Environmental Impact of the Internet: June 2023

Created by Vesna Manojlovic, last modified on 20 Sep, 2023
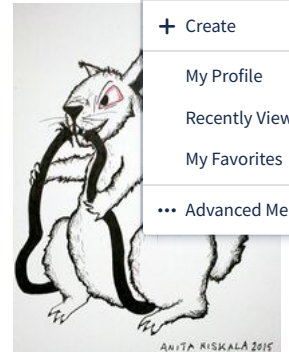
Introduction

Within RIPE NCC, the "sustainability focus group" has been working since 2018 under the name "Project Greta" and on Mattermost as "Sustainability" .

In addition to other "greta" achievements (ha!), last month I gave a talk at RIPE86 titled "Urgency, DeGrowth, Rebellion", which has received a lot of feedback from attendees. Since then, more (new) colleagues have expressed their interests in the topic. As a follow-up, I'd like to point out ways in which you can get involved, in Contributing to Sustainability & Climate Justice.

 For the general involvement in Community Development, see my other blog post: Fostering Engagement, Building Communities through Care and Hacking

Contributing to Sustainability & Climate Justice

SHORT-TERM actions

If you would like to get more active regarding Climate Justice in Tech, here are some *IMMEDIATE* activities in which you can get involved :

- joining existing discussions on mailing lists, groups & fora
- attending events : to give talks, or "only" to participate
- reading (and writing in/on) publications
- let us all know about *your* projects!

Mailing Lists & "groups"

- [ ] * e-impact
  - [ ] - https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/e-impact
  - [ ] - IETF: therefore: daily technical, focused on protocols & measurements
- [ ] * degrowth-world
  - [ ] - Subscribe: degrowth-world-subscribe@lists.riseup.net || https://lists.riseup.net/www/
  - [ ] - "to share announcements and news related to degrowth."
- [ ] * Green Screen:
  - [ ] - Subscribe: digital-rights-climate-justice+subscribe@groups.io
  - [ ] - "Digital Rights and Climate Justice Network" by Mozilla Foundation, Ford Foundation, Internet Society Foundation, Mercator Stiftung, and Ariadne Network.
- [ ] * "Just Sustainability Transition"
  - [ ] - https://groups.google.com/g/justsustainabilitytransitions/about
  - [ ] - "to enable collaboration to deepen, translate and connect knowledge and practice on just sustainability transitions."
- [ ] * Trans*Feminist Counter Cloud Action: https://titipi.org/wiki/index.php/Counter_Cloud_Action_Plan
- [ ] Climate Cultures: https://climatecultures.net
- [ ] * https://forum.ripe.net
  - [ ] - specifically: https://forum.ripe.net/t/degrowth-follow-up-from-ripe86-conference/490/2

⚠️ new

- [ ] "Discussion and networking for ACM members and others interested in how the ACM can address the issue of climate change."
  - [ ] ** https://groups.google.com/g/acm-climate/about
- [ ] * "discussion and exchange around the idea of permacomputing"
  - [ ] ** https://we.lurk.org/mailman3/lists/permacomputing.we.lurk.org/
- [ ] * "IGF Session on Sustainability & Environment: 2023SustEnv-MS "
  - [ ] ** http://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/2023sustenv-ms_intgovforum.org
- [ ] * Computing Within Limits (limits@googlegroups.com)
  - [ ] ** https://groups.google.com/g/limits

Joining Upcoming Events

- * (Academic) Computing Within Limits: 14-15 June : online & in local hubs https://computingwithinlimits.org/2023/ & Amsterdam Hub! https://doc.pondr.nl/prQ6eA-HTjCngyfQ1-nXJQ?both
- * (hackers) Bits & Bäume, 16-17 Jun Münster DE : https://bits-und-baeume.org/en/
- * (hackers) CCC Camp: Mildenberg near Berlin: 15 -19 August https://events.ccc.de/2023/04/21/camp2023/
- * (SEE / economic / artistic / all) Degrowth Conference Aug 29 – Sep 2 2023: 9th International Degrowth Conference, Zagreb http://odrast.hr/

& many more at ripe.net/events

& my personal collection: https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/events2023#Summer

Past Events:

* THE DIGITAL GREEN SOCIETY Belgrade, Serbia, 14 - 16 May 2023 https://digital.green.sharefoundation.info

* HACKER LA TERRE 2023 | Calafou 1/06 - 4/06 https://hlt.calafou.org/en/

* RightsCon https://www.rightscon.org/ => https://www.youtube.com/@AccessNowOrg

* https://ripe81.ripe.net/programme/meeting-plan/bof/#mon14

* https://ripe84.ripe.net/archives/video/751/

* https://ripe85.ripe.net/archives/video/877/

Publications:

RIPE Labs:

labs.ripe.net/sustainability

- https://labs.ripe.net/author/neil-mather/amazon-doesnt-care-how-you-heat-swimming-pools-ict-and-ecosocialism/

- https://labs.ripe.net/author/wim-vanderbauwhede/the-climate-cost-of-the-ai-revolution/

- https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/towards-climate-justice-in-tech/

Degrowth Database

comprehensive Degrowth Database with as much relevant info as I could find: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Z7kTs0smhOU9S3DyGNJ_MBQeu3XKW2qdxa3unOEn6I/edit?usp=sharing

Within it, you can find:

- **Groups** (A staggering **240+ Degrowth-related groups** around the world!)
- **People** (A community directory where **86 people** have so far filled out this survey with their details)
- **Policies** (**400+ degrowth policies,** as seen in Fitzpatrick et al.)
- **Papers** (Over **600 academic papers** on degrowth – more coming soon)
- **Media** (**40+** documentaries, playlists of podcasts, lectures and panels in **7+ languages**)
- **Books** (Almost **500 books** related to degrowth ideas in **~28 languages**)
- **News** (50+ News articles on degrowth in **4 languages**)
- **Education** (~**40** Degrowth Masters, Fellowships, Bachelors, Courses, Summers Schools, Certificates, Workshops, etc.)
- **Conferences** (Details on **20+ Conferences** about degrowth/post-growth)
- **Assemblies** (Details on the **4** International Degrowth Assemblies)

Long Term

In the future, I am hoping that the RIPE community will initiate the Task Force or Working Group:

 https://pad.riseup.net/p/ripe-community-sustainability-working-group-keep

Hope to hear from you:

- what did you choose from the activities above?
- is there a related project you are working on? do you need help or what to promote it?
- If you take a look at Fostering Engagement, Building Communities through Care and Hacking , what looks exciting or doable for you – will you commit to additional engagement, and when?

Thank you!

Vesna

Images