



## GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

### June 2016 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.*

*Educate ~ Empower ~ Engage*

### GPSEN News

Happy June! The heat is up and summer is right around the corner! Do you have some plans that will help you celebrate the beauty of the greater Portland region?

Recognized as a Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), by UN University and UNESCO, GPSEN is committed to helping advance Agenda 2030 and the Global Goals. If you want to learn more about Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), check out this [video of a webinar](#) given by GPSEN Coordinator Kim Smith, for the [Sustainability Curriculum Consortium](#). It offers a good overview of the history of ESD, the SDGs, and ways that organizations can engage.

We also have a wonderful local resource for sustainability news through Portland State University's local news station: [KPSU's Shades of Green](#). This weekly news show, hosted by Ankita Guchait, explores sustainability practices of local businesses, non-profits, community leaders, and researchers. She kindly hosted GPSEN a while back. Check out the interview at: [KPSU/Shades of Green](#). If you have a story to tell, be sure to connect with [DJ Anky](#).

Now, be sure to read the details below and mark your calendars. Some of the events and resources are very time-sensitive.

*Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?*

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## GPSEN Events

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### World Environment Day

**Sunday, June 5**

2:00 pm- 5:00 pm

SE Uplift

3534 SE Main St, Portland, OR 97214

Celebrate World Environment Day by exploring this year's global theme, Go Wild for Life: Zero Tolerance for the Illegal Wildlife Trade. The booming illegal trade in wildlife products is eroding Earth's precious biodiversity, robbing us of our natural heritage, driving whole species to the brink of extinction, undermining economies and ecosystems, fueling organized crime, and feeding corruption and insecurity across the globe. Huge efforts to counter the illicit trade - including stronger policies, awareness campaigns and investments in community conservation and law enforcement - have scored some great successes. However, many species remain at risk and it will take a dedicated and sustained effort by each and every one of us to turn the tide.

Join your co-hosts, Hosteling International USA, the UN Association Portland Chapter, and GPSEN, along with our partners and community members for refreshments, tabling, networking, a panel presentation, a viewing of the documentary "Gambling on Extinction," and a facilitated discussion, led by experts from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Office and the Oregon Zoo. Celebrate species under threat and learn how to take actions to help safeguard them for future generations. Whoever you are, and wherever you live, show zero-tolerance for the illegal trade in wildlife in word and deed, and make a difference.

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## GPSEN Think Tank

**Tuesday, June 14**

2:30pm - 4:00 pm

The Community Energy Project

2900 SE Stark St, Portland, OR 97214

Do you want to be a part of conversations that support innovative thinking, explorations of values, and brainstorming about ways to do effective research, cultural reflection, and systems change? Then, the GPSEN Think Tank is the place for you. This month, we are going to be exploring GPSEN's values, as defined by regional stakeholders, and compare them to indigenous guiding principles. How different might they be? Come find out and engage in the discussion!

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## Community Events

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### Celebrate Great Outdoors Month this June

June is [Great Outdoors Month](#): a celebration of our parks and waters and the many ways to enjoy them. It's also a time to reflect on what we can do to preserve America's natural spaces for the enjoyment of future generations. Looking for ways to get kids outdoors and active this [Great Outdoors Month](#)?



Check out these nationwide events in June: [National Trails Day](#) is June 4th, [Get](#)

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## City Repair's Village Building Convergence



**June 3-12, 2016**

Refuge PDX

116 SE Yamhill St, Portland, OR 97217.

This year's Village Building Convergence (VBC) is chock-full of activities all across the city. Daytime activities, with hands-on placemaking sites, will feature 35 community projects! There are 13 new intersection painting sites, 11 returning intersection paintings sites, 9 natural building sites, and 9 ecological landscape sites.

You can find out what's happening, where and when by [clicking here](#), checking out the [Facebook event page](#), or checking out a few of the VBC events that have their own [event page here](#).

As always daytime, placemaking events are free and open to all ages, young and old alike. Children are also welcome at evening events, unless noted otherwise, such as the band Wildlight performing at the Star Theater on Friday, June 3rd (21+) or the Polish Ambassador performing at the Crystal Ballroom on Saturday, June 4th (18+).

The VBC 16 Line Up of evening events has also been released! Get your tickets now!

[Click here for a list of speakers and workshops.](#)

[Click here for the music line-up.](#)

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## Clark County Trails Summit

**Tuesday, June 14**

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Luke Jensen Sports Center in Vancouver, WA

We invite groups and advocates who see the enormous value that a connected system of parks, trails and natural areas has on our region to come together and discuss how we can strategically build upon the important legacy and infrastructure in Clark County and surrounding areas. On June 14 we will hold an event that will be a platform to understand the current challenges and opportunities in this arena and

envision new possible collaborative efforts to further the build-out of our trails system in Clark County.

We will have presentations and conversations to assess where we are and where we want to go, and then begin to develop a road map to get there. With coordination support from The Intertwine Alliance, this event will bring thought leaders together with those at the front lines of trail development, management and maintenance to help us develop strategies to move these efforts forward. This event is free and open to the public. Please [RSVP](#) by June 10 or for more information [click here](#).

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## Climate Future: Beyond Paris

**Thursday, June 16**

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway

Renowned environmental activist and author Bill McKibbens joins us to conclude the 2016 International Speaker Series with "Climate Futures: Beyond Paris". With the 2016 elections approaching, the Middle East simmering with turmoil, economic growth at odds with climate action, and cultural, class, and sectarian polarization on the rise, what are the major opportunities, crises, and directions the U.S. needs to consider on the world stage? Join us for the World Affairs Council of Oregon's 2016 [International Speaker Series — "Which Way Ahead?"](#) — a look at the horizon of major global ideas and issues with a slate of some of the most vibrant thinkers, writers, and doers of today.

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

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## Classes, Workshops & Conferences

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### Webinar: Corporate Culture and Sustainability

**Thursday, June 2**

11:00 am Pacific

The public is no longer satisfied with corporations that focus solely on short-term profits. Corporations need to consider broader human needs as well. As we all know, some companies succeed in effectively balancing these two considerations, while many others do not. But do we truly understand what makes the difference?

Based on a comprehensive six-year global research program, Dr. Kathy Miller Perkins and Dr. Meredith Wells Lepley will discuss the practical implications for assessing and addressing cultural factors that impact corporate sustainability.

The webinar is this Thursday, [so register now!](#)

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

**June 12 - 14**

Washington D.C.

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

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

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## Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage Per Year

**June 15, 22 & 29**

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI)

107 SE Washington St.

Portland, Oregon

Are you concerned about the environmental issues facing us but are unsure what you can do to help? Reducing your waste is a simple, profound way to decrease your impact on the planet and save money, too. Master Recycler and waste reduction advocate Betty Shelley and her husband, Jon, have generated just one 35-gallon can of garbage per year since 2006. After so many people asked how they accomplished this, they decided to offer a class to help others realize they too could reduce their waste. In the three-session class Betty Shelley teaches you her techniques for reducing waste and why that's so important. The format is interactive and encourages participants to examine their behaviors and learn how to make lasting changes.

Registration is required. For more information [click here](#).

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## AASHE Conference

**October 9-12**

Baltimore, Maryland

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) is pleased to announce that registration for the [2016 AASHE Conference & Expo](#) is now open! With a theme of "Beyond the Campus," AASHE 2016 focuses on the dissemination and implementation of sustainability solutions on higher education campuses, surrounding communities and the world.

Join us Oct. 9 - 12 in Baltimore, Maryland as we bring together campus change agents who are motivated to lead the global sustainability movement. More than 2,300 attendees will take part in a variety of informative workshops, inspirational sessions and tours, as well as an expo hall with innovative products & services from more than 90 exhibitors. This is an opportunity to share new ideas, strategies and tactics on how we can implement campus sustainability initiatives in the surrounding community and beyond.

[Register here.](#)

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## Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

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### Job: Habitat and Water Quality Specialist

**Friday, June 3, 5:00 pm** (*Application Deadline*)

The Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) is seeking applicants for a Habitat and Water Quality Specialist who will support the Council's [Working Lands and Habitat](#) and [Urban Waters and Wildlife](#) programs. Position duties will include: riparian, wetland, prairie, and oak habitat restoration project implementation; water quality monitoring; and outreach to urban businesses on low-impact development and watershed health in the upper Willamette Basin.

Full job announcement and position description can also be found on our website at [www.longtom.org](http://www.longtom.org).

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### Jobs and Internships: Summer Camp Counselors

Friends of Outdoor School is currently seeking summer camp counselors (paid), junior counselor interns (unpaid), and marketing/communications interns (unpaid) for our Adventure WILD! Summer Day Camp in SE Portland ([www.adventurewild.org](http://www.adventurewild.org)).

Serving campers ages 4-10, Adventure WILD! utilizes nearby nature opportunities in public parks and field trips, and is operated by Friends of Outdoor School and the Mazamas as a fundraiser for Outdoor School. The primary focus of the camp is for kids to interact with nature through art, education, and recreation. The five-week camp runs Monday-Friday 9-5, beginning July 11, with each week revolving around a different theme.

Paid staff positions will help develop curriculum, support volunteers, and lead and manage activities. Junior counselor interns will work with youth, develop their leadership skills, and build community. Marketing & communications interns will assist Friends of Outdoor School with outreach, serve as parent liaisons, and photograph camp activities for promotional use.

View descriptions & apply here: [www.friendsofoutdoorschool.org/jobs.html](http://www.friendsofoutdoorschool.org/jobs.html)

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### Jobs: Confluence Americorps and Fellows Positions

Confluence is excited to announce the publication of their 2016-2017 Americorps and Fellows positions! Check out their [website](#) to see a complete listing of available positions.

Confluence positions start on September 7, 2016. All positions are full-time over an 11-month "Term of Service". While the AmeriCorps and Fellows Programs are unique to each other, all positions offer the following:

- \$12,530 living allowance distributed bi-weekly over 11-months and \$100 Training Fund
- Professional Development Series and Professional Networking
- Student Loan Forbearance
- Medical Coverage, Child Care Reimbursement for those who qualify, and Nutrition Assistance ([SNAP](#)) for those who qualify
- \$5,775 Segal Education Award once Term of Service is completed

If you have questions about the application process, please visit the [Application Instructions](#) page. You will also find step-by-step instructions at the bottom of each Position Description.

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## **Job: ReBuilding Center - Community Outreach Program Manager**

**Friday, June 10** (*Application Deadline*)

ReBuilding Center

3625 N Mississippi Ave, Portland, OR 97227

The ReBuilding Center is hiring a Community Outreach Program Manager! As a nonprofit founded in 1997, the ReBuilding Center's mission is to inspire people to discover and value existing resources to strengthen the social and environmental vitality of our communities. With a programmatic focus on supporting local social benefit initiatives, the Community Outreach Program of the ReBuilding Center works with organizations and individuals who seek to become the change they want to see in the world. The Community Outreach Program Manager will develop, plan, organize, support, and deliver the ReBuilding Center's Community Outreach Program.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Job: Botanic Specialist II: Forestry**

**June 13** (application deadline)

The City of Portland's Bureau of Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Division (PP&R) is seeking a Botanic Specialist II - Forestry. The position will under general supervision, develop and manage tree programs and projects in support of Portland's Urban Forestry Management Plan, including tree inventory, tree planting projects, stewardship programs, and research/citizen science projects. The Botanic Specialist II - Forestry is integral to sustainable management of Portland's urban forest. The position assesses impacts of policy, regulation, and programs on Portland's urban forest, and develops strategies and programs to improve the health, quantity, and quality of the city's trees. This position is the staff expert on reporting and data, and provides analysis and writes reports on tree canopy, permit activities, and annual reports using a variety of database and software such as ArcGIS. This is a lead staff position, and the candidate will train, lead, and organize other staff and volunteers.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Internship: Student Organizer for the Environment**

**June 15** (application deadline)

## August 12 - 14 (leadership training)

We are the last generations that can alter the worsening climate change situation before we cross the point of no return. By working together, we can reverse course before it is too late. Let's create a broad and powerful student movement to protect our planet by organizing on our campuses. We will demand that our school divest its investments in the fossil fuel industry, invest more in research and development in renewable energy to make it more efficient and affordable, and offer courses on the environment and its protection. We will learn from faith and wisdom traditions to create a movement that summons the best in the human spirit and brings us together with song, solidarity and nonviolent action, like the civil rights movement did. We will demand that our representatives vote on the basis of evidence, and set a clear policy to change the destructive trajectory of climate change.

You can be part of this growing movement. Join us and other student leaders at the forefront of the movement. There will be a stipend of \$750 per semester for each student intern organizer during the academic year. If you believe that you can be such a student leader with support from the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, please apply for our free leadership training retreat to be held on August 12-14, 2016. All expenses paid, including travel.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Volunteer: Global Zero Action Corps Leader

**Friday, June 17** (*application deadline*)

Action Corps is a year-long leadership development program designed to train and empower young leaders across the country to tackle the single biggest security threat of our generation. Whether you're new to the fight or a seasoned activist, we'll provide the hands-on training, in-depth resources (and cool swag) you'll need to make a difference -- and have fun while you're at it.

Over the course of the year, you'll work with Global Zero on creative and impactful campaigns to eliminate nukes. You will have insider access to cutting-edge policy developments, meet high-level experts in international peace and security, work with local and national media, meet with elected officials, learn real leadership and campaign skills, and use all of this to build and lead your very own Global Zero chapter in your area.

Ready for the challenge? Here's your chance to become a leader in the fight to eliminate nuclear weapons. Email a brief cover letter explaining why you'd like to be a Global Zero Action Corps leader, your resume and one writing sample to [field@globalzero.org](mailto:field@globalzero.org). If selected, we will be in touch to set up a time to chat about the opportunity over the phone. The Global Zero Action Corps program is a volunteer opportunity requiring 3-5 hours per week.

See more at [our website](#).

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## 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.

When you volunteer with Hands On Greater Portland, you join people from all backgrounds and experiences. You get a chance to explore issues that shape our community and develop your leadership and job skills. Get connected. Get more done. Have fun. You might even change the world.

To learn more about the program, [click here](#).

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## Volunteer: Help Save Outdoor School

The Outdoor School for All campaign is in urgent need of volunteers from all over the state to gather a total of 120,000 signatures to get the measure on the ballot. With the overwhelming love and support that most Oregonians have for Outdoor School, it's a pretty simple ask.

They are looking for signature gatherers for some fun events, including the upcoming Rose Festival Parade, the Starlight Parade and the Kids Parade all happening this June. They need help in all of our Oregon communities, no matter where you live, and it's easy to get involved. [Learn more here and sign up today](#). Thank you for getting involved to help Save Outdoor School in Oregon!

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## GPSEN Fellowships, Internships and Volunteering

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

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## Grants & Resources

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### Grant: Geography Education Program

**Deadline: June 15**

Put your project on the map. The Gray Family Foundation has announced a new grant program to stimulate and promote the integration of geographic concepts into K-12 curriculum and instruction. The [Geography Education Program](#) will fund projects that help students develop a command of geographic tools and perspectives, foster a sense of place in their local and global community, and prepare them to engage in a way that sustains Oregon's natural and built communities.

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## Oregon Educator Network (OEN)

Thanks to the Oregon Department of Education, educators across Oregon can have free access to resources. The [Oregon Educator Network \(OEN\)](#) provides resources and conversation tools that are helpful in a variety of ways, including providing access to our PSS Environmental Education group within OEN. Join the group today!

Here is the link to get started: <http://www.oregonednet.org>

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## Resource: AASHE's Campus Sustainability Hub

The [Campus Sustainability Hub](#) is an online resource library that allows AASHE members to connect, share and learn about sustainability in higher education. The Hub is designed to raise visibility of institutions' sustainability programs and materials, and to facilitate information sharing between campuses and organizations. Users can submit resources to share information on their programs and achievements. Please see our [Submission Guidelines](#) to learn more.

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

If you have questions, please contact [news.gpsen@gmail.com](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com).

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

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