) a fair economic system.

Anti-Corruption International, founded in 2015, aims to promote corruption free societies by providing an infrastructure to develop ideas into anti-corruption mechanisms.

In order to find out more about both initiatives, current and past, and to find out how you can become an active member, please follow these links: <http://www.gmpi-tuebingen.de/> <http://anticorruption-intl.org/>.

The LLC and the course participants welcomed this opportunity to integrate practical, real-world issues and opportunities into its language course, and we would embrace future cooperation with both the Global Marshall Plan, Anti-Corruption International as well as with other local student initiatives. We also cooperate, for example, with Career Service, and, as a result of this, our three courses on sustainability can be used towards the 'Student Oecologicum' certificate.

If your student initiative would like the opportunity to cooperate with the LLC to integrate your issues into a foreign language learning context, please contact us so we can realise this potential: fsz@uni-tuebingen.de.

For more information on how the LLC is engaging in the topic sustainability, please see our homepage: <http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/de/55342>.