

Climate, environment and transport policy

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Introduction

Social Sciences Student Union at Lund University shall be an organization who works for sustainability and who takes care of the world we live in. As an organization representing thousands of students the Social Sciences Student Union need to be responsible and have a sound attitude towards sustainability. This policy contains guidelines in questions regarding climate, environment and transportation. Climate, environment and transport policy works as a guidance to make the Social Sciences Student Union better. The policy document's purpose is not, however, to progressively lead the work for a sustainable future since it cannot be considered to be included in the student union's main purpose or goals.

Climate and environment

One area where the Social Sciences Student Union can make a difference for the environment and the climate is in the internal daily work. This is regarding to both the more practical working tasks as well as in cooperation with other organizations. Therefore it is important that everyone involved in the Social Sciences Student Union's work has an environmental awareness.

Social Sciences Student Union should avoid unnecessary use of paper and therefore works with digital documents as far as possible and also uses digital archiving where it is possible. When printing is needed it shall be done on both sides of a environmentally certified paper. The Social Sciences Student Union shall also as far as possible avoid using disposable products as well as working with recycling waste and following the rules and guidelines regarding recycling and handling waste.

In questions regarding purchases of material and choosing a supplier the board shall act responsibly regarding sustainability. This work would not be hard if the Social Sciences Student Union had unlimited resources or large economic assets, therefore the Social Sciences Student Union looks to several aspects. In a situation of competition with equal prices and functionality the Social Sciences Student Union shall choose the product with the least environmental and climate influence.

Transportation

Active members of the Social Sciences Student Union participates in different cooperations on local, regional and nation level. Since transportation constitutes a large influence on our climate and environment all parts of the Social Sciences Student Union shall strive towards reducing its planetarian influence made from transportation. Social Sciences Student Union shall therefore always choose train or bus before car as their main method of transportation and avoid travels with a large negative influence on the environment. Travels by flight shall be avoided as long as

the destination is south of Uppsala, Sweden or as long as the travelling time is below five (5) hours.