

# Solarpunk



## 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

## Writing

- [22 Solarpunk Communities and Story Hooks](#) by [Pawel \(alxd\)](#)
- [Solarpunk Writing Prompts - An Introduction](#) by [James Tomasino](#)

## 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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