



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

Mid-June 2016 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.

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GPSEN News

June is flying by, with lots of transitions.

A highlight of the last two weeks was celebrating many students in their end-of-year ceremonies and graduations. Perhaps you were able to recognize the contributions of some youth and college students in your life too. Our network had a plethora of graduates, with particular shout-outs going to past GPSEN interns and volunteers who received degrees and certificates in Civic Leadership and Community Development, from PSU. Current GPSEN stars: Keith Murphy, our website guru, graduated from PCC in Computer Science; Tia Linton, our College Network intern, got her B.A. at PSU, and Irene Bailey, a Board Member and staff at PSU's Student Sustainability Center, not only earned her M.A., but also won a [PSU Excellence in Sustainability Award as a Student Leader](#). Big congratulations to all of you!



We are pleased with the great response that we are receiving to our invitation to become a GPSEN Board Member, as well. If you are interested in applying or would like to encourage someone else to do so, please check out our [on-line application form](#). We are accepting applications through July 1.

Our mid-month newsletters always have lots of updates on events and resources, so be sure to read the details below and mark your calendars.

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 news.gpsen@gmail.com.

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Community Events

Celebrate Great Outdoors Month this June

June is [Great Outdoors Month](#): a celebration of our parks and waters and the many ways to enjoy them. It's also a time to reflect on what we can do to preserve America's natural spaces for the enjoyment of future generations. Looking for ways to get kids outdoors and active this [Great Outdoors Month](#)?



Check out these nationwide events in June: the [Great American Campout](#) is June 25th.

Climate Future: Beyond Paris

Thursday, June 16

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway

Renowned environmental activist and author Bill McKibbens joins us to conclude the 2016 International Speaker Series with "Climate Futures: Beyond Paris". With the 2016 elections approaching, the Middle East simmering with turmoil, economic growth at odds with climate action, and cultural, class, and sectarian polarization on the rise, what are the major opportunities, crises, and directions the U.S. needs to consider on the world stage? Join us for the World Affairs Council of Oregon's 2016 [International Speaker Series — "Which Way Ahead?"](#) — a look at the horizon of major global ideas and issues with a slate of some of the most vibrant thinkers, writers, and doers of today.

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

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage Per Year

June 15, 22 & 29

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI)

107 SE Washington St.

Portland, Oregon

Are you concerned about the environmental issues facing us but are unsure what you can do to help? Reducing your waste is a simple, profound way to decrease your impact on the planet and save money, too. Master Recycler and waste reduction advocate Betty Shelley and her husband, Jon, have generated just one 35-gallon can of garbage per year since 2006. After so many people asked how they accomplished this, they decided to offer a class to help others realize they too could reduce their waste. In the three-session class Betty Shelley teaches you her techniques for reducing waste and why that's so important. The format is interactive and encourages participants to examine their behaviors and learn how to make lasting changes.

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

School Garden Workshops

June 18, Washington County

June 25, Multnomah County

Join us for a free workshop on June 18 or June 25 to learn the basics of soil health, how to protect it in the school garden, and how to teach it in the classroom! Get hands on with activity demonstrations. Gain access to our NGSS aligned curriculum resources. Take home a copy of Building Better Soils.

Register now for the Washington County workshop at www.swcd.net/soil-health-workshop/ or by calling/emailing me at [503-648-3174](tel:503-648-3174) x121 or tualatinswcd@gmail.com. Register for the Multnomah County workshop by emailing Danielle at danielle@jcwcd.org or call [503-652-7477](tel:503-652-7477).

We will offer continuing education credit for teachers through PSU too. Please inquire for details.

EEO Conference: Call for Presenters

Deadline for Submissions: June 24, 2016



The Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEO) is pleased to issue a call for presenters for our 2016 Conference to be held at Suttle Lake Camp in Sisters, Oregon, September 28th—30th. Our annual conference brings together both formal and non-formal educators from across Oregon to participate in a two-day professional development conference. EEO's commitment to creating a more coordinated network of environmental educators and community leaders across Oregon will be reflected in the conference's programs, workshops, field experiences and facilitated networking opportunities.

Theme: Enhancing Our Communities through Environmental Education. Proposed Strands: Citizen or "Community" Science; Global Climate Change - A Local Look; Watershed Education; Technology and Environmental Education; School Gardens and Farm-to-School; Best Practices; Staying Current with Existing/Emerging Standards/Legislation; Funders Forum; and Creating Partnerships - Regional Collaboration Efforts

[Click here](#) for a printable version of the call for presenters packet. Please email your submission to: karinonkkadesign@gmail.com by the June 24, 2016. For more info, visit www.eeo.org

Momentum Alliance Student Alliance Project 2016 Summer Leadership Camp

July 11th - August 12th 2016



We are excited to inform you that registration for MA's 2016 Student Alliance Project Summer Leadership Camp is [now open!](#) Sign up and/or spread the word!

Are you a young person looking to have FUN, expand your leadership skills and meet youth who are different from you? Momentum Alliance has what you are looking for! Every week will be a unique experience!

This camp is: Free; For ages 14-23; For diverse and underrepresented youth; Bus tickets provided (as needed); Child care reimbursement available (as needed)! 35 Limited spots are available and participants must attend one orientation session to be enrolled. We will have 4 orientation options on July 6th or July 7th prior to attending camp (see flyer below for all the details).

Questions? Contact: Jaime Limon-Guzman at [503-328-4112](tel:503-328-4112) (text or call) or email at jaime@momentumalliance.org

AASHE Conference

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](#) is now open! 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 Oct. 9 - 12 in Baltimore, Maryland 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 & 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.

[Register here.](#)

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Jobs and Internships: Summer Camp Counselors

Friends of Outdoor School is currently seeking summer camp counselors (paid), junior counselor interns (unpaid), and marketing/communications interns (unpaid) for our Adventure WILD! Summer Day Camp in SE Portland (www.adventurewild.org).

Serving campers ages 4-10, Adventure WILD! utilizes nearby nature opportunities in public parks and field trips, and is operated by Friends of Outdoor School and the Mazamas as a fundraiser for Outdoor School. The primary focus of the camp is for kids to interact with nature through art, education, and recreation. The five-week

camp runs Monday-Friday 9-5, beginning July 11, with each week revolving around a different theme.

Paid staff positions will help develop curriculum, support volunteers, and lead and manage activities. Junior counselor interns will work with youth, develop their leadership skills, and build community. Marketing & communications interns will assist Friends of Outdoor School with outreach, serve as parent liaisons, and photograph camp activities for promotional use.

View descriptions & apply here: www.friendsoutdoorschool.org/jobs.html

Job: CEP Fundraising and Marketing Specialist

Do you love to tell compelling stories? Do you have a passion for fundraising? Community Energy Project is currently seeking a Fundraising and Marketing Specialist to help tell our story and raise money to support our mission. The new position will help shape the development of these two key departments by working closely with the Executive Director to create and implement an annual Fundraising Plan. In addition, the successful candidate will lead communications and community outreach efforts through speaking engagements, website updates and social media networks, developing client and targeted collateral materials.

For more information, visit our [Job Opportunity](#) page.

Job: Sustainability Program Educator

Do you have a passion for multi-tasking in a dynamic environment; a drive to lead innovative solutions for enhancing and maintaining a sustainable culture; and an eagerness to engage and provide information and education? If so, we want you to join our municipal government agency and champion our Sustainability Program.

Washington County recognizes the role and responsibility for public agencies to protect and conserve natural resources, use financial resources effectively and efficiently, and celebrate the achievements of a healthy and productive organization. The overarching message for our sustainability program is simple and intuitive – that we need to think about the impact of our decisions and behaviors so that we not only have a healthy, vibrant and safe community today but also so that we can preserve the viability of future generations. Sustainability is a process of continual improvement, and Washington County is taking disciplined and thoughtful steps that are in the best interest of our organization and community.

Our new Program Educator will be dedicated to providing education regarding the County's Sustainability Program to internal employees, and sustainability work, outreach, and education to the community and partners in the Washington County. This position will develop and implement specialized informational programs through public presentation and other media techniques; will organize and train volunteers, and manage volunteer programs. Additionally, the Program Educator will staff the Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC), of which we are a founding member.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Elementary School Outreach Specialist

Metro is recruiting for an Elementary School Outreach Specialist to deliver school-based environmental sustainability presentations to classes of K - 5th grade students, with an emphasis on natural resource conservation through conscious consumption, waste prevention, recycling, composting and pesticide use reduction. This position also assists in scheduling classroom presentations, researching and developing new educational programs, implementing program evaluation and entering program data. This is a part-time position (24 hours/week); \$20.98 - \$28.12/hour; application deadline is June 21st.

To apply: visit www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs for the complete job announcement and a link to our online hiring center. Metro is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job: Volunteer & Communications Coordinator

June 27 at 4pm (application deadline)

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council Volunteer & Communications (VC) Coordinator is responsible for the development and management of volunteer opportunities that support the work of the Council. The VC Coordinator recruits, screens, trains and manages all volunteers for Council restoration, recreation and education programs. They are also responsible for maintaining communications with community organizations and businesses interested in service events with the Council. The VC Coordinator actively manages social media, web presence, and newsletter communication. The VC Coordinator will also assist staff in the recruitment, training, and management of Council interns.

For more information [click here](#).

Jobs: Confluence Americorps and Fellows Positions

The Confluence AmeriCorps program advances environmental justice through innovative partnerships with local organizations in the Portland metropolitan area. These positions are life changing service opportunities where the Member engages in addressing critical, environmental needs in low-income communities and communities of color. This position is a dynamic combination of serving with a Project Partner on a dedicated project (80%) and joining a team of other Confluence AmeriCorps Members for professional and leadership development opportunities (20%).

Confluence positions start on September 7, 2016. All positions are full-time over an 11-month "Term of Service". Check out their [website](#) to see a complete listing of available positions. If you have questions about the application process, please visit the [Application Instructions](#) page. You will also find step-by-step instructions at the bottom of each Position Description.

Job: Community Development Coordinator

September 7, 2016 – July 28, 2017(11 months – 1700 hours)

In partnership with the [Confluence Environmental Center](#), [Trash for Peace](#) (TfP) is partnering with [People-Places-Things](#) (PP-T) to educate community members about

sustainability and the natural world through real-world experiences and hands-on learning. This is a new AmeriCorps position that will help expand both programs, by blending the strengths of TFP's Sustainability Education program for youth, with P-P-T's Real World Curriculum for people with limited English proficiency. The Member will use integrated family education to communicate new program models within multi-cultural, low-income communities (40%). The Member will also provide opportunities for community members in East County to better connect to nature by teaching sustainability through practical, hands-on, innovative activities and techniques (40%). The Member will participate in Confluence led professional development activities: Professional Development Series, completing a Change Agent Project, monthly team meetings, National Service events and other self-directed development opportunities (20%).

For more information about the position [click here](#). For a list of other Confluence job positions [click here](#).

Internship: Student Organizer for the Environment

June 15 (application deadline)

August 12 - 14 (leadership training)

We are the last generations that can alter the worsening climate change situation before we cross the point of no return. By working together, we can reverse course before it is too late. Let's create a broad and powerful student movement to protect our planet by organizing on our campuses. We will demand that our school divest its investments in the fossil fuel industry, invest more in research and development in renewable energy to make it more efficient and affordable, and offer courses on the environment and its protection. We will learn from faith and wisdom traditions to create a movement that summons the best in the human spirit and brings us together with song, solidarity and nonviolent action, like the civil rights movement did. We will demand that our representatives vote on the basis of evidence, and set a clear policy to change the destructive trajectory of climate change.

You can be part of this growing movement. Join us and other student leaders at the forefront of the movement. There will be a stipend of \$750 per semester for each student intern organizer during the academic year. If you believe that you can be such a student leader with support from the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, please apply for our free leadership training retreat to be held on August 12-14, 2016. All expenses paid, including travel.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Global Zero Action Corps Leader

Friday, June 17 (*application deadline*)

Action Corps is a year-long leadership development program designed to train and empower young leaders across the country to tackle the single biggest security threat of our generation. Whether you're new to the fight or a seasoned activist, we'll provide the hands-on training, in-depth resources (and cool swag) you'll need to make a difference -- and have fun while you're at it.

Over the course of the year, you'll work with Global Zero on creative and impactful campaigns to eliminate nukes. You will have insider access to cutting-edge policy

developments, meet high-level experts in international peace and security, work with local and national media, meet with elected officials, learn real leadership and campaign skills, and use all of this to build and lead your very own Global Zero chapter in your area.

Ready for the challenge? Here's your chance to become a leader in the fight to eliminate nuclear weapons. Email a brief cover letter explaining why you'd like to be a Global Zero Action Corps leader, your resume and one writing sample to field@globalzero.org. If selected, we will be in touch to set up a time to chat about the opportunity over the phone. The Global Zero Action Corps program is a volunteer opportunity requiring 3-5 hours per week.

See more at [our website](#).

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. When you volunteer with Hands On Greater Portland, you join people from all backgrounds and experiences. You get a chance to explore issues that shape our community and develop your leadership and job skills. 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, either as a fellow, intern, volunteer, or committee or working group member. Our new GPSEN Fellowship model offers a great opportunity for individuals with particular research interests and skills dig deeper into sustainability issues, in addition to serving in a valuable advisory role for credit and non-credit opportunities are available for internships.

Grants & Resources

Grant: Geography Education Program

Deadline: June 15

Put your project on the map. The Gray Family Foundation has announced a new grant program to stimulate and promote the integration of geographic concepts into K-12 curriculum and instruction. The [Geography Education Program](#) will fund projects that help students develop a command of geographic tools and perspectives, foster a sense of place in their local and global community, and prepare them to engage in a way that sustains Oregon's natural and built communities.

Grant: Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program's (RTCA)

June 30 (application deadline)

Does your organization have an idea for improving or creating an open space, park, trail or conservation project? The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partners with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities. RTCA has a Portland-Vancouver Metro office which has been working with the Intertwine Alliance and partners on efforts throughout the region including trail system planning, park development, rail-trails, conservation plans, and river access. If you are interested in your entity or effort applying for technical assistance, please contact Dan Miller at 503-808-6723 or email dan_miller@nps.gov. You can get more information on the program and download an application for assistance at www.nps.gov/rtca

Oregon Educator Network (OEN)

Thanks to the Oregon Department of Education, educators across Oregon 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. Join the group today!

Here is the link to get started: <http://www.oregonednet.org>

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

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