

## **Giving Tuesday on 1<sup>st</sup> December becomes a fortnight of warm generosity and community spirit from 1 to 14 December 2020**

Hit by the COVID-19 global health crisis, the year 2020 has seriously affected the university community, and in particular, living and studying conditions for students. Via the [Paris-Saclay University Foundation](#), another surge of generous contributions were made this year on behalf of the university's constituent faculties and institutes, departments, services, component institutions and various local partners.

[AGORAè](#), a solidarity grocery store for students in difficulty, can count on the **support of the university's constituent faculties and institutes, departments and services to donate food and essential items to their collection**. To offer the best support possible for students, several university organisations are taking part in the movement, including the [MISS](#) (Centre for Science Initiation and Awareness) and the [SUAPS](#) (Department of Physical and Sports Activities). With the Department of Student Life, **the participation of young civic service volunteers has invigorated the solidarity movement**, a reflection of the values shared by [Paris-Saclay University](#).

The [Secours Populaire in Orsay](#), with whom we are working alongside yet again this year, has highlighted several key needs in the field. That's why the [CROUS in Versailles](#), our loyal partner since 2018, is organising two collection points where donors can donate household linen ([Résidence Eileen Gray, Orsay](#)) and toys ([Cèdres University Restaurant, Orsay Campus](#)) so that Christmas can be a source of joy and pleasure for all.

Also our partner since 2018, [SIOM](#) is once again at our side this year. As part of the [sustainable development project at Paris-Saclay University](#), the company [URBAN ECO](#) will be launching an 'Introduction to Composting' initiative with a fun yet practical webinar on **Tuesday 1 December, 12-1pm and 5-6pm**. The initiative, which will be widely shared by the student vice-presidency, will also include the installation of a collective compost bin for students.

An increasing number of external partners, who are committed to working together as a community, are taking part in our initiatives and offering various types of support:

- The [Orsay Town Hall](#) is opening up the [MJC Jacques Tati](#) (Community Arts Centre and Youth Club) for the collections organised by **AGORAé and the Secours Populaire**.
- The [Bures-sur-Yvette Town Hall](#) and the [MET](#) (Ecology and Environmental Transition Centre) is giving all of the students at Paris-Saclay University a "Solidarity Christmas".