

## Collaborations and Partnerships

### Principles of the Sustainability Week Switzerland

The Sustainability Week Switzerland (SWS) is a youth-led, volunteer-run, flat-hierarchical, democratic and transparent initiative and reflects this towards its partners, members and the public overall. The SWS is interested in building, facilitating and maintaining strong synergies and good collaborations with its members and partners.

The SWS has no party-political or religious position, but supports movements and opinions that are aligned with its core values and vision which is elaborated in the [SWS vision, mission and values](#). If your organization, project or initiative does not fit any of the categories below, don't hesitate to reach out to the SWS Team to discuss possible collaborations.

The national coreteam of the SWS decides over validity and scope of any partnership or collaboration at any time in a democratic and transparent matter. This includes partnerships and collaborations on the level of a Local Sustainability Week (LSW). The SWS can put your logo on the [SWS website](#), where it's visible to all LSW. You will get access to and being part of the biggest student movement on sustainability in Switzerland.

### Interested in collaboration or a partnership with the SWS?

Indicate your interest through [this](#) form. If there are any questions or challenges don't hesitate to reach out to Marie-Claire ([marie-claire@sustainabilityweek.ch](mailto:marie-claire@sustainabilityweek.ch)). We will get in contact with you and inform you about the decision as soon as possible.

### Collaboration

If you are interested in speaking at or contributing to an event or exhibition at a LSW we consider your contribution as a collaboration not automatically as a partnership. However, if this contribution is on going, this might as well let to a partnership.

### Membership

Every person who is involved in the organization of a LSW or the SWS is an active member. Every person that is not anymore actively involved becomes an alumni and hence, a passive member.

*Example: Simon Liebi, SWS core team member, is an active member for the term 2018/2019*

### Partnership

#### Higher Education Institutes (HEI)

HEI where a LSW is taking place are associated partners of the SWS. HEI support their LSW financially and with “virtual money” (e.g. infrastructure) and often collaborate to implement sustainability demands by the LSW and SWS.

*Example: The University of Zurich supports the LSW Zurich financially, with infrastructure & the implementation of the sustainability demands by the LSW Zurich*

#### Student Associations for Sustainability

Local student associations can provide knowledge and contacts of their HEI and a venue to meet and collaborate with the LSW. They are able to provide a continuous HEI politics agenda, while the LSW is a punctual series of event once a year.

*Example: Student Sustainability Commission at ETH Zurich is part of the Sustainability Week Zurich*

#### Non-Governmental- (NGO), Non-Profit- (NPO) & Civil-Society-Organisations (CSO)

Organisations, associations, commissions, initiatives, groups, knowledge centres and think-tanks that are engaged in sustainability can partner with the LSW to work on common projects.

*Example: WWF Switzerland is supporting the SWS with knowledge and speakers*

#### Companies & Start Ups

Actors from the private sector, whose values are strongly aligned with our values, can partner with the LSW to work on common projects.

*Example: WeAct AG is working with SWS on the WeAct Challenge*

#### Foundations

The SWS is partly funded by foundations.

*Example: Mercator Foundation Switzerland is partially funding the SWS*

#### Government Agencies & Organizations

The SWS is supported by governments and government departments, offices, initiatives and agencies and can partner to work on common projects.

*Example: U-Change- Student Initiatives for Sustainable Development*