



# How to...?

## From Climate Knowledge to Climate Action

International Symposium: Exhibitions and  
Education for Sustainable Development

**24-25 September 2020**

**Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost,  
Germany**

### Call for Proposals

For over ten years, the Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost has been successfully communicating insights from climate research and the global impacts of climate change. By integrating personal stories, cultural aspects and the difficulties faced in a warming climate around the globe, the Klimahaus presents a multifaceted intersection of science and daily life. More than 5.5 million visitors have seen this unique exhibition that exemplifies the idea of one connected world and its beauty that needs to be saved.

In the Decade of Action, words need to be put into practice. Together we will ask:

#### How to ...

- ...motivate actions through new approaches
- ...change personal and societal behavior
- ...think systemically about climate change and sustainability

and as exhibition centres and museums

#### How to ...

- ...design inspiring and motivating exhibitions about climate change
- ...promote empowerment for Climate Action
- ...develop innovative programs on Education for Sustainable Development

Beginning a question by *How to...* means being aware of the circumstances and willing to find possible solutions to take action. This outlines the current situation for many museums and other extracurricular venues that are challenged to deal with the complex topics and effects of the human age (Anthropocene). Communicating these topics to a broad range of target groups holds the chance for more self-aware climate protection.

At the same time, exhibition centres and related institutions have a great potential by using transdisciplinary approaches to formulate a collective imperative. It is a matter of **rethinking, inquiring** and **presenting possible ways** for a sustainable society.

Following the key message "**We can create vibrant futures**", we would like to invite you to a participatory and activating symposium to learn directly from each other's practical experiences, inspiring and exploring one's own self-efficacy in climate empowerment.

The program will be compiled mainly from your contributions via this Call for Proposals.

Both days will start with exciting **panel discussions** with international speakers, before different **sessions** and **interactive formats** present innovative and experimental methods.

The thematic focus will be on **climate change education and climate action** within the **framework of Education for Sustainable Development** in all kinds of **exhibition spaces**. In this context we are looking forward to contributions on

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| <b>Activism and education</b> | <b>Environmental justice</b>                                 |
| <b>Arts and aesthetics</b>    | <b>Exhibition concepts and designs</b>                       |
| <b>Climate Imagination</b>    | <b>Indigenous Knowledge</b>                                  |
| <b>Digitalization</b>         | <b>Mindfulness, hope, sufficiency and happiness research</b> |
| <b>Disruptive ideas</b>       | <b>Whole institution approach</b>                            |

... as well as other topics that go with the thematic focus.

We have the following guidelines for the design of the formats but are open to suggestions and other ideas.

#### **Sessions for project presentations**

- 10-15 minute short presentation of a successful or failed project, a project idea or scientific evaluations as an impulse.
- followed by a discussion of the thematic impulses (30 minutes) in an intensive exchange and with active involvement of the participants.

#### **Interactive formats/workshops**

- 90 - 180 minute interactive format
- participative formats such as workshops, methodological approaches from practice
- Intensive group work on the topic: development of new solutions with practical relevance
- Explanation of used methods and objectives
- Possibility for participation of at least 20 persons

We bear in mind a gender balance in panels, sessions and moderation teams of interactive formats. Proposals with mixed line-ups are strongly encouraged.

In the **Decade of Action** to achieve Agenda 2030, **we want to create a platform** for representatives from extracurricular places of learning such as museums, science centers, zoos, botanical gardens and initiatives that have climate change on their agenda, as well as researchers, teachers, artists, activists, policy makers and everyone interested in climate action.

We pursue to establish, strengthen and expand networks and highlight our collective efficacy.

## General information

### Submission of proposals

Please send your abstracts and suggestions for the program as a one-page summary together with a short CV to [symposium2020@klimahaus-bremerhaven.de](mailto:symposium2020@klimahaus-bremerhaven.de). Proposals can also be submitted by mail. If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt after several days, please contact us.

If the proposal is included in the program, we will provide you with all further information regarding the event.

### Important dates

Deadline - Call for Proposals: 31 May 2020  
Acceptance decision: 15 June 2020  
International Symposium: 24 - 25 September 2020

### Participation fees and registration

The participation fee for the entire symposium (2 days) including catering is until 30.06.: **90,00 €**, from 01.07.: **110,00 €**

Registration opens on 1st April 2020 via an online form on this page:

[klimahaus-bremerhaven.de/symposium2020](http://klimahaus-bremerhaven.de/symposium2020)

Please note that the number of participants is limited.

### Travel and accommodation costs

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. In particular cases we try to provide financial support.

### Presentation equipment and materials

Presentation equipment such as laptops, projectors, presentation materials, flipcharts and pin boards can be provided at the event location.

### Host and organizer

The International Symposium is hosted and organized by Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost, a worldwide unique exhibition house, which has established itself as a centre of competence dedicated to the climate system and sustainability themes. It is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Germany and has been awarded the highest category by the UNESCO World Action Program on Education for Sustainable Development.

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