



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

Happy December!

As we approach the end of the year, with days growing shorter, it is a valuable time to reflect, turn inwards, and connect in good cheer with others.

There are a number of excellent ways to connect in the near future. We are particularly grateful for the opportunity to have an end-of-the-year gathering at the Port of Portland's headquarters at PDX. Hope you can join us for a tour, reception, and networking time!

Plus, we have a big date change. After much deliberation, we have decided to move our Sustainability Symposium from Inauguration Day to January 27. Please mark this update in your calendars. The Symposium will highlight cutting edge academic and community research on sustainability issues in the greater Portland region. In addition to keynote speakers, the event will include faculty, student, and community presentations, a poster session, tabling, workshops, and a reception. We invite you to submit a proposal to be included in the Symposium. [Requests for Proposals](#) for presentations are now being accepted. Interested in [becoming a sponsor](#)? Your support is much appreciated.

While programming tends to be lighter over the holidays, don't miss out on the events and resources below!

Plus, before the end of the year, don't forget to support the educational and networking power of GPSEN by [becoming a formal partner](#) or by giving a [tax-deductible donation](#).

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

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GPSEN Events

GPSEN Networking Reception & Sustainability Tour

Thursday, December 15

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Port of Portland Headquarters

Our end-of-the-year partner event will also be a networking reception and sustainability tour of the Port of Portland. Join us at the [Port of Portland](#) headquarters and PDX airport for a tour of their inspiring sustainability programs, a reception and celebration of accomplishments from the year, plus valuable networking time. Learn about unique features and programs of the LEED Platinum-certified building that includes an eco-roof and Living Machine wastewater treatment system. There will also be opportunities to share ideas, announcements, and materials, so feel free to bring materials.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, network, and share in good cheer. Let's find our strength together, recognizing the good work being done by so many good people.

Recognizing issues with traffic, consider taking the Red Max Line to the airport.

Sustainability Symposium

Friday, January 27

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Portland Community College Sylvania

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR

Please note the date change for our GPSEN Sustainability Symposium! The Symposium will highlight cutting edge academic and community research on sustainability issues in the greater Portland region. In addition to keynote speakers, the event will include faculty, student, and community presentations, a poster session, tabling, workshops, and a reception. More details to come!

We invite you to submit a proposal to be included in the Symposium. [Requests for Proposals](#) for presentations are now being accepted.

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Community Events

Green Drinks: Mark Lakeman and the Global Homestead Garage

Wednesday, December 7

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Global Homestead Garage

416 SE Oak St - Portland, OR 97214

We are privileged to host the inspiring international permaculture and community design speaker [Mark Lakeman](#). Mark is a national leader in the development of sustainable public places. In the last decade he has directed, facilitated, or inspired designs for more than three hundred new community-generated public places in Portland, Oregon alone. Through his leadership in Communitecture, Inc., and its various affiliates such as The City Repair Project, The Village Building Convergence,

and Planet Repair Institute, he has also been instrumental in the development of dozens of participatory organizations and urban permaculture design projects across the United States and Canada.

The [Global Homestead Garage](#) (formerly [Shop People](#)) is an Oregon Benefit Corporation. Its mission is to provide community members a platform to grow big ideas using shared resources. By integrating natural systems and innovation within design, the Garage fosters a community of artisans and makers that contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle. Come see what Portland's original maker space is up to!

Drinks and light appetizers are included with your \$5 admission! Please be sure to [RSVP](#) if you will be attending. You can also view the FB event page [here](#) or check-out their website for more information about [PDX Green Drinks Networking Events](#).

Forestry, Water, and Health

Wednesday, December 14

4:00 - 6:00 pm

World Forestry Center

Cheatham Hall

4033 SW Canyon Rd, Portland

The World Forestry Center and Carpe Diem West are bringing together a panel of experts to discuss the connection between forests, water quality and human health. Join us in this conversation and uncover what science tells us about healthy forests and healthy communities.

Tickets: \$5 Student; \$10 General. To register, [click here](#). For more information, [click here](#).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Conference: Teach the World / Tend the World

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union

1825 SW Broadway, Portland

This conference is organized by the [World Affairs Council of Oregon](#). This year we will explore the global link between the environment and social justice, offering workshops, teaching resources, an action fair and networking opportunities for educators of all grade-levels. We'll address topics such as climate refugees, water scarcity around the world, health, harmony and sustainability, connecting farms to communities, the politics of coffee, women and the environment, interfaith action on climate change and more!

Registration is \$35 (lunch is included). Use discount code **conference5** to save over 40% when you [fill out your registration form](#). *Please contact Karen@worldoregon.org if you need financial support to attend.

For more information [click here](#).

2016 SPARKS Conference

Monday, December 12

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Museum of Flight

9404 East Marginal Way South

Seattle, Washington

Join us for the 2016 SPARKS Social Marketing Conference, for a day of inspiring and provocative presentations from speakers in our community. There is also a new optional second-day Social Marketing Workshop (Optional)

Engaging speakers will address such topics as: Wicked Problems Facing the PNW; Suicide Prevention; Sustainable Transportation Use; Public Health & Injury Prevention; current research, messaging, assessment, and more!

The conference is brought to you by the Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association (PNSMA), an organization made up of members of the social marketing community across the Pacific Northwest. Its purpose is to promote the general advancement of the practice and industry of social marketing, advance the interests of social marketing professionals, facilitate training, education and research, provide a forum for exchange of information related to the practice, and promote public understanding and education about social marketing.

SPARKS Tickets Are Selling Fast, Make Sure to [Register Today!](#)

Questions? Email info@pnsma.org.

PSU's Elevating Impact Summit

February 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Portland State University's Elevating Impact Summit finds, features, and connects over 400 pragmatic, creative people from around the world for a dynamic one-day program in downtown Portland, OR. From ancient mythology to future technology, Summit speakers will explore how we shape emergent industries and technologies with a lens on positive change, and consider how lessons from the past help us navigate an unpredictable future. The Summit also includes the Elevating Impact Pitch Fest, Impact Awards, interactive activities, a networking lunch, and a wine and beer reception.

Register with our 20% off Community Partner discount code: PARTNER17

For more information [click here](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer: Field Trip Educators at Schoolyard Farms

Friday, December 2 (training)

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Candy Lane Elementary School

5901 SE Hull Ave, Milwaukie, OR 97267

Beginning and experienced farm and garden-based educators alike are invited out to practice hands-on, place based activities to get kids excited about WATER.

Schoolyard Farms is seeking Friday Farm Field Trip Volunteer Educators to lead hands-on learning stations teaching the ecology and stewardship of Soil (Fall), Water (Winter), and Food (Spring) throughout the school year. Training in sustainable agriculture practices, experiential education, and sharing nature with children is provided as we go through each farm and garden-based learning station together.

All Farm Field Trips and Trainings are held on Fridays, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Water: "How Does Our Water Flow?"

Training: Friday December 2

Field Trips: Fridays Dec 9, Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 13, and/or Jan 20

FOOD. "How Much About Food Do You Know?"

Training: Friday Feb 3, Friday April 7, or Friday May 5.

Field Trips: Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 14, Apr 21, Apr 28, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9

All volunteers must: sign up on our google form, attend a volunteer training, be available to volunteer during at least two field trips, be willing to submit a background check form, and collaborate with staff to track your earned hours. To sign up fill out the [Google form](#). For more information about the School Farmyard Program check out their website: www.schoolyardfarms.org

Internships: Zenger Farm

December 5 (application deadline for [Community Engagement and Food Access Internship](#))

January 27 (application deadline for [Farming Internship](#))

Zenger Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit working urban farm that models, promotes, and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and access to good food for all. The core of our farm crew consists of 3-4 farming interns mentored very closely by two experienced farm managers. Farming Interns are also an integral part of the Zenger Farm community, working at times alongside education and community engagement staff as well as leading volunteers.

Providing a holistic education to first-year farmers is the goal of our farming internship. We focus heavily on physical technique. By rotating responsibilities, farming interns gain experience and understanding in all aspects managing and operating the farm. In addition to a practical hands-on field-based education, farming interns receive 40 hours of classroom instruction.

For more information about available internships and other volunteer positions [click here](#).

Job: Southeast Learning Garden Educator

In Partnership with the Confluence Environmental Center, The Learning Garden Educator will engage volunteers, faculty and staff at PCC – Southeast in planting and maintaining the garden space and be responsible for promoting and guiding volunteers, faculty and staff in environmental/garden education. This individual will integrate environmental education in classroom activities, programs, and various events on campus (40%). The Learning Garden Educator will promote environmental justice by serving with the diverse student populations on campus, as well as community partners, such as high schools in Southeast Portland and local environmental groups, to gain input on the garden and provide education around healthy living and sustainable food systems (40%).

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Hands on Greater Portland

Hands On Greater Portland connects individuals and groups with volunteer opportunities that make a meaningful, rewarding change in the Portland area. Build a house. Tutor a child. Care for abandoned pets. Build hiking trails. Lead a volunteer group. Join a nonprofit Board.

Whether you are working, parenting, in school or retired, Hands On Greater Portland offers you a variety of ways to get involved while meeting your schedule and interests. Volunteer for a one-time project. Volunteer for a few weeks. Volunteer after work or on the weekends. Volunteer alone, with family, friends or co-workers. Get connected. Get more done. Have fun. You might even change the world. To learn more about the program, [click here](#).

GPSEN Fellowships, Internships, and Volunteering

There are many ways to sets to [get involved](#) in GPSEN! Consider becoming a fellow, intern, volunteer, committee or working group member to make a difference. Our new GPSEN Fellows position offers a great opportunity for individuals with particular research interests and skills to dig deeper into sustainability issues, in addition to serving in a valuable advisory role. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available for internships.

Grants & Resources

Resource: Ocean Sustainability Teaching Module

InTeGrate is pleased to announce the publication of the complete [Ocean Sustainability](#) teaching module on the InTeGrate web-site.

This 2-to 3-week module introduces the importance of oceans, basic ocean processes, and impacts of human activity on ocean health. It aims to increase

awareness of our dependence on and responsibility for the largest habitat on Earth. Materials encourage systems thinking by addressing physical, chemical, geological, and biological aspects of the oceans. Students study the oceans from these multiple perspectives using scientific data and engaging activities designed to support higher-level thinking.

Ocean Sustainability is a great fit for courses in oceanography, environmental science, physical geography, marine biology, sustainability courses and marine science courses. This module is part of a growing collection of classroom-tested modules and courses developed by InTeGrate.

For more information about [InTeGrate](#), please see their website or [click here](#) for more information about their Ocean Sustainability module.

New Online Knowledge Hub on Sustainable Development Goals

This new online knowledge hub provides an unparalleled view of multilateral, national and sub-national efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The International Institute for Sustainable Development's [SDG Knowledge Hub](#) consolidates our Policy & Practice knowledge bases—and the tens of thousands of published articles contained within them. Focused on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its Sustainable Development Goals, the platform draws on IISD's network of experts to provide real-time information on SDG implementation.

Content is organized and searchable according to the [17 SDGs](#). Information is also categorized according to [actors](#) and [regional groups](#). A comprehensive calendar provides details on [events](#) that address SDG policy and practice.

To access the SDG Knowledge, Hub [click here](#).

Sustainability Literacy Test

The new platform for assessing sustainability literacy is available! This assessment and learning instrument is free to use and is designed to create and nurture an awareness of both global and local sustainability challenges and solutions and highlights how to be effective at creating systemic change.

The Sulitest can be used within individual courses, across universities, and by businesses and communities, with standard and customizable formats. Use the Sulitest to help improve education for sustainable development in the US and internationally. You are encouraged to provide feedback on the new version to assist us with the process of continuous improvement, and become part of the group of researchers using the data. For more information, go to www.sulitest.org.

Started by EEAO board member Rick Reynolds, [ShareOregon](#) continues to grow as a free online community resource that highlights events and resources in Oregon. Check it out and feel free to post your events, activities, volunteer opportunities, and more!

After-School Tutoring Program

Mondays and Wednesdays

4:00 pm -8:00 pm

The CENTER

3510 N. Vancouver Ave (cross-street Fremont) Portland, OR

Could your students use a little extra help with their homework? Would they benefit from some free tutoring by experienced educators? Would they like a productive space to study? Perhaps they could use help with college applications or scholarship essays. The CENTER is launching an after-school drop-in tutoring program for youth, ages 11-18, in North/Northeast Portland.

We are looking for experienced and/or retired educators to donate a little of their time to students in need of help with their academics. If you have experience teaching or tutoring in any academic discipline, please consider joining our staff. We're especially interested in volunteers who have connections to the neighborhood surrounding the CENTER .

Want to know more? Go to: www.thecenterpdx.org

Share your news with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#).

If you have questions, please email: contact@gpsen.org.

Check out our [website](#) to become a partner, get involved,
or find out more information about GPSEN.

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