

# What is Solarpunk?

- solarpunk manifesto
- What is Solarpunk? (Andrewism, Youtube, 2020
- Why This Gives Me Hope for the Future (OCC, Youtube, 2021)

## Literature

- Solarpunk reading list (goodreads
- Our Shared Storm: A Novel of Five Climate Futures
- Was, wenn wir einfach die Welt retten?: Handeln in der Klimakrise. Frank Schätzing
- https://aditiandslick.tumblr.com a narrative graphical novel approach by prof Joshua Pearce to explain Sustainability to people

## **Animation & Movies**

- Dear Alice (animation/commercial by The Line, 2021)
- A message from the future (animation) by activist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. In it, she explains how a fairer and more environmentally conscious world would have to differ from the one we live in today. (Youtube Link, 2019)
- Studio Ghibli is a great inspiration for Solarpunk in its depiction of man and nature.
- Wall-E (Movie, Pixar Studios, 2008). The two robots Wall-E and EVE bring a small plant back to a destroyed Earth.
- **Black Panther** (Movie, 2018) is often mentioned in the context of solarpunk, as the fictional city of Wakanda is inspired by solarpunk ideas. Wakanda consisting of equal parts high-tech elements and African adobe construction. However, it uses a simple trick to solve our problem of energy needs by means of the fictitious material Vibranium ... not quite solarpunk.

## Art

## Activism / Politics

• Degrowth, is the idea of a society away from consumption and economic growth is certainly inspired by the

degrowth movement.

- **Community welfare economy** Gemeinwohlökonomie Values such as solidarity and the welfare of the community take precedence over individual profit.
- 3 R's Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle: https://earthhow.com/reduce-reuse-recycle

## Press

The University of Colorado describes Solarpunk more as a movement that strives for a climate-neutral future. To this end, it uses art and literature, for example, to create a utopia - in other words, it develops ideas about what a sustainable society could look like.

Utopia.de: "In this still fictitious world, people have actually already achieved what is still the big goal for us by 2050: Net Zero. To achieve this, humanity would have to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions to zero as far as possible. This means that fossil fuels would have to play a subordinate role in the future. This is the only way to effectively reduce climate-damaging greenhouse gases. In the future world of Solarpunk, *solar or wind power* have therefore long since taken the place that oil or gas still occupy in the real world."

heise.de: "This is probably not a really seductive subject for literary utopias.It becomes interesting where such future designs build bridges, where they bring together the present and the future."

Vice magazine: Solarpunk Is Not About Pretty Aesthetics. It's About the End of Capitalism. At its core, and despite its appropriation, Solarpunk imagines a radically different societal and economic structure.

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