

Radio Radieschen Wins Adult Education Radio Award

Hannah Jutz and Vincent Leb from Radio Radieschen, the training station of FHWien der WKW, were honored for their feature “Kein Zurück: Fürs Klima ins Gefängnis” about a climate activist.

Vienna, January 29, 2026 – How do we, as a society, deal with protest? And where do we stand in the climate crisis? These are the questions Hannah Jutz and Vincent Leb from Radio Radieschen explored in depth together with Elisabeth Bauer – also a FHWien der WKW alumna – and Anna Muhr. The result is a powerful portrait of Laila Fuisz, an activist with the “Letzte Generation” (“Last Generation”). For this work, the four radio producers were selected from more than 170 submissions and received the 28th Adult Education Radio Award on January 22, 2026, in the category “Sustainability and Future Skills.”

Portrait of a Climate Activist

The feature offers listeners insight into Laila Fuisz’s everyday life – caught between protest, jail, and court dates. As part of her climate protests, she repeatedly glued herself to the street. In doing so, she broke laws and received fines totaling several thousand euros. Because she cannot pay them, she has repeatedly had to serve default prison sentences in lieu of payment. The award-winning radio piece not only portrays a climate activist, but also raises the broader question of the state of the climate crisis and our planet.

The jury praised the feature as “committed, authentic, and courageous”. The piece does not shy away from controversy. It stays close to the protagonist without pandering, and demonstrates “a strong journalistic stance”.

Successful FHWien der WKW Alumni

“This award recognizes the outstanding journalistic achievement of Elisabeth Bauer, Hannah Jutz, and Vincent Leb,” says Daniela Süssenbacher, Head of Journalism & Media Management study programs at FHWien der WKW. “With their feature, they addressed a socially relevant topic with great sensitivity and professional precision. The thoroughness of their research and the compelling execution show the high level at which our degree programs and their lecturers and staff operate – and how effectively they teach the craft of responsible, excellent journalism.”

Recognition for High-Quality Journalism

From more than 170 submitted productions by Austrian radio stations, the jury selected those contributions that present socially relevant topics in a well-founded, accessible way and with a high adult-education standard – exemplifying how education can become audible in times of profound social change.

The Adult Education Radio Award is presented in five categories: “Literature, Culture, and the Arts,” “Eduard Ploier Award for Economic, Democratic, and Political Education,” “Science Communication, Technical Education, and Digitalization,” “Sustainability and Future Skills,” and “Human Rights and Society.” The jury includes experts from journalism, media studies, and adult education.

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Listen to the Award-Winning Radio Radieschen Feature

Many programs produced by FH Wien der WKW students, as well as the Radio Radieschen editorial team, are available to listen to on Spotify, iTunes, SoundCloud, and Podcaster.de. Here is the link to the award-winning feature:

tinyurl.com/radio-radieschen

About the Journalism & Media Management study programs at FH Wien der WKW

The Journalism & Media Management study programs at FH Wien der WKW have been offering practice-oriented degree programs for entry into quality journalism for over 20 years. Three programs – two Bachelor's and one Master's – provide journalistic know-how in content production and media management. The focus is on a close integration of theory and practice. More than two thirds of the lecturers come from the media industry, bringing extensive professional experience into the classroom and ensuring a particularly hands-on education. Applications for FH Wien der WKW degree programs starting in September 2026 are open until March 30, 2026.

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For their feature about a climate activist, Elisabeth Bauer (holding the certificate), as well as Hannah Jutz (third from right) and Vincent Leb (second from right) from Radio Radieschen received the Adult Education Radio Award.

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