



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

May 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

May blessings to you and yours! Please join us in welcoming the newest member of our GPSEN family: Leah Constance Rome Macek. Leah's parents, David and Lisa, are doing well. They both do such amazing work with their respective non-profits, the Northwest Earth Institute and SAGE. She is a lucky girl to get to be raised by such kind parents, committed to our Earth and community. We are happy to dedicate our efforts this month to sweet little Leah.

So, how many of you made it out to the March for Science or the Climate March? Per usual, Portland sure knows how to represent! So much of our work depends on the dedicated researchers and educators who advance innovative practices and policies across our region and beyond. Hopefully, such collective actions energize and inspire you to carry on.

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

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GPSEN Events

Food for Earth: Agrobiodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Wed, May 10th

2:00 pm-4:00 pm

[PSU's Native American Student and Community Center](#)

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97207

PSU's Sustainability Leaders Network, Student Sustainability Center, and partnering organizations invite you to explore how urban agriculture and crop biodiversity can support climate resilience. Be inspired by examples of urban agriculture and sustainability from around the world and learn how these initiatives can tie to global sustainability goals set by UN member nations around the world. GPSEN Fellow Neeraja Havaligi and GPSEN Director and PCC Sociology Instructor Kim Smith will speak from their experiences in research, education, and advocacy for sustainability and food security.

After the presentation, network with students from across the Portland Metro region to build community and identify ways to strengthen education for sustainability in our region.

Sustainability Across the Curriculum Workshop

Innovating for Food Justice & Healthy Communities

Friday, May 12

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

[PCC Southeast Campus](#), Community Hall

2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216

This 5th Annual Faculty Training is sponsored by PCC's [Sustainability Practices for Academics and Resources Council](#) (SPARC) and is open to college and university faculty from all disciplines and perspectives across the greater Portland region.

The workshop provides resources for faculty to meaningfully integrate issues of food, racial, environmental, and economic justice and their impacts on the health (physical, social, environmental, economic) of our communities into their classrooms, including speakers, facilitated discussions, and teaching tools. The group will also tour SE's new Learning Garden and learn about PCC's multi-faceted student-focused programs. Participants will receive workshop materials and follow-up curriculum development support to any participant.

Morning refreshments and a full lunch provided. \$20 fee for non-PCC faculty. To register [click here](#).

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 local food & drink tastings and live music. Plus, a chance to win one of several nature based travel prizes. Hosted by Hosteling International Portland, UNA Portland, and GPSEN, the event is free and open to all!



Community Events

Heart-Centered Meditation for Activists

Tuesday, May 2

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Central Lutheran Church

1820 NE 21st Ave, Portland

Rev. Jayna Gieber, Meditation Teacher in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, offers this experiential workshop with guided meditation to crystal bowls designed to support and balance the passionate hearts and minds of activists. Much is asked of us as lovers of the earth and life. It is imperative as we do the work of tending the world, we also tend ourselves, keeping our hearts soft yet strong, even in the midst of

heartbreaking planetary developments. In a supportive atmosphere with climate and social justice companions, come take refuge. All are welcome. You might bring a blanket and pillow for guided meditation if you wish. Event hosted by 350PDX.

For more information and to RSVP on Facebook [click here](#).

Grassroots Activism for Social Change

Wednesday, May 3

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (3rd floor)

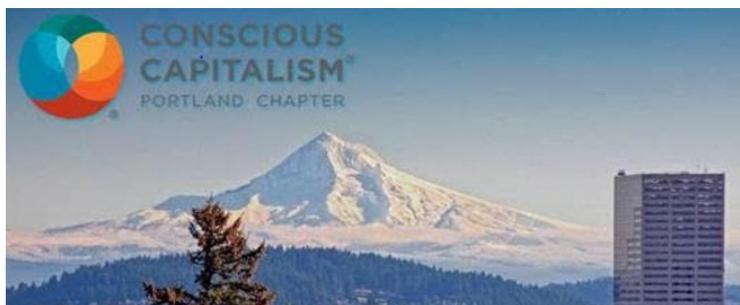
221 NW 2nd Ave, Portland

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).

Conscious Capitalism Launch



Wednesday, May 3

5:30-8:30pm

Skype Live Studio

1210 SW 10th Avenue, Downtown Portland

Portland is launching a chapter of Conscious Capitalism: a global movement aimed at changing the world for good through the power of business. Some of the most successful and popular brands have been involved in shaping the Conscious Capitalism movement including Whole Foods, REI, Starbucks, Patagonia, Trader Joe's, and many more. The Conscious Capitalism Portland chapter aims to build a community in the greater Portland area where leaders, employees, and their stakeholders can thrive, learn and grow in a conscious and sustainable way, through events that explore the principles of Conscious Capitalism, a local business showcase, and build community with like-minded people.

We invite you to join us at our launch party to hear from two inspiring Portland business leaders: Frank Foti, CEO of Vigor, the largest ship building company in the Pacific Northwest, and Renee Spears, Founder and CEO of Rose City Mortgage, an award-winning mortgage company with a difference.

Registration \$15 (snacks and drinks provided). [Click here to register](#) by April 28th. If you have questions, call [310 245 0833](tel:3102450833)

Community Energy Project Spring Social

Tuesday, May 9

5:30pm - 8:00 pm

Laguntias Brewing Co. - Portland Community Room
237 NE Broadway Suite 300, Portland

Join us for our annual Spring Social. You and your guests will enjoy great food, drinks, entertainment, and chances to bid on fantastic [auction items](#)! 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.

Cost: \$50. To register for this event [click here](#).

Evening Canoe in the Slough

Thursday, May 11

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Whitaker Ponds Nature Park
7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland

Join the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) and bring the whole family for a safe and fun canoe trip on the slow-moving Columbia Slough! Borrow a canoe or kayak - and enjoy the water, plants, and wildlife from the best seat possible! \$5-10/person - \$25/family suggested donation. Advanced registration required.

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

Ridgefield Cathlapotle Plankhouse – Mother’s Day Celebration

Sunday, May 14

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Cathlapotle Plankhouse
28908 NW Main Ave, Ridgefield, WA

For Cathlapotle Chinookans tending to plant relatives has always been the responsibility of women in the community. Since time immemorial, women have tended to wapato, camas, and many other plants that people have relied on for food, medicine, and trade. This Mother’s Day, bring mom out to the [Cathlapotle Plankhouse](#) to connect to plants important to Chinookan Peoples, and to learn about edible and medicinal plants you can connect with in your own neighborhoods. At 1:00 go on a plant walk, sample a few wild teas throughout the day, and stick around for a soothing herbal salve making demonstration at 3:00. There will also be a naturalist guided family nature walk at 2:00. The Plankhouse will be open for visitors from 12 pm - 4 pm, and there will be children’s activities available throughout the

day. The Cathlapotle Plankhouse is open weekends from 12 pm - 4 pm. Every second Sunday of the month the Plankhouse will host special events with speakers, guided hikes, and children's activities. Refuge admission is \$3 per vehicle

For more information on this and other events at Ridgefield [click here](#).

World Climate Week 2017



World Climate Week is back! People around the world are running [World Climate Simulations](#) and you can too. From May 15 - 21, we are asking you to [run a simulation in your own community](#)! Last year we reached thousands thanks to events led by volunteers in the army, young people in churches, university students, senior government officials, intergenerational groups, and many more, from Nigeria to South Korea. This role playing exercise of the UN climate talks can help to keep up momentum toward ensuring a world where climate change is well below 2°C.

At Climate Interactive we have also [updated the Climate Scoreboard](#) and made several analyses of how the world will look [under new climate policies from the US](#).

Check out the [materials and resources](#) to get started and [register your event](#).

Portland MSA Economic & Population Outlook

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 am – 11:00 am (*doors & breakfast at 7 am; event begins at 7:45 am*)

PSU Ballroom

Smith Memorial Student Union, Room #355

1825 SW Broadway, Portland

PSU's Northwest Economic Research Center is proud to announce the first ever Portland MSA Regional Outlook! (Counties: Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, Skamania, Washington, Yamhill) After hearing from NERC director, and former State Economist, Dr. Tom Potiowsky (yours truly) about what the future holds, experts in housing, employment, and population will present and discuss the important trends in the Portland MSA. In addition, there will be a feature presentation by Zillow Senior Economist Skylar Olsen, and a panel focused solely on housing.

Individuals can sign up for \$65 and groups can reserve a table of eight for \$455 (Eventbrite fees not included). Breakfast is included. For more information [click here](#).

ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

5:30-7:00 pm

Portland State University Market Center Building 541
1600 SW 4th Ave Portland, OR 97204

Gain, unique international insights at this interactive working session conducted with our sister chapter in Indonesia. At the May ISSP Portland chapter meeting we will explore the application of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. After a short presentation by GPSEN Director Kim Smith on the goals, we'll launch into an activity to explore their relevance to sustainability efforts in Oregon organizations and businesses and then share the results of our conversation live with the ISSP Chapter in Jakarta Indonesia who will be having a simultaneous meeting. You'll not only learn more about the SDGs but have a chance to see how they are being viewed and used on the other side of the world.

Please join us. There is no charge for the meeting, but pre-registration is requested. Register by [clicking here](#).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

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](#).

LEED Green Associate Training

May 3

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

PSU, Shattuck Hall - Room #201
1914 SW Park Ave, Portland

Interested in getting involved in the Green Building and sustainability Industry? LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is simply a green-rating point

system to certify a building's sustainability. Just as Buildings can be LEED certified, students and professional can become LEED Accredited themselves. The LEED Green Associate (GA) credential is the only professional designation used to market yourself to employers and clients and show you have certified knowledge in the green building industry.

Cost: \$300 (\$200 for full-time students). For more information and to register [click here](#).

GoGreen Conference – Call for Proposals

Friday, May 5 (application deadline)

This year's Portland 2017 GoGreen Conference will be held October 17th, at the Gerding Theater. The GoGreen Conference is a one-day, interactive sustainability learning experience that empowers business decision-makers with sustainability strategies, tools, and connections to create positive change within their organizations by facilitating environmental, economic, and social performance improvement. With a distinct platform of bringing together leaders from across industries and sectors, GoGreen builds viable networks and cross-pollinates sustainability best practices throughout the regional business community. Our mission is to empower business and governmental decision-makers with sustainability strategies, tools, and connections to create positive impact at their organizations. Don't miss this year's call for Proposals and Speakers, Sessions, Case Studies and Award Nominations!

For more information [click here](#).

Portland Forward's Leadership Workshop

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wayfinding Academy

8010 N Charleston Ave, Portland

Inspired by a history of effective change-makers in Portland's past who organized similar events to address the needs of their day, this event is motivated by the need to put Portlanders in charge of smart public policy that promotes equity and the common good. Portland is at a pivotal point in its history. As our city grows we need to ensure that the people are in charge of the growth and in driving policies that make Portland a city that works for all. In order to accomplish this we need a strong network of leaders, empowered citizens, and equitable opportunities for participating in decision making - - that's you! We aim to bring together a diverse and multi-generational group of citizens who are invested in leaving this city better than we found it, to empower citizen voices, and make change happen. Through creative collaboration and the right mix of experienced and rising-leaders in the community, we are creating a hybrid unconference-style format in which attendees work together to create solutions for the sustainable growth of our city.

Tickets are sliding-scale: \$25-75. Scholarships are available in limited quantity upon request to portlandfwd@gmail.com.

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

Renewable Energy Leadership Lab

May 8 (application deadline)
June 2017 - June 2018 (program)
Downtown Portland, OR

Are you a K-12 teacher with a great idea for a lesson plan or unit relating to renewable energy, but don't have the resources (time, money, or access to renewable energy experts) to develop the curriculum? Are you a leader in your school or district, or do you want to become one in the context of renewable energy? Consider applying for our [Renewable Energy Leadership Lab](#), where you will have opportunities to interact with peers also excited about renewable energy while developing new lesson plans. Alongside peers and renewable energy experts, you will discuss leadership and pedagogy as it relates specifically to lesson plans that you are developing.

Throughout the year, there will be a minimum of four mandatory in-person collaborative work sessions at the [Bonneville Education Foundation](#) office located in downtown Portland and four mandatory remote meetings taking place in a webinar format. These sessions function as an opportunity for the teacher group to meet, collaborate, discuss, test, and peer-review each other's proposed units. This type of collaboration among teachers is a critical part of what makes this program unique, valuable, and effective. A stipend and resource budget are included with this opportunity.

For more information [click here](#).

Workshop: Building the Foundation for Diversity

May 15, 16 & 17

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

For those who are newly embarking upon diversity work, this 2½-day course is the first step of a dynamic and rewarding journey. Diversity and inclusion work is not swift: it is an iterative process of awareness building, information gathering, analysis, vision development, planning, and action. There is no magic shortcut. We start by creating a safe space and a forum for deep learning, honest exploration, and open dialogue. From here, we begin to develop an understanding of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our lives, our relationships and our work, and explore the many dimensions of diversity in our personal and professional interactions.

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 about the workshop [click here](#).
Contact admin@cdeinspires.org to register or with questions.

Webinar: The Significance of Voluntary Sustainability Standards

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 am

Karin Kreider leads ISEAL, the organization that coordinates the activities of many of the most recognizable sustainability standards and eco-labels. Karin will introduce the audience to the complex voluntary standards landscape and explain the role of sustainability standards across various sectors and contexts. She will present specific case studies illustrating how the initiatives of ISEAL members utilize sustainability standards in the US and around the world. This webinar will assist sustainability educators in understanding the increasing importance of voluntary standards in the sustainability space, whether because of regulatory roll-backs, or in supply chain management, or as an emerging component of private governance. This workshop is hosted by the [Sustainability Curriculum Consortium \(SCC\)](#).

Questions? Email: admin@curriculumforsustainability.org. To register [click here](#).

Health & Nature Forum

Thursday, May 18 (RSVP by May 11)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

[JADE/APANO Multicultural Space](#)

8114 SE Division St, Portland

To further the connection between the health and environmental sectors, and to advance important cross-sector work being done in these areas, The [Intertwine Alliance](#) continues its series of biannual health & nature forums. Please join us to learn more about regional on-the-ground health and nature projects and how to engage and partner with them. Catherine Carlton, deputy director at the [Institute at the Golden Gate](#) in San Francisco, will give a keynote presentation on how prescription play programs across the U.S., including the Portland metro area's own [RxPlay](#) pilot, have connected underserved audiences to parks and recreation.

Learn about and engage with other projects, too, including:

- Northwest Earth Institute's EcoChallenge
- Greening of Schoolyards
- RxPlay
- Health & Outdoors, an Oregon Action Initiative
- Multnomah County Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
- Oregon Climate and Health Program
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Centers
- ROSE CDC/Lents Green Ring

The event is free and open to all, and we hope anyone interested will attend. Light breakfast will be served.

Please [RSVP](#) by Thursday, May 11. For more information [click here](#). Questions? Email [Lauren Gottfredson](#).

Global Reporting Initiative Standards Certification

May 19 - 20

8:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Lewis & Clark College

Lewis & Clark's Office of Sustainability is hosting a training for students as well as local professionals on the Global Reporting Initiative Standards (GRI). This is a great opportunity for students to expand their professional skills and enhance their resumes. GRI is the first global standard for sustainability reporting. They feature a modular, interrelated structure and represent the global best practice for reporting on a range of economic, environmental, and social impacts. The GRI Standards are suitable for organizations of all sizes, from all sectors, featuring sector specific metrics that can flexibly be adapted to communicate performance in key sustainability areas.

For more information [click here](#).

Webinar: Case Study Teaching for Sustainability & Environmental Education

Tuesday, May 23

1:00 pm

This webinar will be lead by [Cynthia Wei](#) of the [National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center](#), [Minna Brown](#) of [Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies](#), and [Meghan Wagner](#) a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Central Michigan University. The case study method has long been used as a pedagogical method in fields such as medicine, law, and business, but its use in the fields of sustainability and environmental education is far less established. These leaders in sustainability education are focusing on case studies and collaborating to describe what they see as the challenges faced in designing cases, building a collection of cases, and engaging faculty and others in the creation and use of these cases.

In this webinar, they will discuss efforts by four organizations to develop sustainability and environmental case study resources, in addition to challenges and approaches in designing and implementing case studies for teaching, insights gained through each of our efforts, and resources for case study teaching. This workshop is hosted by the [Sustainability Curriculum Consortium](#) (SCC).

Questions? Email: admin@curriculumforsustainability.org. To register [click here](#).

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.

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](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: Environmental Education Instructor – Summer Camp

Monday, May 1 (application deadline)

Tualatin Hills Nature Center
15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton

This position at the [Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Department](#) is responsible for planning, preparing, instructing and/or leading general and/or specialized activities for program participants. Seasonal position focuses on our summer nature camp season from June 14 - September 1. Seasonal employees may be scheduled up to 40 hours per week for a maximum duration of 6 consecutive months.

For more information about this and other job opportunities at THPRD [click here](#).

Jobs: Summer Camp Educators (Audobon Society)

Monday, May 8 @ 5pm (application deadline)

The [Audubon Society of Portland](#) is seeking talented Environmental Educators to lead our summer camp trips, classes, and camps. Applicants must have experience in Environmental Education with knowledge of Pacific Northwest natural history. Qualified individuals should have a passion for working with children and for cultivating each child's personal connection to the natural world. Our summer educators are responsible for collaborative facilitation of camps as well as being flexible and willing to teach in informal outdoor settings. Each Environmental Educator will work with a team of summer camp staff to run the activities of camp in a safe, fun and engaging way.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Assistant Director - Outdoor School Program Leader

May 15 (application deadline)

The [Division of University Outreach and Engagement](#) (Division) at Oregon State University enhances access to enrichment and problem solving through reciprocal relationships for the exchange of knowledge and resources in partnership with individuals, communities, business, industries, government, and educational institutions. The Division includes the [OSU Extension Service](#). The [Outdoor School](#) (ODS) Program resides within the OSU Extension Service and advances the Extension Service's vision, mission, and goals through the statewide engagement of School Districts and Educational Service Districts in Outdoor School. The ODS Program helps Oregon's youth learn better; develop leadership, critical thinking, and social skills; and exposes them to the role of scientific inquiry and applied learning. The long-term goal of this ODS Program is to integrate placed-based programs into the Oregon school system that build upon youth's skills in hands-on science and their abilities to be effective stewards and leaders in their community. Outdoor School is intended for all 5th or 6th graders in the state of Oregon.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Administrative and Events Coordinator (Intertwine Alliance)

May 19 (application deadline)

The [Intertwine Alliance](#) is hiring a part-time (20 hours/week) Administrative and Events Coordinator to join our small, close-knit team on the South Waterfront. The [Intertwine Alliance](#) is a coalition of 165 organizations working across sectors and jurisdictional lines to increase access and availability to nature in the Portland-Vancouver urban region. The Alliance is a fast growing and highly dynamic organization, and is at the center of many of the region's most significant natural area initiatives. The Administrative and Events Coordinator will be part of an innovative team working to integrate nature more deeply into the fabric of the Portland-Vancouver area -- thereby changing the face of the metropolitan region.

The position will be open until filled, with priority given to applications received by 5 p.m. on May 19. For more information [click here](#). Questions? Email Lauren

at lauren@theintertwine.org.

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: Bike Camp Instructor

The [Bike Camp](#) program at the [Community Cycling Center](#) is a 5-day long day camp for kids age 6 - 14 years old to develop their cycling skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Instructors work in pairs to lead a group of 12 students and are responsible for planning each day's route, lessons, and activities. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on teaching experience in a collaborative, fun environment. This is a full-time, seasonal position that will run from June 12 through August 25, in two locations: Portland and East Portland.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Eco-Challenge Program Manager (NWEI)

[Northwest Earth Institute](#) (NWEI) is seeking an innovative program manager to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a knack for digital program engagement, at least 3 years of nonprofit experience, and a desire to work part-time. This position is a core role to NWEI's program delivery, managing a program that has doubled in participation each of the past three years. This role is responsible for developing the [EcoChallenge](#) program, managing public and custom EcoChallenge events, and collaborating with the Director of Learning to carry out our change model of "Connect. Reflect. Act."

For more information about this and other job opportunities at NWEI [click here](#).

Job: Development & Communications Manager (NWEI)

[Northwest Earth Institute](#) (NWEI) is seeking a skilled storyteller with the energy and creativity to take our development and communication efforts to a new level. The ideal candidate will have at least 3 years of experience with nonprofits, and a desire to work part-time (32 hours / week). The Development and Communications Manager is responsible for managing the Membership program, grants portfolio, and steering our overall message and communications efforts.

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Internships: City of Portland Environmental Services

Sunday, May 14 (Applications due by 5 p.m.)

City of Portland Environmental Services invites high school students entering 11th or 12th grade (2017-18 school year) and 2017 high school graduates to apply for one of eight internship opportunities with the bureau. The student cohort will participate in an 8-week paid internship that could include office work, field work, trainings, and professional development. It is a great opportunity to learn more about careers in the fields of natural resources, environmental sciences, watershed services, pollution prevention, stormwater, wastewater and public service.

[Click here](#) for more details.

Internship: Summer Environmental Education (Audubon Society)

Thursday, May 18 (application deadline)

Join the Education Team of the [Audubon Society of Portland](#) and tour the Pacific Northwest with youth eager to learn about the region's wild areas and wildlife. Day Camps are based in beautiful Forest Park in Portland, Oregon. Week-long overnight Summer Camps are based in a variety of settings including the coast, Mount Hood, and the San Juan Islands. Instructors work as a team, implementing innovative hands-on environmental education programs according to weekly educational themes.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Review Textbooks for Climate Literacy

On-Going

Things have been moving right along at the Portland Public School Climate Justice group. We're getting ready to read and evaluate all textbooks used in Portland Public Schools on their coverage of climate change/climate justice. We were asked by someone from the PPS District that is responsible for implementing the Resolution to help evaluate PPS textbooks for climate justice content, denial/skepticism etc. As this will be a lengthy task, we'd like some community volunteers to work with us! During a four-hour session this spring, we'll use a short template provided by the District to assess the texts. Anyone interested in helping us out? The date is not yet set (and is determined by the PPS District). It will involve reading current textbooks and using the District's evaluation rubric to grade the textbooks on their

level of climate denialism, skepticism, and climate justice content.

[Sign up to get a notification](#) when the district sets the workshop date!

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.
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Grants & Resources

Book: EarthEd - 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](#), which includes topics such as:

- [EarthEd Fundamentals](#)
 - [EcoLiteracy for Schooling & Sustainability](#)
 - [Social Emotional Learning for a Challenging Future](#)
 - [Bringing the Earth Back into Economics](#)
 - [Sustainability Education in Prisons](#)
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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](#).

Resource: 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](#).

Grant: Youth Innovation Challenge (18-26 yrs old)

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: Renewable Energy Leadership Lab

Monday, May 8 (application deadline)

Are you a teacher with a great idea for a lesson plan or unit relating to renewable energy, but don't have the resources (time, money, or access to renewable energy experts) to develop the curriculum? Are you a leader in your school or district, or do you want to become one in the context of renewable energy? Consider applying for our Renewable Energy Leadership Lab, where you will have opportunities to interact with peers who are also excited about renewable energy while developing new lesson plans. At the end of this period, these lessons will be uploaded to our globally-used curricular database, the Educator Library, with your name as the sole authoring entity. Past teachers have developed activities such as solar-charged Sphero challenges, working wave energy models, solar home design, and much more. A stipend and resource budget are included with this opportunity.

For more information [click here](#).

Global Challenges Prize

May 24 (submission deadline)

Calling big thinkers, from all disciplines, everywhere. The world needs your brainpower and your best ideas as never before. We are delighted to announce the launch of the Global Challenges Prize 2017: A New Shape. This competition is a quest to find new models of global cooperation capable of handling global risks. It will award \$5-million in prizes for the best ideas that re-envision global governance for the 21st century. Be part of the effort to safeguard our world for future generations. Be part of the global conversation. Help to change the shape of things to come!

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](#).

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](#).

AASHE's New Website

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) empowers higher education faculty, administrators, staff and students to be effective change agents and drivers of sustainability innovation. We work with and for higher education to ensure that our world's future leaders are motivated and equipped to solve sustainability challenges.

We are excited to share the new website for [AASHE website](#), which includes everything you need to find resources, tools, and information that support your work in higher education sustainability.

Portland Region Environmental Education Network (REEN)

Join the new [REEN 2.0 Facebook group](#) and feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested. This group is intended to foster communication, collaboration, and outreach among environmental educators, supporters, participants, and allies in the Portland region to share information, news, and resources.

Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO)

EEAO's **mission** is to cultivate environmental literacy and engagement among diverse community leaders. Through leadership and support, we promote a vision for healthy, resilient communities and environment. Many events, jobs, and resources are available at [their website](#) and via their newsletter.

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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