

Assignment for November 22nd

The environment and development challenges we are facing today are often discussed in scientific terms rather than in terms of art. The aim of the art project is to explore the role of a cultural dimension for sustainable development with particular focus on art.

Today, there are a growing number of movements such as “environmental art” and “sustainable art” that focus on the connections between art and sustainable development. In connection to this, the assignment today is to make an art project. **The project must be related to Sustainable Development, but it can be so in any way. It can be for instance a design project (for instance designing for Sustainable Development) or visual arts (video, photography, painting, sculpture etc.). It can also be for example a poem, music or an installation. If you for instance focus on designing something, you just have to do a “model” and of course not the completed structure. Basically your imagination is the limit!**

One part of the assignment is however to think of a few questions regarding the role of art within the context of the sustainability debate. The first question concerns what culture is and what art is? The second one concerns what art can/do to you? And, last, what can we learn from art in terms of environmental and sustainability issues? There is of course not only one answer to these questions. The important thing here is that you think of these questions as you go along with your projects.

This assignment is structured to give you a lot of freedom to choose something that makes sense to your own situation. However, I do encourage you to try and **go outside your usual comfort zone** and try something new.

The assignment is a compulsory part of the seminar series – so you need to follow the instructions and turn it in. You can use the whole day but the point is that you should not need to use much more time (unless you choose to). You can do it **alone or in a group** of people.

At the end of the course (on December 13th), we will have an exhibition/mingle with your projects. There you will be given the opportunity to present it to your peers. You should also send a short description via e-mail to Malin of your project containing:

- **Description**
- **Members**
- **How you felt it went, what was interesting about the process?**
- **If possible you should also email a picture, sound-file or such**

E-mail this to me at malin.ostman@csdupsala.uu.se as soon as possible.

Good luck!/Malin