



# Library as a Sustainability Leader

## Creating sustainable Library and Resilient Communities

A view from SDU


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# Who am I?

- Head of Campus Libraries  
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SDU

Home Researchers Research units Research output Activities Projects Press / Media ...



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# Talk outline

- SDU context
- Importance of Sustainability at SDU
- Sustainability and the Library
- The new future

**My goal:** Spark ideas and conversation



# About SDU

- In Sep 1966
- 6 Campuses
- 30,000 Students
- 3800 staff
- Around 115 study programmes



# About SDU Library



Approx. 110 staff



More than 2.5 million digital and print volumes, journals, ...



6 cities (1 library & 6 locations)



Budgeting 100 mio. DKK

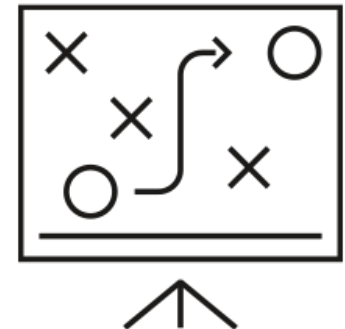
**Small, but mighty**

# A newly urgent strategies for SDU

## *Value, Quality, People*

We create value for and with society and shape the future through high quality, talented people and outstanding environments.

[https://www.sdu.dk/en/om\\_sdu/sdus\\_profil/strategi](https://www.sdu.dk/en/om_sdu/sdus_profil/strategi)





# Importance of SDGs at SDU



- Kick-off event in Sep 2019
- Part of Research & Innovation, Education and Operation
- Established SDG Hub to support SDGs at SDU
- A Strategic focus on Gender Equality
- Climate Cluster
- Climate Ambassadors
- Inner Sustainability
- Science Year festival

“Through research-based cocreation with the university’s academic and administrative environments, the library places itself centrally at SDU, with high integrity, quality and as a professional partner for innovation and operation. Our core values are integrity and democratic dialogue – across professional, geographic and interests-oriented distances. – we define the state-of-the-art for library services at the highest international level.”

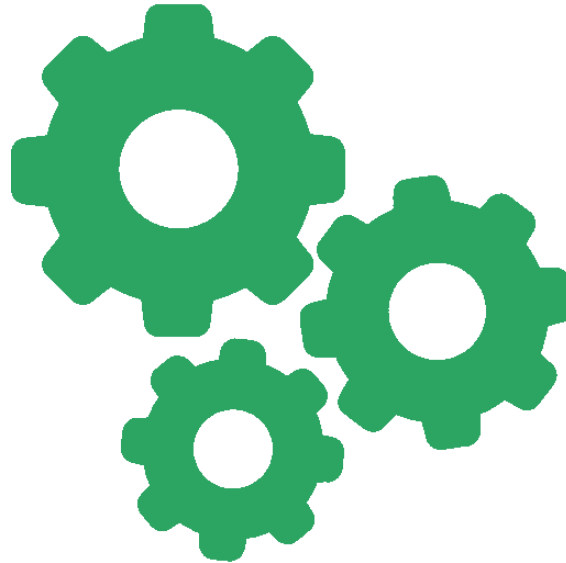
SDU Library Vision

[sdu-library-vision.sdu.dk](https://sdu-library-vision.sdu.dk)



# The Library Strategies

User-centered Education &  
Innovative Research  
Communication



Digitalization and  
Supporting System

Sustainability & transformative  
partnerships

# The National initiative CHORA2030

“Chora 2030 as a Danish association works together with educational institutions, libraries, associations and other actors to create local agency so that Danes of all ages can take part in the development of a sustainable society.”

<https://chora2030.dk/om/>





# The Library Sustainability Committee

- ✓ Developing comprehensive strategies and practices
- ✓ Collaborating in various library programs
- ✓ Educate the library communities
- ✓ External collaboration

# Staff engagement Sustainability & Library



# How does library support the SDGs?

## Role of Library:

- Library as communicator
- Library as facilitator
- Library as actor
- Library as organization

## Library goals:

- Advocacy
- Discovery and dialogue
- Dissemination
- Practices
- Habits



# Library as communicator ...

Focus on event management, ongoing communication and knowledge sharing with other organizations.

- Communicating knowledge created in our university
- Promoting literacy, including digital, media and information literacy, and skills
- Providing a network of delivery sites for programs and services
- Building global partnerships and collaboration



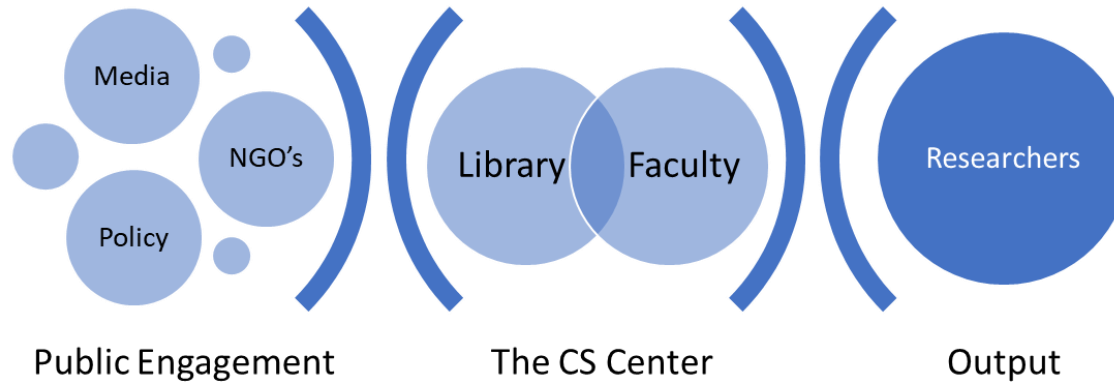
# Library as Facilitator ...

Focus on involving citizens and communities, establishing communities for sustainability. Capture ideas and support engagement.

- Citizen Science
- Providing support for quality education
- Providing well-being in the study environment
- Providing sustainable research communication
- Preserving and providing access to the world's culture and heritage
- Support gender equality
- External collaborations



# The Citizen Science Knowledge Center at the library



**Mission: To bring citizens closer to science – and scientists closer to society**



## Library as Actor ...

Focus on purchases and resource consumption, and on the library as a sustainable organization.

- Building global partnerships and collaborations that provide greater access to digital collections and information capability programs
- Closing gaps in access to information and helping individuals in all aspects of their life understand information needs better
- Formation of resource sharing
- Provision of adequate and up-to-date information
- Upcycling and/or donation of discarded materials
- Keeping information resources for posterity

# Library as Organization ...

Focus on staff involvement, competence development and on the library as a sustainable workplace (well-being and social sustainability).

- Building internal/external network
- Support staff to be more sustainable
- Prioritize well-being in the workplace



# SDU Library as the first Danish university library

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
CERTIFIED LIBRARY



CHORA 2030

# Thanks for attention