



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

Mid-April 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

Spring greetings!

Did you get a chance to check out our Earth Week special edition? What a vibrant community we have, with many exciting events this month!

Really proud to learn that Portland and Multnomah County are [committing to 100% clean, renewable energy](#) by 2050.

As Senator Jeff Merkley says, "Despite efforts to roll back key climate action by the Trump administration, Oregon continues to be on the front lines for bold climate action." To lead on the federal level, Senator Merkley is introducing the 100 by 50 Act, to slow climate change by ramping up clean and renewable energy to at least 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. "It's a bold plan, but one we can and must achieve to save our beautiful blue-green planet."



We sure hope our GPSen partners and RCEs around the U.S. can support this new plan and continue to educate in ways that increase the skills and awareness we need for a sustainable future. Check out the details below for more opportunities.

*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

Facing Climate Change Workshop

Friday, April 21 (*register by April 19*)

12:30 - 4:30 pm

[PCC Cascade Campus](#) - TEB #222

705 N Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97217

[Facing Climate Change](#) is a train-the-trainer workshop that identifies the psychological barriers that inhibit our sense of efficacy and offers tools to overcome adversity, develop communication skills, and build our resilience. This workshop will use lessons from eco-psychology to help you build your own reserves of personal resilience so that you can face climate change with clear eyes, not sink into despair, and learn practices that will be psychologically supportive and empowering, including suggestions for how you can take action in your own communities. Through this lens, climate change becomes our ally to help us to move forward.

Participants will receive:

- Methods for self-care that are crucial to resilience and psychological well-being.
- Exercises designed to strengthen connection, communication, and empathy.
- Strategies for building positive visions for a flourishing planetary future.

30 participants from higher education institutions and the community will have the opportunity to be a part of this pilot project, gaining the knowledge, inspiration, and skills to become change agents in their communities.

General Registration \$15. Scholarship tickets \$5. Funds cover refreshments and course materials. For more information and to register, [click here](#). If you have questions, email: contact@gpsen.org.

Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business as Usual

Thursdays, April 20 - May 18

7:00 - 8:30 pm

On-line discussion

NW Earth Institute's discussion course [Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business as Usual](#) is designed to help organizations respond to the need for systems-level change that benefits both people and the planet. This introduction and four-session discussion course highlights the business case for sustainability and includes resources that will support the delivery of your sustainability goals, with the information and inspiration you need to engage your team and create or fine-tune a plan to advance sustainability in your business.

The course will be online and is organized by Dr. Zahra Golshani, a GPSEN Fellow and research associate with the University at Albany's [Institute of Environment and Health](#) in collaboration with the World Health Organization. She teaches sustainability and sustainable development to international NGOs.

The fee is \$35 for the course study book. Each participant will read the designated chapters and share thoughts in the on-line discussion. Instructions will be provided.

To register [click here](#). If you have any questions, email: contact@nwei.org

People's Climate March

Saturday, April 29

12:00 pm

Dawson Park

N Stanton St & Williams Ave, Portland, Oregon 97227

On April 29, groups will be speaking out together on behalf of our planet at the [People's Climate March](#) in Washington DC. [Sister marches](#) will amplify our message around the country and world! In addition to faith groups, like [Interfaith Power & Light](#), our GPSEN College Network will be hosting a group to march in the Portland Climate March.

Learn more details at [our Facebook page](#).

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 based on a cross-disciplinary curricular change model drawn from The [Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) (AASHE)'s [Ponderosa/Piedmont Projects](#). Directly supporting the achievement of PCC's Core Outcomes on community and environmental responsibility, critical thinking and problem solving, and cultural

awareness, this workshop 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](#).

Community Events

Cathlapotle Plankhouse Opening & Guided Hikes

Saturday, April 16

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

28908 NW Main Ave, Ridgefield, WA

Spring has arrived at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and with it comes the [Spring Opening Celebration](#) at the [Cathlapotle Plankhouse](#). The season will kick off with a special event celebrating Springtime foods of Chinookan Peoples of the Lower Columbia River, and the seasonal cycle that the People in the Cathlapotle Village lived by. Visitors will be able to explore some of these foods at hands-on displays inside the Plankhouse, and can sample Stinging Nettle tea throughout the day. Two guided hikes will be led by Refuge Naturalists. There will be children's activities throughout the day and guided tours of the Plankhouse. Cost: \$3 per vehicle.

The Cathlapotle Plankhouse will now be open weekends from 12pm - 4pm. Every 2nd Sunday of the month the Plankhouse will host a special event with speakers, guided hikes, and children's activities.

To learn more about the Plankhouse visit www.ridgefieldfriends.org or contact Sarah Hill at Sarah_Hill@fws.gov or [\(360\) 887-4106](tel:(360)887-4106). For wheelchair access to this event, please contact Sarah prior to the event date.

PCC Earth Week Events

 Displaying

April 17 - 26

Please join us as we celebrate [Earth Week](#) at Portland Community College. Each campus has a full week of activities planned. We hope that you will join us for the festivities! Among notable events is our featured guest speaker, Dr. Marcia

Chatelain, who will be giving a thought-provoking lecture at each campus (April 24 & 26) on the topic of #EcoSocialJustice. More information can be found below and on the [PCC Earth Week](#) website.

PCC Sylvania ([campus map](#))

- Women's Drum Circle & Teachings of the Drum
- Earth Week Tabling Fair
- Can You Dig it? at the Sylvania Learning Garden
- Plant Sale and Seed Swap
- See What's Growing! Fair
- Earth Day Birthday Party
- Freecycling & Commute Options
- Work Party! Sunday, April 23, 9 am to noon—invasive species removal at Sylvania Natural Area Park

PCC Cascade ([campus map](#))

- Facing Climate Change Workshop
- Environmental Justice Panel
- Finding Resilience in our Communities & Ecosystems
- Sustainability Expo, Bike Fair, & Recycling Workshop
- Environmental Dance Movement
- Environmental Game shows & Eco Movie Madness

PCC Rock Creek ([campus map](#))

- Earthday Information Fair
- Energy-Saving Lighting Fair
- Farm-Stand Season Kick off & Plant Sale
- Learning Garden Work Party
- Film Viewings: “End of the Woods”; “Ground Operations: Battlefields to Farmfields”; “Priceless”; “A Dangerous Future”

PCC Southeast Campus ([campus map](#))

- Finding Resilience in our Communities and Ecosystems
- Sustainability Tabling Fair
- Herb Spiral Work Party
- Pot-a-Plant; Compost Demonstration; Seed Bomb Building
- Iron Chef Veggie Cook-Off

For more detailed information [click here](#).

PSU's Earth Week Events



April 14 - 22

Portland State University

Join PSU's Environmental Club and others across campus to celebrate [Earth Week](#) at Portland State University. All events are free and open to everyone.

- Earth Day Festival (*more info below*)
- Film Screening: Queen of The Sun (*more info below*)
- Beekeeping Workshop
- March for Science - Sign-Making Party
- Coffee & Pastries Before the March for Science
- E-Waste Collection
- Earth Day of Service

For more information on dates and times, [click here](#). Connect with [PSU Earth Week](#) on Facebook or RSVP on the [Facebook event page](#).



Faith Climate Action Week

April 17-23

Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light, the theme is "Act on Climate" and will focus on how we can protect our government's climate and energy policies. This is our premier event to connect our religious values with climate protection and get supportive sermons preached from the pulpit! This year we also have several opportunities for people to participate both in their congregations and at home.

- [Join A Webinar with Former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy](#)
- [Join the Virtual Climate March](#)
- [Create a Prayer Flag](#)
- [Join the Earth Day Climate Prayer](#)

For more information, go to: www.FaithClimateActionWeek.org

Finding Resilience in our Communities and Ecosystems

Wednesday, April 19

12:00 - 1:00 pm

[PCC Southeast Campus](#) - Community Hall

2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland

The Multicultural Center, Earth and Spirit Council, and Sustainability Department are happy to host [Martha Elena Llano Serna](#) for a public lecture where she will discuss her work promoting resilience abroad and how this work intersects with our local communities. Martha is a Colombian researcher, artist, and community conservationist. She has worked with endangered species and indigenous communities for 20+ years combining art and environmental activism. Her current projects include working in El Robledal promoting communal living in harmony with the land and in Gaia she is working with communities to rebuild after war and deforestation.

To learn more about her work [click here](#).

PSU Earth Day Festival

Friday, April 21

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

PSU - South Park Blocks

The [PSU Environmental Club](#) would like to invite you to be a part of the PSU 2017 Earth Day Festival. We will be celebrating our Earth with an interactive festival featuring campus and community organizations, providing the opportunity for attendees to learn, celebrate, network, collaborate, and get involved in environmental efforts.

For more information [click here](#).

Film Screening: Queen of The Sun

Friday, April 21

5:00 pm Dinner at [NASCC](#) - 710 SW Jackson St, Portland

6:30 pm Film Screening (doors open at 6pm) @ [5th Ave Cinema](#) - 510 SW Hall St

The film, [Queen Of The Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?](#) is a profound, alternative look at the bee crisis. Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this alarming and ultimately uplifting film weaves together an unusual and dramatic story of the heart-felt struggles of beekeepers, scientists, and philosophers from around the world.

Hosted by the PSU [Sustainability Leaders Network](#) and [Student Sustainability Center](#).

To watch the film trailer [click here](#). For more information about the event [click here](#).

Earth Day in Music and Song

Friday, April 21

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The Old Church

1422 SW 11th Ave., Portland

The Center for Earth Leadership, First Unitarian Community for Earth, Unity Church of Beaverton, and New Thought Center for Spiritual Living invite you to celebrate our remarkable planet. The program includes instrumental and vocal performances by Sky in the Road, Gary Skye, Richard Colombo, and the Portland Peace Choir, meditative singing, poetry, and candle lighting. Refreshments and conversation following in the reception room.

RSVPs appreciated at [503-244-0026](tel:503-244-0026) or jeanne@earthleaders.org

March for Science

Saturday, April 22

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tom McCall Waterfront Park - Portland (*meet at Morrison Bridge*)

The March for Science celebrates science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good. We also believe that science should continue to inform political leaders and policy, and enable them to enact evidence based policies in the public interest.

- **10:00 am** Rally in the Park Featuring Speakers, Science, and a Call to Action
- **11:00 am** March through Downtown Portland
- **12:00 pm** Science Expo Opens with Live Music!
- **3:00 pm** Event Clean-Up

For a map of the march and the rally area [click here](#). Check out their [Facebook page](#) for updates. RSVP on the [Facebook event page](#). Connect with others on their [Facebook group](#). Connect on [Twitter](#). Or find more detailed information on their [official website](#).

To find marches in other cities across the country or to participate in the Washington D.C. March virtually [click here](#).

Sustainable Fashion Forum

Sunday, April 23

3:00 - 6:00 pm

4th Floor, 1313 W Burnside St, Portland

Join us at The Good Mod for the first ever [Sustainable Fashion Forum: Laptops & Smalltalk](#) as we celebrate ethical & sustainable fashion. The festivities kick off with a panel discussion between local sustainable designers and fashion's top industry leaders about the obstacles and opportunities faced in the effort to create ethically-made and fashion-forward clothing. Following the panel discussion, Modified Portland, Environmental Consultant Kelly Raynor will speak about sustainability in fashion, followed by a live fashion show featuring the sustainable designs from some

of Portland's top local designers.

For more information [click here](#).

#EcoSocialJustice with Dr. Marcia Chatelain

Monday, April 24 @ 11am

[PCC Sylvania](#), PAC Lobby

Monday, April 24 @ 2pm

[PCC Cascade](#), MAHB 104

Wednesday, April 26 @ 10am

[PCC Rock Creek](#), Building 9 Events Center

Wednesday, April 26 @ 2pm

[PCC Southeast](#), Community Hall



Chatelain explores our recent history and current events in our country as a context to understand the interconnections of racial, social, and environmental justice. Looking at the many issues we face -- racism, food insecurity, environmental degradation, widening economic disparities, climate change -- how can these movements come together to strategically align for sustainable change? If we are stronger together, how have we failed to collectively mobilize in the past? Dr. Marcia Chatelain, founder of #FergusonSyllabus, author, activist, and teacher will present at all PCC Campuses in honor of Earth Week. In #EcoSocialJustice Dr. Join us in celebrating Earth Week with this thought-provoking lecture.

Chatelain initiated the #FergusonSyllabus after the death of Michael Brown. She has been featured prominently on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, and other national platforms. Questions? Contact Kendi Esary at kesary@pcc.edu.

Grassroots Activism for Social Change

Wednesday, May 3

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (3rd floor)

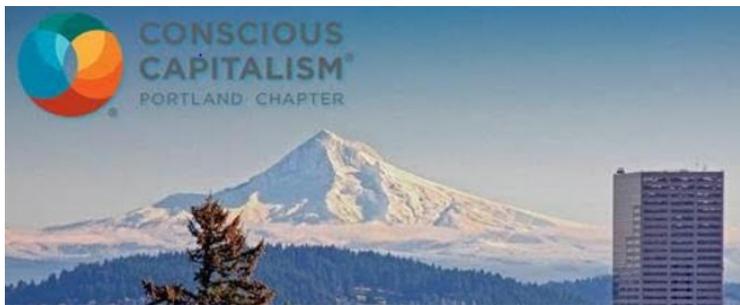
221 NW 2nd Ave, Portland

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 - 8:00pm

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.

\$50 General Admission; Early Bird until April 30th- \$40. [Buy Tickets Today!](#)

Portland MSA Economic and 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

This live joint meeting with ISSP Jakarta will focus on connecting with global sustainability efforts. Gain, unique international insights, including how to apply the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. After a short presentation 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 with our sister ISSP Chapter in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

EarthEd: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet

Thursday, April 20

6:00 am - 9:00 am and 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

LIVE WEBCAST

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 be environmental education, teaching students to be eco-literate, deep-thinking, and deeply moral leaders, ready to face unprecedented challenges. *EarthEd* 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 event will be broadcast from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. You can check out the [event schedule here](#) (scroll down). But, keep in mind that the schedule times are listed in EST. So, adjust accordingly for your time zone (minus 3-hours for Pacific time).

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

Summit: Exploring Paths to Collaboration on Green Cities

Wednesday, April 26 (summit)

12:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Oregon Zoo

4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland

[Intertwine Alliance](#) partners, [The Nature of Cities](#), [The Bullitt Foundation](#), [Urban Greenspaces Institute](#), and PSU's [Institute for Sustainable Solutions](#) are teaming up for the [Nature of Cities Summit: Exploring Paths to Collaboration on Green Cities](#). The event will feature a group of 23 green city luminaries from around the world for an afternoon of presentations and small group discussions, followed by a happy hour. Themes will include adaptation to climate change and green infrastructure, equity and inclusion, governance across jurisdictional boundaries, creating university and community partnerships, and sustaining green city building over time.

The summit is part of a three-day [International Symposium](#) during which the international delegation will meet with local and national leaders. The purpose is twofold: to explore the possibility of an international “Transdisciplinary Summit of Ideas on The Nature of Cities” to be held in 2018, and to have an engaging, groundbreaking, interdisciplinary, and international discussion about the nature of cities.

Space is limited to 150. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30. For more information and to register [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](#).

LEED Green Associate Training

May 3 2017

5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Portland State University – Shattuck Hall - Room 201

1914 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97201, USA

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). To register for the class. please visit: <http://leadinggreen.com/portland>

GoGreen Conference – Call for Proposals

Friday, May 5 (*application deadline*)

This years Portland 2017 GoGreen Conference will be held October 17, 2017, 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. Details at: <http://portland.gogreenconference.net/>.

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 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

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 you may have about the training.

Global Reporting Initiative Standards Certification

May 19-20, 2017

8:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Lewis & Clark College

0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, Oregon 97219

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 details, [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.

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For more information [click here](#). Contact admin@cdeinspires.org to register or with questions you may have about the training.

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: Project YESS Summer Youth Conservation Corps

Monday, April 17 (*application due*)

Project YESS at Mt. Hood Community College is gearing up to hire 25 or so youth/young adults for our Summer Youth Conservation Corps program. Unlike most of our year-round positions, these summer jobs are available to anyone ages 16-24 that lives in Multnomah or Washington counties and is able to show proof of legal-to-work status in the U.S. Work on a variety of conservation projects with our diverse group of Federal, state, local, and non-profit agency partners, and potentially work on our SquareRoots Farm & Nursery site growing organic produce at least one day a week. The crews are led in the field each day by experienced crew leaders and youth workers. Work starts and ends each day at the Mt. Hood Community College campus in Gresham, OR.

For details, check out the [application details](#).

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 and to apply [click here](#). Email questions to: Michael.Oliver@mhcc.edu

Job: Metro Parks and Nature Department Director

April 21 @ 5pm (application deadline)

This is a unique job opportunity for [Metro](#), our elected regional government for the greater Portland area. We focus on protecting clean water, preserving healthy fish and wildlife habitat, and connecting people with nature across 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas. Voter investments are allowing us to significantly expand our park system, making this an exciting time for a new leader to come on board. Metro's

parks and nature team has enjoyed connecting with many of you through the Special Park District Forum, other conferences, specialized tours, and visits. We hope to find a visionary leader who can take our parks and nature system to the next level.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Bike Camp Instructor

The Bike Camp program, started in 2001 by 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. Reports to Camp Manager.

Compensation: \$11.50 an hour starting, opportunity for raises for returning staff.

[Learn more here](#).

Job: EcoChallenge Program Manager

Northwest Earth Institute 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."

To learn more about this role, please see: nwei.org/employment/

Job: Development & Communications Manager

Northwest Earth Institute 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.

To learn more about this role, please see: nwei.org/employment/

Job: Environmental Education Instructor – Summer Camp

Monday, May 1, 2017 (closes)

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Beaverton, Oregon

Tualatin Hills Nature Center

15655 SW Millikan Way

Beaverton, OR 97003

This position 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, 2017. Seasonal employees may be scheduled up to 40 hours per week for a maximum duration of 6 consecutive months.

For a detailed description and application requirements for these jobs access the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District job postings at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thprd>.

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.

Grants & Resources

Grant: RiverHealth Stewardship

April 27 (application deadline)

Clackamas County is accepting grant proposals up to \$30,000 for watershed improvement as part of the [RiverHealth Stewardship Program](#). Grants are available to groups who seek to improve the health of watersheds located within the surface water areas served by WES. Citizen groups, businesses, schools, nonprofits, student groups, faith organizations, neighborhood or business associations, and service groups in the area are welcome to apply.

Preferred proposals will improve watershed health, be visible to the general public, show a clear community benefit, and include one or more of the following project types: Rainwater infiltration; Streamside restoration; and Pavement removal.

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: Renewable Energy Leadership Lab

Monday, May 8, 2017 (*application due*)

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 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: www.solar4Rschools.org/RELL. Apply [here](#).

Global Challenges Prize 2017

May 24 (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](#).

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

We are excited to share the new AASHE website with you! Our new website includes everything you need to find resources, tools and information that support your work in higher education sustainability.

More details available at: <http://www.aashe.org/>

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

More events, jobs, and resources available at their website: <http://www.eeao.org>

Share your news with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#).
If you have questions, please email: contact@gpsen.org.

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