



## SDGs for all students



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly for the “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” They cover issues such as poverty, hunger, health, education, global warming, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, urbanization, environment, and social justice. SDGs FOR ALL STUDENTS is an initiative launched by Gustolab International in May 2018 to foster dialogue among students, academics, educators, and researchers on the importance of learning about, and acting towards sustainability. We do this through our courses, academic internships, events and communication campaigns. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a great tool to explore the meaning of sustainability as they pertain to issues that are worldwide regarding every human being.

### **List of our activities and events to raise awareness among students and professors about issues related to Sustainability and the potential of the SDGs.**

#### **An online course to raise awareness among future generations**

Our director Dr. Sonia Massari led the module on ‘New professional profiles in a Mediterranean context’ within the Sustainable Food Systems: a Mediterranean Perspective Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) organized by the Barilla Centre for Food & Nutrition (BCFN) Foundation with the University of Siena and the United Nations’ SDG Academy– an initiative of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. This MOOC discusses the challenges and opportunities of the agricultural sector in the Mediterranean basin. It summarizes global-to-local challenges related to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); outlines the history and culture of agriculture and its main characteristics with a focus on the “Mediterranean diet”; explains agricultural data with a focus on rural development models and value creation; explores EU policy frameworks



and international agreements related to food and agriculture in the Mediterranean; and highlights emerging opportunities linked to innovation and sustainability in the sector. The MOOC is for students, practitioners, and stakeholder in the agriculture and food and beverage industry.

**The creation of a series of short videos about the role of students in making the study abroad experience sustainable.**

**During the Spring 2018 UIUC Food Culture in Italy Program, students in the Food and Media course had the opportunity to work together in groups to share knowledge about sustainability as well as tips about how to make the study abroad experience sustainable through short videos that were live-streamed on Facebook. The collection can be found at [this link](#)**

**An event hosted within the national 2018 Festival dello Sviluppo Sostenibile, European Sustainable Development Week 2018 and CEREALIA - La Festa dei Cereali 2018.**

During the summer term, we organized an interactive event entitled SDGs For All Majors with students from the Summer 2018 Auburn University Mediterranean Diet Program, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Summer and Internship Program and the UMass Amherst Critical Studies on Food in Italy program.

The goal of the event was to promote dialogue regarding the SDGs and sustainability among professors and students from different departments and universities. The results of the discussions will be summarized in a publication that we will share with our networks at the end of 2018. The event was part of the Festival dello Sviluppo Sostenibile 2018, European Sustainable Development Week 2018 and CEREALIA - La Festa dei Cereali 2018 programmes.

**RISE FOR RECORD event on World Food Day**

To show commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #2, Gustolab International partnered with Rise Against Hunger Italy to break a Guinness World Record during the 'Rise for the Record' event that took place on World Food Day (October 16) in 2018. The event simultaneously took place in multiple locations around the world with volunteers who assembled Rise Against Hunger's hunger relief packages in just 5 minutes. The event in Rome included students from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Washington, Roma Tre University, UNINT, ISIA and the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci in Rome. Students then had an activity where they learned about the Sustainable Development Goals and specifically Goal #2 Zero Hunger.



## **Short documentaries produced by our students**

Students in the Food & Media and Food & Culture courses produced short documentaries that highlight innovative and sustainable initiatives in the context of the city of Rome. These videos have been screened at local and international events, meetings and conferences for educational purposes and to share examples of best practices.

SDG 2 - How close is Rome to zero hunger?

SDG 3 - Smoke break

SDG 5 - A look at gender equality in Italy

SDG 8 - A journey to the kitchen

SDG 10 - Connecting Cultures: Food inclusion in Italy

SDG 11 - How can Rome become a more sustainable city?

SDG 12 - Wasted

SDG 12 - Where does the food go?

SDG 12 - Taste the Waste

SDG 12 - The Green Life

SDG 13 - The tables have turned - Climate Change

SDG 13 - Roots in the concrete jungle - Italy's Urban Gardens

SDG 14 - L' Acqua del Sindaco

## **Would you like to be involved or to receive news about our initiatives?**

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