



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

Wow! We made the right call to cancel today's End-of-the-Year Party and tour of the Port of Portland. Sure hope this finds you safe and warm. We promise to reschedule.

Beyond crazy weather, there is never a dull moment. With the end of winter term, event-planning for the new year, trainings in development, and resources and opportunities to share continuing to pour in, it is always impressive to see everyone's big efforts. Keep an eye for our Annual Report, too.

GPSEN's next big event is our Sustainability Symposium, on January 27. We are excited to have all of the logistics coming together, with a great line-up highlighting cutting edge ideas and research in our region. Registration details are coming soon. Interested in [becoming a sponsor](#)? It would be great to have you involved.

Don't forget to support the educational and networking power of GPSEN by [becoming a formal partner](#) or by giving a [tax-deductible donation](#).

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

Sustainability Symposium

Friday, January 27

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Portland Community College Sylvania
12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR

Co-hosted by GPSEN and PCC, the Symposium will highlight academic and community research on sustainability issues in the greater Portland region.

Enjoy keynote speaker Amy Pearl, of Hatch Innovation and winner of the [Portland Business Journal's 2015 Women of Influence Award](#), as well as presentations, workshops, a poster session, tabling, a networking reception, and an awards ceremony. Join us in learning about and celebrating the amazing sustainability work in our region.



[Requests for Proposals](#) for posters and tables are still being accepted.

Interested in [becoming a sponsor](#)? Your support is much appreciated.

Registration details coming soon.

Community Events

Repair Your City: A Village Building Design Course



Saturday & Sunday, December 17 & 18

Join us for this exciting course catered to inspire both long-term and newcomer village builders alike! We will give you our best practices toolkit for change-making in the commons. In this two-day workshop, the City Repair core team will give you an overview of ways to transform spaces into places to help cities and town thrive ecologically and socially.

We will explore topics such as:

- How urban design, sense of place, ecological, and social fabric intersect.
- Affecting political change at a local level.
- How to implement projects this year through the Village Building Convergence.
- How City Repair's work can connect with allied organizations and movements.
- Reclaiming the commons, and re-indigenizing our relationship to place.
- Public art as an expression of shared inspiration.
- Natural building, permaculture, and pollinator gardening.

For cost and location, contact [Marc Tobin](#). RSVP on their [Facebook Event Page](#).

Youth Environmental Job Fair

December 30

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Matt Dishman Community Center

77 NE Knott St, Portland

The Youth Environmental Job Fair, brought to you by the Youth Mentoring Collaborative, will give teens the resources, information, and networking to help them pursue environmental careers. All of the partner organizations involved in the event are now actively hiring and recruiting staff. The Youth Mentoring Collaborative is made up of more than 50 nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies.

[Portland Parks & Recreation Environmental Education](#) program, one of the partner organizations, believes in the importance of connecting youth with nature. PP&R's role consists of a pipeline of environmental education, employment, job skills training and outdoor adventure programs for young adults ages 13–24. These programs include the [Greenspaces Restoration and Urban Naturalist Team, Jr. GRUNT](#) (GRUNT), internships, and the [Youth Conservation Crew](#) (YCC). Other partner organizations include: [Portland Trackers Earth](#), [Saturday Academy](#), [Oregon Zoo](#), the [Multnomah ESD Outdoor School](#), and [The Audubon Society of Portland](#).

If you or someone you know offers jobs for young people, please connect with us and fill out this [Google Form](#)!

For more information about the event contact: YouthMentoringPDX@Gmail.com

ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

January 18

5:30 - 7:00 pm

City of Portland

1900 SW 4th Ave, Conference Room 7A (7th floor)

This month's [International Society of Sustainability Professionals](#) Portland Chapter meeting topic will be: "City of Portland Climate Action Plan: Setting GHG Reduction Goals and Implementing Them," led by speaker Kyle Diesner, Policy Analyst at the City of Portland [Bureau of Planning and Sustainability](#) (BPS). With BPS since 2003, Kyle works primarily on climate change planning, energy efficiency, and renewable energy programs and is currently in charge of completing the annual inventory of carbon emissions for the City and Multnomah County. Kyle also serves on the BPS Workplace Excellence Committee and dedicates time to the Bureau's social equity initiatives.

The meeting is free, but [pre-registration](#) is requested.

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Webinar: NOAA Climate Stewards Education Project

Monday, January 9

4:30 - 6:00 pm

January's topic is: The United States and Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation through Existing Federal Environmental and Natural Resources Laws.

It's easy to accuse the United States of doing little to address climate change: The Federal government has yet to enact comprehensive climate change legislation, embrace enforceable national goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions, or create a national climate change adaptation strategy. NEVERTHELESS, Federal agencies, Federal courts, and citizens and environmental organizations have been evolving existing environmental and natural resources laws to address and cope with climate change. This webinar will provide an overview of several existing Federal statutes -- the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and others -- and discuss how agencies and citizens are using them to both mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Space is Limited! Reserve your seat by [clicking here](#) or check out NOAA's website for more information about their [Climate Stewards Education Project](#).

Webinar: Weathering Food Safety

Did you miss [NOAA Climate Stewards](#) webinar: *Weathering Food Safety: Assessing Climate Change Impacts On Our Food* presented by Dr. Marianne Fatica, Consumer Safety Officer at the US Food and Drug Administration?

You can [watch an archive](#) of the whole broadcast.

ISSP's Webinar: Assessing Organizational Sustainability

Tuesdays - January 10, 17, 24, & 31

9:00 am - 10:30 am

As more and more businesses move towards the forefront of sustainable development, the first step is to understand their own impacts and operations. ISSP's January 2017 course covers the fundamental concepts and tools of assessing the sustainability of businesses, nonprofits, and other institutions, with the end goal of weaving sustainability into all parts of an organization.

Taught by veteran sustainability consultant Darcy Hitchcock, this course will provide participants with a basic understanding of the S-CORE system, including the ten functional areas and practices common to all organizations. The course will help professionals understand sustainability "on the ground," and track progress towards it. It will also cover how S-CORE can translate sustainability into the language of business, expanding the understanding of sustainability principles and their value throughout any organization.



Darcy Hitchcock

ISSP members can audit the course for only \$30. [Learn more and register now!](#)

PSU's Elevating Impact Summit

February 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Portland State University

Portland State University's Elevating Impact Summit finds, features, and connects over 400 pragmatic, creative people from around the world for a dynamic one-day program in downtown Portland, OR. From ancient mythology to future technology, Summit speakers will explore how we shape emergent industries and technologies with a lens on positive change, and consider how lessons from the past help us navigate an unpredictable future. The Summit also includes the Elevating Impact Pitch Fest, Impact Awards, interactive activities, a networking lunch, and a wine and beer reception.

Register with our 20% off Community Partner discount code: PARTNER17. For more information, [click here](#).

AASHE Conference 2017 Call for Proposals

Monday, February 13 (deadline)

We hope you will join us in San Antonio, Texas from Oct. 15 - 18. Expected to draw more than 2,000 participants, AASHE's annual conference is the largest stage in North America to exchange effective models, policies, research, collaborations and transformative actions that advance sustainability in higher education and surrounding communities.

We invite you to [submit a proposal](#) and share your knowledge, achievements and ideas.

Course: Holistic Sustainability - Immersion Experience in Resilient Living

February 27 - May 19

May 29 - August 18

August 28 - November 17

This transformational [12-week program](#) teaches and inspires students in five spheres of sustainability — Personal, Social, Ecological, Economic, and Worldview. It integrates classroom learning with an immersion experience in our 27-year-old intentional community full of interesting and progressive individuals.

Students earn two internationally-recognized certificates: the Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC), which is the global standard in permaculture education, and the Ecovillage Design Education certificate (EDE), anchored by Gaia Education and recognized by UNESCO.

Visit the course page [here](#), contact programs@lostvalley.org, or learn more about what the full program experience is like [here](#).

Holistic Teaching and Learning Conference

September 14 - 17

Ashland, OR

The [School of Education](#) at [Southern Oregon University](#) will be hosting its 2nd international [Holistic Teaching & Learning Conference](#) (HTLC) in Ashland, Oregon. You are warmly invited to attend and participate in this inclusive gathering of

educators from many realms of holistic practice. The conference will highlight a diverse and inspiring range of approaches that embrace emotional, social, intellectual, physical, creative, artistic, and spiritual potential.

For more information keep an eye on their [website](#) in the weeks to come. Information about proposal submissions will be released in early January.

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer: Help City Repair Move their Office



City Repair has a Dec. 31st deadline to move out of our current location. This is our 2nd move in 2 years, both caused by gentrification. We are leaving our current HQ at SE 8th and Alder and moving to SE 14th and Division, pictured above.

We have many tasks. Can you help? We're packing, cleaning, and moving items from our current space while we are remodeling, planting, and nesting into our new location. Want to cook a meal for our laborers? Have a truck we can borrow? Can you donate funds to help offset our moving costs?

If you have spare time, please contact Kirk at 307-287-0005 (no text) or volunteer@cityrepair.org.

Job: Executive Director at Sauvie Island Center

Portland-based [Sauvie Island Center](#) is seeking candidates for a .75 FTE Executive Director position. The Sauvie Island Center serves elementary school youth of the Portland metro area by providing hands-on educational field trips at its Sauvie Island location in Howell Territorial Park, managed by Metro. Through its education programs, the Center seeks to increase the food, farm and environmental literacy of the next generation.

The field trips take place on the [Sauvie Island Organics](#) farm, and the curriculum includes modules covering Soil Investigations, Plant Parts Investigations, and Wildlife and the Food Chain. Our trips also include the Grow Lunch Garden, where students plant, tend, harvest and eat fresh vegetables from their own field.

Interested applicants can learn more about the position by [clicking here](#).

Internship: Farm to School/Institution

Ecotrust is currently recruiting for a Farm to Institution/Farm to School intern to support data analysis and evaluation efforts. We are looking for someone who is both enthusiastic about regional food systems work AND has experience with data collection, analysis methods, and evaluation tools. A \$1500 stipend is available for this internship, with a flexible schedule of 5-10 hours per week (125-150 total hours), January through July 2017.

For more information [click here](#).

Internship (Teens): ZAP - Zoo Animal Presenters

January 25 , 5pm (Application Deadline)

The [Oregon Zoo ZAP Program](#), Zoo Animal Presenters, is a paid internship opportunity for teens (15-16 years old) interested in conservation, teaching, and/or working with animals. Each year, 10 teens are hired into the first year and openings are filled in the 2nd and 3rd years.

- **1st year** - First-year ZAP members take animals to summer events, community centers and after-school programs to give educational programs to kids.
- **2nd year** - ZAP members serving a second year work as counselors for the Zoo's Urban Nature Overnight (UNO) Program. They teach kids camping skills and nature awareness.
- **3rd year** - ZAP members serving a third year develop their own curriculum, provide education to ZooCamps, do hands-on conservation field work and work with UNO.

First Year: \$9.75/hour: 25+ hours/week summer, 5-10 hours/week school year

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at zap@oregonzoo.org. We will also have a table at the December 30th [Youth Environmental Job Fair](#) and will be giving out applications there.

Internship: Zenger Farms

Friday, January 27, 2017 (application deadline)

Zenger Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit working urban farm that models, promotes, and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and access to good food for all. Zenger Farm is a small-scale diversified production farm growing for a 125-member CSA, restaurants and for Zenger Farm programming. The core of our farm crew consists of 3-4 farming interns mentored very closely by two experienced farm managers.

Go to www.zengerfarm.org/open-position to learn about time commitments, responsibilities, qualifications, and benefits and to apply. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis with a January 27, 2017 deadline. Shorter Summer or Fall farming internships also available.

Volunteer: Field Trip Educators at Schoolyard Farms

Friday, February 3 (training)

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Candy Lane Elementary School

5901 SE Hull Ave, Milwaukie, OR 97267

Beginning and experienced farm and garden-based educators alike are invited out to practice hands-on, place-based activities to get kids excited about FOOD.

Schoolyard Farms is seeking Friday Farm Field Trip Volunteer Educators to lead hands-on learning stations teaching the ecology and stewardship of Soil (Fall), Water (Winter), and Food (Spring) throughout the school year. Training in sustainable agriculture practices, experiential education, and sharing nature with children is provided as we go through each farm and garden-based learning station together.

All Farm Field Trips and Trainings are held on Fridays, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Trainings: February 3; April 7; or May 5

Field Trips: February 10, 24; March 3, 17; April 14, 21, 28; May 12, 19, 26; and June 2, 9

All volunteers must: sign up on our google form, attend a volunteer training, be available to volunteer during at least two field trips, be willing to submit a background check form, and collaborate with staff to track your earned hours. To sign up fill out the [Google form](#). For more information about the School Farmyard Program, check out their website: www.schoolyardfarms.org

Job: Southeast Learning Garden Educator

In Partnership with the Confluence Environmental Center, The Learning Garden Educator will engage volunteers, faculty and staff at PCC – Southeast in planting and maintaining the garden space and be responsible for promoting and guiding volunteers, faculty and staff in environmental/garden education. This individual will integrate environmental education in classroom activities, programs, and various events on campus (40%). The Learning Garden Educator will promote environmental justice by serving with the diverse student populations on campus, as well as community partners, such as high schools in Southeast Portland and local environmental groups, to gain input on the garden and provide education around healthy living and sustainable food systems (40%).

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Hands on Greater Portland

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

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

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

GPSEN Fellowships, Internships, and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN! Consider becoming a fellow, intern, volunteer, 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

International Youth Leadership Exchange

January 13 & 15 (Application Deadlines)

In partnership with the [U.S. Department of State](#) and [World Learning](#), the [World Affairs Council of Oregon](#) is recruiting Oregon participants to participate in three [Youth Leadership Exchanges](#).

Program costs including air travel, lodging, food and cultural activities are all covered by the US State Department. Student applicants must be U.S. citizens and 15-17 years old by the start of the exchange. Follow the application links below to apply and learn more.

- Iraq: July/August, 2017. Applications are due by January 15
- Brazil: April/May 2017. Applications are due by January 13
- Argentina & Chile: April/May 2017. Applications are due by January 13

For more information about the 2017 Exchanges [click here!](#)

Time for Ideas - Future of Higher Ed Challenge

January 20 (Application Deadline)

Our Future of Higher Ed Challenge has been truly astounding. At a divisive time in our nation's history, our team is humbled by the diversity of participants, personal stories, and opinions joining the Challenge. We cannot wait to watch this inspiration grow into collaborative, tangible solutions! A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has shared or responded with feedback and enthusiasm during the research phase.

After receiving nearly 250 research contributions, we've moved from sharing stories to developing solutions for the real world. If you are a student, are inspired by someone, or simply want to lend your design and innovation talents to this effort, we want to hear from you! All ideas are encouraged during this Ideas phase – from operating organizations to back-of-the-napkin sketches. Throughout the Challenge, we will be showcasing strong contributions on our website to spread these ideas to an even larger audience. In addition, we're excited to offer top ideas \$25K in design

and bootcamp support, as well as invitations to present and workshop ideas at thought leadership events across the country.

Take a look at our Opportunity Areas – and share an idea, which you can edit or update at any point until January 20th. For more information [click here](#).

Resource: Eco-System Services Approach to Water Resources

InTeGrate is pleased to announce the publication of the complete teaching module, "[An Ecosystem Services Approach to Water Resources](#)" on the [InTeGrate](#) website. This 3-week module will investigate the ecosystem services associated with local land use and its relation to water. Students will be introduced to ecosystem services as a way of integrating the components of the hydrologic cycle as a system, synthesizing the interaction between the hydrosphere, geosphere, and biosphere, and linking those processes to the needs and aspirations of particular communities in particular places. Full materials for faculty support, adoption, and individual notes/stories from pre-publication classroom practice are available to illustrate a full range of teaching environments.

For more information on InTeGrate's teaching materials, [click here](#).

Resource: Ocean Sustainability Teaching Module

InTeGrate is pleased to announce the publication of the complete [Ocean Sustainability](#) teaching module. This 2-to 3-week module introduces the importance of oceans, basic ocean processes, and impacts of human activity on ocean health. It aims to increase awareness of our dependence on and responsibility for the largest habitat on Earth. Materials encourage systems thinking by addressing physical, chemical, geological, and biological aspects of the oceans. Students study the oceans from these multiple perspectives using scientific data and engaging activities designed to support higher-level thinking. *Ocean Sustainability* is a great fit for courses in oceanography, environmental science, physical geography, marine biology, sustainability courses and marine science courses.

For more information about [InTeGrate](#) visit their website or [click here](#) for more information about their Ocean Sustainability module.

Sustainability Literacy Test

The new platform for assessing sustainability literacy is available! This assessment and learning instrument is free to use and is designed to create and nurture an awareness of both global and local sustainability challenges and solutions and highlights how to be effective at creating systemic change.

TheSulitest can be used within individual courses, across universities, and by businesses and communities, with standard and customizable formats. Use the Sulitest to help improve education for sustainable development in the US and internationally. You are encouraged to provide feedback on the new version to assist us with the process of continuous improvement, and become part of the group of researchers using the data. For more information, go to www.sulitest.org.

After-School Tutoring Program

Mondays and Wednesdays

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The CENTER

3510 N. Vancouver Ave (cross-street Fremont) Portland, OR

Could your students use a little extra help with their homework? Would they benefit from some free tutoring by experienced educators? Would they like a productive space to study? Perhaps they could use help with college applications or scholarship essays. The CENTER is launching an after-school drop-in tutoring program for youth, ages 11-18, in North/Northeast Portland.

We are looking for experienced and/or retired educators to donate a little of their time to students in need of help with their academics. If you have experience teaching or tutoring in any academic discipline, please consider joining our staff. We're especially interested in volunteers who have connections to the neighborhood surrounding the CENTER.

Want to know more? Go to: www.thecenterpdx.org

ShareOregon

Started by EEAO board member Rick Reynolds, [ShareOregon](#) continues to grow as a free online community resource that highlights events and resources in Oregon. Check it out and feel free to post your events, activities, volunteer opportunities, and more!

*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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