

# a Great team



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Recycle, Reuse, Rethink.



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# a Material hub

The Trash Bunker is a student-led **material hub** (located on Blaak ground floor) that focuses on **reusing materials** and **reducing waste** at the WdKA. It is a **give-and-take space** to encourage students bringing second hand materials into their projects.

It was initially established by a **group of students** as part of the Climate Camp course elective, then organized by the **SPIN collective**. Although it was originally supposed to be temporary, it was officially **adopted** by the academy in 2021.



Since then, the Trash Bunker has been an **active part of the Living Station**, which includes the Rooftop Garden and the Living Lab.

# Join the community!

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**The Trash Bunker can't live without you!  
Reach us out!**



The Material Rescue Community is a Whatsapp group for you to browse and get (large) materials from our storage. It is the best way to contact the student assistants to check if they might have the specific materials you are looking for or make donations. It's a good solution to make cheap projects and give materials a second life!

# So far, So good!

Last school year brought many improvements to the Trash Bunker. Thanks to the efforts of the student assistants, it became deeply rooted into the academy... and beyond!

In 2023, the Trash Bunker got a **new visual identity**: a new logo and a graphic mapping for a better use and navigation.



The team improved the station by **sorting materials better** and hence make it easier to use by students. Furniture was built from leftover wood in order to store **large materials** immediately in the station. Thanks to the FIT, wide drawers were saved to store oversized paper.



The students assistants travelled to the Ultra Dependent Public School at **BAK** in **Utrecht**, where they built a **mini trash bunker** with the help of **Lucrative Dumpster Dive**, an organisation that strives for circular economy in the NL.



The Trash Bunker worked hard to create **awareness on waste handling** within the academy, both among students and stations. The **Material Rescue Community** was created on whatsapp to **connect students and assistants** from the Bunker more easily. With the help of the assistants, many students could **access the station's basement storage** to upcycle materials for their own projects.

The team gathered a lot of **materials from the Graduation Show** for reuse, including a lot of ready-made **exhibition furniture**.



Outside of the academy, the Trash Bunker looked for **collaborations with local companies and organisations** to save materials and **create waste streams**. In this way, the team was able to work with the **Maritiem Museum**, the **IFFR** and a company that treats inks for printing, which donated a **large amount of paper** and **sticker rolls** to the school. These successful partnerships will be renewed this year.

As one assistant participated in the **"Trash experiment" elective** where students had to make new use of waste from the Publication Station, **saving units for paper** were designed for that station.

# What's next?

This year, the team is willing to **share its expertise** and **improve the collaborations** within the academy. It will work **with the stations** to help them handle leftover materials better.

The Trashbunker will explore the possibility of setting up a **new rental platform** together with FIT and events management to help students finding **exhibition furniture**.

The station's purpose is to **infuse new habits** among students and staff, by organizing **conferences, events**, but also **publishing**.

Finally, the Bunker hopes to **see its community grow**, both inside and outside the WdKA. The team will continue its efforts to **collaborate** with structures outside the academy and help students with their projects!

