



The environmental newsletter at IKE Autumn semester 2018

I want to begin with this, the first newsletter from the environmental group at IKE by thanking everyone who took part of the survey regarding printing and copying here at the department last semester.

In total 72 people answered the poll and I got a lot of great tips and information from you. At the later part of this letter you can read a small conclusion of the result.

The Local Environmental Policy

The second half of the autumn semester is upon us and there aren't many weeks left until some well-deserved Christmas holiday. This means that it is time to start thinking about the new Local Environmental Policy at IKE. The Local Environmental Policy is every year to be decided upon at the Departmental Board and be valid for the next year.

I want everyone to get a chance to contribute to the new policy which we sadly didn't have the time for last year. This is why I now ask you to have a little think and then email all tips and ideas you might have regarding the environmental work at the department. Is there something that's close to heart that you think we should focus on? Have you seen any faults within the environmental work at IKE? However small the opinion I want to hear it. Email, stop by or just leave me a note. I need the suggestions for the Local Environmental Policy by the 16th of November.

Participation with the Environmental Work at IKE

We have finally started a small but substantial Environmental Group here at the department. The group consists of Erika Holst, Richard Carlsén and yours truly. You can still join and all contributions are warmly welcomed!

Survey regarding printing and copying

The survey that was carried out was planned to be a base for a possible continuous work on the reduction of printing and paper usage.

The results are as follows

- 72 people answered the survey.
- Only 8% of the respondees said that they had a printer at their office. This is very good as a printer at the office can increase the level of printing, usually cannot print double-sided and can be of an older model and therefore not as energy-efficient.
- 78% of the respondees had during the latest week printed fifty pages or less. A number which I thought was good.
- A considerably high number, 97% of the respondees said they had the habit of printing double-sided. My conclusion is that there is no need to increase that number.
- Only 14% of the respondees declared that they always print texts off the internet. This point I'll return to later.
- 88% answered that they actively are working on reducing printing.

In conclusion the survey shows that IKE is pretty good at avoiding unnecessary printing. Because that is the purpose; to not do unnecessary printing. Sometimes you need to print and sometimes you print out of accident. The most important thing is that everyone tries to decrease the printing.

The Environmental Work right now

At the beginning of the semester we started looking into how to improve the recycling in the building. Right now, we only have a proper recycling station in the big kitchen. Which also is difficult to get to. The plan is to buy new containers which will fit the premises better are small enough for all the kitchens. We hope that they can be in place before Christmas as we just need to sort out some practicalities before they can be realised.