

# HGK NEXA Award 2024

## Award Ceremony 7.3.2024

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**Siiri Tännler** (Student, MA Digital Communication Environments)

Welcome, I'm Siiri Tännler and I'm happy to announce that this NEXA Award goes to

### **Nnobia Space – Circular Design Education & youth empowerment in Ghana by Martin Wöllenstein, MA Experimental Design**

And last but commonly inspiring, this is a project that fundamentally encourages and encapsulates sustainability from its core. **Nnobia Space** is a design education program situated in Takoradi, Ghana that feels natural and pragmatic both in its aesthetic and method. The project embodies collaboration, learning, creativity, and above all, celebration and enjoyment of life.

There is no need to mention and list sustainability strategies but a mutual agreement of being and living in and with the world. It blurs any global North and South perspective and is, fundamentally and first a celebration of resources.

The project is versatile and sensitive in recognizing the potential of material properties and expands recycling as a strategy and method: culturally, socially, and aesthetically. We are very much looking forward to seeing how the project evolves, gathering and being shaped beyond disciplines, species or languages.

Congratulations to **Martin Wöllenstein** and their collaborators.  
A life pattern to celebrate!