

REAL-WORLD INCLUSIVITY CHALLENGE

Make DTU Skylab more inclusive

The Problem

While DTU Skylab's activities, values, and culture align with our target groups' expectations, a pilot study has shown, that our space can appear intimidating and difficult to navigate for unfamiliar users. We aim to make entrepreneurship collaborative and inclusive, thus we desire an accessible environment for all.

The Challenge

Our facilities support activities ranging from meetings, coaching sessions, courses, and workshops, to hackathons and events. Our community mantra is "this place is yours", implying an inclusive and open environment, but we want to challenge that assumption and increase the diversity of users and accessibility of the space, so everyone feels welcome and let DTU Skylab serve as a living lab for inclusive solutions. We believe that creating an environment inclusive to those who do not regard DTU Skylab as their place, makes the hub more accessible, easier to use and navigate for our primary target groups as well. Suggested project focus could entail wayfinding, physical accessibility and universal design, or event facility management, but we are open to suggestions depending on scope and problem definition.

To work with this challenge, you should be enrolled in an institution within higher education, preferably with a background in engineering, architecture, or design, but not a requirement. If you work on the challenge as part of a study program, course, or project, you should have a relevant supervisor provided by your institution. You will work together with staff from our operations team, who will support your project scope and give feedback, have access to sparring from external consultants and gain insight into the vibrant culture and start-up environment of DTU Skylab.

Target Group

As a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, our primary target groups are DTU students and start-up teams, researchers, educators, and staff. Our secondary target groups include external stakeholders from companies and organizations, mentors, delegates, etc. but also delivery personnel and event participants, who haven't entered the building prior to their visit.

Interested?

If you want to work with this challenge, please contact Ingrid Haug, Innovation Consultant at DTU Skylab at ingha@dtu.dk or +45 3145 0500.

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