

6th International Degrowth Conference for ecological sustainability and social equity

Call for activist proposals

The 6th International Degrowth Conference will take place in **Malmö 21-25 August 2018**. *Dialogues in turbulent times* is its overarching theme. Our ambition is that the inclusion of a range of social, cultural and activist events draws in members of the community and stimulates a fruitful public debate.

Degrowth is an umbrella term that critiques the centrality of economic growth in contemporary societies and embraces alternatives that are ecologically sustainable, socially just and stimulate human flourishing. We see the conference as a space to advance debates on degrowth, a meeting place for grassroots groups and also involving broader public. This will be done via interconnected and mutually enriching academic, artistic and activist programmes. In this call for activists, we therefore invite proposals that include but are not limited to the following activities (i.e. ideas not mentioned in the list are more than welcome!):

- **run-up events** that would take place throughout 2018 in different locations in the Nordic countries, Europe and internationally, to spread the word about the conference and connect different related activities worldwide.
- **degrowth in practice events** might involve, for example: organising swaps; workshops on making/repair, agricultural initiatives, technology commons, publishing, waste reduction, reuse, sustainable and just energy; degrowth workshops for kids and elderly people.
- **meetings of social movements and grassroots initiatives**, especially meetings that stimulate dialogues between different groups
- **conference live-streaming and other media support**
- **co-organising the degrowth demonstration** in the city of Malmö (25 August)
- we also invite **local groups to get involved as partners** in coordinating the conference logistics on the ground (e.g. via organising accommodation, transport, food, volunteers etc)

Submissions period: 1 October - 31 December 2017

Please submit your proposal (max 1-2 pages long), articulating what activity you propose to hold, how it speaks to the conference and how it will be organised. All submissions should be sent to activists@malmo.degrowth.org.

All the proposals will be reviewed by our team and discussed with the people submitting them as they arrive, so **please submit as early as you can**. The main language of the conference is English, but we will review submissions in other languages also.