

## Self-sustainability on your dress!

Self-sustainability is nowadays a hot-spot for some societies, where people look for the ecological/economical way of life. Riding bicycle to work, create own vegetables, bio-based fibres or self-cleaning garments can be few examples for rough but easy self-sustainability. A nice example is given by the designer Joo Youn Paek, that designed a Self-Sustainable Chair: a dress made of 7 trash bags, 2 foot-pumps and a pair of slippers. The dress inflates on each step, turning it to a comfortable resting chair! The deflation happens due to weight of the user, inviting him to walk again &ldquo;as a loop behavior on the street&rdquo;. Could we say this is, not only self-sustainable, but also an interactive garment? Why not? It creates an amusing performance on daily routine, not requiring lots of cables, electronic or injecting pumps, like a wearable canoe presented by Yeal Mer, for emergency floods, after the storm in New Orleans. I can say both are nice, easy and useful, but what are actually the world priorities?! Preventing the lack of Earth resources or protecting humans from extreme climate changes? Maria Jos Machado