

NEW TRENDS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Algae as a plastic substitute

Under the umbrella of the British company Skipping Rocks Lab, young British, French and Spanish scientists have been working on a new algae-based packaging form that is now ready for the market.

After years of research, they have managed to manufacture a functional material out of brown algae and calcium chloride, which they call 'Ooho'. It is transparent, flexible and edible, and instead of taking up to 1000 years to decompose, as is the case with plastics, it breaks down into organic material after just six weeks. Could this be the solution to the immense plastic problem facing oceans and the environment? The signs are promising. The company is currently working to order and can already produce containers and bags. Anything can be packaged in it, including sauces, cups or cosmetic products such as creams, shower gels or shampoos. Alginate from brown algae is very versatile, biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Brown algae are very easily produced as marine plants. They are currently cultivated in Chile, China and Western France. The alga grows wild and up to three metres a day and is grown without the need for fertiliser. At the moment the main buyers are the organisers of marathons and festivals. From the brown algae an alginate paste is produced, which is transformed by a machine into the desired form. It can produce up to 100 containers in five minutes.



↑ The algae mass can be used and shaped in many ways. After use, it decomposes after four to six weeks

TRANSSEXUALITY IN ANOTHER TIME

Homage to Rosario Miranda

A special personality was recently honoured in Buenavista del Norte: Rosario Miranda.

The event, organised by the Canary Islands Association of Transsexuals, Canarias Libetrans and the Association of Lesbians, Gays, Transgenders, Bi- and Intersexuals LGTBI+, in cooperation with the Island Council, paid tribute to Miranda, who stood by his self-belief at a time when sexuality issues were still taboo.

"Rosario Miranda is a role model. He stood by his personality and did not care about social prejudices, the living conditions of his time and the difficulties of living in his rural village community. He was an example of mutual tolerance, respect and the struggle for one's own convictions. Values that we still appreciate today," explained Councillor Nauzet Gugliota. Even if the subject of sexuality no longer has as many taboos as at that time, it is important to speak openly about the various forms

of sexuality and to make society aware of the problems suffered by this group of people. Integration is not yet a matter of course.

Regalado. He was in the village from an early age, a person who didn't fit in well but stood by his convictions. Outside the Canary Islands

are still the key concepts of a



Rosario Miranda in a typical skirt made of recycled parasol fabric

A documentary film by David Baute about Miranda was also shown during the ceremony. It is the only audiovisual work that recalls the man whom everyone knew and was actually born Domingo

he has celebrated great successes as a transvestite. At home in Buenavista del Norte he was a small farmer. Everyone knew Rosario Miranda, who collected fennel in original skirts made of parasol fab-

functioning society that sees these differences as enrichment and not as a threat. If you like, you can download the video on the film from youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJyKR6KiJ_0.

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