

How can we support faculty who are planning to do service learning (best)?

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Established in 2005 (Organizational Development Lab)

Since 2013 UDE-wide central scientific service

**Support, Coordination & Advice on
Campus-Community-Partnerships:**

- Service Learning
- Community-based Research
- Design Thinking for Societal Change

Point of contact for community organizations

Goal: Strengthen research, teaching & society



Coordinating Service Learning at UDE

UNIVERSITÄT
DUISBURG
ESSEN

Offen im Denken

- ✓ Total 200+ CCP/SL-Courses with/in 8 faculties
- ✓ Total 400+ Community Partner Organizations
- ✓ Acquired ext. funds: > €2.1Mio
- ✓ 1.5 academic staff + 30h student assist.



- 2007: *Red Dot Design Award*
- 2008: *Campus-Community-Partnership-Award*
Jimmy-Carter-Foundation
- 2008: Selected Landmark *Land der Ideen*
- 2009: *USABle-Ideas-Award* Koerber-Foundation
- 2009: *Best-Practice Social Entrepreneurship* of BDA
- 2011: Winner: *Beyond Teaching and Research*
Stiferverband/Mercator Foundation
- 2014: Expert: *Campus and Community*
- 2014: Selected Landmark *Ort des Fortschritts NRW*

How does UNIAKTIV coordinate Service Learning?

Stakeholder Relations

Partner Matching

Product Development

Risk Mitigation



Controlling/Evaluation

(Pedagogic) Quality

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- Individual contacting, Service Learning Forum
- Campus offices
- Publications, Reporting/Public Relations
- Certificate of achievement
- UNIAKTIV-Award
- Local, national & international networking (NW:BdV; dghd, IARSLCE, Aurora, etc.)

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- shared data base
- 'grown' contacts
- own research & contacting
- crucial: facilitation

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- **workshop SL-didactics (for faculty)**
- **own teaching**
- **Didactic/Project coaching on demand**

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- 'debriefing' (teachers/faculty)
- standardized course evaluation form (students)
- selective course evaluation & feedback call (community partners)

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- fostering implementation in the curricula
- exploring & adapting related topics (CBR, Design Thinking, PBL,...)
- applying for Grants & Funds

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