



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

January 2016 Newsletter Updates

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

Educate ~ Empower ~ Engage

*All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.
~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! May this day of service to honor a great man renew our commitments to creating a community based on peace, justice, and respect!

To that end, let us celebrate the good work of our partners to raise the consciousness of our community by attending their events and supporting their efforts. January is definitely an active month for the greater Portland region, so please review this list of updates and additions to upcoming sustainability events. Hopefully, a few of them will intrigue you and fit your schedule.

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GPSEN Events

Sustainability Consciousness

Tuesday, January 19

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Portland State University's Native American Center

710 SW Jackson St, Portland, OR 97201

Co-sponsored by [GPSEN's Think Tank](#) and the [Indigenous Nations Studies](#) Program at PSU, this presentation will address key differences between the developed world consciousness and indigenous consciousness. Paraphrasing Einstein, “the consciousness that creates a problem isn’t sufficient for solving it.” Our problem is global climate change that continues to accelerate and threatens our very existence. Fortunately, the essence of the ecological and social consciousness we are seeking has been lived for millennia by peoples around the world.

This event will address how we think, discern the world, make decisions, and relate to all life. We will explore processes and teachings for incorporating indigenous wisdom into our individual and institutional lives, with the intent of creating both a sense of hope and will to change that can only come when we hear what resonates within as a deep truth.

Community Events

Blood Oil: Tyrants, Violence, and the Rules that Run the World

Wednesday, January 20

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

World Affairs Council of Oregon, 1200 SW Park Avenue Third Floor, Madison Room

Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Oregon, Join author Leif Wenar to learn about how natural resources like oil and minerals are the largest source of unaccountable power in the world. Petrocrats like Putin and the Saudis spend resource money on weapons and oppression; militants in Iraq and in the Congo spend resource money on radicalization and ammunition. Resource-fueled authoritarians and extremists present endless crises to the West-and the source of their resource power is ultimately ordinary consumers, doing their everyday shopping at the gas station and the mall. Go behind the headlines in search of the hidden global rule that thwarts democracy and development-and that puts shoppers into business with some of today's most dangerous men. What kinds of practical strategies can we do to upgrade and redial world trade? Are their new ways to make us more secure at home, more trusted abroad, and better able to solve pressing global problems like climate change?

To learn more, check out the [World Affairs Council's website](#).

Members- \$5, Non-members- \$10. [Register here](#).

Community Town Hall on the Climate Crisis

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

6:15pm to 9:30pm

Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave. Portland, OR 97212

This Town Hall meeting is being organized by volunteers from Oregon House Districts 45 (Michael Dembrow) and 46 (Alissa Keny-Guyer) but is open to the general public. This event will offer opportunities to get information from organizations & groups whose work addresses climate issues, give those in attendance an opportunity to express their concerns about global climate disruption, along with their proposals for addressing this issue, provide information about specific legislation in 2016 and 2017 related to climate, open a discussion on the political barriers addressing the problem and potential pathways to overcoming these barriers, and inspire those in attendance to build a social movement through action at the local, state, national, and international levels.

The Community Town Hall on the Climate Crisis will include Information and Action Stations by local organizations and groups which are working to address climate change, refreshments, activities, and presentations.

Intertwine Alliance Conservation Forum

Thursday, January 21

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Willamette Room, 1st floor, David Evans & Associates Building
2100 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201

How can land managers and the community create pollinator habitat across the landscape on a variety of scales, from larger meadow projects to smaller settings of forest openings and backyard meadows? At The [Intertwine Alliance's](#) first

Conservation Forum, hear short presentations from [West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District](#), [Portland Parks & Recreation](#), and [Metro](#) about existing projects, then join other practitioners in a discussion to identify new partnership possibilities and challenges with existing sites. This discussion will also look at opportunities for the development of pollinator monitoring programs at both the professional and community science level. [Xerces Society](#) staff will participate as an informational and content resource.

Please [RSVP](#) by January 14. Questions? Email [Bruce Barbarasch](#).

Building Oregon's Climate Movement

Monday, January 25th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

SEIU Local 503, 6401 Southeast Foster Road, Portland, OR

Oregon has long been a leader in innovation -- from the bottle bill to the world's greatest athletic shoes. But currently, Oregon's economy runs on dirty energy that pumps pollution into our air and water, threatening the place where we love to live. It's time for Oregon to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy, create good-paying jobs and drive innovation. This task depends on building a climate movement that continues to grow and represent the diverse perspectives of all Oregonians.

This community dialogue will feature speakers who organize in very different communities for a clean Oregon future: State Representative Lew Frederick, Mark Gamba (Mayor of Milwaukie), Barbara Byrd (Secretary-Treasurer of AFL-CIO), Nik Blosser (Chief Executive Officer of Celilo Group Media) and Lauren Stevens (Field Organizer for the Oregon Sierra Club). Topics include carbon pricing, equity and environmental justice, grassroots coalition building, and creating green jobs for working Oregonians.

Sign up to attend [here](#) (\$5 suggested donation).

TEDxMtHoodSalon: Sustainability

Monday, January 25

6:30 pm -9:30 pm

Portland Opera, 211 SE Caruthers St, Portland, Oregon 97214

Centered around the theme of Sustainability, this inaugural TEDxMtHood Salon will feature local speaker, Terra Heilman of Terra Linda Consulting, Marcus Young, Director of Business Operations for Sustainable Harvest Coffee Importers, and related [TED.com](#) videos.

TEDx Salons are small, in-person gatherings, centered around a central local speaker and several TED.com videos on a relevant and engaging topic to facilitate community engagement between regular TEDx events, hosted three or more times

per year.

For tickets, [click here](#).

Urban Planning and Architecture Book Club

Tuesday, January 26

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Palio Dessert And Espresso

1996 SE Ladd Ave, Portland, OR 97214

After a holiday break, we are resuming our Urban Planning and Architecture Book Club with Ross Chapin's "[Pocket Neighborhoods: Creating Small Scale Community in a Large Scale World](#)." This book introduces an antidote to faceless, placeless sprawl — real neighborhoods of a scale and design where people can easily know one another; where empty nesters and single householders with far-flung families can find friendship or a helping hand nearby; and where children can have shirt-tail aunts and uncles just beyond their front gate."

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

Climate Arts 2016 with Kim Stafford and Anna Fritz

Saturday, January 30

8:00 pm -10:00 pm

Buckley Auditorium, University of Portland, 5000 N Willamette Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97203

Find creative inspiration for climate justice in the arts! Join Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and OIPL for a night of poetry, prose, participation, music, visual arts, and treats. Featured performers are [Kim Stafford](#), poet and professor, son of Poet Laureate William Stafford, and [Anna Fritz](#), folksinger/cellist, founding member of [Portland Cello Project](#). Featured visual artists include [Bonnie Meltzer](#), [Amy Livingstone](#), and [Glee Lumb](#).

Co-sponsored by the University of Portland. For directions and parking, visit www.up.edu.

This art night is a prelude to the Seventh Annual Earth Care Summit, "Renewing Creation from the Ground Up." More details below. For tickets, visit [EMO's events page](#),

Informational Meeting: Agent of Change Course

Monday, February 1

7:00- 8:30 pm

Downtown Portland

As climate impact deepens, we are called to respond. Be the change... Join us for an evening conversation on roles we might play, as citizen agents of change, with Jeanne and Dick Roy, Co-Founders of the [Center for Earth Leadership](#). The Roys will describe the immense power and inspiration of countless Agents of Change, working on a small scale in neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, centers of faith, and other organizations. They will also describe a training they have developed for the citizen, [Agent of Change](#), to be offered without cost beginning in late February. Those who attend the informational meeting will be given priority in reserving a spot in the training where size will be limited.

RSVP to Marnie Bennett, at 503-22- 2315 or marnie@earthleaders.org. If you cannot

attend, but may be interested in the training, RSVP with a note to that effect.

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability

January 21 - 23, 2016

Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

Founded in 2005, the [International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability](#) provides a multidisciplinary space, spanning the various fields and perspectives through which we can address the fundamental and related questions of sustainability, where environmental, cultural, economic and social concerns intersect. The conference is built upon four key features: internationalism, interdisciplinary, inclusiveness, and interaction. Conference delegates include leaders in the field as well as emerging scholars, who travel to the conference from all corners of the globe and represent a broad range of disciplines and perspectives.

This year's plenary speakers include: [Jennifer H. Allen](#), Associate Professor, Portland State University, [Veronica Dujon](#), Director for Academic Planning and Policy for the Higher Education Coordination Commission Office of University Coordination, State of Oregon, and [Carlton Eley](#), Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, US Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C.

To register [click here](#).

Webinar: Climate Change or System Change: Pathways Beyond Paris

Tuesday, January 26

1:00 pm-2:30 pm PST

Join climate researcher and activist Camila Moreno and Local Futures Director Helena Norberg-Hodge for a frank talk about climate change, pseudo-solutions and systemic strategies for real change.

The recent climate agreement in Paris has been hailed as “historic”, yet the root causes of climate change were neither discussed as part of the negotiations, nor addressed in the agreement. This is a chance to get debriefed about what really took place in Paris and to explore where we go from here. We will discuss common myths in the climate debate, expose pseudo-solutions and pinpoint key strategies to achieve lasting change, including: blaming individuals while ignoring industrial polluters, “Free trade” treaties as the driving force behind climate

change; commercial truths behind the climate negotiations; carbon trading and zero-net emissions myths; and global to local steps to climate and planetary health--

Global to Local Webinars are online events organized by Local Futures as part of the [International Alliance for Localization \(IAL\)](#) initiative.. To attend the webinar, [REGISTER Here](#).

Earth Care Summit: Renewing Creation from the Ground Up

January 30, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

January 31, 2:00 - 7:30 pm

Buckley Auditorium & Franz Hall, University of Portland
5000 N Willamette Blvd, Portland, OR 97203

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's [Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns](#) (and its projects [Oregon Interfaith Power & Light](#) and [Interfaith Food & Farms Partnership](#)) invites you to the 7th Annual Earth Care Summit.

On Saturday, the [Climate Arts](#) reception will offer a night of poetry, prose, participation, music, visual arts, and treats. Featured performers are [Kim Stafford](#), poet and professor, son of Poet Laureate William Stafford, and [Anna Fritz](#), folksinger/cellist, founding member of [Portland Cello Project](#). Featured visual artists include [Bonnie Meltzer](#), [Amy Livingstone](#), and [Glee Lumb](#).

On Sunday, the [Summit](#) will explore the interrelationships of soil, food, faith and climate. The Summit provides opportunities for networking, sharing best practices, and celebrating the many creative ways of caring for creation. Keynote presenter is the [Rev. Dr. Randy Woodley](#), distinguished professor of Faith and Culture and director of [Intercultural and Indigenous Studies](#) at George Fox Evangelical Seminary and co-sustainer of [Eloheh Farm](#). The summit will also have a resource fair, breakout sessions, dinner and closing remarks from Portland mayor, Charlie Hales. Breakout sessions will highlight soil, young people in the climate movement, personal and institutional diets, Catholic Farmers reflecting on Laudato Si, Evangelicals & Earthcare, and more.

For more information about the workshops and speakers, [click here](#). Public transit is recommended because of a sports event taking place at the same time. You may RSVP for Saturday's [Climate Arts](#) event and Sunday's [Earth Care Summit](#) on Facebook. Pre-registration is required by January 22. To do so, [click here](#).

Finding Place: The Human Face of Migration, Displacement and the Search for Home

Saturday, January 30, 2016

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

George R. White Library, Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St, Portland, OR 97211

 <https://gallery.mailchimp.com/38ebd78b87d5a04d5e78d1ab9/images/e873becc-ad0a-4d66-9ff2-06704ae5a311.jpg>

“Finding Place” is a free day-long educational experience for the community and a professional development opportunity for educators that will explore both global and local perspectives and reveal the human stories of families on the move. Educators will leave with teaching tools that address the political, social, cultural, and economic issues that impact new arrivals in both school settings and the community at large.

Community participants will leave with content knowledge and a deeper understanding of what it means to be displaced. Highlights of the Day Include:

- Opening Keynote Panel on global migration patterns, international immigration policies and their effect on the United States and Oregon.
- Morning Breakout Sessions addressing on-the-ground rescue efforts abroad and community support efforts here, discrimination backlash and the enrichment that new Oregonians bring and the plight of climate refugees.
- Morning & Lunch Hour Exhibition of Local Organizations working with and advocating for newly arrived students and their families.
- Afternoon Breakout Sessions with opportunities to learn about different cultural backgrounds reflected in local classrooms, participate in relevant simulations, gather grade level curriculum ideas and listen to the voices of youth.
- Educators Earn 7.5 Professional Development Units and receive a Finding Place Virtual Resource Package developed by the World Affairs Council.
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Invitation by the World Affairs Council of Oregon. Co-Sponsored by Concordia University, Department of International Studies. Attendance to the conference is FREE! A box lunch is available for purchase and can be ordered at the time of registration. Ordering or bringing lunch is highly recommended in the interest of time and due to the lack of alternative eating establishments nearby.

Questions? Email K-12 Education Director, Karen Ettinger at karen@worldoregon.org.

Registration Deadline: 1/28/16. Register TODAY at www.worldoregon.org.

Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference

February 4 - 5

Lane Community College - Center for Meeting and Learning
4000 E 30th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405

The Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (OHESC) is a platform for empowering and inspiring change making, facilitating action, and for sharing, networking, and collaboration related to sustainability within Oregon's higher education institutions. With an emphasis on social justice, OHESC 2016 features two days of sustainability-related presentations, workshops, and networking for professionals, faculty, and students serving in a variety of roles around sustainability

at our state's campuses.

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

Jobs and Resources

Job: Oregon Environmental Literacy Project Coordinator

For full consideration, apply by 01/24/2016

The OSU Extension Service, Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program seeks applicants for the position of Oregon Environmental Literacy Program Project Coordinator. This is a full-time (1.00 FTE), 12-month, fixed-term professional faculty position, with responsibility for coordinating statewide K-12 environmental literacy projects and outdoor education efforts. The person in this position will work closely with the Oregon Environmental Literacy (OEL) Program leadership groups located throughout the state, and will be instrumental in raising the level of engagement in advancing k-12 environmental literacy in Oregon.

Please visit <https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/> Posting #0016925 for more information.

Share your news, events, and resources with the GPSEN community via our [submission form](#). Submissions should be made by the 28th of the month to be included in the newsletter. If you have questions, please contact news.gpsen@gmail.com.

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