



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

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

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GPSEN News

Hello, GPSEN partners and friends!

More opportunities and resources keep rolling in, so we are providing a bi-weekly newsletter update. We hope our newsletter helps you discover events and resources that are just right for you.

We also appreciate the engagement of our community partners. We welcome our new formal partners: the [Northwest Earth Institute](#); [Environmental Education Association of Oregon](#); [Community Energy Project](#); and [NB Consulting](#).

Per the recommendation of our stakeholders, we are now a non-profit and have a formal partnership model. We have shared informal partnerships with many of you over the years and invite you now to [become a formal partner](#) to build the capacity of our network. From events and trainings to outreach and internships, GPSEN strengthens our region's ability to advance formal and nonformal sustainability education and your participation is crucial.

And, don't forget that Early Bird Registration ends today for [EEAO's Environmental Education Conference](#)! See details below.

Thank you for your collective effort and many the end of summer bring you much success!

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

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GPSEN Events

NWEI EcoChallenge

The EcoChallenge will take place October 14 - 28. GPSEN will definitely host another team this year, as we won the UNU-IAS Outstanding Flagship Project for Community Engagement for last year's efforts. Registration will begin this month, with the launch scheduled for this Thursday, August 18. So, keep an eye out for an invitation to join our team. Of course, you might also consider creating your own team and creating events that will help support individual actions and team-building efforts for your organization or business.

For more details check out the [EcoChallenge website](#).

Community Events

EcoChallenge: Team Captain Webinar

Thursday, August 18

11:00 - 11:30 am

To help you get ready for the new and improved [EcoChallenge](#), NWEI is hosting a webinar for team captains. This short (30 minute) webinar is for those ready to take the next step and be a leader in inspiring others to take action. Whether at home, at work, at school or at church, anyone can create a team and be a team captain.

During the webinar you will:

- Learn how to navigate the new EcoChallenge platform
- Learn how easy it is to be a team captain
- Get tips for success when engaging your team
- Hear about other successful captains, including one of our team captains at Ecova, Hester Yorgey
- Learn about features on the EcoChallenge site that can help you and your team meet your goals

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Oregon Walkways: Connect the Park Blocks

Saturday, August 20

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

NW and SW Park Ave, Portland

Connect the Park Blocks is a one-day open street fair route along NW and SW Park Ave - from NW Hoyt to SW Market. This event will allow people to walk, stroll, jog, and visit local business between the North and South Park Blocks and be clear of parked cars and vehicle traffic. We envision a Park Avenue that is an active space open and welcome to everyone. This project will also promote the [Green Loop](#) concept. Join [Better Block PDX](#), Oregon Walks and the Green Loop Project to increase foot traffic and build community!

[RSVP here!](#)

Momentum Convention: An Unconventional Celebration of Equity

Saturday, August 27

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Portland State University

Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom (Room 335), 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Momentum Convention brings together underrepresented and emerging young leaders, established community leaders and friends of Momentum Alliance to celebrate hope, resiliency, authentic relationships and social justice. Please visit [our website](#) to learn more and to meet our sponsors!

To buy tickets or sponsor a youth ticket [click here](#). Youth 14 - 23 years old can [register for FREE!](#)

Lean Six Sigma for the Environment - Happy Hour Meetup

Tuesday, August 30

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ex Novo Brewing

2326 N. Flint Ave. Portland, Oregon 97227

Let's get together at Ex Novo Brewing (nonprofit) 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! There will have a Meetup sign at a table near the bar.

ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, August 30

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Tom McCall Waterfront Park (*just south of the Hawthorne Bridge*)

SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR

The International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP) Portland Chapter is launching the 2016-2017 season of meetings with this informal evening networking event outdoors at the southern end of the Waterfront Park. In addition to networking with your peers, we'll be gathering your input and reaction to our plan for the year's meeting program plans.

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

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Webinar: Sustainability Curriculum Consortium

Tuesday, August 23

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Pacific

(SSC) Sustainability Curriculum Consortium's next scheduled *Online Dialogue* is ready to launch and will focus on the key components of the 2030 Development Agenda — the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Sendai Framework on disaster risk. This professional development offering is based on the premise that teaching faculty need to understand the fundamentals of the governing framework for sustainable development for the next 15 years.

[Registration is free.](#) For more information, [click here](#).

Webinar: The Business Perspective On COP21 and the Carbon Economy

Thursday, August 25

11:00am PT

The December 2015 Paris Climate Agreement - COP21 - represents a watershed in addressing climate change. Over 190 nations, supported by hundreds of citizen business and local governments, came together to craft an agreement that fundamentally recognizes the economic, social and environmental challenges posed by climate change.

ISSP's August webinar, featuring the American Sustainable Business Council's Richard Eidlin, will review the key elements of the agreement, issues still to be resolved, and the critical role that the business community played in its design and implementation. We'll also focus on what the agreement means to American companies, including those in the sustainable agricultural community. Finally, we'll look at the emerging support here in the US - both in Congress and in state legislatures - for the idea of putting a price on carbon and how that might work.

[Learn more and register now!](#)

Webinar: Developing Carbon Credits on Campus

Tuesday, August 30

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT

This Second Nature webinar will introduce the Campus Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency methodology, a carbon credit protocol approved by the Verified Carbon Standard. We will discuss the process for developing a carbon credit project on campus, including how schools can determine if they are eligible to use this methodology. We will also cover the requirements and data collection needed for schools wishing to participate in Second Nature's Carbon Credit and Purchasing Program.

[Register Here.](#)

Webinar: NOAA Climate Stewards

Tuesday, September 6

4:30 pm PT

Topic: Amazing Opportunities in Citizen Science – Getting Involved Today!
Presenter: John McLaughlin, NOAA Citizen Science Education Program Manager.

If you missed last month's webinar: Climate Change Education: Bridging Learning to Know and Learning to Do presented by Kristen Iverson Poppleton, Education Director of [Generation Climate - A Will Steger Legacy](#), you can [watch an archive](#) of it. Check out all our webinar archives and education resources from 2013 through June 2016 on the NOAA Climate Stewards [Google Archive Web Site](#).

Want to receive updates on climate change related professional development opportunities, free climate change educational resources and communicate with over 900 formal and informal educators across the country working to effect climate literacy and engage students and their communities in active stewardship? [Sign up for our interactive listserve today!](#)

ISSP Course: SPaRK Sustainability Plan and Reporting Kit

Begins Wednesday, September 7

9:00am PT

When it's time for your business to come up with a plan to improve sustainability across your operations, where do you start? How can you create a comprehensive sustainability plan that has a method of reporting progress built right in? ISSP's September course will walk participants through the SPaRK method of sustainability planning for businesses and other organizations.

Taught by author, consultant, and ISSP co-founder Marsha Willard, the workshop will cover initial business justifications for pursuing a sustainability plan, how to conduct an impact assessment in order to formulate a plan, and how to develop metrics and an easy reporting system. Participants will be provided with a trial version of the SPaRK tool, and will graduate with their own draft sustainability plan. This course is a great resource for sustainability consultants, officers, and anyone looking to build and report on sustainability initiatives.



ISSP is revamping our course model to enable access for more members. As part of this effort, members can enroll in the SPaRK course for only \$30! [Learn more and register today.](#)

Being a Naturalist in the Life of a Child

Wednesday, September 21

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (Third Floor)
221 NW Second Avenue. Portland, OR 97209

Celebrate Fall by exploring how you can serve as a naturalist in the life of a child. You'll learn about the influences that disconnect children from nature and how you, the adult naturalist, can nurture a child's connection to nature.

To register and learn more, [click here](#).

EEAO Environmental Education Conference

September 28 - 30 (conference)

August 15 (early-bird registration ends today!)

[Suttle Lake Camp](#)

Sisters, Oregon

The Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO) is hosting their annual conference. This year's theme is: "Enhancing Our Communities Through Environmental Education." It should be a really inspiring few days in nature with colleagues from around the state.

Topics include: Community Science; Technology and Environmental Education; School Gardens and Farm to School; Best Practices; Global Climate Change - A Local Look; Staying Current with Existing/Emerging Standards/Legislation; Watershed Education; and Creating Partnerships - Regional Collaborations Efforts.

Cost: Early bird rate of \$260 through 8/15 includes lodging, all meals, a special dinner event on Thursday, EEAO membership, recreation opportunities, and more. Scholarships are available and discounts for students and seniors, as well as a day-rate for teachers. For more information visit the [conference website](#) and consider [becoming a sponsor](#).

GoGreen Portland Conference

Wednesday, October 5

World Trade Center

3rd Floor, 25 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97205

Now in its ninth year, GoGreen Portland has established itself as the largest regional conference for business and government decision-makers to come together for one day to learn from recognized community leaders to advance sustainability best practices in their own organizations. GoGreen empowers attendees with the strategies, tools and connections through networking opportunities to advance the triple bottom line.

Tickets range from \$45-\$175. Check out the [Registration page](#) for full details.

AASHE Conference & Expo

October 9 - 12

Baltimore, Maryland

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) is pleased to announce that registration for the [2016 AASHE Conference & Expo](#). With a theme of “Beyond the Campus,” AASHE 2016 focuses on the dissemination and implementation of sustainability solutions on higher education campuses, surrounding communities, and the world.

Join us as we bring together campus change agents who are motivated to lead the global sustainability movement. More than 2,300 attendees will take part in a variety of informative workshops, inspirational sessions, and tours, as well as an expo hall with innovative products and services from more than 90 exhibitors. This is an opportunity to share new ideas, strategies, and tactics on how we can implement campus sustainability initiatives in the surrounding community and beyond.

For more information [click here](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: PCC Sustainability Assistant

Portland Community College's Sustainability Department is looking for a passionate, energetic and organized individual to join our team in a part-time, temporary capacity to advance the college's sustainability efforts. Under direction of the District Sustainability Manager, the Sustainability Assistant will assist with college-wide sustainability projects and initiatives and provide administrative support.

For more information and a complete job description, check out [PCC's Sustainability page](#). For questions, email: briar.schoon@pcc.edu

Job: PCC SE Learning Garden Coordinator

Application due: Monday, August 22

Portland Community College Southeast campus is looking to hire a part-time Learning Garden Coordinator who will play a leadership role in the development of the campus's new learning garden. The Learning Garden Coordinator will oversee the day-to-day development of the learning garden, including recruiting and supervising volunteers during work parties, coordinating efforts with the college community, and working with vendors to complete Phase Two of PCC's Master Plan. The Coordinator will also build connections with faculty and staff to integrate the garden into classroom activities, programs, and events at PCC Southeast and organize volunteer and service learning programs for the Learning Garden.

The position is temporary and currently funded through the 2016-17 academic year. For best consideration, please apply by August 22, 2016. Details posted [here](#).

Internships: Lutheran Community Services NW

Lutheran Community Services NW is looking for interns/volunteers interested in victim rights/victim advocacy, restorative justice, and refugee resettlement to help with our programs. Current Internship Opportunities in our Vancouver, WA Office:

[Crime Victim Advocacy Program](#)

Our Victim Advocacy Program works to promote the restoration of a crime victim's sense of safety, dignity, and personal power and it is our belief that victims of crime are able to make the best decisions for their lives/circumstances.

[Refugee Resettlement Program](#)

The Vancouver, Washington refugee program was founded in 1994, and has helped thousands of refugees to become self-sufficient and integrated into the culture and community of Clark County. We have a unique, client-focused wrap around model and walk with refugees nearly every step of the way – from the minute they set foot in Vancouver to their first job, and beyond.

[Immigration Counseling/Advocacy and Citizenship Programs](#)

In our Immigration Counseling program, we provide compassionate, professional, and comprehensive immigration legal assistance for immigrants living in Washington and Oregon.

Graduate students are preferred, but highly motivated undergraduate students will also be considered. If you are accepted as an intern/volunteer into this program you will be required to complete a 30-hour crime victim advocacy training for that program (starting at the beginning of September). All programs require a background check.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have project ideas that might align with our work, please contact Mindy Johnston at mjohnston@lcsnw.org for an application.

Volunteer: Hands on Greater Portland

Hands On Greater Portland connects individuals and groups with volunteer opportunities that make a meaningful, rewarding change in the Portland area. Build a house. Tutor a child. Care for abandoned pets. Build hiking trails. Lead a volunteer group. Join a nonprofit Board.

Whether you are working, parenting, in school or retired, Hands On Greater Portland offers you a variety of ways to get involved while meeting your schedule and interests. Volunteer for a one-time project. Volunteer for a few weeks. Volunteer after work or on the weekends. Volunteer alone, with family, friends or co-workers. Get connected. Get more done. Have fun. You might even change the world.

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

GPSEN Fellowships, Internships, and Volunteering

There are many ways to sets to [get involved](#) in GPSEN! Consider becoming a fellow, intern, volunteer, committee or working group member to make a difference. Our new GPSEN Fellows position offers a great opportunity for individuals with particular research interests and skills to dig deeper into sustainability issues, in

addition to serving in a valuable advisory role. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available for internships.

Grants & Resources

The OutdoorStories Project

Our friends at the [Oregon Outdoor Education Coalition](#) are launching The OutdoorStories Project — a growing collection of personal and powerful memories from Oregonians of all backgrounds and ages. Whether these narratives tell of personal transformation, the chance to lead others, receiving safe refuge or a kind voice when needed most, discovering our unique Oregon heritage with their own two (muddy!) hands, or the timeless tradition of singing songs while bonding around the campfire, they all share how outdoor educational experiences changed people's lives in positive and often substantial ways.

Visit [OutdoorStoriesProject.com](#) now to read their first set of stories. We'll debut new memories every few days, so please bookmark the site, come back often, and share with others!

Environmental Education and Community Stewardship Report

This [newly released report](#) is a synthesis of the foremost thinking on how environmental education can lead to conservation objectives through community stewardship. It compiles the best available research and was guided by interviews of leading experts. Designed to advise the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation on their conservation education grant making, yet written as a comprehensive piece, the report can be useful across the field; it can guide environmental education investors, help practitioners improve their program design, and give evidence to program directors that what they are doing will lead to change at a landscape scale. While the research connecting environmental education to conservation outcomes is still emerging, the most important lesson outlined here is to be intentional in program design so that programs are based on the leading research, evidence, and practices. This report provides that much needed synthesis and analysis in one document.

#Teach4Climate Social Media Campaign

This coordinated social media effort is a commitment to education, engagement, and lifting up innovative and effective climate change education resources and opportunities. In order to create a powerful presence during this next school year, we need your help! This toolkit provides you with all the information you need to engage in the [#Teach4Climate](#) social media campaign, and equips you with a list of important climate education initiatives taking place in the nation and beyond during the 2016-2017 school year. This [google document](#) will be kept up to date throughout the campaign, so don't forget to check back!

NOAA Climate Explorer

NOAA's newly updated [Climate Explorer](#) offers downloadable maps, graphs, and data tables of observed and projected temperature, precipitation and related climate variables dating back to 1950 and out to 2100 for every county in the contiguous United States. Built to accompany the [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#), the [Climate Explorer](#) helps community leaders, business owners, municipal planners, and utility and resource managers understand how environmental conditions may change over the next several decades.

For more information about the new version of Climate Explorer, [click here](#).

This Changes Everything Study Guide & Lesson Plan

Whether teachers in the US would be comfortable using this in classrooms remains to be seen given the political/activist focus of this curriculum, but for some students this will be just what they need to tackle the climate challenge. A free guide is now available for the Naomi Klein book and film, "This Changes Everything," targeted at grades 9-12. Its aim is to help look critically at the idea of how our economic system's push for continual growth impacts both the environment and quality of life for all people.

The study guide includes a lesson plan, handouts, excerpts from Klein's book, video clips, and resources. For more information, [click here](#).

Oregon Educator Network (OEN)

Thanks to the Oregon Department of Education, educators across the state can have free access to resources. The [Oregon Educator Network \(OEN\)](#) provides resources and conversation tools that are helpful in a variety of ways, including providing access to our PSS Environmental Education group within OEN.

For more information, check out their website: <http://www.oregonednet.org>

AACC SEED Center

The Sustainability Education & Economic Development (SEED) Center is a leadership initiative of the [American Association of Community Colleges](#) that provides strategic guidance and resources for community colleges to support programs that educate America's 21st century workforce to meet the changing demands of the clean economy. For more details and resources, check out the [SEED Center website](#).

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 the 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](#).
If you have questions, please email: contact@gpsen.org.

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