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GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

June 2015 Newsletter

*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.*

GPSEN News

What an incredible month it has been! Our GPSEN team hopes that you are in good spirits and have experienced great success this May.

We are grateful to the many folks who attended our GPSEN Partners and Stakeholders Meeting and offered such worthwhile feedback on our new partnership model. These efforts will roll out this summer, so please keep an eye out for updates and think about how you and your organizations would like to increase your collective impact through education, public awareness, and training efforts to help create a more sustainable region. Our Development team will be busy working on grant applications, so consider ways that you might like to collaborate.

We are proud of our many partners' accomplishments as well. Big kudos to the [Center for Earth Leadership](#) and their "Portlanders for Outdoor School" campaign. They announced some big news: sixth grade students in the Portland School District will have a full week of Outdoor School next year! And, momentum is growing for [Outdoor School for All!](#) We were also happy to see that the City of Portland was in the top 10 cities on this year's [City Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#).

There are many sustainability events and conferences coming up this summer, so check out the details below. Keep up the great work!

Submit Events and Resources

Share your news, events, and resources with the GPSEN community via our [online submission form](#). Submissions should be made by the 28th of each month to be included in the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact: news.gpsen@gmail.com.

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GPSEN Events

GPSEN Coordinating Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 11

9:00 am - 11:00 am

PCC CLIMB Center, Room 207

1626 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR

PCC's Project Management Team will present their findings and recommendations on partnership models, funding structures, and priority objectives for taking GPSEN and our broader network to the next level. Meetings are open to the community.

Community Events

Portland State University's Sustainability Events

PSU hosts regular Social Sustainability Colloquium, speakers, seminars and celebrations. Find their [calendar of sustainability events here](#).

Connecting-to-Nature Continuum

Tuesday, June 2

2:30 pm - 4 pm

Willamette Room (off main lobby)

Intertwine Alliance (David Evans & Associates)

2100 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR

Our vision is for a system that weaves together a range of educational programs for different ages into a single continuum. That way, we can build upon each other's programs, and firmly embed a sense of place and values about stewardship in all we touch. Having begun the discussion at a break-out session at the Intertwine Spring Summit in April, we now look to roll up our sleeves and further define this idea. We

will email materials to those who RSVP so you can do some thinking before the actual meeting.

Please RSVP to Kevin Le at kevin@theintertwine.org at your earliest convenience. If you intend to come, please also fill out this [one-question survey](#) indicating the age-group discussion you are most interested in. This will help us organize our efforts efficiently.

Green Drinks Be a B: Meet B Corporations at Trilibrium

Tuesday, June 2

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Trilibrium

111 SW Columbia St. - 8th Floor Conference Room

Portland, Oregon 97201

Want to learn about B Corporations? Are you interested in becoming one? Come mingle with local B Corporations at this exclusive event. Several B Corporations will present on their experiences going through the B Corporation certification process; Why being a B is so important to them; And how you can become involved in the B Corporation movement.

We're excited to hold the event at Trilibrium, a fellow B Corporation and CPA firm. The space will open at 5:45pm, with networking at 6:00, and the panel at 6:30. We need to provide a guest list of attendees to building security on the main floor, so we do need to ask you to [please RSVP](#) if you wish to attend. You can bring friends, just please note their names on the RSVP.

\$5 attendance fee.

Shop by Bike

Tuesday, June 2

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Portland Community College - Cascade Campus

705 N Killingsworth St, Room SC-03

Do you ever take the car because you have too much to carry on a bike? Come find out how to conveniently transport groceries, packages, and kids with your bicycle. We'll conclude with building your own "bike bucket."

Pre-registration is required. Contact Jeff Smith: SmartTrips@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-7083.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and PCC are partnering up to offer additional bike classes in the Summer and Fall. For more info [click here](#).

Cob Oven: Plaster Date

Thursday, June 4th

9:00 am - 4:00pm

PCC Sylvania - Learning Garden (by the race track)

12000 SW 49th Ave, Portland, OR 97219

Next Thursday, Portland Community College - Sylvania Campus's [Environmental Center](#) will complete their Cob Oven with decorative plaster. This is the final step. Please join us for this artistic finish!

The Learning Garden is located on the [Northwest end of campus](#), near the race track. There is convenient parking adjacent to the garden. Parking permits are \$5.

Health and Nature Forum

Thursday, June 11

9 am to noon

8:30 am - Optional Health and Nature 101 session

Willamette Room (off main lobby)

The Intertwine Alliance (in the David Evans & Associates building)

2100 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR

Please join us for the third Health & Nature Forum. Explore the intersection of nature and health, and the ways the environmental and health sectors can strategically collaborate. Discussion topics will vary depending on the group's interest, but may include areas such as:

- Inserting Nature into our Healthcare Model
- Workplace Wellness and Nature
- Nature at our Schools
- One-on-One with Nature
- Bikes, Pedestrians, Health and Nature

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

Center for Earth Leadership's Summer Solstice Celebration

Sunday, June 14

12:30 - 3:30 pm

Jean's Urban Forest Farm

SE 40th & Johnson Creek Blvd., Portland, OR

- 12:30 Potluck – including homemade strawberry shortcake. Please bring your own tableware and beverages.
- 1:30 Animal mask making, led by Pam Wood and Robin Chilstrom
- 2:30 Council of All Beings* (role playing for ages 9 to adult)
- Throughout: face painting and balloon animals for young children, provided by Emily Davis

[Please RSVP](#) with a "yes," "no," or "maybe". As the event gets closer, we will follow up with directions and final details. Questions? Email jeanne@earthleaders.org or call

503-244-0026.

An Evening with Wisdom of the Elders

Friday, June 19

5:00pm VIP Golden Hour

6:00pm - 9:00 pm Dinner and Cultural Arts Program

The Melody Ballroom

614 SE Alder Street, Portland, OR 97214

[Wisdom of the Elders](#) cordially invites you to their cultural gathering, "An Evening with Wisdom of the Elders." This Summer Solstice celebration includes a salmon dinner, cultural presentations and silent auction of Native American art, special events, getaways and other fun items.

For more information and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

Antiracism Workshop

Thursday, July 16, 2015

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Suite 450, The Intertwine Alliance (inside the David Evans & Associates building)

2100 SW River Pkwy, Portland, OR

The Intertwine Alliance continues its equity and diversity work by hosting two antiracism workshops, led by nationally respected [Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training](#). There is a one-day workshop on July 19th that is limited to 100 participants; followed by a 2.5 day workshop on institutionalized racism on October 6 - 8 in the Columbia River Gorge that is limited to 48 participants. Each organization can have a max of 4 people attending the workshop since space is limited.

For more information, email: kevin@theintertwine.org

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Workshops & Conferences

Village Building Convergence 2015

May 29 - June 7

Various locations

Ten-day urban permaculture extravaganza! Participate at sites around the city to create natural building, permaculture, and public art projects, including benches, community kiosks, gardens, street paintings, tile mosaics, and more! Neighbors have been collaboratively designing these projects for months. People come from near and

far to learn skills and help bring these designs to life, while celebrating creativity and diversity! This part of the event is free.

Gather at the central venue for a night of wholesome food, presentations by leaders in the forefront of positive change, and exhilarating musical performances from local bands and DJ's. Prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, with added pricing options for food. Worktrade is available most nights to make the event widely accessible.

To learn about sites, locations, speakers, and events and buy tickets, check out [our website](#).

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) Conference

June 3 - 5

Bend, Oregon

AOR was one of the nation's first state recycling associations. Our organization serves as the platform to share information and resources to promote sustainable materials management. The 2015 AOR Conference is an opportunity to learn more about materials management on a statewide basis and share your story through networking and informational sessions.

Some of the conference sessions include topics ranging from:

- Sustainable Materials Management Legislation
- Consumer behavior and product design
- Business case studies
- Innovations in the industry including energy recovery
- Networking opportunities
- Multifamily programs

Registration is \$425 for members, \$525 for nonmembers, and \$300 for students. Rates for single-day attendance are also available. For more information [click here](#).

Oregon Ecopsychology Symposium: Expression, Scholarship and Engagement

Friday, June 5

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Lewis & Clark Graduate Campus, South Chapel

0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road. Portland, OR 97219

Beyond simply applying psychology to help solve environmental problems, ecopsychology reenvision the idea of psychology itself to better reflect humankind's interdependence and interbeing with the rest of nature and to directly address issues of social and environmental justice.

This daylong symposium will bring together Oregon scholars and practitioners to

explore ecopsychology and kindred endeavors from the perspectives of creativity and self-expression, teaching and research, and socially engaged therapeutic practices. Featuring expert speakers, refreshments, a networking lunch, and large group dialogue, attendees will have an unprecedented opportunity to see and hear a number of local experts speak to the "ecopsychological" in their work through a series of brief individual talks.

Registration fees: \$125, includes 6.5 CEUs or PDUs, \$50 students. Lunch is included. For information and to register, [click here](#).

Visiting SAGE with Robert Putnam

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

Robert Putnam, best-selling author of [Bowling Alone](#), the seminal work on the decline of social interaction in America, released a new bestseller this spring called [Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis](#). This new book looks at the growing barriers to upward mobility faced by children and families. While in Portland, Putnam will share a personal and authoritative look at the growing opportunity gap in our country, how and why the American dream of opportunity is broken, and ways in which we can work to restore its promise.

\$20 general admission. \$40 special admission with preferential seating and one-hour reception with Mr. Putnam, including wine and hors d'oeuvres. For more information and to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Momentum Alliance Fundraiser

Thursday, June 11

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Momentum Alliance

700 N Killingsworth Ave, Portland, OR (our door is on the side on Borthwick)

[The Momentum Alliance](#) is a youth-led "journey level" leadership program working to diversify decision making in the public, private, and non-profit sectors; alter relations of power; and make systems more equitable. With coaching, training and networking, we cultivate emerging leaders who can help meet the demand for diversity and inclusion.

This fundraiser will be a fun way to meet the Momentum Alliance and help us raise funds for underrepresented youth. RSVP by emailing sarah@momentumalliance.org or texting 646-784-4903.

Inaugural Love Summit at Wieden+Kennedy

Saturday, June 13
Wieden+Kennedy Advertising Agency
224 NW 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97209

Dan Price, CEO of Gravity Payments, disrupted the payment inequality discussion worldwide by compassionately raising the minimum salary for each of his 120 employees to \$70k and cutting his \$1M salary down to \$70k. Since then, he has been featured on the TODAY Show, Larry King Now, CNN, NBC, NY Times and more. He will speak at the Inaugural Love Summit — along with more of our world's foremost business, government and thought leaders — about why compassionate business practices are the key to creating a more sustainable, just and peaceful world. Love Summit speakers will show how using love as the basis for all personal, business and government decisions can create greater social, environmental and economic security for all.

General admission: \$495. Tickets are HALF OFF for small businesses, nonprofits and students. To learn more and register, please visit the conference organizer's website: www.dreamchange.org.

Next Generation: STEM, Standards, and Sustainability

Wednesday, June 24
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
University of Oregon - Baker Downtown Center
975 High Street, Eugene, OR

University of Oregon & Partners for Sustainable Schools will be hosting their inaugural conference. Learn to view STEM and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) through the lens of sustainability and eco-literacy at this exciting conference. In every session, you'll engage in hands-on projects you can use in the classroom. \$125. For more information and the register, [click here](#).

Climate Change: Fact & Faith

Wednesday, June 24
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
1037 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon

[Katharine Hayhoe](#), climate change scientist and educator and Director of the [Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University](#), speaks for the final event in the [World Affairs Council of Oregon's 2015 International Speaker Series](#), "[Warning! Contents Under Pressure](#)." Katharine, cited as one of Time Magazine's "[100 Most Influential People](#)" and as one of [Foreign Policy's "Leading Global Thinkers"](#) in 2014, argues that protecting natural resources is in line with conservative Christian values and has emerged as the most prominent religious climate communicator in the United States today.

Special Offer for GPSEN MEMBERS - save \$10 off the regular general admission ticket price. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets for Katharine Hayhoe - type in promotional

access code "GPSEN" to save \$10!

Camp Snowball: Education for Sustainability

July 13 – 17

Portland State University

What does "sustainability" mean to you? Share your ideas at Camp Snowball, a professional development opportunity for yourself and/or your team in tools and approaches that help you navigate the uncharted waters of change. Camp Snowball offers: great capacity-building disguised as interactive, fun, in-depth core modules; an opportunity to meet educators; a safe space for students and teachers to work together in creating schools that meet the current and future needs of all students; instructors with years of experience and a never-ending passion for improving student outcomes and education; a PSU graduate course to personalize your learning; a chance to share your own work with peers and thought partners; a team building experience for intact and newly formed teams; a learning community; and a practice field.

Bring a team and [register now](#).

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Resources

Submit a Proposal to the GoGreen Portland Program

Proposals are due Friday, June 5

Speaker, session and case study proposals are due Friday, June 5. We are looking for unique and creative speakers and sessions that offer concrete tools and actionable lessons for our audience to implement into their own organizations. Case studies should highlight innovative solutions to pervasive challenges from an organizational or industry perspective.

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

AASHE Sustainability Awards

Applications accepted through Thursday, June 11.

Applications for the Tenth Annual Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) [Sustainability Awards](#) are now being accepted. There are three categories:

1) The [Campus Sustainability Case Study](#) honors campus projects at AASHE member

institutions that promote sustainability in any sector including operations, education, administration and engagement.

2) The [Student Research on Campus Sustainability Award](#) seeks to honor students from AASHE member institutions who are advancing the higher education sustainability transformation with focused research of any length.

3) The [Student Sustainability Leadership Award](#) honors student teams from AASHE member institutions who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting campus sustainability efforts.

Award winners will receive one complimentary AASHE 2015 Conference & Expo pass, one invitation to a special reception during the 2015 conference, an opportunity to present your winning submission at the 2015 conference and during the 2016 AASHE Award Winners Webinar Series, and featured in [Sustainability: The Journal of Record](#).

New NWEI book: Change Is Our Choice: Creating Climate Solutions

[NW Earth Institute's](#) newest discussion course book is now available! [Change Is Our Choice: Creating Climate Solutions](#) is a brand new five-session [interactive ebook](#), which integrates video, audio and printed content with action plans. Sessions integrate a systems thinking perspective and address climate denial while also presenting positive examples of changes underway at both the local and global levels. To order a review copy, [click here](#).

Environmental Education Association of Oregon

More resources, grants, internships and jobs are available at [EEAO's website](#).

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Jobs and Internships

Job: Environmental Educator

Application deadline is June 5

There is one permanent full-time position available with the [Oregon Forest Resources Institute](#) in the [Rediscovery Forest](#) program located at the Oregon Garden in Silverton. To access the job announcement [click here](#).

Job: Community-Based Learning (CBL) Outreach and Engagement Specialist

[Community-Based Learning](#) at Portland Community College is currently recruiting for an [AmeriCorps VISTA](#) member for 2015-2016. We are looking for an individual who is interested in, and will be committed to, a year of service working with faculty, students, and staff at our multi-campus post-secondary institution.

CBL at Portland Community College is an academic program that provides support across all disciplines through assistance with community-based learning (service-learning) course implementation, professional development, and resources. The CBL Outreach and Engagement Specialist will increase the capacity of CBL to promote a campus culture of community engagement that highly encourages students, primarily from underserved, minority, and lower socioeconomic communities, to access opportunities for early field experiences through community-based learning. The full position description can be [viewed here](#).

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to vista@oregoncampuscompact.org or apply through the [AmeriCorps](#) website. Please visit the [ORCC VISTA](#) website for more information about the VISTA Program and available positions. You may direct questions and inquiries to hannah.cherry@pcc.edu or vista@oregoncampuscompact.org.

Internship: Housing Specialist with the Refugee Resettlement Program

Applications due July 1, 2015

Lutheran Community Services NW
Vancouver, WA

This position is responsible for developing housing resources for all newly arrived refugees in the Vancouver area. This position is 15-25 hours per week, unpaid, for 9-12 months. This position will begin in August/September 2015.

If you are interested, please email your cover letter, resume, and application to Mindy Johnston at mjohnston@lcsnw.org. You can view the full job description, read up on other job opportunities at LCSNW, and find a job application [here](#).

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