



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

February 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.

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GPSEN News

WOW! So much gratitude for the great team of people who helped plan Friday's Sustainability Symposium and to all of you who attended. We hope you enjoyed learning about cutting edge sustainability projects and research in our communities. The presentations, workshops, tables, posters, our keynote speaker, Amy Pearl, and the award-winner presentations were all top notch. Again, congratulations to our Sustainability Leadership Award winners:

- Chelsea Fain and Sherrie Pelsma, Community Energy Project
- Joel Magnuson, Economics Instructor, PCC
- Ibrahim Ibrahim, Student, Muslim Education Trust
- Christian Ettinger, Founder, Hopworks Urban Brewery

We also want to express our utmost respect and appreciation to Portland Community College and the Port of Portland for their generous sponsorship of the event and to our different table sponsors (Solar City, Marylhurst, UNA Portland, and EcoFaith Recovery). Really proud of everyone's contributions! You helped make this signature event happen!

We will follow up with an evaluation survey soon and really welcome your feedback.

Next up is our new Hope and Resilience training on February 10. Thanks to Kathy Stanley and Rebecca Lexa for developing this powerful and much-needed program during these troubling times. This pilot workshop will help college students gain the

skills and personal resilience needed to address sustainability issues on personal, community, and global levels, using eco-psychological tools.

Note that the response has been huge, so registration is now full. There clearly is a need for this important work, so we will create a wait list and will offer this training again in the future. Be sure to [check out the details here](#).

Blessings to all in this coming month.

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

Hope and Resilience Training

Friday, February 10

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Portland Community College Cascade

705 N. Killingsworth St. Portland, OR 97217

Thanks to the generous support of PCC's Green Initiative Fund, GPSEN has hired two eco-psychologists to create a powerful new training for our community, focused on how to have hope and resilience during these trying times, at the personal, community, and global levels. Students from higher education institutions around the region will have the opportunity to be part of this pilot project, gaining the knowledge, inspiration, and skills to become change agents in their communities.

Check out the details on [our website](#). Note that registration is now full, but you can still sign up for our wait list.

Community Events

Film: GAINING GROUND

Sunday, February 5

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vancouver Community Library

901 C St. Vancouver, WA 98660

Friday, February 24

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

5th Avenue Cinema

510 SW Hall Street, Portland, OR 97201

View this new film on growing food, empowering communities & changing lives. The negative impacts of industrial agriculture are everywhere. The increasing threat of genetically engineered food and the destruction of local communities can make us feel powerless to effect change. GAINING GROUND, a new documentary film by Elaine Velazquez and Barbara Bernstein, is an intimate view of rural and urban farmers embracing this challenge.

View the GAINING GROUND trailer: <http://www.gaininggroundmovie.org>

Clackamas River Planting Party

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Clackamas Confluence Restoration Site

Dahl Beach - Gladstone, OR

Did you know that there are three species of endangered fish that visit Dahl Beach Park, at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers? Clackamas River Basin Council and our partners recently wrapped up a major construction phase of the fish habitat restoration project at Dahl Beach, creating two off-channel habitat structures (resting areas for fish), natural shoreline, and woody cover for threatened and endangered Chinook and Coho salmon and Steelhead. Now it's time to get native plants and shrubs in the ground, and we'd love your help! Join us for a planting party. We'll follow up with a short tour of the site, giving you a chance to see the new fish habitat in action. Wear rubber boots, outdoor apparel, and your favorite work gloves. We'll have hot drinks and treats on hand, as well as gloves and tools. Bring the whole family (or your special someone for a Valentine's date).

To register, please email alix@clackamasriver.org with your name and contact information.

Book Talk: Turning Homeward: Restoring Hope and Nature in the Urban Wild

Monday, February 13

7:30 pm

Powell's Books on Hawthorne

3723 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland

Set in Washington's urban, suburban, and other "altered" landscapes, Adrienne Ross Scanlan's [Turning Homeward](#) (Mountaineers Books) creates an accessible narrative of the complicated joys of rolling up one's sleeves and reaching out to help repair our beautiful, broken world. Scanlan weaves her personal story with the natural history of Puget Sound and the complex issues around urban renewal and river restoration. Turning Homeward speaks to a simple truth spreading through our society: the nature we cherish lives alongside us, and by restoring it, we heal both home and heart.

Book Talk: The Nature Fix - How Being Outside Makes You Happier, Healthier, and More Creative

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 pm

Powells City of Books
1005 W Burnside, Portland

For centuries, poets and philosophers extolled the benefits of a walk in the woods. Intrigued by our storied renewal in the natural world, Florence Williams set out to uncover the science behind nature's positive effects on the brain. In her informative, entertaining account, [The Nature Fix](#) (W. W. Norton), Williams investigates cutting-edge research as she travels to the green hills of Scotland and its "ecotherapeutic" approach to caring for the mentally ill, to a river trip in Idaho with Iraqi vets suffering from PTSD, to the West Virginia mountains where she discovers how being outside helps children with ADHD. Williams demonstrates that our connection to nature is much more important to our cognition than we think and that even small amounts of exposure to the living world can improve our creativity and enhance our mood.

For more information about the book [click here](#).

Native American Storytelling

Friday, February 17

2:30 – 5:00 pm and 7:00 – 9:30

PCC Cascade MAHB Auditorium
705 N. Killingsworth St. Portland, OR 97217

Our storytelling festival this year will feature 8 Native American storytellers sharing stories about traditional First Foods that are threatened and or endangered in today's changing climate. We are also planning a symposium the afternoon of the festival event to share information about traditional plant species from an indigenous perspective. It is definitely a sustainability issue for our tribes of the Pacific Northwest. It may be an "emerald isle" for some but we see problems ahead for tribes.

Explore Forest Park: Weigh-In on Designs for Nature Education Center

Saturday, February 18

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

St John's Community Center, Auditorium
8427 N Central St, Portland

Weigh in on potential design options for the [Forest Park](#) Entrance & Nature Education Center, which is due to open in the fall of 2019. Experience environmental science activities from Portland Parks & Rec - [Environmental Education Team](#). There will be free food, interactive activities, and door prizes. This event is family-friendly. All-ages are welcome!

The [Forest Park Entrance & Nature Education Center](#) will provide a suitable and forward looking entrance to Forest Park, showcasing the park's special character and its importance to Portland and the greater region. The elements proposed for this project include appropriate site entry, circulation, and parking; visitor amenities

such as a pedestrian and bike trailhead, a scenic overlook and a gathering space/amphitheater; an iconic contemporary structure potentially housing a nature center, office and maintenance functions, as well as public restrooms; and natural landscape and wetland plantings.

For more information: contact Stefanus Gunawan at 503-823-5493 and Stefanus.Gunawan@PortlandOregon.gov. Or check out the [design proposal page](#) for more information about the project.

Give Forward Workshop

Saturday, March 11

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The Historic Overlook House
3839 N. Melrose Dr. Portland

Back by popular demand, SAGE is excited to offer our Give Forward Workshop. We will explore strategies for making a positive difference in the world, with emphasis on bringing life to your personal mission. Here's what you can expect from the gathering:

- 5 strategies to give, serve and advocate
- Connecting with a like-minded community
- Learning from other volunteers and activists
- Strengthening your mission in daily life
- Developing a detailed action plan
- Personalized support
- Inspiration

The event is free. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

PLACE Summer Program

February 4 (application deadline)

July 6 - 28 (summer program)

This four-week program gives you the opportunity to learn about our city, practice teamwork and leadership skills, and gain first-hand experience of how government agencies, nonprofits, and the public sector operate to shape our communities.

- You can't change systems without first understanding systems!
- Admitted students are eligible for 1.0 social studies/history credit and community volunteer credit
- Only 20 spots for students from the entire Portland metro area

For more information [click here!](#)

Climate Stewards Webinar: Sharing the Climate Change Story with Young Learners through Elementary GLOBE

Monday, February 6

7:30 pm EST

In this webinar, we'll share a new Elementary GLOBE storybook and set of classroom activities that showcase the science of climate change. The book, "What in the World is Happening to Our Climate?," builds K-4 student understanding of climate science through storytelling, where the kids in the story employ science and engineering practices as they explore our world. Three accompanying classroom activities aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core help students learn more about the difference between weather and climate, the impacts of sea level rise on coasts, and solutions to slow climate change.

Sign up to the [NOAA Climate Stewards Education Project Listserve](#) to insure you receive an invitation to these events!

Webinar: Tracking Nitrogen Sources and Transport in the Environment

Tuesday, February 7

10:00 - 11:00 am

This is the last event in the [BioEarth webinar series](#), which reports on five years of climate impacts and nutrient dynamics research in the Northwest US. Our two presenters will be [Will Forney](#) and [Tsengel Nergui](#). Forney will speak about water quality impacts of nitrogen in the Columbia River basin. Tsengel will speak about the effects of climate and meteorology on atmospheric nitrogen deposition.

Forney will introduce the importance of water quality and nitrogen in regional aquatic ecosystems and provide information about some problematic areas in the watersheds and rivers of the Columbia River basin. Tsengel will introduce how climate variability and weather conditions affect N sources and N deposition in the U.S. She will present key findings from her research on how climate variability affects N dynamics in the atmosphere using observations and the WRF-CMAQ modeling.

To register [click here](#).

ISSP Course Series: Stakeholder Engagement Strategies

Begins February 7th

Stakeholder Engagement is an essential component of risk reduction and opportunity optimization for organizations. In addition, it is a requirement of sustainability reporting under frameworks such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and Sustainability Accounting Standard's Board (SASB). ISSP's Stakeholder Engagement Strategies series is designed to provide the sustainability professional, at any level, insights into a proven systematic process for engaging priority stakeholders and identifying material issues for action.

Join us for the three course sections in the series:

- [Community and Stakeholder Engagement with Kathryn Cooper](#)
- [Employee Engagement with Wendy Firlotte](#)
- [Supply Chain Engagement with Robb Dods](#)

ISSP members can audit each course for only \$30. AASHE, STAR Communities, and USDN members also receive discounts! [Register for all three modules and receive an extra 20% off.](#)

PSU's Elevating Impact Summit

Monday, February 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Gerding Theater - Armory Building

128 NW 11th Ave., Portland

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](#).

AASHE Conference 2017 Call for Proposals

Monday, February 13 (deadline)

We hope you will join us in San Antonio, Texas from Oct. 15 - 18. Expected to draw more than 2,000 participants, AASHE's annual conference is the largest stage in North America to exchange effective models, policies, research, collaborations and transformative actions that advance sustainability in higher education and surrounding communities.

We invite you to [submit a proposal](#) and share your knowledge, achievements, and ideas.

Workshop: Agricultural Management Scenarios for the Future

Thursday, February 16

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Washington State University, Tri-Cities Campus

Consolidated Information Center, Room 120

Richland, WA

This workshop will be focused on understanding outcomes of agricultural adaptation decisions in a changing climate. The program will begin with talks by WSU BioEarth researchers, discussing how models are used to investigate opportunities and challenges associated with changing management practices in Pacific Northwest agricultural systems. In the afternoon portion of the workshop, we will host discussion sessions to explore tradeoffs and co-benefits associated with specific near-term and long-term management decisions and to establish priorities for future research directions.

Participation in the workshop is free of charge and morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please contact workshop coordinator Liz Allen with any questions at lizb.allen@wsu.edu or [\(774\) 437-2819](tel:774-437-2819). To register [click here](#). Please RSVP by Thursday, February 9.

To learn more about the BioEarth modeling framework [click here](#).

Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference

February 16 - 17

Gonzaga University
Spokane, WA

The Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WAHESC) is a regionally focused opportunity for those teaching, working, or studying within higher education to come together and learn about sustainability in academics, operations, and research. Participants will explore ways to advance campus sustainability through the sharing of best practices, presentations on creative solutions to common challenges, and the development of regional collaborative networks. Through these facilitated conversations, workshops, presentations, and networking opportunities conference goers will help advance environmental performance at Washington State institutions of higher education, support regional policy goals, and drive the development of a generation of professionals who strive to live and work sustainably. Attendees will form a more united coalition to support key statewide sustainability approaches, goals and policy initiatives.

Staff and faculty registration: \$160. Student registration: \$40.

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

Agent of Change Training

February 27, March 6, 13, & 20, April 17

6:00 – 7:45 pm *or* 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Center for Earth Leadership
Downtown Portland

The recent presidential election calls us to advance sustainability and ecological awareness through heightened citizen action in our local communities. During the training, each participant will develop a vision and plan for how to participate in the Portland area citizen response. You will be given tools and strategies to develop a project, with input from others in your group. Specific topics covered include:

1. Goal of cultural change; clarifying your vision
2. First steps of an agent of change

3. Developing a strategy to move toward your vision
4. Inviting others to join you
5. Maintaining momentum over time

There is no charge for the training, but advance registration is required. To reserve your space, or for more information, contact Jeanne Roy at 503-227-2315 or jeanne@earthleaders.org. Or check out their [website](#).

Immersion Experience in Resilient Living

February 27 - May 19

May 29 - August 18

August 28 - November 17

This transformational [12-week program](#) teaches and inspires students in five spheres of sustainability — Personal, Social, Ecological, Economic, and Worldview. It integrates classroom learning with an immersion experience in our 27-year-old intentional community full of interesting and progressive individuals.

Students earn two internationally-recognized certificates: the Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC), which is the global standard in permaculture education, and the Ecovillage Design Education certificate (EDE), anchored by Gaia Education and recognized by UNESCO.

Visit the course page [here](#), contact programs@lostvalley.org, or learn more about what the full program experience is like [here](#).

Webinar: Beyond Doom and Gloom: Solutions to Climate Change

Wednesday, March 1

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Are you or your students worried about climate change impacts and not sure how to help create significant improvements? Are you connecting your students to ways to be involved in solutions? This webinar focuses on expert curricular materials to engage students in current and future solutions that can be used in any course and in any discipline. Join us to see how you can be part of reducing doom and gloom and share opportunities for progress.

For more information [click here](#).

Making Connections: Curriculum to Classroom

Thursday, March 2

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

[Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge](#)

19255 SW Pacific Highway (Highway 99W)

Sherwood, OR

Geared toward 3rd - 5th grade educators, formal and non-formal. During this interactive workshop learn more about the statewide plans moving natural resource education forward and how to incorporate lessons from Project Learning Tree, and Flying WILD into your classroom or program that support these efforts.

Offered to Oregon Educators at no cost AND substitute reimbursement is available.

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

Children, Nature & Schools Symposium

March 8 (*registration deadline*)

Monday, March 13 (*symposium*)

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Oregon Zoo, Cascade Crest Banquet Center

4001 SW Canyon Road

Tuesday, March 14 (*green school tour*)

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Intertwine Alliance invites you to a full day of educational and strategic sessions during which we'll think deeply about how to best leverage our schools and the time our children spend there to develop students who are physically active, achieve more academically, and become more deeply engaged stewards of our environment.

National, regional and local leaders will share their innovative ideas as we catalyze a movement to help all children thrive. School administrators and facilities staff, teachers, PTA members, community school advocates, environmental/informal education professionals, nature play and recess advocates, landscape architects, child healthcare professionals and anyone else interested -- this event is for you!

Symposium: \$50 general admission; \$40 for Intertwine Alliance partners and school district employees.

Green School Tour: \$30

For more information [click here](#).

UNU-IAS MSc and PhD Programs

Application deadline: Tuesday, February 28

United Nations University's Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) is now accepting applications for September 2017 admission to its MSc and PhD in Sustainability Science Programme. The application deadlines are 28 February 2017 (MSc) and 28 April 2017 (PhD). [Read more](#)

Tend the World Youth Forum

Wednesday, March 8

Portland State University

Many thanks to those that made it to last month's [Teach the World](#) teacher's conference, hosted by the [World Affairs Council of Oregon](#). Please let us know if you're interested in presenting at our "Tend the World Youth Forum" in March. We expect more than 300 high school students from across the region ready to learn

about the environment and social justice!

For more information contact:

Karen Ettinger, Global Classroom Manager, karen@worldoregon.org

Samara Chism-Winfield, Education & Evaluation

Associate, samara@worldoregon.org

GREENLeaders Certified Training Sustainability Course

Thursday, March 9

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Green Furniture Solutions, LLC

625 SW 10th Avenue, Portland, OR

Popular and comprehensive training program provides designers, retailers, manufacturers, reps, and others the knowledge and credentials to become experts in sustainability. This industry first, 6-hour exam course was developed in conjunction with the Sustainable Furnishings Council, the #1 organization with board members including ranking staff of World Wildlife Fund, Rainforest Alliance, and a founder of the USGBC. Over 700 graduated to date. Approved by GBCI for 6 CE hours and registered with IDCEC for .6 HSW CEUs.

Topics will include: The Case For Sustainability; The Mind of the Consumer; Sourcing Green Products; Designing Green Interiors; and Selling Green Solutions.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is a 25% off Early Bird Special for registration up until Feb 8th.

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

E-Course: Permaculture Design

May 1 - 28, 2017

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](#).

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 will be released in early January.

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer: Field Trip Educators at Schoolyard Farms

Friday, February 3 (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 FOOD. 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.

Trainings: February 3; April 7; or May 5

Field Trips: February 10, 24; March 3, 17; April 14, 21, 28; May 12, 19, 26; and June 2, 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

Volunteer: Fall in Love with Oregon

February 5 (*volunteer social*)

11:00 am

Embassy Suites at Washington Square

February 11 (event)

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Portland Brewing Company Taproom
2730 NW 31st Ave

Join Passport Oregon for our inaugural February Fundraiser, Fall in Love with Oregon! Enjoy live music, exciting silent auction items, local beer, great food, and great people while supporting a great new non-profit. Passport Oregon works to open the avenues of adventure to young explorers in Oregon! There are so many incredible places in this beautiful state, celebrate them and fall in love with Oregon all over again this February!

For more information email: dalton@passportoregon.org or check-out their website: PassportOregon.org

Job: Tualatin Hills Nature Center

Friday, February 10 (*application due*)

[Evening/Weekend Supervisor](#) is responsible for customer service, general clerical work, building and patron security, and the overall supervision of the Center during weekend hours, often working in the facility unaccompanied.

Multiple positions to fill:

- Evening Supervisor - typically scheduled 20 - 22 hours/week, Monday - Thursday, but may include weekends.
 - Weekend Supervisor - typically scheduled 24 - 28 hours/week, often Fridays - Sundays but may include evenings during the week.
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Volunteer: Naturalist Training

Tuesdays, February 14 - March 7

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Tryon Creek Nature Center
11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd

This year, the [Friends of Tryon Creek](#) and [Tualatin Riverkeepers](#) are partnering up to provide a FREE comprehensive nature educator training designed to give you the tools you need to be a successful and positive leader and educator in a variety of outdoor settings, with the intention of recruiting enthusiastic and passionate people to become a part of our family of naturalists, educators, leaders, and learners! We welcome all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels, asking only that you pass a background check and are available to guide at *least* once a month (weekday mornings) during the field trip season, which runs throughout the school year.

Register for our training today to join a robust community of like-minded volunteers who enjoy a variety of skill-building and social events throughout the year, building relationships that last a lifetime. We look forward to being a part of your

journey as a vital connection between kids and the natural world, and thank you for your interest in this important mission!

Pre-registration is required – please contact FOTC Field Trip Coordinator Erin Cathcart: [503.636.4398](tel:503.636.4398)(ext. 105) or erin@tryonfriends.org.

Seasonal Jobs: Tualatin Hills Nature Center

February 15 (*application deadline*)

Environmental Education Director: responsible for the development and implementation of assigned recreation programs. Incumbents in this job classification work independently, within established guidelines, to develop, coordinate, supervise and instruct the day-to-day activities of assigned program area and provide lead direction to assigned part-time staff and volunteers.

Environmental Education Instructor: responsible for planning, preparing, instructing and/or leading general and/or specialized activities for program participants.

Summer seasons include: March - September or June - November.

Job: ReBuilding Center Finance & HR Manager

February 15

5:00 pm (*application deadline*)

The ReBuilding Center currently has an open position for a Finance & HR Manager (full-time at 32 hours/week). This new Finance & HR Manager position will support the Rebuilding Center's efforts by managing financial, human resources, and related duties.

Visit www.rebuildingcenter.org/careers to view the job description, compensation information, and application instructions. How to Apply: email your cover letter, resume, and three references as one PDF to: employment@rebuildingcenter.org with the words "Finance & HR Manager" in the subject line. No drop-ins or phone calls, please.

Job: Portland Audubon's Community Programs Manger

February 20

5:00 pm (*application deadline*)

The Community Programs Manager will help lead and manage community-based youth programs, including the [Community Camps and TALON leadership program](#). The Community Programs Manager is an integral member of Portland Audubon's

collaborative team of adult and youth educators, directly leading innovative programs as well as providing input regarding the inclusiveness and cultural awareness of Portland Audubon programs.

The TALON program provides extensive training and employment for young adults aged 16-20 as they learn skills that will help them succeed in conservation and environmental education professions. TALON teens participate in a 10-week training program that provides a foundation in local natural history, environmental science, and local and regional conservation issues. Each participant is then placed in a summer apprenticeship position in Portland Audubon's education, conservation, wildlife rehabilitation or nature sanctuary programs, with the opportunity for a second consecutive year of involvement.

For more information, including a full job description and information about how to apply, [click here](#).

SAGE's Leadership Advisory Board

Monday, February 20, 2017

11:59 pm (*Application deadline*)

Many of us have experienced the power of working across generations to advance solutions to challenges facing our shared future. To forge stronger intergenerational partnerships, today we launch our young adult Leadership Advisory Board (LAB).

We're seeking local applicants ages 17-30 who are ready to make a difference by working with others to tackle a challenge that threatens the future. Is there a young person in your life:

- Looking for leadership opportunities
- Who has wisdom to share with our community
- Who is fun, passionate, and driven?

If you or someone you know would like to join the LAB, please forward this email and encourage them to complete our [LAB Leadership Application!](#)

If you're exploring your own role in creating a better future, join us at our popular [Give Forward Workshop](#).

Job: Ecology Education Assistant

[Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors](#) is a unique place to work. Every individual is working toward our mission of connecting students to nature. We value our team and trust one another to get our individual jobs done in working toward a greater good. The nature of our programming allows for some flexibility in work hours and locations - while we enjoy our time together as a team in the office, we recognize that sometimes the most effective work happens elsewhere. We value learning, and provide opportunities for our team to grow professionally through new skills training, conferences, and mentoring. Staff and board respect each other's commitment to

organizational success. At ECO, we are all working for the good of the organization and the good of the communities we serve.

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 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

Applications for 2017 UNU-IAS MSc and PhD programmes

UNU-IAS is now accepting applications for September 2017 admission to its MSc and PhD in Sustainability Science Programme. The application deadlines are 28 February 2017 (MSc) and 28 April 2017 (PhD). [Read more](#)

The Japan Foundation for United Nations University (JFONU) is offering scholarships to students from developing countries. It covers the full tuition fees, and provides a monthly allowance of 150,000 JPY for living expenses for two years. Deadline is 28 April 2017. [Read more](#)

Grant: Confluence AmeriCorps

February 8 (*info session*)
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

February 14 (*info session*)

2:30 - 5:00 pm

March 16, 2017 (*application deadline*)

Is your school or nonprofit organization committed to expanding environmental programming to under-served youth or adults? Is your government program ready to build meaningful relationships across differences to more equitably address environmental disparities? Is your culturally-specific organization eager to develop community-driven solutions that will improve health outcomes for the children, youth and families you serve?

If so, now is the perfect time to consider a Confluence AmeriCorps Member!

Contact us for more information or visit our [website](#) for details.

Global Challenges Prize 2017

February 15 (*applications can be received*)

May 24 (*final 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](#).

PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions Impact Report 2016

Our latest report highlights our best work from the previous academic year and celebrates students, community members, and academics working together to create strategies and programs for more equitable, livable cities.

Thanks for your partnership and interest in this work. We look forward to all that is possible in the coming year as we strive together to create a better future for our community, region, and world.

[Read more, here.](#)

Book: A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World

Mid-February (*publication*)

Pre-orders Open Now

[A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World](#) is the newest course book from Northwest Earth Institute. [A Different Way](#) will help you rediscover a way of life that's simpler and driven by what matters most.

This course will give you an opportunity to cultivate mindfulness and intentionality, and to connect, reflect and act on your relationship with time, technology, material possessions and media. [A Different Way](#) is currently available for pre-order and will be available in paperback and ebook in mid-February. This course is a great way to engage your community, friends, or neighbors in dialogue and action in 2017, and we hope you'll consider organizing a course this Spring!

Click here to [pre-order](#) your copy today!

Young Adult Leadership Advisory Board

Monday, February 20

11:59 pm (application deadline)

Many of us have experienced the power of working across generations to advance solutions to challenges facing our shared future. To forge stronger inter-generational partnerships, today we launch our [Young Adult Leadership Advisory Board](#) (LAB).

We're seeking local applicants ages 17-30 who are ready to make a difference by working with others to tackle a challenge that threatens the future. Is there a young person in your life:

- Looking for leadership opportunities
- Who has wisdom to share with our community
- Who is fun, passionate, and driven?

If you or someone you know would like to join the LAB, please forward this email and encourage them to complete our [LAB Leadership Application!](#)

If you're exploring your own role in creating a better future, join us at our popular [Give Forward Workshop](#) (listed above).

Resource: Forever Curious

[Forever Curious](#) is a group of educators and librarians who curate information online. We've recently gathered green and eco-friendly resources as our way of helping save the environment for the long term. They have recommended some resources you may have missed:

- [Getting Started with Green Living](#)
- [Shopping Green for Your Pet](#)
- [Guide to Green Parenting](#)
- [Finding and Organizing Green Storage](#)
- [Guide to Green Modifications for the Home](#)

Click here for a full list of [Green Lesson Plans and 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 certification@sustainabilityprofessionals.org. Don't wait to earn your credential; [register today!](#)

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.

Ocean Sustainability Teaching Module

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

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

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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