

YOUNG

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RESPON- SIBILITY

IN SCIENCE

The VDW (Federation of German Scientists) stands for responsibility in science, independence, non-partisanship, and solidarity. Scientists of all disciplines are connected through us, united by a critical engagement with the social and political ramifications of scientific research and advances in technology.

The VDW e.V. was founded in 1959 by a group of renowned physicists and signatories to the Göttingen Manifesto against the nuclear arming of the Bundeswehr. Its founding members included Carl Friedrich von Weizsaecker, as well as Nobel Laureates Max Born, Otto Hahn, Werner Heisenberg, and Max von Laue. They were directed by their leitmotif: that the practitioners of science carry a societal responsibility to reflect on their work, their results, and to warn about potential risks and abuses.

The very same responsibility remains as relevant as ever today, whether in the context of the environment, peace, economy, or society.

Since its founding, the VDW has expanded beyond its original scope of the natural sciences to also encompass the social sciences and humanities. As a result, it is today able to fruitfully engage with a wide range of themes.

The Federation of German Scientists takes a stance on questions of sustainability in ecology, the economy, and in society; on the developments of science and technology; and on the global challenges to peace and security.

With these results, we turn to the public and the decision-makers on all political and societal levels. Through our profound combined knowledge, we actively shape society's discourse.

Our projects cover themes such as:

- Climate change, biodiversity, and energy transition
- Sustainability in ecology, the economy, and society
- Peace, security, and disarmament
- Responsibility in science and scientific development
- Technological change and shifts through digitalisation
- Socio-economic and -ecological transformation
- Genetically modified organisms and health
- Civic courage and whistleblowing in science

The YOUNG VDW

Membership of the VDW e.V. is now open to young scientists who are still undertaking university studies or embarking on the beginning of their scientific careers.

In a rapidly changing world, with much uncertainty and many seemingly uncontrollable risks, we want the Young VDW to serve as a platform for young scientists to contribute to societal discourse, actively engage themselves, and to create lasting networks for the future.



The YOUNG VDW

By establishing the Young VDW, we are turning to today's emerging generation of young scientists. We are issuing you with the following challenge: to join us in shaping the discourse on science, society, and necessary change.

We will work together

- To assert the responsibility of science
- Independently of economic, political, and other established interests
- Towards sustainable and comprehensive solutions
- To foster critical reflexion of socially important themes
- Across disciplines, borders, and institutions

The Young VDW offers you

- the chance to work on the themes and projects of the VDW
- a platform for your own ideas and the opportunity to apply them to exciting new projects
- a growing network of like-minded people to discuss and share ideas
- a vivid discourse between different generations of scientists and a host of interesting speakers
- a space for personal engagement with the issues of the future, together with others
- the chance to be mentored by and enter into dialogue with experienced and established scientists

Join us!

Conceive, develop, and implement a responsible and sustainable future as a member of the Young VDW! We offer annual membership at 18 € for students and 42 € after completion of studies. At the age of 35, membership will expire or may alternatively be converted into full membership in accordance with the statute of the VDW e.V.

Please register your interest with junge-vdw@vdw-ev.de

More information on the VDW and the Young VDW to be found at:

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