

Sustainability  
at the Vortex

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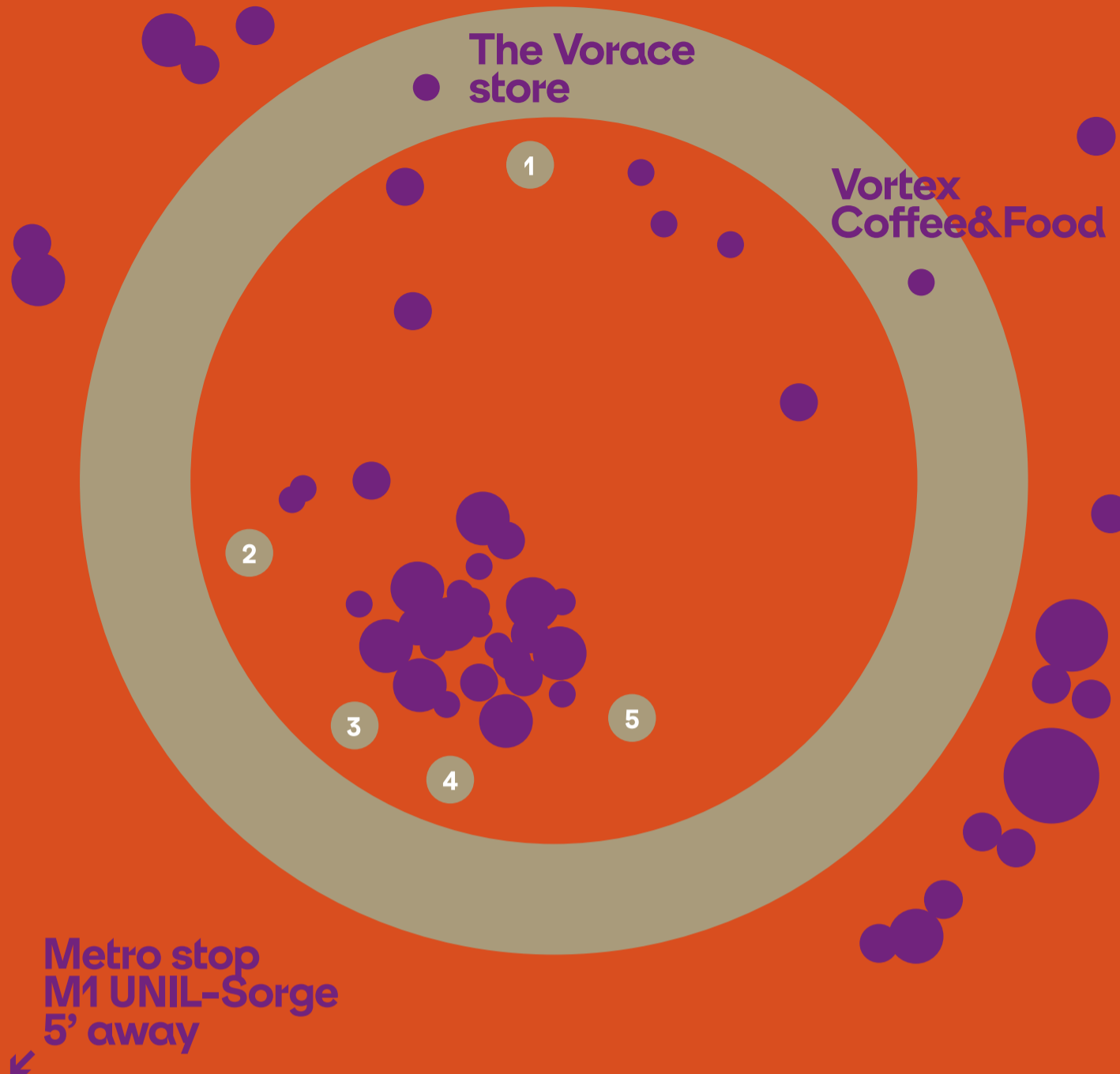
Sustainable issues are part of everyday life on campus. Initiatives for transition are multiplying in research, teaching and through close collaborations with society. On the occasion of the opening of classes and to celebrate these initiatives, *Just a Safespace* is an open day for all to reflect on, as well as to answer together to the great questions of our century. How rescaling our activities and rethinking our daily reality allows for the development of new models for a regenerative economy?

The event is inspired by the Doughnut approach from the British economist Kate Raworth. This approach is an invitation to rethink and rescale our daily activities to respect our planet's limits while acknowledging social minimums that are fair and equal for everybody. Our common objective lays between the ecological ceiling and social foundation: ensuring a just and safe space for humanity and every other living creature on the planet.

More informations  
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## The Vortex Building



### 1 Theater Hall

9am – 11:45am Workshop-meeting  
*From the Doughnut approach to territories* •

11:45am – 2pm Pop-up meal  
*The feast of planetary limits* •

2pm – 5pm Workshop  
*The alimentation in Vaud in 2050, Rejecting the worst-case scenario* •

6:45pm – 8pm Play-conference  
*Video games and ecology, playing the world to save it?*  
by GameLab UNIL-EPFL

8:45pm – 9:45pm Concert  
*Bande de sauvages*  
by In Trees (NE)

### 2 House of Sustainability

2pm – 5pm Workshop  
*Swiss army, actor of ecological and social transitions?*  
In partnership with Armasuisse Sciences and technologies •

5pm – 7pm Sustainable cooking workshop  
led by the 180°C association ••

### 3 Transition Space

3pm – 5pm Writing workshop  
*Co-writing tomorrow's utopias*  
led by Alice Bottarelli ••

### 4 Competence Center in Sustainability – 8<sup>th</sup> floor

5pm – 6:30pm Workshop  
*Towards zero waste at the Vortex?*  
led by ZeroWaste Switzerland ••

### 5 Grove of the Vortex

10am – 5pm Installation  
*The frescoes of the Vortex*  
with La bûche

6pm – 7pm Opening  
*The frescoes of the Vortex*  
with La bûche, l'ORIA and Alice Bottarelli

Needing calm, talking about your emotions? A safespace is at your disposal between 5pm and 8:30 pm at the Transition space, held by the Queermanence of the Amnesty HEL association. 3



### 1 Theater Hall

8:45pm – 9:45pm Concert  
*Bande de sauvages* by In Trees (NE)

The rock-folk band *In Trees* surely knows how to build up an abundant and immersive musical jungle. With their format *Bande de sauvages* (Band of salvages), this quartet are leading us in discovering the subtle dance of stick insects on papaya leaves, or to let us hear the heartfelt cacophony of birds. They also bring up in their songs deep interrogations on our current social and ecological crisis, and will make us move and do some sport as not to let go with it. The jungle of *In Trees* is electric: Sylvain Bach's guitar and Jérôme Jeanrenaud's clavier are purring and roaring, they smoothen or bristle. Manuel Linder's recycled drums lead toward a shamanic trance. Pauline Maurer's voice is enchanting us.

Nonetheless, *In Trees'* jungle is craft-based, sewed and cut-out with hands, reusable, without added or synthetic ingredients. All is played and sung in live with the battery of the amplifiers charged during the day with solar energy.

### 2 House of Sustainability

5pm – 7pm Sustainable cooking workshop  
led by the 180°C association

Sustainability is also present in the subtle art of cooking and improvising. With unsold food, learn to unleash your imagination and to engage out of your habits. It is one opportunity to discover new technics and new tastes, as well as to savour them together. Don't forget to bring with you your Tupperware to bring back home the results of this collective workshop, which is open to every cook, amateur or advanced.

Website of the association: [www.180c.ch/association](http://www.180c.ch/association)  
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### 3 Transition Space

3pm – 5pm Writing workshop  
*Co-writing tomorrow's utopias* led by Alice Bottarelli

Where stands your ideal world? On a foreign island? In a near and tangible future? Or in a pristine past, a long lost golden age? Or maybe you are part of those who try to achieve this ideal in *our present time*. For our aspirations can also take place in a daily enjoyment, in the very much present and reel community we belong to. In this writing workshop, we will give life and depth to these utopias – between dream and reality. We will also test its bias and limits. If utopia is a “place that do not exist”, a projection of the mind, then let us enjoy even more exploring its refreshing freedom! Let us move beyond the boundary of the real, and head on toward new imaginaries.

This collective and experimental workshop is open to everyone. It is given by the author and scholar in contemporary literature Alice Bottarelli, also known for being a traveler between many lands and islands, as well as current eco-communities. The workshop is suitable for everyone, and will enable you to take time to take a curious look on your creation.

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### 4 Competence Center in Sustainability – 8<sup>th</sup> floor

5pm – 6:30pm Workshop  
*Towards zero waste at the Vortex?* led by ZeroWaste Switzerland,  
with other campus associations

The Vortex is home of more than a thousand restless and passionate students. It is a place in which knowledge accumulates, and so does the waste. With the support of the Association ZeroWaste Switzerland, we will explore the multiple facets of a sustainable lifestyle, reducing our ecological footprint with the help of everyone present in the building. After an overview of the situation in Switzerland and the specificities of the Vortex building, we will see how cooperative groceries, second-hand shops and objects library are useful allies in our ZeroWaste revolution. Far from shaming individuals in a complex system of consumption, we will also see how we can free ourselves from trashes that we also bear in our minds, thinking about our common aspirations.

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