

Activist researcher who destroyed GM potatoes reinstated after no violence pledge

A researcher who was fired by Leuven University because she took part in protests against genetically modified crops has been reinstated.

Barbara Van Dyck took part in the protests that destroyed GM potatoes in 2011 and was immediately fired by Rector Mark Waer. Now she has been reinstated to her position at the Architecture and Urban and Countryside Planning Department by the new rector, Rik Torfs, on the condition that she will “repudiate violence and will not proceed with legal action against the university.”

Rector Torfs stresses that “we [shouldn’t] exclude workers because of their conviction...by reinstating Ms. Van Dyke we are acting in this spirit.”

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