



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

May 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 May Day, everyone! Whether you celebrate worker solidarity or seasons changing, with may poles and Beltane, or are simply enjoying some quiet time with a good book, we hope that it will be the start of a wonderful month for you and your community.

GPSEN Coordinator and PCC Sociology Instructor, Kim Smith, and Lewis & Clark Ecopsychology Professor and founder of [Sustainable Self](#), Thomas Doherty, have just returned from the [Cultivating the Globally Sustainable Self Summit Series](#).

Hosted by James Madison University, this Summit explores key questions about what it means to be sustainable within our own lives and work as well as how we develop global identities that can address pressing sustainability issues on our planet and in our communities. They are in the process of developing a book with other Summit attendees on these crucial topics. To learn more, be sure to check out details below on the upcoming [Ecopsychology Symposium](#).

GPSEN partners are also in the process of developing a Sustainability Social this summer. Laura Kutner, GPSEN Development Chair and Founder of [Trash for Peace](#), has suggested that we work with a local ice cream store to create our own ice cream. So, we need your help. Fill out [our survey](#), to let us know what you think sustainability tastes like.

Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?
Share them with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#) by the 28th.
If you have questions, please contact news.gpsen@gmail.com.

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GPSEN Events

Sustainability Leadership Train- the-Trainer Workshop: Hope and Resiliency

Monday, May 2

10 am to 3:30 pm

PSU's Native American Student and Community Center
710 SW Jackson St. Portland, OR

Session I.

Using the motto: "educate, empower, engage", this session will explore core foundations of social problems, obstacles to civic engagement, and how we can overcome them, by reflecting on thought traps, creating cycles of hope, and identifying ways to participate in sustainable solutions.

Presenter: Kim Smith, GPSEN Coordinator and PCC Sociology Instructor

Session II.

We will explore definitions of "sustainability," as well as how this concept relates to human beings from all different backgrounds, ethnicities, income levels, religions, and perspectives. By focusing on hands-on activities that can be implemented at home, participants will leave with tools to take action and teach others unique ways to be sustainability leaders and changemakers.

Presenter: Laura Kutner, Director Trash for Peace

Sponsored by PSU's Sustainability Leaders Network and The Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN).

FREE event | Open to all | Breakfast and lunch included. Space is limited. [Please RSVP](#) to reserve your spot.

Faculty Workshop: Inspiring Equity and Justice in Sustainability Education

Friday, May 13

8:45 am – 2:00 pm

PCC Cascade Student Union Building

705 N Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97217

Enhance your teaching and engagement with sustainability methods and practices by participating in our 4th annual faculty training workshop. This workshop uses a cross-disciplinary approach in curricular change and will explore how faculty can meaningfully integrate issues of equity and justice within a sustainability context into our classrooms. Guest speakers will engage participants in facilitated small group discussions following a panel presentation. Also, learn how PCC's Climate Action Plan drives SPARC's initiatives to support sustainability curriculum development at PCC.

We invite faculty from all disciplines and perspectives in the region to attend. Participants will receive morning refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials; also a stipend is available for part-time PCC faculty. SPARC will also provide follow up curriculum development support to any participant.

To register: please submit your name, department, and a one paragraph description of how you'd like to incorporate sustainability in a current or new course (with course title) to: Heidi Sickert, SPARC Chair (Sustainability Practices for Academics and Resources Council), heidi.sickert@pcc.edu

Community Events

Oregon STEM Week 2016

May 2-10 has been designated as STEM week in Oregon this year. This is a week for all of us to promote STEM awareness through events and celebrations of STEM! Help connect clubs in your community, who would like to participate, with their STEM Hub. For more information, resources, and to find your local STEM Hub visit <http://stemoregon.org/stemweek/>.

Community Energy Project Spring Social

Wednesday, May 4

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Base Camp Brewing Company

930 SE Oak St, Portland, OR 97214

Join us for an evening of appetizers, socializing, silent auction, and entertainment as we celebrate another successful year. Donations from the event will help us ensure we are keeping homes safe, healthy, and efficient for low-income residents of Portland. We will also be honoring outstanding volunteers who help make Community Energy Project a truly community focused organization.

\$50 General Admission. Use Discount Code "healthyhomes" for early-bird price of \$45. [Get your tickets today](#) to support Community Energy Project!

Science on Tap: How to Keep Hope and Good Health as Climate Change Worsens

Wed, May 4

7:00 pm (doors at 6:00 pm)

Clinton Street Theater

2522 SE Clinton Street, Portland

It's easy to get overwhelmed by the doom and gloom of climate science. Projections for Oregon show increasing risk of drought, wildfires, heat waves, storms, and floods, and predictions for worldwide consequences are even more scary. These impacts threaten our health and the systems that support us...but maybe there is a silver lining in this dark cloud looming? Climate change may be the greatest challenge we have known as a society, but it is also the greatest opportunity to achieve the kind of systemic change we need to improve the health of our communities and our environment. Come hear from **Emily York**, coordinator of the [Oregon Climate and Health Program](#), about how they are working with partners to integrate climate resilience strategies into our public health system.

Cost: [\\$8.00 advance tickets](#), \$10.00* suggested cover at the door. Online sales end at 4:00pm on day of show. For more information [click here](#).

Intertwine Alliance Summits

Instead of hosting one big Intertwine Alliance Summit, we're convening four, more geographically-focused [county summits](#). The purpose of these gatherings is to

strengthen sub-regional relationships, celebrate successes, and build for the future of our parks, trails and natural areas. It's a chance to zero in on the needs and aspirations of Intertwine Alliance partners, policymakers, environmental advocates and others right where you live and work.

We've nailed down dates and details for the East Multnomah County and Clackamas County events, and are working on Washington and Clark counties.

[EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUMMIT](#)

Thursday, May 12, from noon to 5 p.m.

McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale

Please [RSVP](#) by May 5.

[CLACKAMAS COUNTY SUMMIT](#)

Monday, May 16, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tumwater Ballroom in downtown Oregon City

View [agenda](#).

Please [RSVP](#) by May 12.

The summits are free for all Intertwine Alliance partners and non-partners. We encourage you to attend as many as interest you, and to RSVP today.

Visiting SAGE Paul Hawken

Thursday, May 12

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

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

Senior Advocates for Generational Equity (SAGE) brings Paul Hawken to speak in Portland! World-renown environmentalist, entrepreneur, and best-selling author on sustainability will speak about his work with Project Drawdown, a non-profit that is mapping and modeling 100 existing, substantive solutions to reverse climate change. These solutions are widely practiced, commonly available, economically viable, and scientifically valid. When implemented globally and at scale over the next thirty years, they'll not only forge a pathway to reverse climate change, but will also result in more security, more prosperity, more jobs, and better health. Hawken will show how a wide variety of actors can advance these solutions – engaged citizens, students, teachers, farmers, business leaders, policymakers, and more.

Tickets start at \$20. Get tickets at www.wearesage.org.

Lean Six Sigma for the Environment - Happy Hour Meetup

Tuesday, May 17

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ex Novo Brewing
2326 N Flint Ave, Portland

Let's get together to talk about how we can help local businesses and organizations reduce their environmental impact (energy, water, toxins, trash) by using Lean and Six Sigma process improvement techniques. Open to all, regardless of your process improvement experience. Stop by anytime, and if you want to stay later, feel free! I will have a Meetup sign at the table, or you can ask the host where we will be located (either at a table or upstairs).

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

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Workshops: Landscape for Healthy Watersheds

Spring is here, and your garden calls! Looking for a little inspiration before you dig in? Check out these FREE WORKSHOPS and learn about all kinds of ways you can make a positive impact on your watershed with your landscaping decisions. All workshops are FREE and open to anyone. To register [click here](#).

Naturescaping

- Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (NE Portland)

Rain Gardens 101

- Sunday, April 17 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm (Troutdale)
- Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Gresham)

Urban Weeds

- Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (NE Portland)

Program: Young Leaders in Action

Sunday, May 1 (application deadline)

The World Affairs Council's Young Leaders in Action brings together 20 high school students from across the Portland area for global issue workshops, leadership training, and community service projects with an international impact. Any Portland-area high school student with a graduation year of 2017 or later is eligible to apply. There is no fee or other cost to participate. Young Leaders in Action meet the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month from June 2016 to April 2017, taking part in workshops, leadership training, community service activities, and networking opportunities with leaders from Portland and around the world.

Young Leaders in Action also receive mentorship and advising on study abroad scholarships, and college and career opportunities in the field of international affairs, and guidance in creating an action project on a global issue.

For more information [click here](#).

GoGreen Call for Speakers

Proposals due May 4

GoGreen Portland is now in its ninth year empowering business and government decision-makers with sustainability strategies and tools to create positive change by

facilitating environmental, economic and social performance improvement through the connections, topics and best practices. The Call for Speakers and Session Proposals is now open through May 4 and we encourage you and anyone in your network to contribute a session or workshop for our Program. View the theme and topics we are interested in for the program and submit today through the [online portal](#).

The Sponsorship and Exhibitor packages are available for GoGreen Portland 2016. View the [2016 Sponsor Overview](#) with current package options.

Transforming the Way We Lead

May 4 - 6

Portland State University - Native American Center

Transforming the Way We Lead and the Art of Hosting training is about how to create effective meetings and practices for working better together amidst times of rapid change and high complexity. Many people are awakening to different ways of being in leadership together, moving beyond the typical traps of adversarial agendas and into processes of co-learning and participatory leadership that lead to wise action and change.

Many practitioners and leaders are seeking processes, tools and engagement strategies that bring out the best in our communities and foster deeper collaboration. The Art of Hosting is an international movement that is working to develop participatory leadership skills and practices.

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

Ecopsychology Symposium

Friday-Saturday, June 10-11, 2016

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lewis & Clark Graduate Campus, South Chapel

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

Our intuition and science tell us that humans are an integral part of nature. What are the psychological ramifications of our interdependence and interbeing with the rest of the natural world? How should this inform our identities, ethics and mental health, as well as our actions toward one another, and our actions toward the earth and other species?

This two-day symposium will bring together scholars and practitioners to explore ecopsychology and kindred endeavors from the perspectives of creativity and self-expression, teaching and research, and socially engaged therapeutic practices. The event will feature expert speakers, networking, and large group dialogue. Attendees will have an unprecedented opportunity to see and hear a number of local experts speak to the “ecopsychological” in their work.

Mental health and other healthcare professionals, educators, sustainability professionals, environmental advocates, artists and creative professionals, and

others interested in integrative perspectives on the psychology of human-nature relationships are all welcome to attend.

This conference offers 12 CEUs or PDUs. [Click here](#) for fees, partial scholarship information, and online registration.

UNA-USA Leadership Summit: A Time for Humanitarian Action

June 12 - 14

Scholarship deadline: April 18

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](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: Environmental Education Director – Outreach

Application Due: Friday, May 13

Tualatin Hills Nature Center
15655 SW Millikan Way

The Environmental Education Director - Outreach is responsible for community outreach for participants of all ages. This may include, but is not limited to, community events, after school programs, and evening and weekend outreach events. Bilingual in Spanish is preferred. This is a year round position and will typically be scheduled up to 29 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends. Pay Range: \$13.32 - \$17.54 (Appointments typically made at the beginning of the pay scale)

For more information [click here](#).

Job: ReBuilding Center - Community Outreach Program Manager

Application due: June 10

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](#).

Community-Based Learning Opportunities

Community responsibility is at the core of education. Community-Based Learning directly supports that belief through projects that deepen and contextualize course learning outcomes by addressing the needs of our community.

Community-Based Learning at PCC is an academic program that provides support across all disciplines through assistance with community-based learning course implementation, professional development, and resources.

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

GPSEN Internships and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN, either as an intern, volunteer, or committee or working group member. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available.

Grants & Resources

Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship

Deadline: May 16, 2016

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant can help get your idea off the ground. In 2015, Metro awarded \$600,000 to 15 organizations for local restoration projects. Read more about the projects [here](#) or see examples of successful applications [here](#).

Fill out a simple application [HERE](#) by May 16 for habitat restoration grants up to \$50,000.

If you have additional questions, please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/grants or contact [Crista Gardner](#) or [Heather Nelson Kent](#).

Grant: Renewable Energy Educator Lab

Deadline: May 25

Solar 4R Schools announces open Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Renewable Energy Educator Lab, which is a year-long STEM curriculum design opportunity for teachers. Participating teachers will be part of a small group of educators that collaborate throughout the year to design, test and implement exciting new lessons into their classrooms while diving deeper into renewable energy science and technology. Along with access to renewable energy content experts, teachers also receive a \$5000 stipend and up to \$3500 in materials to test and implement up to 3 renewable energy units/lessons. These new units/lessons will become part of the Solar 4R Schools [Online Educator Library](#), and available for use for teachers around the country. The Educator Lab runs from June 2016 - June 2017.

For more information about the opportunity and to download a copy of the RFP [click here](#).

Outdoor School Petition

"If Ever The World Needed Outdoor School, It Is Now." There's increasing evidence that making sure kids have a strong connection to the natural world is much more than just a nice idea; it can change lives. Research from Portland State University now correlates Outdoor School participation with improved attendance rates. Check out this [great guest article](#) on the topic from the Portland Tribune.

The benefits of Outdoor School are many. In Oregon, the time is now to save it. You can help. Please learn how you can get involved and [sign the online petition](#) today.

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.

*Share your news with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#),
by the 28th of the month for the following month's newsletter.
If you have questions, please contact news.gpsen@gmail.com.*

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or find out more information about GPSEN.

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