



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

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GPSEN connects diverse organizations across the greater Portland region in a collaborative network that multiplies our collective capacity to educate for a more sustainable future.

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GPSEN News

The world is changing so quickly, there are times when it hardly feels possible to catch up on the news or decide on clear next steps. Sadly, many of us are experiencing increasing scales of stress, ennui, and cynicism. Let's not give up, though!

Below, you will find opportunities to learn, to engage, to vent, and to focus on solutions. In this vein, we, at GPSEN, and many of our partners continue to commit to envisioning a brighter future and exploring innovative and effective ways to make that happen. From our "Politics and Pints" networking event and NWEI's new book: [A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World](#) to multiple film screenings, hands-on activities, and SAGE's invitation to [Give Forward](#), find a way to boost your spirit in the community of others.

To learn more about efforts going on in our region and around the world, check out the recording of our new [RCE Mentoring Webinar](#). Learn about U.N. sustainability initiatives, the history of GPSEN, and new regional networks joining the sustainability movement. A companion handbook is also available.

We truly hope that these events, tools, and resources will help you and your communities.

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

Politics and Pints

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Oregon Public House

700 NE Dekum St, Portland, OR 97211

Do you feel a hunger to connect and talk about the various political issues we face? Join us at [Oregon's first non-profit pub](#) to share ideas on how to collaborate and create a sustainable future. Come enjoy an open space and opportunity for folks to visit, process, and share ideas, over beer.

Note that this evening also helps raise money for one of founding partners: the [Northwest Earth Institute](#). NWEI's new course book is now available and we will be launching a discussion group soon. Check out: [A Different Way: Living Simply in a Complex World](#). If you would like to start your own group, use the code ADW5 to receive \$5 off!

GPSEN Think Tank

Thursday, March 19

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Community Energy Project

2900 SE Stark St A, Portland, OR 97214

The GPSEN Think Tank offers a community where you can explore deep questions, discuss ideas and research, and engage in developing meaningful programs and events. It also hosts our Fellows program. This month, we will reflect on the lessons from the Symposium and consider ways to create 'containers' for supporting research and funding.

Come join us! For more information, please contact [James Reed](#).

Green Drinks: Networking and Business Expo

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 - 8:00 pm

BestHQ

12745 SW Beaverdam Rd, Beaverton

Join us for a fun and free evening on the Westside. Instead of our normal Green Drinks discussion format, we're opening this up for business networking, to learn about benefit companies, and to find out all the great details on the upcoming Business Expo West tradeshow (BEW) organized by BestHQ!

Bring some business cards, bring your latest pitch, and share your expertise as you mingle with other companies. Learn about BEW's great networking and sponsorship opportunities, the great causes it supports, and how your business can connect to make a difference!

There is NO admission fee. For more information [click here](#).

Community and Health Conversation

Thursday, March 2

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

World Forestry Center, Cheatham Hall

4033 SW Canyon Rd, Portland

The [Climate and Health Meeting](#), sponsored by Al Gore, APHA, the UW Center for Health and the Global Environment, and others on the science of climate change and population health took place on February 16 in Atlanta. The World Forestry Center wants to continue the conversation. Climate change affects forests and people. So let's talk about what the research from Atlanta says about our own work here in the Northwest. We invite you to come together with panelists Kristie Ebi and Emily York who attended the Climate and Health Meeting. Kristie and Emily will present their discoveries and engage in an open discussion with attendees.

Attendance is free, but advanced registration is required. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Homestead Workparty

Friday, March 3

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

2003 NE Holman Street, Portland

Join us as we work at the Ujima Center, a longtime Placemaking site, to complete some seasonal homesteading tasks like gardening, food processing, and maintenance repair. This is a wonderful place to explore natural buildings, permaculture gardens, and Block Repair in action.

Light meal provided, potluck items welcomed! Contact Kirk at [307.287.0005](tel:307.287.0005) with questions. Or [RSVP on Facebook](#).

Local Wildlife Refuges Get “Wild in the City”

Saturday, March 4

10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Cascade Park Library, Community Room

600 NE 136th Ave Vancouver, WA

National Wildlife Refuges are community assets offering recreational and learning opportunities for all people. In March, we are inviting folks from the lower Columbia region to come learn about their local National Wildlife Refuges at an open house event in Vancouver, Washington. Staff and volunteers will engage people of all ages in learning about local wildlife, recreational opportunities, conservation projects, and how to get involved. Habitat restoration, environmental and cultural education, and other opportunities to help engage the public in outdoor recreation are on the agenda. Short presentations from staff showcasing these opportunities will be held at 12 pm and 2 pm. There will be hands-on activities for all ages and refreshments provided.

This event is sponsored by the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex ([Ridgefield](#), [Steigerwald Lake](#), [Franz Lake](#) and [Pierce](#) NWRs) and its partners, the [Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#) and the [Columbia Gorge Refuge Stewards](#).

Oregon Zoo Education Center

March 4 and 5, 2017

4001 Southwest Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221

The Oregon Zoo's new [Education Center](#) opens its doors on March 2! With conservation and sustainability as the main themes, zoo visitors will have ample opportunities, via displays, the wildlife garden and insect zoo, classrooms, and a new event space, to learn about exploring nature in the greater Portland metro region and taking action in their daily lives to promote conservation.

To celebrate, the Oregon Zoo would like to offer free admission to the Education Center to community groups on March 4 and 5, 2017. The new Education Center will include 4 classrooms and a 150 seat auditorium designed to host conservation focused classes and programs. Community partners are invited to host job fairs or other large scale, multi-organization events.

Please contact Amanda Greenvoss at Amanda.greenvoss@oregonzoo.org to learn more about either free admission or room rental opportunities.

Concert: We Remain Faithful

Sunday, March 5

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

First Congregational Church

1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR

Celebrate International Women's Day with an inspiring concert. Featuring vocal activist Melanie DeMore, the music will focus on social justice movements around the world.



Sensational Senses at Tryon Creek

Tuesday, March 7

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Tryon Creek State Natural Area](#)

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland

Join the Friends of Tryon Creek for a special, free, hike that will help us use our senses to explore the animals and plants of this unique urban forest! Students will have the opportunity to participate in a mini field trip: practice using their senses in the Tryon classroom, explore what senses animals have and use, as well as put their skills into practice on a short hike. We are looking for several students (preferably ages 4-6) and their grown-up to participate in this hike to help train the volunteer nature guides of Tryon Creek.

This event will occur rain or shine, so families should come prepared for any type of weather with sturdy shoes, long pants, and a rain jacket. Feel free to bring snack or a lunch to enjoy in the park after the program!

To register [click here](#).

PSU Sustainable Film Series - "Seed: The Untold Story"

Friday, March 10

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Native American Student and Community Center

710 SW Jackson St, Portland

Theater Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Film Screening: 6:30 pm

5th Ave Cinema. 510 SW Hall Street, Portland, OR

Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds. Worshipped and treasured since the dawn of humankind. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. SEED: The Untold Story follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. SEED features Vandana Shiva, Dr. Jane Goodall, Andrew Kimbrell, Winona Laduke and Raj Patel. Q&A with the activist and filmmaker after the movie.

[View the film trailer here.](#)

Mentoring Walk PDX

Saturday, March 11

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Wildfang East

1230 SE Grand Ave, Portland

In celebration of International Women's Day, women and girls from around the world will come together to celebrate. Our goals are simple: to provide emerging women leaders with the support and guidance they need to fulfill their goals in an environment that allows for collaboration, creativity, and connection between emerging and established female leaders. We hope that in walking together we can not only learn from the women that came before us, but also internalize the values of mentoring that will continue for generations. We do this by walking together.

The Global Mentoring Walk is an opportunity to highlight the importance of women's leadership, and to accelerate the impact of women leaders through mentoring. It convenes established and emerging women leaders to walk together in their community, fostering and promoting mentoring relationships between them.

To learn more or sign up as a mentor, mentee, volunteer, or supporter, please visit <https://mentoringwalkpdx.com>.

Equalizing Access to Justice

Monday, March 13

10:30 - 11:00 am (social & refreshments)

11:00 am - 1:30 pm (presentation)

24th Floor Boardroom, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

1300 SW Fifth Ave, Portland, OR

During this term, our PSU capstone scholars conducted yet another series of research projects, dedicated to further exploration of the underlying causes and alternative solutions for the ongoing systematic racial and ethnic disparities in our criminal justice system. The topics include:

- Examination of the "RED" report status
- Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Multnomah County Criminal Justice System
- Examination of the Chicago Police Department and Ferguson Justice System based on the U.S. DOJ reports
- Examination of the current status and future plans and potentials of "BLACK LIVES MATTER, MLM"

A number of our university and community colleagues and friends representing public agencies and advocacy organizations will be attending. We strongly hope that you will join us to support our efforts for the sake of justice.

ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
PSU - Market Center Building (MCB) - Room #531
1600 SW 4th Ave, Portland

This month's ISSP (International Society of Sustainability Professionals) chapter meeting will discuss the Lloyd EcoDistrict: community impact on a district scale. Come learn what can be done by leveraging the synergies of a whole district within a city. The Lloyd Ecodistrict is by far the most active of the city's EcoDistricts and has galvanized the major stakeholders in the neighborhood to make significant progress on several key sustainability indicators. This is a great follow-on presentation to last month's report on Portland's Climate Action Plan.

There is no charge for the meeting, but [pre-registration](#) is requested.

Film Screening: Gaining Ground

Thursday, March 30

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium
934 SW Salmon St, Portland, OR

Gaining Ground tells personal stories of farmers making extraordinary changes in their farming practices to feed their local communities sustainably grown produce and grains. Interweaving experiences of urban farmer-activists in inner city Richmond, California, a small family farm in rural Oregon, and a large farm in the Willamette Valley, the film personalizes class, gender, race, and environmental justice issues by rooting them within narratives of compelling individuals. While a sober look at the obstacles to creating change, Velazquez and Bernstein still point the way toward hope through action on a personal, local, and global scale.

[View the trailer here.](#)

7.5 and Counting: Conversations about Global Population Growth

Thursday, April 13

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Ecotrust Building, Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center
721 NW 9th Ave #200, Portland, OR 97209

Local non-profit, Investments for Developing Communities (IDC), invites you to learn about current issues related to global population growth. Guest speakers John Seager, president and CEO of Population Connection, in Washington D.C., and Suzanne York, project director for the Earth Island Institute in Berkeley, CA, will present latest statistics and field notes related to areas of advocacy, education and project work. With Earth quickly approaching 7.5 billion people, it's time to make global population growth, with its overarching connections to the environment and human rights, a mainstream issue. Come join in the conversations.

\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door/\$12 with Student ID. Light fare included/Cash bar. To purchase tickets, contact: IDC Director Lisa Whitridge, at lisa@idcempowers.org.

Grassroots Activism for Social Change

Wednesday, May 3

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (3rd floor)

221 NW 2nd Ave, Portland

Through grassroots activism, citizens like you can become change agents. Whether advocating for more school funding or stronger action on climate change, grassroots activists know how to effectively organize and engage others to bring about real social change. Join SAGE and the Oregon Environmental Council for a nuts-and-bolts workshop on how to be an effective grassroots advocate. Together, we'll explore key strategies to develop campaign messages, build and sustain support, and share tips on how to align your campaign with other social movements. This workshop is relevant for those working on any social cause, but we'll spotlight examples of ongoing environmental causes that need more grassroots support.

The cost to attend is \$10, which helps cover our brunch expenses. You can pay in advance using the online form or pay at the door. If cost is a barrier, please contact SAGE for special arrangements.

To register, [click here](#) or call SAGE at [971-717-6570](tel:971-717-6570).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

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](#).

People's Curriculum for the Earth

Saturday, March 4

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please consider joining us for a day-long workshop on teaching about the climate crisis. We'll focus on activities in the Rethinking Schools book that we edited, [A People's Curriculum for the Earth: Teaching Climate Change and the Environmental Crisis](#). All participants will receive a free copy of the book. And thanks to a grant people who would like to lead their own follow-up workshops on climate and environmental justice themes

will be able to apply for free copies of the book to use with participants.

Note that we are high school teachers, so the day will have a middle school/high school/teacher education bias, but all are welcome, including non-school-based popular educators. This workshop is sponsored by the Portland Association of Teachers, Portland Public Schools Climate Justice Committee, Rethinking Schools, and the Zinn Education Project.

The workshop is free and lunch is included, but [registration is required](#).

Tend the World Youth Forum

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union

This year we will explore the global link between the environment and social justice, offering workshops, resources, an action fair and networking opportunities for high school students. We're excited to kick off the day with youth-led workshops sharing their climate change action projects. In the afternoon, we will explore school garden education, the status of climate refugees, and the future of the world's forests. In addition, we will look at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, environmental stewardship, community organizing and much more!

This event is co-sponsored by the Portland Public Schools Climate Justice Committee, Rethinking Schools & PSU Office of International Affairs. The registration fee (\$125) admits 10 high school students and 2 chaperones. It includes lunch and *Rethinking Schools book- A People's Curriculum for the Earth*. View the [Resource Guide](#) from our December 2016 Tend The World Educator's Conference.

To register [click here](#). For questions, please contact Samara Chism-Winfield at samara@worldoregon.org or (503) 306-5296.

GREEN Leaders 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
- Selling Green Solutions

[Green Furniture Solutions](#) has graciously offered to close the showroom for the day to host the workshop. They are located downtown, on 10th Street, right across from the Target. There will be plenty of parking available at the 10th Street Smart Park.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information, [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](#).

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

There is no cost to attend, though donations are welcome and appreciated! During the workshop, SAGE will serve warm drinks, snacks, and an early dinner. The event will be held at the Historic Overlook House, which is surrounded by beautiful gardens and views of the Willamette River and the West Hills. There is free parking and it is near the Overlook MAX station.

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

Slough 101 Workshop

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Water Pollution Control Lab

6543 N Burlington Ave, Portland, OR 97203

Ever wonder about that slow-moving channel of water running through Gresham, Fairview, and NE & N Portland? This free hands-on workshop will explore the unique character, challenges, and opportunities of the Columbia Slough and its Watershed. You'll learn about soil & sediment in relation to water quality, how the Slough has changed over time, and what that means for fish, wildlife, people, and businesses. Open to everyone interested in learning more about the Columbia Slough Watershed. Suitable for adults and teens 14 & up.

Light refreshments will be provided. [Pre-registration](#) is required for this free workshop.

Webinar: Eco-Industrial Strategies in the Pacific Northwest

Wednesday, March 22

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us to learn how Gresham Vista Business Park eco-industrial development strategies can serve as a model for others in the region and a catalyst for change in the regional industrial market. This webinar will outline the challenges and opportunities associated with eco-industrial development using this site as a real-world example.

Please join staff from the Port, City of Gresham and Light House Sustainable Building Centre for an engaging overview of the Gresham Vista Business Park lessons learned, with a focus on the following eco-industrial development strategies: Green Stormwater Infrastructure; Connectivity; Green Buildings; Marketing & Sales; and Sustainable Business Operations.

To register, please [click here](#).

Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals

March 22, 2017 (*submission deadline*)



In preparation for the Forum on May 15-16, at UN Headquarters, in NY, a *Global Call for Innovations* is launched to find scientific and technological innovations that are helping accelerate progress towards any one or more of the six SDGs that are the focus of the STI Forum 2017. The *Call for Innovations* will highlight solutions from diverse sources and communities, originating in different parts of the world, and focus on those technologies that aim to help the poorest and most vulnerable. All innovations are welcome and will be reviewed carefully.

The Call for Innovations is part of a networking forum, developed by the United Nations (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) in collaboration with the Global Innovation Exchange. All innovations submitted can elect to join the *Global Innovation Exchange*, which will allow innovators to access funding opportunities, locate complementary resources to support innovation, and will help to identify where other innovators are working in the same or related fields, as competitors or potential partners.

Innovators are invited to [submit their solutions](#) through March 22, 2017. For more information on the STI Forum [click here](#).

Webinar: Life-Cycle Analysis for Sustainable Materials Management

Thursday, March 23

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

This webinar will present the concept of life-cycle thinking and life-cycle analysis (LCA). LCA is becoming more widely used to understand sustainability and make end-of-life decisions, requiring that personnel throughout solid waste management gain familiarity with this approach. Using examples from sustainable materials management, participants will be exposed to key concepts and terminology in LCA.

Through this webinar, participants will:

- Become familiar with life-cycle thinking as a way to understand environmental burden and approach decision-making
- Explore why life-cycle thinking and LCA are incorporated into solid waste management and policy (Bryan Staley)
- Learn key terminology used in life-cycle analysis and the types of analyses that can be performed
- Develop an appreciation of key considerations when using a life-cycle approach

Cost is: \$49. To register [click here](#).

Alternative Building Design Course

April 8 - June 17, 2017

PCC Newberg

135 Werth Blvd, Newberg, OR 97132

This Spring term, students will learn about natural green building principles used in the design and construction of alternative buildings such as straw bale, cob and rammed earth. Student teams will develop designs by constructing scaled models, and will then prepare and deliver presentations that defend and promote their designs. Hands-on lab experiences will include working on cob shed project in the Newberg Center Learning Garden.

For full course info, visit [our course schedule](#).

Forum: Is Materials Management On Your Menu?

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

McMenamins Kennedy School

5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) Spring Forum will focus on food management. It's intended to provide an opportunity to continue the momentum of the food waste meetings as a part of the Pacific Coast Collaborative. The collaboration is made up of cities and states on the west coast, including British Columbia and Vancouver BC. Participants can expect high-quality presentations from experts in the field, an update on the PCC effort and plenty of opportunities to connect ideas about development of food scraps management.

Note that full-time students and AmeriCorps volunteers can receive an [AOR membership for free](#), which allows you to register for this forum at a reduced price. For more information about the event [click here](#).

Intergenerational Volunteering Workshop

Wednesday, April 26

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (Third Floor)

221 NW Second Avenue, Portland, OR

We each have a generational lens that informs who we are and how we see the world. During this intergenerational workshop, we will explore the differences in world views, motivations, and work styles across the generations. We'll also discuss ways that each generation can volunteer more effectively when together, and share examples of meaningful, intergenerational service opportunities.

The cost to attend is \$10, which helps cover our brunch expenses. You can pay in advance using the online form or pay at the door. If cost is a barrier, please contact SAGE for special arrangements.

To register [click here](#).

E-Course: Permaculture Design

May 1 - 28

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](#).

Adventure WILD Summer Camp

July 10 - Aug 11, 2017 (registration now open)

Now in its sixth year, Adventure WILD utilizes nature, art, science, and play as campers ages 4-10 explore the vibrant life and amazing enviro-mysteries found in the green spaces around us. All five weeks feature Climbing Wall Fridays, and three sessions also include a special Thursday field trip to the Mazama Lodge nestled in the forested slopes of Mount Hood.

For details on Camp Themes, Dates & Rates, [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

Job: Audubon Society Director of Education

Monday, March 27 (application deadline)

The Audubon Society of Portland seeks an experienced manager, environmental educator, and leader to lead one of the most highly regarded and influential environmental education programs in the Pacific Northwest. The department offers a broad array of fee-based as well as free programs for youth and adults.

For details, go to: <http://audubonportland.org/files/employment/director-of-education>.

Job: Audubon Society Director of Development

Monday, April 3 (*application deadline*)

Audubon Society of Portland seeks a Development Director to manage a proven and diverse array of fundraising programs, applying steady leadership to untapped opportunities with major donors, foundations, and membership.

[Check out this link](#) for details.

Internship: BPS Community Service Aide

Friday, March 3 (application deadline)

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS), is seeking a Community Service Aide (CSA) to assist the Central City Team. CSAs are typically graduate students or recent graduates seeking entry-level work in the field of urban planning. CSAs work under the guidance of professional planning staff on a variety of assignments. Job duties for CSAs typically span a broad spectrum and may vary by assignment and based on individual skills and project needs.

Start date: April 2017 (specific date to be determined), through December 2017, but that could be extended. Approximately 20-30 hours per week.

For details and application materials, contact [Debbie Bischoff](#).

Internship: CSA Partnerships for Health Program at Zenger Farm

Friday, March 17 (application deadline)

Interns must be available April 10 – November 17 on Tuesday afternoons as well as other days to be determined, 8-12 hours/week total. Interns will work as part a team implementing an innovative program to create partnerships between health clinics and vegetable farmers who operate Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. These partnerships bring healthy, local and seasonal vegetables every week to patients at health clinics. These powerful partnerships utilize farmers' skills and the health clinics' relationships to address the root causes of diet-related chronic disease.

Internship: Sauvie Island Center

Friday, April 7 (application deadline)

We are accepting applications for our Summer Farm Education Internship. Summer interns help lead Summer Farm Camp, where campers spend the week exploring the farm, digging in compost piles, harvesting and cooking farm-fresh snacks, and more. Interns must be available for all five weeks of camp, from July 10th-August 11th, M-F, and will receive a stipend.

Learn more and apply at: <http://www.sauvieislandcenter.org/get-involved/farm-education-internship/>

Volunteer: Tend the World Youth Forum

Wednesday, March 8

The Tend the World Youth Forum explores the global link between the environment and social justice, offering workshops, resources, an action fair and networking opportunities for high school students. Help support the World Affairs Council, Portland Public Schools Climate Justice Committee, Rethinking Schools & PSU's Office of International Affairs to help make this event a success.

To volunteer, please contact Samara Chism-Winfield at samara@worldoregon.org or (503) 306-5296.

Volunteer: NW Outdoor Science School

March 12 - June 2

NW Outdoor Science School, a program of the NW Regional Education Service District, is looking for college students to volunteer for our program as Student Leaders, who spend a week leading activities and teaching environmental science to the sixth-graders. Student Leaders have the opportunity to learn many skills, including leadership, teamwork, and education. We provide a full day of training before the 6th graders arrive and staff are on-site to offer support at all times. Our Spring session runs from March 12th – June 2nd and we have 11 weeks of camp available within that time.

To learn more, visit our new website: www.nwoutdoorschool.org

Volunteer: Sauvie Island Center

Friday, April 7 (*training*)

Howell Territorial Park
13901 NW Howell Park Rd. Portland, OR 97231

The Sauvie Island Center is seeking passionate Volunteer Farm Educators for this spring season. On a field trip to the Sauvie Island Center, elementary school students from around the Portland area visit a working farm, participate in hands-on outdoor science

lessons, and discover where their food comes from. Educators are asked to commit to at least five field trip days between April and June. Training will be held on Friday, April 7th.

Learn more and apply at: <http://www.sauvieislandcenter.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



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, 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

World Travel Scholarships

Wednesday, March 15 (application deadline)

Explore the World Travel Scholarships are back! We are once again offering four \$2000 travel scholarships exclusively available to residents of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties with financial need.

As a refresher, [Explore the World](#) is administered by the nonprofit organization, Hostelling International USA (HI USA). HI USA is committed to creating a more tolerant world, and these scholarships create a whole new breed of young travelers inspired to make the world a better place. Eligible candidates must be ages 18-30 years old, have a specific educational or service learning journey overseas in mind, and meet specific financial need requirements.

More information can be found at www.hiusa.org/travel-scholarships. Applications are being judged by local members of the community and will be awarded to four lucky metro youth in April.

Grant: Confluence AmeriCorps

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.

PSU Sustainability Mentorship Program

March 17 (mentee application deadline)

March 24 (mentor application deadline)

The Sustainability Mentorship Program offers Portland State University students an opportunity to connect with professionals in a variety of sustainability-related fields for one or more academic terms. With the support of a Sustainability Mentor, students have the opportunity to discuss their professional goals, gain clarity on their career interests, widen their perspectives on workplace dynamics, develop their networking skills, seek input on their resume and cover letter, and get tips on interviewing.

As a Sustainability Mentor, you will have the opportunity to share your professional experiences with students, hone your leadership, guidance, and active listening skills, gain new perspectives from your mentee's interests and enthusiasm, learn about barriers facing entry-level professionals today, and support the up-and-coming wave of sustainability professionals.

Commitment: 1-2 hours each month during April, May, and June. For more information [click here](#).

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](#). Don't wait to earn your credential, [register today](#)

Global Challenges Prize 2017

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](#).

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](#).

PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions Impact Report

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

[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! Use the code ADW5 to receive \$5 off!

Resource: Climate Change Education Guide

The final version of [Climate Change Education Effective Practices for Working with Educators, Scientists, Decision Makers and the Public](#), produced by the Climate Change Education Partnership (CCEP) Alliance, is now available.

This guide provides recommendations for effective education and communication practices when working with different types of audiences. While effective education has been traditionally defined as the acquisition of knowledge, Alliance programs maintain a broader definition of "effective" to include the acquisition and use of climate change knowledge to inform decision-making. The CCEP Alliance is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to advance exemplary climate change education through research and practice.

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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