



## GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

### April 2016 Newsletter

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*GPSEN connects diverse organizations across the greater Portland region in a collaborative network that multiplies our collective capacity to educate for a more sustainable future.*

*Educate ~ Empower ~ Engage*

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### GPSEN News

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There are few months that are busier for sustainability folks than April. Whether you celebrate Earth Day, Earth Week, or Earth Month, you know you are in high demand!

This month and the spring season ahead offer many opportunities to learn new ideas and shift behaviors toward a more sustainable future. From [PSU's Earth Day Festival](#) and [PCC's Earth Week](#) to film screenings, book releases, and leadership trainings, there is something for everyone. Please check out the details below and support our many partners, through the variety of community events, workshops, and many more resources developed by good people in the greater Portland region.

If you missed some of the GPSEN events from the last couple of months, be sure to check out our resources on our website and Facebook page. For example, the film is now available for the [Sustainability Consciousness presentation](#). Thanks to Milt Markewitz for making this possible. You also can see the recording of the [International Virtual Youth Conference](#). We are very proud of the representatives from our youth network who presented on regional energy issues.

Of course, we encourage you to use the power of the network. Please help spread the word about these upcoming events and opportunities and help make our region

great!

*Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?  
Share them with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#) by the 28th.  
If you have questions, please contact [news.gpsen@gmail.com](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com).*

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## GPSEN Events

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Events and activities at the [PCC Sustainability website](#).

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## Transforming our World through Higher Education and Agenda 2030

**Tuesday, April 19**

3:00 - 4:50 pm

PCC Sylvania TCB 211

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219

Agenda 2030 is an aspirational plan by the United Nations to support people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnerships. Can we transform our world by 2030? What role can higher education play? Dr. Kim Smith, PCC Sociology Instructor and Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) Coordinator, will introduce the UN's Agenda 2030 and the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals and guide a discussion on potential strategies.. Co-sponsored by GPSEN and Portland Community College, this event builds on efforts to create a network across our region to support educational solutions to our sustainability challenges.

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## Movie Screening: Cowspiracy

**Thursday, April 21**

3:00 - 5:00 pm

PCC Sylvania Cafeteria Tree Rooms

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219

“Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret” is a groundbreaking feature-length environmental documentary following intrepid filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers the most destructive industry facing the planet today – and investigates why the world’s leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it. Watch the film and join in a lively discussion with faculty and community leaders.

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## Community Events

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### Pan-Africa Youth Leaders: Social Impact Fair

**Friday, April 1**

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Tabor Space Dining Hall, 5441 SE Belmont St

Come meet young leaders from across Africa and learn about the action projects they have developed to address social issues in their communities. Visiting Oregon through the State Department’s [Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program](#), these 24 high school students and teachers have come from Liberia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Uganda to learn how young people are making an impact here in the U.S. The Social Impact Fair will exhibit the ideas and innovations they will use to bring positive social change back home.

Join us for this fun, free event and see how young people are tackling the issues that shape modern Africa. For more information and to RSVP for this free event [click here](#).

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### Confronting Islamophobia

**Friday, April 1**

7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall  
1037 SW Broadway, Portland, OR

[Reza Aslan](#), best-selling author and scholar of religions will join us as the second speaker of the 2016 International Speaker Series, with a talk entitled "Confronting Islamophobia". For more information about the 2016 International Speaker Series and to purchase season tickets, [click here](#).

Tickets are sold only as a series package (4 events). Single tickets will go on sale at 10 am the day of each event. Please call 503-946-7272 to purchase single tickets.

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## Discussing Oregon's Implementation of the Clean Power Plan

**Tuesday, April 5**

12:00 - 3:30 pm

Oregon Sate Capitol, Hearing Room C  
900 Court Street NE, Salem

Students and faculty from colleges and universities around the state will convene at the Capitol for a discussion with experts on Oregon's implementation of the Clean Power Plan and related state, national, and international policy. This event is part of a national civic engagement initiative in over 30 states during the week of April 4th. Students studying law, policy, environmental science, and other related topics will engage with experts and stakeholders in to discuss:

- How can Oregon reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from energy production and use?
- How does the Clean Power Plan tie into the recent Paris agreement?
- How can we create effective policy with equitable outcomes for all Oregonians?

For more information [click here](#).

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## Sustainability in Portland: Connecting Animals, People, and Planet

**Thursday, April 7, 2016**

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center (Ecotrust)  
721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, OR

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine will be served. The event is free and capacity is limited, so please RSVP early — this is something you won't want to miss!

This year, the Lewis & Clark Sustainability Council and the Lewis & Clark Human-Animal Studies Collaboration team up to explore sustainability for all life forms. Through the lens of education and art, this event will consider the interconnections between animal protection, environmental ethics, and human rights.

Registration closes on Monday, April 4. For more information [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

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# Lecture: Wielding the Power of Vulnerability

## April 7 (lecture)

7:00 pm

First Unitarian Church, 1211 SW Main St, Portland

The First Unitarian Church of Portland extends an open invitation to the general public to join in conversation with climate activist, Tim DeChristopher, who will speak on how the insecurity of our time requires us to tap into a kind of power that honors our vulnerability. Doors open at 6. Lecture: \$5-20 (sliding scale, no one turned away).

For more information [click here](#).

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## Celebrating Climate Success: An Earth Call to Action

### Tuesday, April 12

7:00 pm

Tabor Space, 5441 SE Belmont St

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Oregon House District 46, will host a panel discussion with key climate action groups in Portland. The event, which is free and open to the public, is part of the monthly series "Let's Talk Climate." Representatives from Oregon Environmental Council, Renew Oregon, 350PDX, Rising Tide, Citizens Climate Lobby, Sierra Club, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, and others have been invited to share their recent successes, their roles in climate action as advocates and activists, and their sense of next steps. As part of Earth Month 2016, this event will celebrate Oregon's legislative achievements and other bold climate planning successes.

To facilitate planning, attendees are encouraged to register at [Eventbrite](#) or send an e-mail to [climaterenewal@yahoo.com](mailto:climaterenewal@yahoo.com). For more information about "Let's Talk Climate" and our monthly talks [click here](#). To RSVP for this event on Facebook [click here](#).

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## Environmental Film Series

### Wednesdays, April 13, 20, 27

7:00 to 8:00 pm "ish"

First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park Avenue, Portland

The Caring for Creation Committee at St. James Lutheran Church invites you to view environmental films in an Emmy Award-winning docu-series by James Cameron of Titanic and Avatar fame. The films take us to 9 different locations to show how climate change is affecting the planet. There will be an opportunity for discussion after each film. No charge. For information, contact Doris Nielsen [wirtz.doris@gmail.com](mailto:wirtz.doris@gmail.com)

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## Visually Thinking Through the Circular Economy

### Sunday, April 17

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location TBD

Our design duo will sketch out a big picture overview of the circular economy as it promotes redesigning processes, products, and systems from a “take, make, waste” scenario into a “high quality, zero waste, and sharing economy” situation to name a few. This is a whole-systems design approach that is applicable to all sectors of design and makers of many disciplines. By employing ecodesign lenses such as biomimicry, permaculture, and other sustainability frameworks, we’ll share how to clarify possibilities and innovate to co-create an environmentally, socially, and economically appealing future. Cost: \$12.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Brunch and Panel on Legacy Fellowship

**Wednesday, April 20**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy

221 NW Second Ave, Portland OR 97209

Changing the world, even just a corner of it, takes more than good intentions. If you’re like most people, it can be difficult to decide what to do and how to start. A good first step is to join SAGE’s Legacy Fellowship, our nine-month leadership program to train you to carry out a community benefit project of your own design. Join us and our panel of fellows for an informational brunch on the program, and to learn how SAGE can help you launch a project that will change your corner of the world for the better.

No cost. Register at [www.wearesage.org/get-involved/workshops-empowerbrunches/give-forward/](http://www.wearesage.org/get-involved/workshops-empowerbrunches/give-forward/).

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## For the Love Of Documentary

**Thursday, April 21**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Aladdin Theater

3017 SE Milwaukie Ave, Portland, OR 97202

The film explores the journey of evangelical worship artists John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan, William Matthews, and Stephen Roach (from Songs of Water) to Paris for COP21 to learn about how climate change is impacting the world's most impoverished. This short film dives into what they learned as they engaged with activists, scientists, and people directly impacted by climate change. The event is especially geared to Christian millennials. Donation of \$5 or more.

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## Earth Day in Music and Song

**Friday, April 22**

7:30 - 9:00 pm

First Unitarian Church

SW 12th & Salmon, Portland

[The Center for Earth Leadership](#) invites you to celebrate our remarkable planet with us. The program includes instrumental and vocal performances, meditative singing,

poetry, and candle lighting. Refreshments and conversation following in the Buchan Room. Featured Music: Madrona Viola Duo with guest pianist, Gary Skye. Guest Artists: Sky in the Road, David Roth, and Satori Men's Chorus.

RSVPs appreciated at 503-244-0026 or [jeanne@earthleaders.org](mailto:jeanne@earthleaders.org)

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## **BARAKA In 70mm!**

**Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24**

7:00pm

Hollywood Theater

4122 NE Sandy Blvd Portland, OR 97212

Presented as part of the Portland EcoFilm Festival in celebration of Earth Day on April 22!

**BARAKA** (1992): "Baraka" is an ancient Sufi word, which can be translated as "a blessing or the breath or essence of life from which the evolutionary process unfolds." Featuring no conventional narrative and no dialogue, BARAKA takes viewers around the globe to witness a variety of spectacles in both natural and technological realms, from chaotic cities to barren wilderness. Filmed in 152 locations in 25 countries on six continents, BARAKA brings together a series of stunningly photographed scenes to capture what director Ron Fricke calls "a guided mediation on humanity." The production took 30 months to complete, including 14 months on location, with a custom-built computerized 65mm camera. "The goal of the film," says producer Mark Magidson, "was to reach past language, nationality, religion, and politics and speak to the inner viewer."

**TICKETS Tickets: \$12 general admission; \$9 Student/Senior, Friend, and Director members**

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## **Sandy River Delta Eco-Blitz**

**Saturday April 23**

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sandy River Delta

Crown Point Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060

The Sandy River Delta Eco-Blitz is part of a region wide, on-going Eco-Blitz Series to find and collect data on the Portland-Vancouver metro area's wildlife. This event is free, open to all ages, and no experience is necessary. Community members will be paired with identification specialists who will lead them on an outing to observe species of interest.

For more information about this event and to register [click here](#). For information about Eco-Blitzes happening around the country [click here](#) or [watch this short video](#) by Oregon Field Guide.

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## **Community Energy Project Spring Social**

### **Wednesday, May 4**

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Base Camp Brewing Company  
930 SE Oak St, Portland, OR 97214

Join us for an evening of appetizers, socializing, silent auction, and entertainment as we celebrate another successful year. Donations from the event will help us ensure we are keeping homes safe, healthy, and efficient for low-income residents of Portland. We will also be honoring outstanding volunteers who help make Community Energy Project a truly community focused organization.

\$50 General Admission. Use Discount Code "healthyhomes" for early-bird price of \$45. [Get your tickets today](#) to support Community Energy Project!

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## **Visiting SAGE Paul Hawken**

### **Thursday, May 12**

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205

Senior Advocates for Generational Equity (SAGE) brings Paul Hawken to speak in Portland! World-renown environmentalist, entrepreneur, and best-selling author on sustainability will speak about his work with Project Drawdown, a non-profit that is mapping and modeling 100 existing, substantive solutions to reverse climate change. These solutions are widely practiced, commonly available, economically viable, and scientifically valid. When implemented globally and at scale over the next thirty years, they'll not only forge a pathway to reverse climate change, but will also result in more security, more prosperity, more jobs, and better health. Hawken will show how a wide variety of actors can advance these solutions – engaged citizens, students, teachers, farmers, business leaders, policymakers, and more.

Tickets start at \$20. Get tickets at [www.wearesage.org](http://www.wearesage.org).

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## **Classes, Workshops & Conferences**

### **Workshops: Landscape for Healthy Watersheds**

Spring is here, and your garden calls! Looking for a little inspiration before you dig in? Check out these FREE WORKSHOPS and learn about all kinds of ways you can make a positive impact on your watershed with your landscaping decisions. All workshops are FREE and open to anyone. To register [click here](#).

#### **Naturescaping**

- Sunday, April 3 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm (Gresham)
- Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (NE Portland)

#### **Native Plants**

- Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (SE Portland)

- Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm (NE Portland)
- Wednesday, April 13 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Gresham)

### **Rain Gardens 101**

- Sunday, April 17 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm (Troutdale)
- Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Gresham)

### **Urban Weeds**

- Wednesday, April 6 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (SE Portland)
- Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (NE Portland)

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## **E-Course: Strategy Tools for Sustainability Transformation**

### **Mondays, April 4 - 25**

12:00 - 1:30 pm

This ISSP course will guide practitioners through the jungle of sustainability techniques and change processes, and help you learn when and how to apply them successfully. Using the VISIS Method (Vision | Indicators | Systems | Innovation | Strategy) as a guiding structure and sequence, you will deepen your understanding of these general methodological categories, as well as specific sustainability tools, with AtKisson's Accelerator tools in focus.

Participants will begin to apply both the VISIS Method and a variety of tools (selected from the Accelerator suite) to develop a sustainability project or initiative, and will work to produce a detailed strategic action plan. Participants will dig into case studies, examine the inner workings of selected tools, and consider the ethical dimension of strategy development. On completion of the course, participants will have received a thorough orientation to the art of Sustainability Change Agency and be eligible to apply for recognition as a Certified Practitioner of the VISIS Method and Accelerator tools.

Course: \$450. To register, or for more information, [click here](#). For more information about ISSP's other on-line courses [click here](#).

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## **Webinar: Key Steps to Find Sustainability in Funding**

### **April 5, 19 & May 3**

10:00 - 11:30 am

[ATE \(Advanced Education Technology\) Central](#) is pleased to announce their [spring sustainability webinar series](#) to help leaders of ATE projects and centers embrace the value they are creating and find ways to leverage that value for future funding and other forms of financial and non-financial support. The focus of this webinar will be to provide an overview of important steps any project or center leader can take today to start identifying the deep value they have created and to think about ways

that value can be leveraged into forms of ongoing support. This webinar serves as an overview; the webinars that follow will each delve into specific topics in greater depth.

- **April 5:** Funding Beyond the Grant: Finding the Best-Fit Funding Model for Your Project or Center
- **April 19:** Know your Audience, the Rest Will Follow: A Deeper Dive into Audience Assessment
- **May 3:** The Funding Environment: From Funder Mandates to Industry Partnerships

To register, [click here](#). For more information, [click here](#). You can also check out our [sustainability videos](#), featuring a group of sustainability experts including NSF's ATE Lead Program Director, Celeste Carter.

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## Symposium: Environmental and Climate Justice Practices

### April 8

10:20 am - 4:15 pm

Washington State University Vancouver campus  
14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., Vancouver

The Collective for Social and Environmental Justice at Washington State University Vancouver has announced its spring symposium. This event will include:

- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm: "Climate Justice in Indian Country" with Gail Small, Montana State University professor and Northern Cheyenne Tribe member.
- 1:30 to 2:45 p.m: "Trajectories of Injustices: Reflections on Three Decades of Radical Environmentalism" with Rik Scarce, Skidmore College professor and WSU alumnus.
- 2:45 - 4:00 pm: "It Takes Roots: Frontline Communities at COP21 and Beyond" with Cindy Wiesner, national coordinator of Grassroots Global Justice Alliance and co-chair of the Climate Justice Alliance and the Our Power Campaign.

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Pavithra Narayanan at [pavitraa@wsu.edu](mailto:pavitraa@wsu.edu) or 360-546-9732.

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## MISC Summer Documentary Program

### April 8 (application deadline)

June 24 - August 10 (program)

Part summer camp, part production house, Media Institute for Social Change's Summer Documentary Program is a seven-week intensive and exciting adventure. The city serves as a hands-on laboratory as students make radio and video documentaries about local solutions to global issues. Participants are immersed in hardcore classroom academics and hands-on production experience; a potent recipe that helps students mature their passions into practical job skills, and produce engaging, professional-quality documentaries. We work with award-winning filmmakers, radio personalities and local politicians to teach about how media projects can effectively bring about positive social change.

Learn more at [mediamakingchange.org/sdp](http://mediamakingchange.org/sdp) and email

## Workshop: Climate Change Tools for Faith Communities

**April 9**

10 am - 3 pm

First Unitarian Church, 1211 SW Main St, Portland

Tim DeChristopher will share integrated and multi-faith strategies to prevent climate change and environmental injustice, combat poverty and restore dignity to both people and the planet. The workshop costs \$40, which includes entry to the lecture on the 7th (see above). There is an additional (optional) recommended donation of \$5 for a catered vegan lunch. Contact Katie Radditz at [kradditz@firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kradditz@firstunitarianportland.org) to register. Limited to first 20 people.

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## Planning 2017 Earth Care Summit

**Monday, April 11**

12:00 - 1:30 pm (and) 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, core office

245 SW Bancroft St, Portland, 97239

There will be two gatherings for potential new voices regarding the planning of the 2017 Earth Care Summit. As our time together approaches please consider the following questions:

- What does my community, and the interfaith/environmental community in Oregon in general, need most to explore together at this crucial time for the climate?
- What gifts, passions, connections, and level of commitment am I able to provide to this endeavor?

You are welcome to bring a meal (we have a full service kitchen), but we likely cannot provide refreshments beyond coffee and tea. Please let us know which time slot you would like to attend and if you need or can offer a ride, and if so where you'll be coming from/going to. For more information and to RSVP email Heather Moline, Program Assistant of Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns, at: [hmoline@emoregon.org](mailto:hmoline@emoregon.org).

For directions to EMO's office [click here](#).

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## Workshop: Decolonizing Environmental Justice

**Monday, April 18**

Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus

1200 SW 49th Ave., Portland, OR 97219

As part of Whiteness History Month and Earth week, the District Sustainability Office and the Sylvania Multicultural Center have partnered to sponsor a workshop and open lecture by scholar and activist, Eriel Tchekwie Deranger. Decolonizing Environmental Justice is an event that will allow participants to think critically so that they may be able to serve as catalyst for creating more just, livable, and sustainable communities through exploring the interdependence between self, social, economic,

and ecological systems.

**Workshop: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

CC Building, Tree Rooms

The workshop will explore the intersections between oppression, race, and environmental injustice finishing with discussion of successful movements to promote social & environmental justice. (30 slots available with breakfast at 8am). Please Contact [Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu](mailto:Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu) to RSVP.

**Public Lecture: 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

ST Building, room 100

Eriel will speak on her work as an indigenous rights and environmental activist, including fighting tar sands development in First Nations and Treaty lands.

For more information contact: [Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu](mailto:Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu). Or by phone: 971.722.8322

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## **Webinar: The Transformational Company - The New Sustainability Leadership Standard**

Thursday, April 21

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Corporate responsibility and sustainability have become crucial for business success. Join us to discuss the drivers, trends, and case studies of these transformations and the most important qualities companies need to adopt to steward themselves, and their stakeholders, to a sustainable future. This webinar will provide an overview of The Qualities of a Transformational Company, a new leadership standard in corporate responsibility and sustainability. Based on research conducted for Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, The Qualities of a Transformational Company focuses on the new imperative for business and societal success. The webinar will include the drivers and trends of this new business paradigm, the business case, and suggestions for how you can use the qualities in your organization. Case studies of the transformational company qualities in practice will be shared so you can learn how other companies are operationalizing these ideas today.

Cost: \$25. For more information [click here](#).

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## **Conference: Next Generation STEM, Standards and Sustainability**

**Saturday, April 23**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Eugene: University of Oregon, Baker Downtown Center

975 High Street, Eugene, OR

Portland: University of Oregon, White Stag Block

70 NW Couch Street, Portland, OR

Please join the University of Oregon and [Partners for Sustainable Schools](#) at their Second Annual Conference. Join keynote speakers, presentations, and project-based learning activities to align with [Next Generation Science Standards](#).

Participants have the option to register and pay an additional \$75 for 1 graduate academic credit. All enrolled participants who have not registered for credit will receive a secure PDF certificate indicating the number of PDUs earned at the conference.

Conference Fee: \$50 for the first 50 registrations; \$125 for each subsequent registration. For more information or to register [click here](#).

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## **Active Hope: An Interactive Workshop in Joanna Macy's Work That Reconnects**

**Saturday, April 23**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Jean's Urban Forest Farm

3707 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Portland

The times in which we live are marked by realities of unprecedented ecological destruction, social injustice, and spiritual impoverishment, alongside a growing awareness of the implicit interconnections that define the web of life. Many are moved by a deep and abiding love for the world, and by compassionate responses of sorrow and despair for the losses and suffering that we face.

How do we cultivate active hope: the motivation, courage, and resilience necessary to respond to the challenges and opportunities of our time? This is a participatory workshop based in the pioneering, open-source work of Joanna Macy. Through experiential practices that include dialogue, imagination, movement, and reflection, participants will connect with deep sources of strength and inspiration to take part in the transition to a more just and sustainable future.

Suggested donation \$25 - 50. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. All proceeds will go toward ongoing development of [Root Down Rise Up](#), an intensive year-long self-discovery, community leadership, and rites of passage program for adolescent girls. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register [click here](#).

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## **Workshop: Strategies for Integrating Nature into Therapy**

**Friday, April 29**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lewis & Clark College, York 107

615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR

EcoWellness counseling is an approach for integrating the natural world into traditional and non-traditional counseling settings. The overarching purpose of this workshop is to help attendees consider how they might skillfully and ethically integrate EcoWellness into counseling. While this training will emphasize the application of EcoWellness to counseling settings, professionals and graduate students from diverse educational and professional contexts are welcome to attend. This workshop will be interactive and experiential, providing attendees with practical and effective strategies for integrating nature into counseling with persons of all ages and backgrounds. Workshop emphasis areas include clinician/nature

worldview and self-awareness, the ethical parameters of working with clients in outdoors settings, theoretical integration and intervention, and EcoWellness cross-cultural applications.

Cost: \$125 by April 7, \$150 after; includes 6.5 CEUs or PDUs. \$50 students. Lewis & Clark Alumni save 20%.

For more information and to register, [click here](#). For information about other [Eco-Psychology](#) events at Lewis & Clark [click here](#).

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## Program: Young Leaders in Action

### Sunday, May 1 (application deadline)

The World Affairs Council's Young Leaders in Action brings together 20 high school students from across the Portland area for global issue workshops, leadership training, and community service projects with an international impact. Any Portland-area high school student with a graduation year of 2017 or later is eligible to apply. There is no fee or other cost to participate. Young Leaders in Action meet the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month from June 2016 to April 2017, taking part in workshops, leadership training, community service activities, and networking opportunities with leaders from Portland and around the world.

Young Leaders in Action also receive mentorship and advising on study abroad scholarships, and college and career opportunities in the field of international affairs, and guidance in creating an action project on a global issue.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Transforming the Way We Lead

### May 4 - 6

Portland State University - Native American Center

Transforming the Way We Lead and the Art of Hosting training is about how to create effective meetings and practices for working better together amidst times of rapid change and high complexity. Many people are awakening to different ways of being in leadership together, moving beyond the typical traps of adversarial agendas and into processes of co-learning and participatory leadership that lead to wise action and change.

Many practitioners and leaders are seeking processes, tools and engagement strategies that bring out the best in our communities and foster deeper collaboration. The Art of Hosting is an international movement that is working to develop participatory leadership skills and practices.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

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## Workshop: Inspiring Equity and Justice in Sustainability Education

**Friday, May 13**

8:45 am – 2:00 pm

Portland Community College: Cascade Campus

Room TBA

The SPARC Council invites you to enhance your teaching and engagement with sustainability methods and practices by participating in our 4th annual faculty training workshop on Friday, May 13, 2016. This workshop is based on AASHE's (The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) Ponderosa/Piedmont Projects, a model that draws from a cross-disciplinary approach in curricular change. We invite faculty from all disciplines and perspectives to attend.

The workshop will explore how faculty can meaningfully integrate issues of equity and justice (social, environmental) within a sustainability context into our classrooms. Guest speakers will engage participants in facilitated small group discussions following a panel presentation. Also, learn how PCC's Climate Action Plan drives SPARC's initiatives to support sustainability curriculum development at PCC. Participants will receive morning refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials; also a stipend is available for part-time faculty. SPARC will also provide follow up curriculum development support to any participant.

To register: please submit your name, department, and a one paragraph description of how you'd like to incorporate sustainability in a current or new course (with course title) to: Heidi Sickert, SPARC Chair (Sustainability Practices for Academics and Resources Council), [heidi.sickert@pcc.edu](mailto:heidi.sickert@pcc.edu)

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## **UNA-USA Leadership Summit: A Time for Humanitarian Action**

**June 12 - 14**

Scholarship deadline: April 18

Washington D.C.

Join fellow members from around the country for three days of dynamic chapter sustainability trainings, advocacy workshops, and networking opportunities. Meet with high-ranking U.S. government and UN officials, learn from global experts, and urge Congress to support key humanitarian issues. Full details, including travel and hotel information, are available online. Space is limited so we encourage you to [register today!](#)

For more information [click here](#). To apply for a scholarship [click here](#).

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## **Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities**

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### **Job: Marketing and Communications Manager**

**April 4 (application deadline)**

World Affairs Council

This is a unique opportunity to use your marketing and communication skills and interest in global issues to work with Oregon's premier international affairs organization and contribute to its mission of "connecting Oregonians to the world."

We are seeking a great communicator and project manager with strong marketing instincts and background. You are adept at building media lists, communication planning and strategy, marketing support for events, and acting as liaison between Council and print, digital, radio and TV outlets. You really know your way around websites (CSS; html; Drupal; etc.), both front and back end, and are conversant with all forms of social media. You are an organized, highly motivated self-starter who works well in fast-paced, dynamic environment and enjoys collaborating with smart, interesting people. You are passionate about the larger world. You think the mission of the Council is important for the larger community and you are excited to help tell that story across multiple platforms. In a nutshell, we are looking for someone who is well-rounded in the marketing and communications field - someone who feels as comfortable and adept at forging strong, local media relations and coverage as they are writing compelling, branded web copy and developing strategic digital marketing campaigns.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Job: Zoo Ambassador Coordinators**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016 @ 5:00 pm (application deadline)**

Two part-time, temporary positions are available :

- Coordinator (Instructor II), \$13.50 hourly
- Coordinator/Lead (Instructor III), \$15.00 hourly

This year, Zoo Ambassadors will be supporting a Quest game that encourages guests to take conservation actions they can take to help wild animals and wild places. They will be volunteering at various Quest stations around the zoo that focus on an action families can take, particularly in the area of food waste. The Zoo Ambassadors program is open to volunteers aged 10-110, including families. There are usually about 120 volunteers in the program. Zoo Ambassador Coordinators are responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Zoo Ambassador program and directing Zoo Ambassador volunteers in a seasonal exhibit. Both positions will implement trainings, manage volunteer information and schedule, and supervise volunteers on zoo grounds.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Job: Tualatin Riverkeepers**

**April 8 (application deadline)**

Tualatin Riverkeepers is hiring the following positions for Summer 2016

- Trips & Tours Program Coordinator (May – September)
- Cook Park Boat Rental Staff (Memorial Day – Labor Day, Fri-Sat-Sun & Holidays)
- Nature Day Camp Counselors (June-August, M-F)

For more information [click here](#).

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## Job: PT Community Outreach Organizer

**April 15 (application deadline)**

The Community Outreach Program of the [ReBuilding Center](#) provides free tools and resources to individuals and organizations working to achieve equitable, more vibrant and resilient communities. We strive to strengthen the capacity of local, grassroots projects in their efforts to effect and sustain positive change in N/NE Portland. If you are searching for an opportunity to work in a collaborative, values-based work environment where the mission drives decision-making; where employees are committed to being the change they wish to see in the world; where building relationships matter; and can illustrate how your passion and qualifications are a great fit, we encourage you to apply today! This hourly position is 32 hours per week, Tuesday - Friday.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Job: Trackers Summer Educators and Mentors

Working with Trackers Earth is a unique experience. Founded in 2004, we're an eclectic mix of raucous pirates, foragers and muppets. Our school of wilderness skills has earned a unique reputation with families and grown into one of the most well-known outdoor camps in our area. We've won awards for best programming and grown to serve several thousand students each year. We pride ourselves in offering something for every kid. If you visit our summer page, you will see our camps are a surreal mix of straight-up skills programs (Rangers, Wilders or Mariners Guild) and role-playing adventure (Artisans Guild). The goal for every one of our camps? Get kids outside, connected to nature and community, while learning authentic skills.

While this may all sound like a lot of fun and games, in reality it's also a lot of work. We provide intensive experience and training in risk management, program logistics and development. If you want to make outdoor education your career, our camp programs will be very useful experience.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Job: NWF Oregon Education Coordinator

The [Northern Rockies, Prairies and Pacific Region of the National Wildlife Federation](#) is growing! To sustain our growth we are seeking an [Oregon Education Coordinator](#) who will be responsible for drawing upon the diversity of our educational resources to support and advance education program and expand public awareness about the [National Wildlife Federation's](#) programs in the State of Oregon. This position identifies opportunities to collaborate with other departments and program staff on program initiatives, as well as working with NWF's state affiliate, the [Association of Northwest Steelheaders](#), to implement programs on the ground.

For more information, [click here](#).

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## Job: Sierra Club Director, Oregon Chapter

The Sierra Club is searching for a vibrant, proven leader. This position is responsible for executing the strategic vision of an elected, volunteer executive committee and to sustain and expand the work of the Sierra Club as the leading grassroots environmental advocacy organization in the state. Managing a staff of three, and overseeing a current budget of approximately \$350,000, the director will have overall responsibility for the chapter's programs, including state lobbying, grassroots organizing, outdoor activities and public education. Successful candidates will have a passionate commitment to Oregon's environment and communities, a track record of successful fundraising, and a dedication to grassroots organizing and volunteer leadership development, and they will bring a spirit of inclusion and collaboration to their work.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Volunteer: Ridgefield Plankhouse Docent Training**

**Saturday, April 2**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

1071 S Hillhurst Rd, Ridgefield, WA 98642

The Plankhouse at the [Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#) provides the community a space to celebrate, learn about, and interact with local Native American culture. Volunteers lead that learning and discovery on the weekends with the public or during the week with school groups. Come to this introductory class and learn how you can be part of this amazing team. No experience necessary. Bring your interest in culture and nature and we provide all the training.

RSVP to Sarah Hill at 360-887-4106 or [Sarah\\_Hill@fws.gov](mailto:Sarah_Hill@fws.gov)

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## **Volunteer: Ridgefield Naturalist Training**

**Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, & 29**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thousands of adults and school children visit our local refuges annually and volunteers are often the only people they get to share their stories and questions with. Share your interest and passion with others by exploring with school children, leading guided walks with the public, or simply greeting people on our trails and in the contact station. This training will introduce both [Ridgefield](#) and [Steigerwald Lake](#) Refuges and how to interact and communicate with many fun and interesting people.

RSVP to Josie Finley at 360-887-4106 or [Josie\\_Finley@fws.gov](mailto:Josie_Finley@fws.gov)

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## **Volunteer: Tualatin River Naturalist**

**Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge**

19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood

Learn about the amazing wildlife who call the refuge home. Volunteer Naturalists welcome visitors, lead school and community field trips, facilitate opportunistic learning, and serve as a refuge resource. During the spring training volunteers will gain skills in environmental education, group management, and nature

awareness while exploring the [Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge](#).

Once trained, volunteers commit to providing support to the Conservation Education program as field trip leaders, group guides, and classroom based informal educators. Opportunities exist throughout the year, not just during the school year. Additional opportunities to work with varying age groups (including adults) and at different venues are available.

For more information [click here](#) or contact Jenna Mendenhall: [jmendenhall@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:jmendenhall@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org) or 503-625-5944

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## Volunteer: Wilderness Mentoring

**April 10 @ 4:00 pm (info session)**  
Planet Granite - 1405 NW 14th Ave. Portland

[Big City Mountaineers](#)' mission is to instill critical life skills in under-resourced urban youth through transformative wilderness mentoring experiences. We recruit caring adults who have a background in youth development and/or wilderness experience to go on 7 day wilderness expeditions with teens in locations such as the Willows, Olympic National Park, North Cascades, and others. We are recruiting adult mentors for our 2016 summer season.

The first step to becoming a volunteer is to attend one of our Information Sessions. At these sessions we will discuss our program, the teens and agencies we work with, and all the ways you can get involved with our organization. Meet other volunteers and folks interested in getting youth outside for a fun and informative evening. For additional information or questions, contact Claire Nelson - ([clairenelson@bigcitymountaineers.org](mailto:clairenelson@bigcitymountaineers.org)). To RSVP for the info session [click here](#).

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## Global Internship Programs

Following [CIEE](#)'s merger with the [Academic Internship Council](#) (AIC), we're offering new Global Internship programs in 11 locations across Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America. These full-time, 8-week internships will be combined with an integrated academic seminar, where students will develop professional skills and gain intercultural work experience. CIEE's Global Internship programs are offered in spring, summer, and fall, beginning summer 2016.

For more information, [click here](#).

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## GPSEN Internships and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN, either as an intern, volunteer, or committee or workshop member. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available.

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## Grants & Resources

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# EPA Environmental Education Grants Requests for Proposals

**Due April 8, 11:59 p.m. (Eastern)**

Under the [Environmental Education Grants Program](#), EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Since 1992, EPA has distributed between \$2 and \$3.5 million in grant funding per year, supporting more than 3,600 grants.

[Requests for Proposals](#) are now being accepted for the 2016 EE Grants Program. Applications are due by April 8, 2016, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

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## Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods

**April 11 (grant workshop); May 16 (grant deadline)**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m

Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant can help get your idea off the ground. Grants are available for individuals, community groups, businesses, neighborhoods, nonprofits, schools and school groups, government agencies, faith groups and service groups with nonprofit or other tax-exempt status. Metro expects to award about \$200,000 in restoration grants this year. Want to be inspired? Read more about the projects [here](#) or see examples of successful applications [here](#).

For more information [click here](#).

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## Grant: North Face Explore Fund

**April 5 (application deadline)**

Offered to U.S. based nonprofit organizations that connect people to the outdoors and support outdoor exploration. For more information [click here](#).

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## Grant: EPA Environmental Education

**April 8 (application deadline)**

This program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. For more information [click here](#).

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## **Grant: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**

**April 18 (application deadline)**

OWEB provides grants to help Oregonians take care of local streams, rivers, wetlands and natural areas. OWEB will accept applications for Restoration and Technical Assistance. For more information [click here](#).

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## **Grant: RiverHealth Stewardship Program**

**April 27 (application deadline)**

The RiverHealth Stewardship Program is administered by Clackamas County Water Environment Services. Grants are available to groups who seek to improve the health of watersheds located within Clackamas County Service District No. 1. Grants up to \$30,000 are available for rainwater infiltration, environmental restoration, habitat improvement or pavement removal projects that improve watershed health, are visible to the general public and show a clear community benefit. For more information [click here](#).

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## **Resource: AASHE's Campus Sustainability Hub**

**Webinar: April 13 at 12:00 pm**

The [Campus Sustainability Hub](#) is an online resource library that allows AASHE members to connect, share and learn about sustainability in higher education. The Hub is designed to raise visibility of institutions' sustainability programs and materials, and to facilitate information sharing between campuses and organizations. AASHE members have full access to the 5,000+ resources in the Hub, with more being added daily. The Hub allows members to quickly and easily find the resources most important to them through a centralized platform with advanced search and filtering options. It covers 17 sustainability topics and highlights useful resources, the latest news and more.

Users can submit resources to share information on their programs and achievements. Please see our [Submission Guidelines](#) to learn more. Once you've become acquainted with the Hub, we invite you to share your feedback and suggestions in this short, [five question survey](#). After you've familiarized yourself with the layout and functionality of the Hub, please join us for a webinar on Wednesday,

April 13, [Making the Most of AASHE's New Campus Sustainability Hub](#), to learn about key features, submitting resources, future plans and more.

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## Resource: Materials for Faith Climate Action Week

**April 15 - 24**

This page is for organizers and provides easy steps to a successful Faith Climate Action event:

- Find Sermon and Discussion Ideas: We are responding to the urgent need to curb climate change and protect our children's future. It's important to practice what we preach, and also sometimes to preach what we practice. Join us to preach and teach about the urgent need to protect our children's future, and all of God's Creation.
- Order the Faith Climate Action Kit with climate voter petition, postcards to senators, fact sheets, organizer guides, and additional materials
- Set a Date and Add Event to the National Map: Are you planning events, volunteer days, movie screenings, action days, lectures, parties or other activities around the Faith Climate Action Week? Don't forget to list your activity on the Faith Climate Action Map on this website.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Free Earth Day Program

"Remember the Rainforest" is an Eco education resource based on the explorers' expeditions of the 1800s. It can be used year-round for reports and projects with its extensive index, 700 pages of text and 1000s of downloadable images including Earth Day posters. [Check out the lessons](#).

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## Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business As Usual

NWEI has released its newest book! [Sustainability Works](#) is a four-session discussion course which will give you the tools to engage your team and create an action plan to achieve your sustainability goals. If your sustainability efforts are already underway, this discussion course will offer an opportunity to fine-tune your goals and commitments while also engaging new stakeholders. Sustainability Works will launch on Earth Day 2016.

For more information [click here](#). To reserve a review copy email us at: [contact@nwei.org](mailto:contact@nwei.org)

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## Clearing Magazine

[Clearing Magazine](#) is a communications and teaching tool for environmental literacy in the Pacific Northwest. Please check out this valuable resource and consider subscribing to the newsletter.

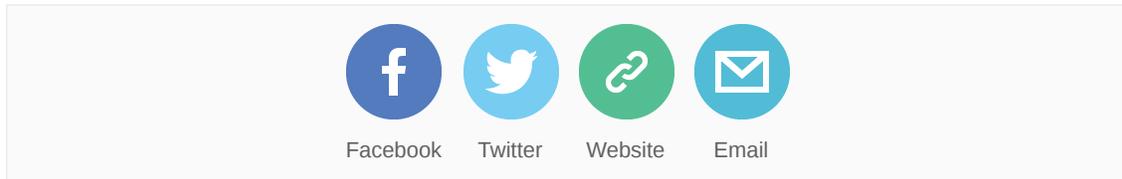
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by the 28th of the month for the following month's newsletter.  
If you have questions, please contact [news.gpsen@gmail.com](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com).

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