



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

June 2017 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

I imagine that you are all reeling as much as we are from the tragic murders and racism on the MAX on Friday and today's news that President Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement. It is hard to fathom the long-term consequences of these violent, irrational, and short-sighted acts.

And, yet, we try to carry on and continue to envision and strive for a better world. As Metro Councilor Sam Chase said at our Metro Council presentation today, we must double our efforts to achieve our goals. You might already be facing crisis fatigue, but are you ready to be heroes? Know you matter... and we are all stronger together.

To celebrate that spirit and revel in the good work of groups across our region, please join us in the global celebration of World Environment Day on June 3, at our [Global Goals Fair](#) at the Hawthorne Hostel. Focused on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, we will be highlighting groups that are doing great work to address issues from poverty to peace. Be sure to come enjoy local community organizations, live music, free beer from Hopworks, a French food cart, raffle prizes,

and opportunities to network. More details below. We hope to see you there!

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

World Environment Day Global Goals Fair

Saturday, June 3

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

HI Portland Hawthorne Hostel

3031 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97214



For this year's World Environment Day, we will have 17 booths, one for each of the Sustainable Development Goals, to highlight how organizations in the greater Portland region are doing great work to address important social, economic, and environmental issues. Come learn how your neighbors are making a difference on the local and global scale

Featuring a local French food cart, beer from Hopworks, and live music from Hot Club of Hawthorne, plus a chance to win raffle prizes, don't miss out on this signature event. Hosted by Hosteling International Portland, UNA Portland, and GPSEN, the event is free and open to all!

World Environmental Education Conference

September 9-15 (Early Bird Registration - June 14)

Vancouver Convention Centre

Vancouver, BC

The WEEC is an international meeting for everyone working with education for the environment and a sustainable future or who has an interest in the field. WEEC 2017 will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the latest in environmental and

sustainability education, to discuss with people from all over the world, to share your own work and to learn from others. We expect participants from a wide range of countries. We aim to build a relevant network among environmental NGOs, civil society associations, universities, schools, and local authorities. We are grateful the patronage of UNESCO and UNEP patronage and invite you to engage in this powerful international opportunity.

The meeting will also coincide with the RCEs of the Americas meeting, September 13-15, to which all RCE partners are invited. GPSEN, aka RCE Greater Portland, welcomes your participation.

For details and registration: <http://weec2017.eco-learning.org/>

Community Events

Cycle the Well Field

Saturday, June 3

8:45 am - 1:00 pm

Aloft Portland Airport at Cascade Station

9920 NE Cascades Pkwy, Portland

Join us for a tour of Portland's Columbia [South Shore Well Field](#). Located deep below the Columbia Slough Watershed, the City's well field is capable of producing close to 100 million gallons of high-quality drinking water per day. The well field is used as an emergency backup for the Bull Run source and to augment our water supply during the summer when demand for water is higher. On this 16-mile ride, experts from the [Portland Water Bureau](#) and the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) will reveal the mysteries of groundwater, discuss how groundwater provides flexibility and reliability to the City's water supply and explain how we can all protect this important resource. Bring your bike, helmet, water bottle and lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Dress for the weather. Space is limited so register early.

For more information [click here](#). View the [Facebook event here](#).

Village Building Convergence

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Portland, Oregon

City Repair invites you to the VBC 17!!! Join us for the culmination of over 20 years of Urban Planning for the 17th Annual Village Building Convergence Extravaganza. Last year we explored the theme of "Weaving Together : What Will It Take?" This year we look at the simple idea of "Home." How do we do good in the place where we reside? Especially for those who have face inequity and for those who can lose their home at any minute through deportation. And what does having a home mean when we are houseless?

Enjoy 10 Days of Community Building, Permaculture, Creative Placemaking & Urban Design; Innovative Evening Programming Nurturing Connection & Participation; Cutting Edge Workshops, Presentations, Panels & Performances from across the continent & bioregion; and Participatory Oriented Vision-into-Action Models.

To learn more, check out [our website](#).

Make Jade Glitter, Pick Up the Litter

Saturday, June 3

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Jade/APANO Multicultural Space](#) (JAMS)

8114 SE Division St, Portland

The [City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability](#) and the [Jade District](#) invite you to the unveiling of their new garbage cans, as part of the "Public Trash Can" pilot project, featuring local art inspired by the [Jade District Vision Plan](#). One of the most diverse districts in the city and state, the Jade District's rich culture is represented in the broad range of businesses.

The event will kick off at JAMS at 10 am, with a cleanup event, in partnership with [SOLVE](#). We will give folks vests, litter pick-up tools, and send you off to make the Jade glitter! Participants will reconvene at JAMS at noon for some food and beverages, storytelling about engaging with waste management and why it is important to the Jade, and a tabling session from some of our partners (like SOLVE).

For questions and accommodations, contact Alfredo Gonzalez, 503-823-6111 or alfredo.gonzalez@portlandoregon.gov. To RSVP on Facebook [click here](#). To register for the cleanup [click here](#).

Dinner: Outdoor and Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Private home - details with RSVP

Join SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) and Hands On Portland for an overview of fun and short-term volunteer opportunities, both outside and inside. Whether you want to be at the beach, on the river, in the mountains or a local park, we've got exciting opportunities for you with our nonprofit partners. And for those looking to stay indoors, we'll share easy, done-in-a-day roles that make a difference. This is an informational discussion, spotlighting a variety of volunteer opportunities that match your interests and skills, with no pressure to become a volunteer.

There is no cost to attend this event. To register, use the [online form](#) or call SAGE at [971-717-6570](tel:971-717-6570).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Exploring Power, Privilege, and Tools for Change

June 12, 13 & 14

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

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

Course Schedule:

- Monday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration includes materials and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Cost: \$450
For more information [click here](#). Contact admin@cdeinspires.org to register or with questions.

Intro to Placed-Based Education Design

Saturday, June 17

9:00am - 4:00pm

Southwest Charter School
640 SW Bancroft St, Portland

This is an opportunity for educators to learn about placed-based education and potentially bring it into their classrooms with ongoing support from our expert teachers. The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Oregon Department of Education so we are able to offer a stipend and mileage reimbursement as well as resource materials and ongoing mentorship to public school teachers.

- **Part 1:** The initial workshop will give participants an intro to place-based education design and prepare participants for creating their own curriculum.
- **Part 2:** Mentorship and Implementation (Summer 2017 - Spring 2018). Participants work one-on-one with Southwest Charter School teacher mentors to develop and implement their curricular units.
- **Part 3:** Sharing and Evaluation Workshop – (Spring 2018). In the final workshop, participants and mentor teachers come together to share their units and talk about next steps.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested (and we hope you are!), please feel free to contact the grant manager, Sarah Korach at: sarahkorach@swcharter.org.

For more information [click here](#).

Webinar: Lean Thinking - Process Management Made Easy

Tuesday - Thursday, June 20 - 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This six-hour online course will challenge your ideas about how you think about and evaluate the work you do. Our Lean Master certified instructor, Brion Hurley, is Principal Lean Consultant at [Rockwell Collins](#). He will introduce the history of Lean concepts, derived from the Toyota Production System, and explain how and why they have come full-circle back to the United States. Results of Lean initiatives have led to increased customer and stakeholder satisfaction, reduced costs, reduced risks, increased sales, and more flexible and agile organizations. Examples of lean successes can be found within city and state agencies, utilities, nonprofits, law firms, military, public schools, startup companies, movie studios and even farming!

After completing this course, attendees will be able to explain the core principles of Lean, identify waste in their processes, and become familiar with tools and techniques that can help reduce or eliminate the waste in the processes where they work and volunteer. This workshop is hosted by [WoodwardBizMedia](#), a business-to-business publishing company that publishes titles such as [Sustainable City Network](#) magazine and [Energy-Tech](#) magazine; and the [Northwest Environmental Training Center](#) (NWETC), which delivers tailored courses on current policy, standards, technology and regulations for environmental professionals.

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

Growing Gardens Summer Camp

July 24 - August 25

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Abernathy Elementary School

2421 SE Orange Ave, Portland

Each week has a theme-oriented towards a certain age group. The teachers are [Growing Gardens](#) educators with years of experience using school gardens to inspire young minds. When you register, you can select the week(s) you would like to sign up for:

- Week 1: July 24 - 28 (K - 2) "Little Farmers: Growing, harvesting and cooking"
- Week 2: July 31 - August 4 (K - 2) "Creatures of the Garden: Bugs, Worms, and Birds"
- Week 3: August 14 - 18 (3rd - 5th) "STEM and Roots: Science in the garden"
- Week 4: August 21 - 25 (3rd - 5th) "Let's Cook!"

Cost: \$295 per child for one week of camp. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Anna Garwood at: anna@growing-gardens.org . To register [click here](#).

Joanna Macy: Taking Heart in Troubled Times

Saturday, August 26

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Portland Insight Meditation Center

6536 SE Duke Street, Portland

Eco-philosopher, Buddhist scholar, and Rilke translator Joanna Macy, PhD, is a visionary leader in the movements to heal our planet, reignite our interconnected humanity, and chart a meaningful path into the future for our children. The modalities in her "Work That Reconnects" encourage engaged spirituality and activism for the benefit of all beings. Joanna is widely recognized for the theoretical framework and

eclectic experiential processes she has developed to support a shift toward a more compassionate, creative, and eco-centric awareness of being. In 2013, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bioneers Foundation.

Vegetarian lunch included. Workshop Cost is \$125. Space is limited and tickets may sell out quickly. So, so you might want to register asap. There are a limited number of scholarships available for youth activists 16 - 26 years old. Scholarship applications are due by July 7.

For more information [click here](#).

E-Course: Intro to Environmental Governance

On-going

This 3-hour self-paced course explains how international environmental agreements and policies are made, by whom, and how they are complied with, and enforced. Participants will also gain a greater understanding of the strengths and weakness of existing environmental governance regimes. All stakeholders interested in learning about the main aspects of environmental governance regimes, as well as the principal actors involved and needed reforms, can benefit from this course. Prior knowledge is not required to participate. Content is presented in a progressive manner, from generic to specific elements.

The course is a collaborative effort between UNITAR and UN Environment, which expands the learning portfolio available on [InforMEA platform](#). Upon successful completion, participants will receive a joint certificate from UNITAR and UN Environment.

[Enroll now - Free of charge!](#)

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: Youth Ecology Corps

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

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

The [Youth Ecology Corps](#) (YEC) is hiring youth and young adults (ages 16-24) for paid conservation jobs this spring and summer. For those not familiar, the YEC is a conservation job skills and education program jointly run by [Metro](#) and [Project YESS](#), a youth-development organization based at Mt. Hood Community College.

Participants are led in the field each work day by a highly skilled crew leader/educator, and they complete a wide variety of conservation/natural resource projects on Metro properties. They also receive in-depth conservation education programming from the one and only Dan Daly (a naturalist at Metro), as well as a variety of career and professional development opportunities. In addition, a number of successful program graduates have been hired directly by Metro for entry-level seasonal positions paying \$12+/hr.

Pay starts at \$10/hr, and we supply, at no cost to the participants, monthly bus passes as well as work boots, work pants, gloves, water bottles, and any other gear

needed for the job. The spring season begins on April 10th, 2017. The application is due Monday, April 3rd. We'll also have positions open on our summer crew program, which runs for nine weeks over July and August.

For more information [click here](#). For questions email: Michael.Oliver@mhcc.edu

Job: Habitat Program Manager

Willamette Partnership is a conservation nonprofit dedicated to solving complex environmental problems in ways that work for people. We are known for building pragmatic collaborations and creating solutions that improve environmental, social, and economic outcomes.

This position will lead Willamette Partnership's Resilient Habitat Program, which is focused on making a strong business case for conservation, increasing investment in sustainable management of working lands, building smarter infrastructure, and creating resilient communities.

For details, [click here](#).

Job: Energy Education Program Manager

Friday, June 16 (application deadline)

The [Bonneville Environmental Foundation](#) is hiring! We are looking for the next outstanding Program Manager for [Energy Education](#) with experience in CTE (Career and Technical Education) for the [Solar 4R Schools](#) program.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: PCC Powershift Energy Intern

June 19 (application deadline)

Portland Community College is looking for a qualified intern to join our efforts to reduce energy use and increase our employee engagement activities. The intern will support the college's Strategic Energy Management (SEM) program and PowerShift energy team by monitoring energy use, identifying energy efficiency opportunities, and developing employee awareness and engagement campaigns. This intern should be prepared to work in a fast-paced team environment and will finish the internship having gained broad experience in various aspects of energy efficiency and sustainability.

Hours per week: 15-20 (maximum of 599 hours through June 30, 2018) and schedule is flexible. Pay rate is \$15/hr. To apply: please send your resume and a cover letter briefly explaining your interest and qualifications for this position to briar.schoon@pcc.edu. For best consideration, please apply by June 19, 2017. Start date is flexible.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Sustainability Assistant

Portland Community College's Sustainability Department is looking for a passionate, energetic, and organized individual to join our team in a part-time, temporary capacity to advance the college's sustainability efforts. Under the direction of the District Sustainability Manager, the Sustainability Assistant will assist with college-wide sustainability projects and initiatives and provide administrative support. If interested, please send your resume and a cover letter briefly explaining your interest and qualifications for the position to briar.schoon@pcc.edu. The position is open until filled with a hopeful start date in July or August, 2017.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Community Development Coordinator

[Trash for Peace](#) is looking to hire another [Confluence Environmental Center](#) AmeriCorps Member for next year, September 2017 - July 2018. The Confluence AmeriCorps program advances environmental justice through innovative partnerships with local organizations in the Portland metropolitan area. These positions are life-changing service opportunities where the member engages in addressing critical, environmental needs in low-income communities and communities of color. This position is a dynamic combination of serving with a Project Partner on a dedicated project (80%) and joining a cohort of other Confluence AmeriCorps Members for professional and leadership development opportunities (20%).

For more information about this and other Confluence AmeriCorp positions [click here](#).

Volunteer: Passport Oregon

[Passport Oregon](#) invites volunteers to lead students from the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) on trips across Oregon.

Contact Ariel Kanable at ariel@passportoregon.org to learn more.

GPSEN Fellowships, Internships, and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN! Consider becoming a fellow, intern, volunteer, or committee or working group member to make a difference.

Credit and non-credit opportunities are available for internships. Contact [James Reed](#) for the Fellows program and [Kim Smith](#) for internships. Current openings include:

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

Grants & Resources

International Essay Contest for Young People

June 15 (deadline)

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

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

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: Powering the Future (\$1 million)

June 15 (application deadline)

UN DESA Energy Grant has a thematic focus for 2017: "Sustainable Energy for Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing World". Its goal is to fund future capacity development activities in energy for sustainable development. The Grant is awarded to an individual, institution or partnership based on past and current achievements, with the objective of promoting leadership and innovative practices in meeting the global energy challenge.

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: Youth Innovation Challenge

North America is facing urgent and complex sustainability challenges. Citizen leadership—including youth—is more important than ever to keep momentum going toward adoption of cleaner, carbon-neutral technologies and policies that ensure sustainable growth and job creation across North America. As today's visionaries and tomorrow's decision-makers, young leaders will drive the green growth innovations that are critical to a sustainable future.

North American youth aged 18 to 26 are invited to enter the [Commission for Environmental Cooperation](#)'s (CEC) innovation challenge to compete for \$5,000 in seed funding and a chance to personally [present their idea](#) to North America's top environmental officials this summer (June 27 & 28) in Charlottetown, Canada. Show us what you've got! Submit your bright idea and benefit from the collective intelligence of youth across North America.

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: National Park Service Community Assistance

June 30 (application deadline)

Apply to be considered for technical assistance with your locally-led conservation and outdoor recreation project. The community assistance specialists in our [Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance](#) program can help you to:

- Increase access to outdoor recreation and the natural world
- Improve community health with new opportunities for more active living
- Promote conservation and encourage stewardship of local resources
- Benefit the local economy by improving quality of life
- Connect youth to the outdoors and engage the next generation of conservation stewards
- Build partnerships that support your project's success!

We want to talk with you informally before you apply, to explore and develop your project idea and help you make the best of your application. Please let us know by the end of May if you intend to submit an application. You can contact the Portland, Oregon field office at: dan_miller@nps.gov and 503-808-6723 .

For more information [click here](#).

Citizen Science Project Survey

Help us shape new citizen science projects that explore the atmosphere. Citizen science, also known as [Public Participation in Scientific Research](#) (PPSR) or crowdsourcing, involves the public in assisting with scientific research. The goal of this survey is to learn what citizen science project ideas related to the science at the [University Corporation for Atmospheric Research](#) (UCAR) and the [National Center for Atmospheric Research](#) (NCAR) are of interest to K-12 education, informal education, and the general public. We'd like to hear from you! The information you share will help shape how we involve the public and students with citizen science research projects in the future.

[Take the survey now!](#)

Resource: NGSS CLEAN Collection

The CLEAN collection is now aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). There are multiple ways you can search the collection using NGSS.

- 1) [NGSS browse](#) – a user-friendly search portal into the collection
- 2) [NGSS at a Glance](#) – overview of all NGSS standards that are relevant to climate and energy with clickable resource links
- 3) Use the [regular search interface](#) and use the filters.

The Intertwine Alliance's Daycation APP

[The Intertwine Alliance's](#) Daycation APP offers personalized adventures combining natural areas with fun urban waypoints. Click [here](#) to learn more about the app -- including a [Youth Engagement Opportunity](#) with ROSE Community Development.

Book: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet

The [Worldwatch Institute](#) analyzes how we can equip students with the skills to navigate the turbulent century ahead. With global environmental changes locked into our future, what we teach must evolve. All education will need to incorporate environmental education, teaching students to be eco-literate, deep-thinking, moral leaders, ready to face unprecedented challenges. The [EarthEd Project](#) explores traditional areas of environmental education such as nature-based learning and systems thinking, as well as new essential topics including social-emotional learning and the importance of play. The ebook is currently \$3.99 on sale, while a paperback book is \$25. For more information about the book [click here](#). To purchase your own copy [click here](#).

You can also view the [Full Webcast](#) from the recent [EarthEd Symposium](#).

Resource: Education for Sustainability Benchmarks

[Educating for a Sustainable Future: Benchmarks for Individual and Social Learning](#) was just released by *The Journal of Sustainability Education*. This 70-page account is authored by and represents the current and best thinking of forty-two of the major scholars and practitioners of the field of *Education for Sustainability* (EfS). The Benchmarks include the Big Ideas, Thinking Skills, Applied Knowledge, Dispositions, Actions, and Community Connections that define Education for Sustainability. They embody the essential elements that administrators, curriculum professionals, faculty, board and community members need to adopt: to align with it, to self-assess their own performance, and to intentionally and effectively educate for the future we want by design. In addition, The Benchmarks embody the consensus that the field needs to demonstrate the impact of EfS and to catalyze widespread implementation.

For more information and to download the publication [click here](#).

Education for SDGs - Learning Objectives

[UNESCO](#), as the United Nations' specialized agency for education, is entrusted to lead and coordinate the [Education 2030 Agenda](#), which is part of a global movement to eradicate poverty through [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) by 2030. Education, essential to achieve all of these goals, has its own dedicated Goal ([#4](#)), which aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

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

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

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