



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

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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.

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GPSen News

Dear Earth,

As you reawaken with your verdant leaves, beautiful blossoms, and rich fertility across species, please know that there are many of us fighting hard to protect you. Please forgive us for those who transgress against you, in ignorance of the powerful interconnectedness that we all share.

We celebrate You this month, through film, art, storytelling, workshops, lectures, field trips, and activism. As you provide for us, we are here for you. May the many offerings below reflect your vibrant abundance and remind us all how to honor your gifts and teach us how to live in harmony.



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GPSEN Events

Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business as Usual

Thursdays, April 20 - May 18

7:00 - 8:30 pm

On-line discussion

NW Earth Institute's discussion course "[Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business as Usual](#)" is designed to help organizations respond to the need for systems-level change that benefits both people and the planet. This introduction and four-session discussion course highlights the business case for sustainability and includes resources that will support the delivery of your sustainability goals, with the information and inspiration you need to engage your team and create or fine-tune a plan to advance sustainability in your business.

The course will be online and is organized by Dr. Zahra Golshani, a GPSEN Fellow and research associate with the University at Albany's [Institute of Environment and Health](#) in collaboration with the World Health Organization. She teaches sustainability and sustainable development to international NGOs.

The fee is \$35 for the course study book. Each participant will read the designated chapters and share thoughts in the on-line discussion. Instructions will be provided.

To register [click here](#). If you have any questions, email: contact@nwei.org

Facing Climate Change Workshop

Friday, April 21

12:30 - 4:30 pm

[Facing Climate Change](#) identifies the psychological barriers that inhibit our sense of efficacy and offers tools to overcome adversity, develop communication skills, and build our resilience. This workshop will use lessons from ecopsychology to help you build your own reserves of personal resilience so that you can face what you know and read about climate change with clear eyes, not sink into despair, and learn practices that will be psychologically supportive and empowering, including suggestions for how you can take action in your own communities. Through this lens, climate change becomes our ally to help us to move forward.

Participants will receive:

- Methods for self-care that are crucial to resilience and psychological well-being.
- Exercises designed to strengthen connection, communication, and empathy.
- Strategies for building positive visions for a flourishing planetary future.

30 participants from higher education institutions and the community will have the opportunity to be a part of this pilot project, gaining the knowledge, inspiration, and skills to become change agents in their communities.

General Registration \$15. Scholarship tickets \$5. Funds cover refreshments and course materials.

For more information and to register [click here](#). If you have questions, email: contact@gpsen.org.

Sustainability Across the Curriculum Workshop

Innovating for Food Justice & Healthy Communities

Friday, May 12

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

PCC Southeast Campus, Community Hall
2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216

This 5th Annual Faculty Training is sponsored by PCC's Sustainability Practices for Academics and Resources Council (SPARC) and is based on a cross-disciplinary curricular change model drawn from The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)'s Ponderosa/Piedmont Projects. Directly supporting the achievement of PCC's Core Outcomes on community and environmental responsibility, critical thinking and problem solving, and cultural awareness, this workshop is open to college and university faculty from all disciplines and perspectives across the greater Portland region.

The workshop provides resources for faculty to meaningfully integrate issues of food, racial, environmental and economic justice and their impacts on the health (physical, social, environmental, economic) of our communities into their classrooms, including speakers, facilitated discussions and teaching tools. The group will also tour SE's new Learning Garden and learn about PCC's multi-faceted student-focused programs. Participants will receive workshop materials and follow-up curriculum development support to any participant.

[Registration Required](#). Morning refreshments and a full lunch provided.
\$20 fee for non-PCC faculty.

Community Events

Behavioral Insights: Lessons from the Field & Happy Hour

Tuesday, April 4

5:00 -7:00 pm

McMenamins Ringler's Pub (side room @ 14th & Burnside)
1332 W. Burnside, Portland

[Behavioral Insights Group PDX](#) has organized another "Lessons from the Field" happy hour, focusing on the application of behavioral sciences to the energy efficiency field. Katie Wallace, from Energy Trust of Oregon, will present some key takeaways from this year's Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change conference. Jan Kleszynski, from C+C, will explain how they created motivation and competition through the reality tv show [SWAP](#) for the U.S. Department of Energy: first pitting Whole Foods against Hilton Hotels, and then putting the Naval Academy and Air Force Academy head-to-head.

View the Facebook [event page](#). RSVP on EventBrite [here](#).

Theater Improv for Community Building

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 – 9:00 pm

350PDX @ Central Lutheran Church
1820 NE 21st Ave, Portland

Join us for a night of theater improv for community building with certified teacher of Action Theater, Mary Rose. Mary Rose will be offering a variety of games and improvised experiences that transport us from our normal trains of thought (often stuck in memories of the past, anticipation/fear of the future, or judgments of ourselves and others), into the sensory moment that we are experiencing in the present. At the workshop, we will move our bodies, tune in to our breath, focus on what we are sensing and experiencing, share stories, laugh, connect. We will play with movement, sounds, and words. We will sometimes try exercises in a group, sometimes with partners, and sometimes alone. In this time of many intense emotions, it is important to have ways of connecting joyfully with others. Additionally, many of the games used in this workshop offer an experience of being seen and heard and having your experience reflected back to you in such a way that you can let go of feelings of isolation and helplessness. We are all in this together! Let's find ways of playing with what we have!

This event is free, donations gladly accepted. [RSVP online](#) and spread the word on [Facebook](#).

Film Screening & Webinar: National Carbon Pricing

Wednesday, April 5

4:00 - 6:00 pm Pacific
On-line

Join Daily Show correspondent, Aasif Madvi and former Goldman Sachs' Director of Risk Management, Dr. Bob Litterman, for a National Screening and Discussion of "Priceless," an episode from the National Geographic Series, [Years of Living Dangerously](#), and a national webinar panel discussion on carbon pricing for colleges, universities, and community groups. The event is hosted by the [Bard Center for Environmental Policy](#) and the #PutAPriceOnIt campaign. The one-hour show, focusing on both carbon pricing and the biodiversity loss threat from climate change, will be followed by a webcast expert panel discussion. Schools and organizations across the U.S. are invited to participate in this event. Participating schools will be able to watch the episode at no charge. The panel will welcome questions from a national viewing audience.

You can also preview the dual content of the PRICELESS episode:

- [THE SIXTH EXTINCTION](#) with Aasif Mandvi
- [PRICE ON CARBON](#) with Nikki Reed

Hope you and your school can join us! [Sign-up Here](#).

Hope is What You Do: Resistance and Resilience Practices for Personal and Community Care

Saturday, April 8

1:00 - 4:30 pm

Central Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall
1820 NE 21st Ave, Portland

Hope is what we do, not something we have. In reclaiming hope as a stance and an embodied intention, we free ourselves to choose how we will live with integrity, no matter the circumstances. The ongoing work for justice calls us to grow our capacities to resist the messaging of consumer culture, oppression, powerlessness, and polarization. We are also called to strengthen our personal and collective capacity for connection, creativity, and commitment to ourselves and the larger world community. This gathering offers an opportunity to examine our relationship to hope, to our natural emotional reactions to world events, and to new ways of seeing and being in community. Combining creative arts, contemplative practices, movement, and interactive practices, we start to grow a deeper understanding of ourselves of part of a resilient living community striving for a just and sustainable world.

\$10 - \$15 donation requested, no one turned away. [RSVP online](#) to guarantee your spot!

PCC SE Campus - Learning Garden Greenhouse Build

April 10 - 13

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

PCC Southeast Campus - Learning Garden
2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216

The Learning Garden at the PCC Southeast campus is building a geodesic dome greenhouse, and we need hands! If you or someone you know has previous



building/construction experience (or a lot of enthusiasm to learn), please get in touch!

Email Arielle at selearninggarden@pcc.edu with questions and check out the [Facebook event](#).

Equity and Diversity in the Workplace

Thursday, April 13

6:00 - 8:00 pm

PSU Native American Student & Community Center
710 SW Jackson St, Portland

Students and professionals interested in sustainability are invited to explore the opportunities and barriers for building a diverse workforce and supporting marginalized communities during a time when federal support for environmental, climate, and social justice work is diminishing. This panel discussion and networking event is hosted by the [Student Fellows of PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions](#) and the [Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability](#).

Food and drinks will be served. Free with [RSVP](#). For more information [click here](#).

7.5 Billion and Counting: Where are We Headed?

Thursday, April 13

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Ecotrust Building
Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center
721 NW 9th Ave #200, Portland

With Earth's population set to reach 7.5 billion this year, now is the time to join in the conversation to make global population growth, with its overarching connections to the environment and human health worldwide, a mainstream issue! Local non-profit Investments for Developing Communities (IDC) is excited to host two thought-provoking presentations by speakers well-versed in the current field of population advocacy, education and project work: John Seager, president of Population Connection in Washington DC, and Suzanne York, project director of Transition Earth, of the Earth Island Institute in Berkeley, CA.

In collaboration with the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) and Center for Biological Diversity, IDC invites you to bring your questions, join in the conversation, and be inspired to learn more about the opportunities for each of us to get involved.

\$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$12 with Student ID. Light food is included and a cash bar is on site. For tickets and more information [click here](#) or call (971) 400-2181.

Film Screening: Love Thy Nature

Friday, April 14

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

PNCA's Shipley/Collins MediaTheque
511 NW Broadway, Portland

The winner of 26 awards, *Love Thy Nature* shares the dazzling spectacles of our planet, while showing that a renewed connection with nature is key to our well-being and solving our environmental and climate crises. [Love Thy Nature](#), narrated by Liam Neeson, points to how deeply we've lost touch with nature and takes viewers on a mesmerizing cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world.

This event is hosted by [ECO](#) (Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors) and PNCA's Albert Solheim Library. ECO inspires elementary school students to connect to the natural world through a series of hands-on ecology lessons in classrooms, schools, and neighborhoods.

You can view the movie trailer [here](#). Tix are suggested donation: \$5-10. You can purchase advance tickets [here](#).

The Native Wisdom Film Festival

Saturday, April 15

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Portland Art Museum - Whitsell Auditorium

1219 SW Park Avenue Portland

[Wisdom of the Elders](#), the Native American nonprofit organization located in Portland, OR, and the Northwest Film Center are pleased to announce the Native Wisdom Film Festival. This series of four short documentaries feature Oregon and Alaskan Native peoples as they discuss the impact of a changing environment on the lives of Native peoples of the Northwest along with their rich cultural arts. Accompanying the films will be a selection of shorts made by emerging Native filmmakers from Wisdom's Native Film Academy.

For more information check-out the [Wisdom of the Elders](#) Facebook page or contact miranda@wisdomoftheelders.org or (503) 775-4014.

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Opening & Guided Hikes

Saturday, April 16

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

28908 NW Main Ave, Ridgefield, WA

Spring has arrived at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and with it comes the [Spring Opening Celebration](#) at the [Cathlapotle Plankhouse](#), built to interpret the Chinookan village of Cathlapotle, once one of the largest Chinookan Villages on this stretch of the river. It now provides educational programs to youth and the general public through our Lifeways, Landscapes, and Wildlife Interpretive Program.. The season will kick off with a special event celebrating Springtime foods of Chinookan Peoples of the Lower Columbia River, and the seasonal cycle that the People in the Cathlapotle Village lived by, with foods, hands-on displays, and guided hikes. There will be children's activities throughout the day and guided tours of the Plankhouse. Cost: \$3 per vehicle.

To learn more about the Plankhouse visit www.ridgefieldfriends.org or contact Sarah Hill at Sarah_Hill@fws.gov or [\(360\) 887-4106](tel:(360)887-4106). For wheelchair access to this event, please contact Sarah prior to the event date.

PSU Earth Day Festival

Friday, April 21

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Portland State University
South Park Blocks

The [Portland State University Environmental Club](#) would like to invite you to be a part of PSU's 2017 Earth Day Festival. We will be celebrating our Earth with many community partners. Participant organizations are encouraged to communicate and network with both visitors and other tabling organizations. This will make Earth Day an opportunity to learn, celebrate, network, collaborate, and get involved.

Last year our event had an amazing turn-out; over 1,000 visitors, a craft market, reuse fair, and over 60 community partners and PSU organizations participated. Help us make Earth Day bigger than ever and register for tabling today! Two chairs and a table will be provided to groups that register. We are asking groups to please bring their own tent/canopy if they have one, as we have limited tent space this year.

How to register: please fill out this [Google Form](#) with information about your group and contact information. If you have questions, email us at: ecpsu@pdx.edu.

Film: Queen of the Sun - What are the Bees Telling Us

Friday, April 21

5:00 pm Dinner at [NASCC](#) - 710 SW Jackson St, Portland
6:00 pm Doors open at [5th Ave Cinema](#) - 510 SW Hall St, Portland
6:30 pm Film Screening Begins

[Queen Of The Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?](#) is a profound, alternative look at the bee crisis. Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this alarming and ultimately uplifting film weaves together an unusual and dramatic story of the heart-felt struggles of beekeepers, scientists, and philosophers from around the world. Hosted by the [Sustainability Leaders Network](#) and [Student Sustainability Center](#).

[Watch a film trailer here.](#)

Earth Day in Music and Song 2017

Friday, April 21

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
The Old Church
1422 SW 11th Ave., Portland

The Center for Earth Leadership, First Unitarian Community for Earth, Unity Church of Beaverton, and New Thought Center for Spiritual Living invite you to celebrate our remarkable planet. The program includes instrumental and vocal performances by Sky in the Road, Gary Skye, Richard Colombo, and the Portland Peace Choir, meditative singing, poetry, and candle lighting. Refreshments and conversation following in the reception room.

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

Sustainable Fashion Forum

Sunday, April 23

3:00 - 6:00 pm

4th Floor, 1313 W Burnside St, Portland

Join us at The Good Mod for the first ever [Laptops & Smalltalk Sustainable Fashion Forum](#) as we celebrate ethical & sustainable fashion. The festivities kick off with a panel discussion between local sustainable designers and fashion's top industry leaders about the obstacles and opportunities faced in the effort to create ethically-made and fashion-forward clothing. Following the panel discussion, Modified Portland, Environmental Consultant Kelly Raynor will speak about sustainability in fashion, followed by a live fashion show featuring the sustainable designs from some of Portland's top local designers.

For more information [click here](#).

#EcoSocialJustice with Dr. Marcia Chatelain

Monday, April 24 @ 11am

[PCC Sylvania](#), PAC Lobby

Monday, April 24 @ 2pm

[PCC Cascade](#), MAHB #104

Wednesday, April 26 @ 10am

[PCC Rock Creek](#), Building 9, Events Center

Wednesday, April 26 @ 2pm

[PCC Southeast](#), Community Hall

Join us in celebrating Earth Week with this thought-provoking lecture. Dr Marcia Chatelain, founder of #FergusonSyllabus, author, activist, and teacher will present at all PCC Campuses in honor of Earth Week. In #EcoSocialJustice Dr Chatelain explores our recent history and current events in our country as a context to understand the interconnections of racial, social, and environmental justice. Looking at the many issues we face -- racism, food insecurity, environmental degradation, widening economic disparities, climate change -- how can these movements come together to strategically align for sustainable change? If we are stronger together, how have we failed to collectively mobilize in the past?

Chatelain initiated the #FergusonSyllabus after the death of Michael Brown. She has been featured prominently on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, and other national platforms. Questions? Contact Kendi Esary at kesary@pcc.edu.

Grassroots Activism for Social Change

Wednesday, May 3

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (3rd floor)

221 NW 2nd Ave, Portland

Through grassroots activism, citizens like you can become change agents. Whether advocating for more school funding or stronger action on climate change, grassroots activists know how to effectively organize and engage others to bring about real

social change. Join SAGE and the Oregon Environmental Council for a nuts-and-bolts workshop on how to be an effective grassroots advocate. Together, we'll explore key strategies to develop campaign messages, build and sustain support, and share tips on how to align your campaign with other social movements. This workshop is relevant for those working on any social cause, but we'll spotlight examples of ongoing environmental causes that need more grassroots support.

The cost to attend is \$10, which helps cover our brunch expenses. You can pay in advance using the online form or pay at the door. If cost is a barrier, please contact SAGE for special arrangements.

To register, [click here](#) or call SAGE at [971-717-6570](tel:971-717-6570).

Portland MSA Economic and Population Outlook

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 am – 11:00 am (*doors & breakfast at 7 am; event begins at 7:45 am*)

PSU Ballroom

Smith Memorial Student Union, Room #355

1825 SW Broadway, Portland

PSU's Northwest Economic Research Center is proud to announce the first ever Portland MSA Regional Outlook! (Counties: Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, Skamania, Washington, Yamhill)

After hearing from NERC director, and former State Economist, Dr. Tom Potiowsky (yours truly) about what the future holds, experts in housing, employment, and population will present and discuss the important trends in the Portland MSA. In addition, there will be a feature presentation by Zillow Senior Economist Skylar Olsen, and a panel focused solely on housing.

Individuals can sign up for \$65 and groups can reserve a table of eight for \$455 (Eventbrite fees not included). Breakfast is included. For more information [click here](#).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Webinar: Looking Into the Future with Sustainability's Big Three

Thursday, April 6

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Three leading companies - Interface, Patagonia, and Unilever - are making sustainability the cornerstone of their brands and are shaping the way that sustainable business is conducted all over the world. In their unique industries, these three companies have overcome old ways of thinking and a "business as usual" mindset. They have each made lasting commitments to creating positive impacts on the world, our environment, and our communities while generating revenue, reimagining their brands, and emerging as leaders in the commercial sphere. In this webinar, sustainability leaders from the "Big 3" in sustainability will discuss the obstacles they have faced in making sustainability the norm and the innovative, exciting solutions that have helped them to not only succeed, but to triumph - driving a spirit of optimism even in these uncertain times. The session will cover strategies

for success, best practices, and an in-depth conversation on sustainability in the next decade.

Registration is free! For more information and to sign up [click here](#).

Peace, Justice and Sustainability Learning Circle

Thursdays, April 6 - May 11

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Yoga Refuge Annex

7831 SE Stark St #200, Portland

Join [Yoga Refuge](#) owner, Kate Holly, and [Northwest Earth Institute](#) (NWEI) Facilitator, Veronica Hotton, for a 6-week Community Learning Circle with NWEI's discussion course, "[Seeing Systems: Peace, Justice, and Sustainability](#)." Each session will combine a short yoga and mindfulness warm-up with facilitated conversation inspired by readings from the discussion book. We offer this course to build community, and to inspire action, collaboration, critical thinking, and civic dialogue. We look forward to having your voice in this learning circle!

Course registration cost: With a hardcopy book, course registration is priced on sliding scale of \$35 - \$65 and covers all materials, space, and a book for each participant. Hard copy registrants can pick up their books at Yoga Refuge prior to first meeting. Course registration cost with an eBook is also priced on a sliding scale of \$7 -37, and includes everything but the book. If you wish to buy an eBook, it can be [purchased directly from NWEI](#). For all participants: Please read the "Introduction" and "Session One: It's All Connected" prior to our first meeting (pg 11 - 36).

For more information about the discussion course [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

MISC Summer Documentary Program

Friday, April 7 (application deadline)

We are proud to host our ninth annual summer documentary program this coming summer. Part summer camp, part production house, Media Institute's Summer Documentary Program is a seven-week intensive and exciting adventure. The city serves as a hands-on laboratory as students make video documentaries about local solutions to global issues. 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 here](#).

Soil School

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Check-in 8-8:30 am)

PCC Rock Creek Event Center

17705 NW Springville Road, PDX

Soil School 2017 will be packed full of information for small acreage farmers, landscapers, gardeners, grounds managers and anyone else who wants to improve the health of their soil and everything growing in it. Attendees will learn about soil

structure/composition and analysis, planting for pollinators, cover crops, irrigation, landscaping with native plants, composting, invasive weeds, fungi, permaculture, composting, pest management, and rebuilding urban soils.

Soil School is sponsored by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and OSU Extension.

Cost: \$30 per person or \$50 for two people (Breakfast snacks & lunch provided).

To register [click here](#). For more information, please call WMSWCD Communications Coordinator Carolyn Lindberg at 503-238-4775, ext. 101 or email at carolyn@wmswcd.org.

Alternative Building Design Course

April 8 - June 17, 2017

PCC Newberg

135 Werth Blvd, Newberg, OR 97132

This Spring term, students will learn about natural green building principles used in the design and construction of alternative buildings such as straw bale, cob and rammed earth. Student teams will develop designs by constructing scaled models, and will then prepare and deliver presentations that defend and promote their designs. Hands-on lab experiences will include working on cob shed project in the Newberg Center Learning Garden.

For full course info, visit [our course schedule](#).

Forum: Is Materials Management On Your Menu?

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

McMenamins Kennedy School

5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) Spring Forum will focus on food management. It's intended to provide an opportunity to continue the momentum of the food waste meetings as a part of the Pacific Coast Collaborative. The collaboration is made up of cities and states on the west coast, including British Columbia and Vancouver BC. Participants can expect high-quality presentations from experts in the field, an update on the PCC effort and plenty of opportunities to connect ideas about development of food scraps management.

Note that full-time students and AmeriCorps volunteers can receive an [AOR membership for free](#), which allows you to register for this forum at a reduced price. For more information about the event [click here](#).

Webinar: NWEI Course Organizer Training

Thursday, April 13

10:00 - 11:00 am

Earth Day is just around the corner! We believe every person has the power to create positive action, and next month is a perfect time to do a little extra. These

days, there's no shortage of information about the serious challenges facing our planet – and although most people say they would like to do more, they don't know where to start. So, this Earth Day we invite you to bring people together and to organize one of [Northwest Earth Institute's discussion courses](#). To support you, we're offering our next [Course Organizer Training Webinar](#) in April as part of Earth Month.

Our free, informational webinar will give you all the tips and tools you need to start taking action in your community. We welcome anyone who is interested in inspiring change in their neighborhood, workplace, community group, campus or faith organization to join us. We'll go over best practices for engaging your networks in NWEI discussion courses and you'll have the chance to connect with others who are also working to inspire change in their community.

To register for this webinar, [please fill out this form](#). For more information [click here](#). Connect with [NWEI on Facebook](#). Or call them with questions at: (503) 227-2807.

Teaching Climate Justice Collaborative Workshop

April 5 (application deadline)

April 19 (workshop)

In May of 2016, the Portland school board passed the most comprehensive climate justice resolution of any school district in the country. We now have a Portland Public Schools Climate Justice Committee to implement the district's commitment. On April 19th, our committee is sponsoring a full-day "Teaching Climate Justice Collaborative Workshop." The title is a mouthful, but the idea is that we want to gather K-12 teachers to explore what "climate justice" looks like at different grade levels and in different disciplines. It's "collaborative" because we know that PPS teachers are doing lots of imaginative climate justice teaching, but we need each other to help us get the big picture of what this work could look like throughout the district. Part of the day will be spent engaging in exemplary climate justice lessons, part will be spent talking across grade levels and disciplines about what we mean by "climate justice," how we apply an "equity lens" to teaching about climate change, how we help students develop a sense of "personal efficacy and empowerment" in dealing with the climate crisis, and how we invite the "participation of people from frontline communities" in this work.

The PPS Climate Justice Committee will pay for subs, materials, and lunch. Please consider applying to join us for a day of collaboration, conversation—and justice. We need you.

To register [click here](#).

EarthEd: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet

Thursday, April 20

6:00 am - 9:00 am *and*

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Live Webcast

The [Worldwatch Institute](#) analyzes how we can equip students with the skills to navigate the turbulent century ahead. With global environmental changes locked into our future, what we teach must evolve. All education will need to be environmental education, teaching students to be eco-literate, deep-thinking, and deeply moral

leaders, ready to face unprecedented challenges. *EarthEd* explores traditional areas of environmental education such as nature-based learning and systems thinking, as well as new essential topics including social-emotional learning and the importance of play.

The event will be broadcast from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. You can check out the [event schedule here](#) (scroll down). But, keep in mind that the schedule times are listed in EST. So, adjust accordingly for your time zone (minus 3-hours for Pacific time).

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

Summit: Exploring Paths to Collaboration on Green Cities

Friday, April 7 (early bird registration deadline)

Wednesday, April 26 (summit)

12:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Oregon Zoo

4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland

[Intertwine Alliance](#) partners, [The Nature of Cities](#), [The Bullitt Foundation](#), [Urban Greenspaces Institute](#), and PSU's [Institute for Sustainable Solutions](#) are teaming up for the [Nature of Cities Summit: Exploring Paths to Collaboration on Green Cities](#). The event will feature a group of 23 green city luminaries from around the world for an afternoon of presentations and small group discussions, followed by a happy hour. Themes will include adaptation to climate change and green infrastructure, equity and inclusion, governance across jurisdictional boundaries, creating university and community partnerships, and sustaining green city building over time.

The summit is part of a three-day [International Symposium](#) during which the international delegation will meet with local and national leaders. The purpose is twofold: to explore the possibility of an international “Transdisciplinary Summit of Ideas on The Nature of Cities” to be held in 2018, and to have an engaging, groundbreaking, interdisciplinary, and international discussion about the nature of cities.

Space is limited to 150. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30, with early-bird registration available through April 7.

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

Intergenerational Volunteering Workshop

Wednesday, April 26

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (3rd Floor)
221 NW Second Avenue, Portland, OR

We each have a generational lens that informs who we are and how we see the world. During this intergenerational workshop, we will explore the differences in world views, motivations, and work styles across the generations. We'll also discuss ways that each generation can volunteer more effectively when together, and share examples of meaningful, intergenerational service opportunities.

The cost to attend is \$10, which helps cover our brunch expenses. You can pay in advance using the online form or pay at the door. If cost is a barrier, please contact SAGE for special arrangements.

To register [click here](#).

E-Course: Permaculture Design

May 1 - 28

Permaculture design is a method of landscape planning that can be applied to anything, from a home garden or farm to a city block or entire village. This free permaculture course uses design principles from nature itself and takes into account such things as how indigenous people used the land; how water, fire and wind flow through the land; and how soil, water, vegetation, buildings, and habitats can be managed in a stable and enduring way.

In this free, online permaculture course, you will learn about the process, ethics, and principles of permaculture design while diving into climate-specific design elements through interactive technology, videos, graphics, and readings. The course is designed to benefit everyone regardless of your learning style, time commitments or available technology.

For more information [click here](#).

Renewable Energy Leadership Lab

May 8 (application deadline)
June 2017 - June 2018 (program)
Downtown Portland, OR

Are you a K-12 teacher with a great idea for a lesson plan or unit relating to renewable energy, but don't have the resources (time, money, or access to renewable energy experts) to develop the curriculum? Are you a leader in your school or district, or do you want to become one in the context of renewable energy? Consider applying for our [Renewable Energy Leadership Lab](#), where you will have opportunities to interact with peers also excited about renewable energy while developing new lesson plans. Alongside peers and renewable energy experts, you will discuss leadership and pedagogy as it relates specifically to lesson plans that you are developing.

Throughout the year, there will be a minimum of four mandatory in-person collaborative work sessions at the [Bonnevillle Education Foundation](#) office located in downtown Portland and four mandatory remote meetings taking place in a webinar format. These sessions function as an opportunity for the teacher group to meet, collaborate, discuss, test, and peer review each other's proposed units. This type of collaboration among teachers is a critical part of what makes this program unique, valuable, and effective. A stipend and resource budget are included with this opportunity.

For more information [click here](#).

Workshop: Building the Foundation for Diversity

May 15, 16 & 17

Center for Diversity and the Environment
5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR

For those who are newly embarking upon diversity work, this 2½-day course is the first step of a dynamic and rewarding journey. Diversity and inclusion work is not swift: it is an iterative process of awareness building, information gathering, analysis, vision development, planning, and action. There is no magic shortcut. We start by creating a safe space and a forum for deep learning, honest exploration, and open dialogue. From here, we begin to develop an understanding of equity, diversity and inclusion in our lives, our relationships and our work, and explore the many dimensions of diversity in our personal and professional interactions. Hosted by the [Center for Diversity and the Environment](#) (CDE).

Course Schedule:

Monday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Registration includes materials and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Cost: \$450

For more information [click here](#). To register email: admin@cdeinspires.org.

Exploring Power, Privilege, and Tools for Change

June 12, 13 & 14

Center for Diversity and the Environment
5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR

This course engages environmental leaders with a thirst for bringing their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion change work to the next level. This program is ideal for individuals at the intermediate level of understanding barriers to inclusion and equity, and who seek to refine their skills at approaching the work as well as wish to develop new tools for identifying action-based solutions at the movement wide, organizational, and individual levels. Participants can expect to go into a deep exploration of their individual lenses and filters, and to bravely examine the role of power and privilege in their lives, their work, and in the larger environmental movement. Hosted by the [Center for Diversity and the Environment](#) (CDE).

Course Schedule:

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For more information [click here](#). To register email: admin@cdeinspires.org.

Adventure WILD Summer Camp

July 10 - Aug 11, 2017 (registration now open)

Now in its sixth year, Adventure WILD utilizes nature, art, science, and play as campers ages 4-10 explore the vibrant life and amazing enviro-mysteries found in the green spaces around us. All five weeks feature Climbing Wall Fridays, and three sessions also include a special Thursday field trip to the Mazama Lodge nestled in the forested slopes of Mount Hood.

For details on camp themes, dates & rates, [click here](#).

Holistic Teaching and Learning Conference

September 14 - 17

Ashland, OR

The [School of Education](#) at [Southern Oregon University](#) will be hosting its 2nd international [Holistic Teaching & Learning Conference](#) (HTLC) in Ashland, Oregon. You are warmly invited to attend and participate in this inclusive gathering of educators from many realms of holistic practice. The conference will highlight a diverse and inspiring range of approaches that embrace emotional, social, intellectual, physical, creative, artistic, and spiritual potential.

For more information keep an eye on their [website](#) in the weeks to come. Information about proposal submissions can be found [here](#). Registration will open at the end of April.

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer: Naturalist Training

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ridgefield & Steigerwald Lake NWRs

Join us for the most fun and interactive volunteer training of the season. Whether you have experience or are looking to learn something new, this training is for you! We meet at [Ridgefield](#) and [Steigerwald Lake](#) to give volunteers a well-rounded view of habitats, wildlife, and culture in the area. Volunteers teach students, engage visitors, help with on and offsite events, and much much more. T

For the first time, the annual Plankhouse Volunteer Training will be a part of this naturalist training series. Those interested specifically in being a Plankhouse volunteer should inquire on how to get certified to be a Plankhouse Docent. Docents help tell the story of the Chinookan Village of Cathlapotle, and share Chinookan culture with weekend visitors and/or educational groups during the week.

April 1: Connecting People to Nature (Steigerwald Lake NWR)

April 8: Culture & Tech of the Lower Columbia (Cathlapotle Plankhouse on Ridgefield NWR)

April 15: Wetlands & Wildlife (Steigerwald Lake NWR)

April 22: Wildlife of Oak Woodlands (Ridgefield NWR)

For questions or to RSVP email : RidgefieldVolunteer@fws.gov or call 360-887-4106

Job: Audubon Society Director of Development

Monday, April 3 (application deadline)

Audubon Society of Portland seeks a Development Director to manage a proven and diverse array of fundraising programs, applying steady leadership to untapped opportunities with major donors, foundations, and membership.

[Check out this link](#) for details.

Job: Youth Ecology Corps (ages 16 – 24)

Monday, April 3 (application deadline for spring: April & May)

June 1 (application deadline for summer: July & August)

Sept 19 (application deadline for fall: October & November)

The [Youth Ecology Corps](#) (YEC) is hiring youth and young adults (ages 16-24) for paid conservation jobs this spring and summer. For those not familiar, the YEC is a conservation job skills and education program jointly run by [Metro](#) and [Project YESS](#), a youth-development organization based at Mt. Hood Community College. Participants are led in the field each work day by a highly skilled crew leader/educator, and they complete a wide variety of conservation/natural resource projects on Metro properties. They also receive in-depth conservation education programming from the one and only Dan Daly (a naturalist at Metro), as well as a variety of career and professional development opportunities. In addition, a number of successful program graduates have been hired directly by Metro for entry-level seasonal positions paying \$12+/hr.

Pay starts at \$10/hr, and we supply, at no cost to the participants, monthly bus passes as well as work boots, work pants, gloves, water bottles, and any other gear needed for the job. The spring season begins on April 10th, 2017. The application is due Monday, April 3rd. We'll also have positions open on our summer crew program, which runs for nine weeks over July and August.

For more information and to apply [click here](#). Email questions to: Michael.Oliver@mhcc.edu

Internship: Metro Nature Education

Tuesday, April 4 (application deadline)

The Nature Education team at Metro is looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in engaging with children in the outdoors! Programs focus on local plants, animals and having fun with people in nature. The intern(s) will help us lead thousands of kids a year at Oxbow Regional Park near Gresham, Scouters Mountain Nature Park near Happy Valley, and Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area in North Portland. Metro's Nature Education team provides programs that are relevant and engaging for people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. \$11.25/hour.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Seasonal Metro Park Worker

Multiple full and part-time seasonal positions are available. The number of hours scheduled per week and shifts assigned may vary based on weather and park usage. These positions are available through the summer season. \$10.39/hour.

Work locations include Blue Lake Regional Park located in Fairview, Oregon and Oxbow Regional Park located in Gresham. Seasonal Park Workers also may be assigned to work at other Metro properties, including boat ramps, cemeteries, and other park sites. Note: Blue Lake and Oxbow Regional Parks are not on bus routes and public transportation in the area is limited.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Sauvie Island Center

Friday, April 7 (training)

Howell Territorial Park

13901 NW Howell Park Rd. Portland, OR 97231

The Sauvie Island Center is seeking passionate Volunteer Farm Educators for this spring season. On a field trip to the Sauvie Island Center, elementary school students from around the Portland area visit a working farm, participate in hands-on outdoor science lessons, and discover where their food comes from. Educators are asked to commit to at least five field trip days between April and June. Training will be held on Friday, April 7th.



To learn more and apply [click here](#).

Internship: Sauvie Island Center

Friday, April 7 (application deadline)

We are accepting applications for our Summer Farm Education Internship. Summer interns help lead Summer Farm Camp, where campers spend the week exploring the farm, digging in compost piles, harvesting and cooking farm-fresh snacks, and more. Interns must be available for all five weeks of camp, from July 10 - August 11,

Mon - Fri, and will receive a stipend.

To learn more and apply [click here](#).

Job: Columbia Slough Outreach and Events Program Assistant

Thursday, April 13 @ 4pm (application deadline)

Position Duration: May - August 2017

Time Commitment: Approximately 15 hrs / week or 2 days / week (Flexible)

Compensation: \$10/hour, no benefits

The Outreach and Events Program Assistant will support the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#)'s Outreach and Events program with the planning and implementation of spring and summer recreation events, including Explorando, Regatta and Aquifer Adventure. Anticipated attendance at these events varies from 30 to 800 people. Secondly the program assistant will receive training in and help to organize and deliver canoe and kayak-based educational programs and activities within the Columbia Slough Watershed. See the position description linked below for a full list of event dates.

- Outreach & Events Coordination (70% of time)
- Volunteer Coordination (10% of time)
- On-the-Water Programs (20% of time)

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Columbia Slough Watershed Paddle Team

Monday, April 10 (applications due)

Thursday, April 13 (orientation, part 1)

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Whitaker Ponds Nature Park

7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland

Saturday, April 15 (orientation, part 2)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kelley Point Park

N Kelly Point Park Rd, Portland

Each year the Columbia Slough Watershed Council hosts dozens of educational paddling events that expose adults and children to the wonders of the Columbia Slough. We're seeking paddlers who would like to volunteer to assist with our Evening Canoe paddles, Slough School kids' paddles and our summer festivals - no experience necessary!

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Urban Nature Partners PDX

April 15 (application deadline)

Are you an adult over 21 who wants to share the urban outdoors with a 4th or 5th grader from an underserved outer PDX neighborhood? Come join us! We are especially seeking: professionals in the environmental, education, and social services fields; males; adults of color; and Spanish speakers. If you can commit ~10 hours per month for a minimum of one year and have a reliable vehicle, get in touch with us! Limited transportation stipends may be available for mentors that need a little extra help to volunteer their time. Read more [here](#). Download the full position description [HERE](#). To apply [click here](#) and write "Urban Nature Partners PDX Mentor" as the site you'd like to volunteer with.

Can't make a commitment to long-term mentoring right now, but still want to help? [UNP-PDX](#) is seeking to add members to our [Administrative Committee](#) for Mentor Recruitment & Support and Youth Leadership Development. Find out more [here](#).

Want to learn more about any mentoring, volunteer, or internship opportunity? Contact Founder and Program Director Kristin Bowling: [via email](#) or 541-281-7162.

Job: Metro Parks and Nature Department Director

April 21 @ 5pm (application deadline)

This is a unique job opportunity for [Metro](#), our elected regional government for the greater Portland area. We focus on protecting clean water, preserving healthy fish and wildlife habitat, and connecting people with nature across 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas. Voter investments are allowing us to significantly expand our park system, making this an exciting time for a new leader to come on board. Metro's parks and nature team has enjoyed connecting with many of you through the Special Park District Forum, other conferences, specialized tours, and visits. We hope to find a visionary leader who can take our parks and nature system to the next level.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Outdoor Educators for Trackers Earth

Do you want to be part of an organization that connects kids to their community and the land? Is your entire life dedicated to making common sense common again? Are you a Joss Whedon fan? Trackers Earth is looking for outdoor educators for our 2017 Youth Camps. Now seeking those who can teach:

- Wilderness Survival & Bushcraft
- Farm & Wild Craft
- Fishing or Kayaking
- LARPing with Outdoor Skills & Folk Craft (plus Fine Arts)
- Film Making & Photography
- Martial Arts & Zombie Survival
- Early Childhood Outdoor Educators

Come join our raucous and passionate pirate crew as we remake Outdoor Education and save this Planet Earth.

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

Job: Adventure WILD Summer Day Camp

Love working in the outdoors and with kids? Want to spread joy and education about

our natural world? Join our counselor team with [Adventure WILD! Summer Day Camp!](#) We're looking for professional outdoor educators 18 years and older to work this July - August at the [Mazamas Mountaineering Center](#) for five sessions of camp, Mondays - Fridays, 9am - 5pm. During sessions 3, 4 & 5 (weeks of July 24 & 31 and Aug 7) we take a Thursday day trip to the other Mazama facility, the Mazama Lodge on Mount Hood! Here, we'll supercharge the Adventure WILD nature, science and arts programming by embarking on scavenger hunts, learning orienteering, identifying alpine plants and animals, and immersing campers in art projects inspired by the mountain scenery. Every camp caps off the experience with a day of rock climbing at the Mazama Mountaineering Center.

Note: We're also looking for energetic junior counselor interns (unpaid) and marketing/communications interns (unpaid).

Email questions to: adw@friendsofoutdoorschool.org. For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Review Textbooks for Climate Literacy

On-Going

Things have been moving right along at the Portland Public School Climate Justice group. We're getting ready to read and evaluate all textbooks used in Portland Public Schools on their coverage of climate change/climate justice. We were asked by someone from the PPS District that is responsible for implementing the Resolution to help evaluate PPS textbooks for climate justice content, denial/skepticism etc. As this will be a lengthy task, we'd like some community volunteers to work with us! During a four-hour session this spring, we'll use a short template provided by the District to assess the texts. Anyone interested in helping us out? The date is not yet set (and is determined by the PPS District). It will involve reading current textbooks and using the District's evaluation rubric to grade the textbooks on their level of climate denialism, skepticism, and climate justice content.

[Sign up to get a notification](#) when the District sets the workshop date!

GPSEN Fellowships, Internships, and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN! Consider becoming a fellow, intern, volunteer, committee or working group member to make a difference. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available for internships. Contact [James Reed](#) for the Fellows program and [Kim Smith](#) for internships. Current openings include:

- **GPSEN Fellows.** Open to graduate students and professionals with particular research interests and skills. Fellows are part of our Think Tank.
- **Social Media Intern.** Join our outreach team and help share GPSEN's story.
- **Website Intern.** Help manage GPSEN's website, with bi-weekly updates of events and resources from our newsletter. Must have some Wordpress experience.
- **Development & Grant Writing.** Help build GPSEN's capacity and your skills by helping our Development Committee identify and write grant applications.
- **Create your own position!** Have a skill you would like to apply and develop? Let's talk about how we can support each other.

Grants & Resources

ISSP-SA Credentials for Sustainability Professionals

April 8 (application deadline)

April 22 (exam deadline)

As global events unfold, it's clear that the work of sustainability professionals is more important than ever. So is the importance of gaining recognition for that work. The ISSP-SA credential is recognition of the knowledge, skills, and abilities you apply to your sustainability work each and every day.

In order to help you prepare for the exam, we offer an ISSP-SA [Study Guide](#) and [Flash Cards](#). Plus, you can take advantage of [ISSP Membership](#) for discounts on the exam and study materials. If you have questions, be sure to visit our [FAQ](#) or check out the [Candidate Handbook](#). If you can't find the answers there, please [email](#).

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

Grant: RiverHealth Stewardship

April 27 (application deadline)

Clackamas County is accepting grant proposals up to \$30,000 for watershed improvement as part of the [RiverHealth Stewardship Program](#). Grants are available to groups who seek to improve the health of watersheds located within the surface water areas served by WES. Citizen groups, businesses, schools, nonprofits, student groups, faith organizations, neighborhood or business associations, and service groups in the area are welcome to apply.

Preferred proposals will improve watershed health, be visible to the general public, show a clear community benefit, and include one or more of the following project types: Rainwater infiltration; Streamside restoration; and Pavement removal.

For more information [click here](#).

Global Homestead Garage

We're like 24 hour fitness, but with tools instead of exercise equipment and an intentional Community built with Sustainability advocacy at its core. Memberships include: co-working and jewelry membership; full shop membership, and opportunities to reserve space. \$250 New member special for a 50 sq ft space! If you spread the word to your community and you're listed on the referral, you qualify for 10% off membership.

Learn more at our [Facebook page](#).

Global Challenges Prize 2017

May 24 (submission deadline)

Calling big thinkers, from all disciplines, everywhere. The world needs your brainpower and your best ideas as never before. Compete for \$5-million in prizes. Help to reshape our world.

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

International Essay Contest for Young People

June 15 (deadline)

This annual essay contest is organized in an effort to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of the world's youth in promoting a culture of peace and sustainable development. It also aims to inspire society to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference in the world.

This year's theme is: "Learning from Nature." Modern civilization has developed through controlling nature and exploiting its resources. At the same time, we human beings are part of the natural world, and nature has many things to teach us. Scientists, philosophers, poets, and artists have all found inspiration in nature. What can we learn from nature, and how can we make use of that learning for the future? Please describe your ideas, including your own observations and experiences.

For more information [click here](#).

Portland Region Environmental Education Network (REEN) 2.0

Join the new [REEN 2.0 Facebook group](#), and feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested. The purpose of this page is to provide a place for EE providers, supporters, participants and friends in the Portland region to share information, news and resources.

Education for Sustainable Development Goals: Learning Objectives

This new publication targets policy-makers, curriculum developers and educators. It contains learning objectives and suggestions for classroom activities to address each of the SDGs as well as guidance on how to integrate ESD into policies and teaching.

To download the publication, click [here](#).

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