

Fachhochschule Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts!

invites you to attend the international conference: **Sustainable Development Goals, Global Transformation and Social Work Practice.**

The focus will be on the United Nations' global sustainability goals (SDGs) and the question of how partnerships can be effectively structured at both the local and global levels.

The two-day event brings together stakeholders from academia, practice, civil society and politics. Universities, research projects, students, NGOs and individual initiatives are invited to present and discuss their ideas, experiences and strategies in the context of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Special attention will be given to:

- Global and local action strategies for implementing the SDGs
- Cooperation between universities, NGOs and partners in the field
- Innovative micro-projects and individual contributions from students and researchers
- Interdisciplinary perspectives on social work and related disciplines

The aim of the conference is to create a lively space for exchange and networking in order to develop joint paths towards sustainable global transformation.

The conference is part of a 10-day exchange programme for students and lecturers in social work and is sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In addition to the two-day academic programme, numerous civil society actors will participate and visit networks, educational programmes and institutions related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

04.11.2025	Tuesday	
09:30 – 16:00	International Conference (See detailed program)	University of Applied Science Fachhochschule Dortmund Senatssaal Standort SON
05.11.2025	Wednesday	
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06.11.2025	Thursday	
10:15 – 11:45	Challenges of global transformation and their impact on social work, K11 Seminar	University of Applied Science Fachhochschule Dortmund, Room 2.16 EFS 38a
12:30 – 13:30	Meet and Greet including refreshments and waffles	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund
13:30 – 15:00	Worldhouse: Civil society groups actively participate in shaping Dortmund at the Welthaus – democratically and critically of racism, transparently and climate-neutrally, sustainably and fairly.	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund
15:00 – 16:00	Thinking Decolonially, Acting in Partnership, Exploring collaborative projects and building truly equal partnerships in international development Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker, Dr. Maud Mthembu, Dorothee Boecker, Sindisiwe Mkhize	Worldhouse Dortmund Community Center, Rosental 1, 44135 Dortmund
10.11.2025	Monday	
10:00 – 13:00	Workshop „Sidelined: Understanding and Challenging Discrimination“	BVB Learning Unit
13:00 - 14:00	Stadion Visit	BVB Soccer Stadium
14:00 – 15:30	Borusseum	BVB Museum

11.11.2025 Tuesday		
10:15 – 11:45	Classic guided tour of the Palace of Labour	LWL Museum; Zeche Zollern, Grubenweg 5, Dortmund
12:00 – 13:00	Meet and Greet including refreshments and light lunch	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund
13:30 – 15:00	Workshops to SDG 5 "Where are the women leaders? - A global dialogue on gender equality in social sector leadership" Romina Mailaro "Inside the Man Box - Exploring Masculinity, Emotions and Social Sustainability" Marc Pomplun	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund
15:00 – 15:30	Plenary session	Nordstadtgalerie, Bornstr. 142, Dortmund
12.11.2025 Wednesday		
10:15 – 11:00	The delegation from South Africa reports on the school's partner project and its cooperation in implementing the SDGs! The students from school present how they have worked on the SDGs.	St. Jacobus-Schule Breckerfeld, Wahnscheiderstr. 13, Breckerfeld
11:00 – 11:45	Workshops on SDG 10, SDG 16 and SDG 4 'Together against racism – embracing diversity, reducing inequality' Dr. Maud Mthembu, Dr. Bongane Mzinyane, Dorothee Boecker SDG 10: Reduced inequalities SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions SDG 4: Quality education	St. Jacobus-Schule Breckerfeld
13.11.2025 Thursday		
10:15 – 11:45	The delegation from UKZN is visiting a school for a conversation of the impact of music, attitude and humanity for educational institutions.	Hildegardis-Schule Hagen, Zehlendorfer Str. 19, Hagen