



## GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

### Mid-March 2017 Newsletter

*Educate ~ Empower ~ Engage*

*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

The year is flying by and spring is right around the corner! May the emerging green buds give you faith in the renewal of life.

In celebration of life, please join us in welcoming a new member to our GPSEN family: Simon Everett Tokarski. He is a healthy bundle of joy and his parents, Laura Kutner Tokarski, GPSEN Board Member and Director of [Trash for Peace](#), and her husband, Steve, are "beyond happy". We dedicate our work this month to creating a sustainable future for Simon.

To support such solutions, don't forget to join us for our "Politics and Pints" networking event tonight. From venting to brainstorming, there will be worthwhile opportunities to connect and share ideas.

May the various events and resources below contribute to your good work this month. Be sure to keep an eye out for the many opportunities in April, too. With a plethora of Earth Day/Week events in the works, be sure to get your information into the newsletter in plenty of time, so we can help promote your events.



Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?  
Share them with the GPSEN community via our [newsletter submission form](#).  
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## GPSEN Events

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### Politics and Pints

**Wednesday, March 15**

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Oregon Public House

700 NE Dekum St, Portland

Do you feel a hunger to connect and talk about the various political issues we face? Join us at [Oregon's first non-profit pub](#) for a networking event to share ideas on how to collaborate and create a sustainable future. Come enjoy an open space and opportunity for folks to visit, process, and share ideas, over a pint of a tasty beverage.

Note that this evening also helps raise money for one of founding partners: the [Northwest Earth Institute](#). Our GPSEN Think Tank will be launching a new NWEI discussion group soon, so keep an eye out for details.

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## Community Events

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### ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

**Wednesday, March 15**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

PSU - Market Center Building (MCB) - Room #531

1600 SW 4th Ave, Portland

This month's ISSP (International Society of Sustainability Professionals) chapter meeting will discuss the Lloyd EcoDistrict: community impact on a district scale. Come learn what can be done by leveraging the synergies of a whole district within a city. The Lloyd Ecodistrict is by far the most active of the city's EcoDistricts and has galvanized the major

stakeholders in the neighborhood to make significant progress on several key sustainability indicators. This is a great follow-on presentation to last month's report on Portland's Climate Action Plan.

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

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## Planet Repair Institute Workparty

**Friday, March 17**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

8510 SE 8th (near Sherrett St), Portland

Come on down to the founding community site of City Repair and see the development of 20 years of permaculture and natural building wonders of the Planet Repair Institute (PRI) and Share-It Square! We'll be helping take care of seasonal tasks like gardening, community compost tending, fruit tree care, and do general care and upkeep. Most work will be done outdoors, so dress for the weather. Snacks, tools, and guidance will be provided. All skill levels welcome!

Check out details on our [Facebook Event Page](#): For more info contact Kirk at [volunteer@cityrepair.org](mailto:volunteer@cityrepair.org) or [307-287-0005](tel:307-287-0005).

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## Film Screening: Gaining Ground

**Friday, March 17**

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

PCC Sylvania, HT 309

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219

**Thursday, March 30**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Northwest Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium

934 SW Salmon St, Portland, OR

Gaining Ground tells personal stories of farmers making extraordinary changes in their farming practices to feed their local communities sustainably grown produce and grains. Interweaving experiences of urban farmer-activists in inner city Richmond, California, a small family farm in rural Oregon, and a large farm in the Willamette Valley, the film personalizes class, gender, race, and environmental justice issues by rooting them within narratives of compelling individuals. While a sober look at the obstacles to creating change, Velazquez and Bernstein still point the way toward hope through action on a personal, local, and global scale.

[View the trailer here.](#)

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## Clark County Youth & Nature Symposium

**Saturday, March 18**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clark College - Gaiser Hall

1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA

Clark County Youth & Nature Symposium is a kids-and-nature opportunity, specific to Southwest Washington. Join us for conversation and learning about contributing to the health and well-being of students through their connection to the outdoors. The event is free.

Please [RSVP](#) by Monday, March 13. Email David Cohen at [david@theintertwine.org](mailto:david@theintertwine.org) with any questions.

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## NoPo Pollinator Pathway Planting

**Saturday, March 18**

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Intersection of N Overlook Blvd & N Concord Ave & N Melrose Dr & N Failing St, Portland.

Join us for a pollinator pathway project in the Overlook neighborhood. Besides the art, this site has community built planter beds in the intersection that we will be planting in. Come check out this beautiful placemaking site and plant some native habitat with us. There will be activities for young ones. Be prepared for rain and to get dirty. All are welcome!

More details on our [Facebook Event Page](#) For more info, contact Kamron at [climate@cityrepair.org](mailto:climate@cityrepair.org) or [503-369-4894](tel:503-369-4894).

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## Town Hall Meetings

**Monday, March 20**

6pm - 7:30pm

Multnomah Arts Center - Auditorium, 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland.

**Tuesday, March 21**

6pm - 7:30pm

East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Avenue, Portland

It's time to decide how to spend the remaining \$20 million for the second phase of park improvements! Please join Portland Parks & Recreation and Parks and Commissioner Amanda Fritz at two Town Hall meetings to learn more about Phase 2 of the Parks Replacement Bond and give us your feedback.

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall meetings you can give feedback via their [online comment form](#). For more information about the project [click here](#).

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## Clean Green Lobby Machine 2017

**Thursday, March 23**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

MICAH Building , 2nd floor

680 State Street, Salem OR 97301

At this crucial time, Oregon's environmental communities are uniting to ask state leaders to stand strong for health-first environmental policies that protect our natural legacy. Join us for a statewide lobby day organized by our partners at the Oregon Conservation

Network. Help us amplify our voice on climate change, clean air, transportation and other environmental priorities.:

The day includes best practices for meeting with your legislators, lunch, a march and rally on the Capitol steps, and then meetings with your legislators. Carpools will leave from several locations throughout the state. Transportation information to follow. For questions, please email [James@olcv.org](mailto:James@olcv.org).

To RSVP for our lobby day and rally [click here](#).

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## Behavioral Insights: Lessons from the Field & Happy Hour

**Tuesday, April 4**

5:00 -7:00 pm

McMenamins Ringler's Pub (side room @ 14th & Burnside)

1332 W. Burnside, Portland

[Behavioral Insights Group PDX](#) has organized another "Lessons from the Field" happy hour, focusing on the application of behavioral sciences to the energy efficiency field. Katie Wallace, from Energy Trust of Oregon, will present some key takeaways from this year's Behavior, Energy and Climate Change conference. Jan Kleszynski, from C+C, will explain how they created motivation and competition through the reality tv show [SWAP](#) for the U.S. Department of Energy: first pitting Whole Foods against Hilton Hotels, and then putting the Naval Academy and Air Force Academy head-to-head.

View the Facebook [event page](#). RSVP on EventBrite [here](#).

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## Urban Tellers: Immigrant & Refugee Edition

**Friday, April 7**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Fremont Theater

2393 NE Fremont St, Portland, OR

Portland Story Theater is producing a storytelling performance featuring the real, true stories of refugees and immigrants. They are partnering with the United Nations Association of Portland to support Adopt-A-Future, the new UNA-USA campaign to educate a new generation of refugees. Ticket sales will benefit the Hilal School inside the Daadab refugee camp in Kenya!

The focus of the project is to humanize and build connection within our urban community. We are very excited to have Mexico, Denmark, Indonesia, Argentina, Iran, and Somalia represented at the show. Among the storytellers is the current President of UNA Portland! This program is made possible in part by the Oregon Cultural Trust and The Collins Foundation.

For tickets, [click here](#).

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## SE Learning Garden Greenhouse Build

**April 10-13**

9:00 am-5:00 pm

PCC Southeast  
2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216

The Learning Garden at PCC Southeast is building a geodesic dome greenhouse, and we need hands! If you or someone you know has previous building/construction experience (or a lot of enthusiasm to learn), please get in touch!

Email Arielle at [selearninggarden@pcc.edu](mailto:selearninggarden@pcc.edu) with questions and check out the [Facebook event](#).

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## 7.5 Billion and Counting: Where are We Headed?

**Thursday, April 13**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Ecotrust Building

Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center

721 NW 9th Ave #200, Portland

Local non-profit, Investments for Developing Communities (IDC), in collaboration with Portland's GPSEN and Center for Biological Diversity, invites you to learn about current issues related to global population growth. Guest speakers John Seager, president and CEO of Population Connection, in Washington D.C., and Suzanne York, project director for Transition Earth of the Earth Island Institute in Berkeley, CA, will present latest statistics and field notes related to areas of advocacy, education and project work. With Earth quickly approaching 7.5 billion people, it's time to make global population growth, with its overarching connections to the environment and human rights, a mainstream issue. Come join in the conversation.

\$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$12 with Student ID. Light fare included. Cash bar. Information and tickets can be found at [www.idcempowers.org/events.html](http://www.idcempowers.org/events.html) or by calling (971) 400-2181.

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## Film Screening: Love Thy Nature

**Friday, April 14**

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

PNCA's Shipley/Collins MediaTheque

511 NW Broadway, Portland

[Love Thy Nature](#), narrated by Liam Neeson, points to how deeply we've lost touch with nature and takes viewers on a mesmerizing cinematic journey through the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. Experts uncover how a new era of nature-connection might just be dawning: "Biomimicry" scientists look to the natural world for the most brilliant cutting edge inventions, ecologists unveil how nature restores our communities, and doctors are finding new ways in which nature heals the body, mind, and brain.

This event is hosted by [ECO](#) (Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors) and PNCA's Albert Solheim Library. ECO inspires elementary school students to connect to the natural world through a series of hands-on ecology lessons in classrooms, schools, and neighborhoods.

You can view the movie trailer [here](#). Tix are suggested donation: \$5-10. You can purchase advance tickets [here](#).

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# The Native Wisdom Film Festival

## Saturday, April 15

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Portland Art Museum - Whitsell Auditorium  
1219 SW Park Avenue Portland

[Wisdom of the Elders](#), the Native American nonprofit organization located in Portland, OR, and the Northwest Film Center are pleased to announce the Native Wisdom Film Festival. This series of four short documentaries feature Oregon and Alaskan Native peoples as they discuss the impact of a changing environment on the lives of Native peoples of the Northwest along with their rich cultural arts. Accompanying the films will be a selection of shorts made by emerging Native filmmakers from Wisdom's Native Film Academy.

For more information check-out the [Wisdom of the Elders](#) Facebook page or contact [miranda@wisdomoftheelders.org](mailto:miranda@wisdomoftheelders.org) or (503) 775-4014.

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## 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](http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org) or contact Sarah Hill at [Sarah\\_Hill@fws.gov](mailto:Sarah_Hill@fws.gov) or (360) 887-4106. For wheelchair access to this event, please contact Sarah prior to the event date.

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## #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

Join us in celebrating Earth Week with this thought-provoking lecture. Dr Marcia Chatelain, founder of #FergusonSyllabus, author, activist, and teacher will present at all PCC

Campuses in honor of Earth Week. Chatelain initiated the #FergusonSyllabus after the death of Michael Brown. She has been featured prominently on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, and other national platforms. In #EcoSocialJustice Dr 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?

Questions? Contact Kendi Esary at [kesary@pcc.edu](mailto:kesary@pcc.edu).

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## Nature of Cities Summit

**Wednesday, April 26**

1:00 pm to 6 pm

Oregon Zoo

4001 Southwest Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221

The Intertwine Alliance is teaming up with The Nature of Cities blog, The Bullitt Foundation, Urban Greenspaces Institute and Portland State University for the Nature of Cities Summit. The event will feature a group of [24 green city luminaries](#) from around the world for an afternoon of presentations and small group discussions, followed by a happy hour.

Space is very limited; tickets range from \$15 to \$30, with [early-bird registration](#) available through March 31. The summit is part of a three-day event, April 25-27, during which the international delegation will work with a group of local leaders to explore the potential for an international symposium on the “nature of cities” in 2018.

Questions? Please email Lauren Gottfredson at [lauren@theintertwine.org](mailto:lauren@theintertwine.org).

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## Classes, Workshops & Conferences

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### Slough 101 Workshop

**Saturday, March 18**

9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Water Pollution Control Lab

6543 N Burlington Ave, Portland, OR 97203

Ever wonder about that slow-moving channel of water running through Gresham, Fairview, and NE & N Portland? This free hands-on workshop will explore the unique character, challenges, and opportunities of the Columbia Slough and its Watershed. You'll learn about soil & sediment in relation to water quality, how the Slough has changed over time, and what that means for fish, wildlife, people, and businesses. Open to everyone interested in learning more about the Columbia Slough Watershed. Suitable for adults and teens 14 & up.

Light refreshments will be provided. [Pre-registration](#) is required for this free workshop.

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## Webinar: Fostering Systems Thinking in Your Students

**Tuesday, March 21** (registration deadline)

**Wednesday, March 22** (webinar)

9:00 - 10:00 am Pacific

Systems thinking can help students analyze complex systems and it is well-suited to teaching about Earth in a societal context. Lisa Gilbert, co-author of [Systems Thinking Module](#), will introduce systems thinking, provide an approach to building students' systems thinking skills, and showcase a systems-thinking example that can be used in any course. Karl Kreutz, co-author of [Systems Thinking Module](#), will discuss systems modeling and feedback systems. In addition, he will provide an example of a feedback system using Arctic sea ice.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Webinar: Eco-Industrial Strategies in the Pacific Northwest

**Wednesday, March 22**

10:00 am - 11:00 am Pacific

Join us to learn how Gresham Vista Business Park eco-industrial development strategies can serve as a model for others in the region and a catalyst for change in the regional industrial market. This webinar will outline the challenges and opportunities associated with eco-industrial development using this site as a real-world example.

Please join staff from the Port, City of Gresham and Light House Sustainable Building Centre for an engaging overview of the Gresham Vista Business Park lessons learned, with a focus on the following eco-industrial development strategies: Green Stormwater Infrastructure; Connectivity; Green Buildings; Marketing & Sales; and Sustainable Business Operations.

To register, please [click here](#).

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## Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals

**March 22, 2017** (submission deadline)



In preparation for the Forum on May 15-16, at UN Headquarters, in NY, a *Global Call for Innovations* is launched to find scientific and technological innovations that are helping accelerate progress towards any one or more of the six SDGs that are the focus of the STI Forum 2017. All innovations are welcome and will be reviewed carefully. All innovations submitted can elect to join the *Global Innovation Exchange*, which will allow innovators to access funding opportunities, locate complementary resources to support innovation, and will help to identify where other innovators are working in the same or related fields, as competitors or potential partners.

Innovators are invited to [submit their solutions](#) through March 22, 2017. For more information on the STI Forum [click here](#).

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## Webinar: Life-Cycle Analysis for Sustainable Materials Management

**Thursday, March 23**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm PT

This webinar will present the concept of life-cycle thinking and life-cycle analysis (LCA). LCA is becoming more widely used to understand sustainability and make end-of-life decisions, requiring that personnel throughout solid waste management gain familiarity with this approach. Using examples from sustainable materials management, participants will be exposed to key concepts and terminology in LCA.

Cost is: \$49. To register [click here](#).

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## Free Transformational Resilience Webinars

**Thursday, April 6**

12 noon--1 pm Pacific Time

*Introduction to Transformational Resilience for Climate Change*

**Thursday, April 13**

12 noon--1 pm Pacific Time

*The Resilient Growth Model for Building Human Resilience for Climate-Enhanced Traumas and Toxic Stresses*

Learn about the urgent need, methods, and benefits of building personal and psycho-social-spiritual resilience to prevent harmful fear-based reactions to climate-enhanced adversities & spur constructive engagement in solutions.

To see the full description of this spring's free webinars and to register go to the [Resource Innovation Group's website](#).

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## MISC Summer Documentary Program

**Friday, April 7** (application deadline)

**June 23 - August 10** (program)

We are proud to host our ninth annual summer documentary program this coming summer. Part summer camp, part production house, Media Institute's Summer Documentary Program is a seven-week intensive and exciting adventure. The city serves as a hands-on laboratory as students make video documentaries about local solutions to global issues. We work with award-winning filmmakers, radio personalities and local politicians to teach about how media projects can effectively bring about positive social change.

## Soil School

### **Saturday, April 8**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Check-in 8-8:30 am)

PCC Rock Creek Event Center

17705 NW Springville Road, PDX

Soil School 2017 will be packed full of information for small acreage farmers, landscapers, gardeners, grounds managers and anyone else who wants to improve the health of their soil and everything growing in it. Attendees will learn about soil structure/composition and analysis, planting for pollinators, cover crops, irrigation, landscaping with native plants, composting, invasive weeds, fungi, permaculture, composting, pest management, and rebuilding urban soils.

Soil School is sponsored by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, and OSU Extension.

Cost: \$30 per person or \$50 for two people (Breakfast snacks & lunch provided).

To register [click here](#). For more information, please call WMSWCD Communications Coordinator Carolyn Lindberg at 503-238-4775, ext. 101 or email at [carolyn@wmswcd.org](mailto:carolyn@wmswcd.org).

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## Alternative Building Design Course

### **April 8 - June 17, 2017**

PCC Newberg

135 Werth Blvd, Newberg, OR 97132

This Spring term, students will learn about natural green building principles used in the design and construction of alternative buildings such as straw bale, cob and rammed earth. Student teams will develop designs by constructing scaled models, and will then prepare and deliver presentations that defend and promote their designs. Hands-on lab experiences will include working on cob shed project in the Newberg Center Learning Garden.

For full course info, visit [our course schedule](#).

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## Forum: Is Materials Management On Your Menu?

### **Wednesday, April 12**

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

McMenamins Kennedy School

5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland

The Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) Spring Forum will focus on food management. It's intended to provide an opportunity to continue the momentum of the food waste meetings as a part of the Pacific Coast Collaborative. The collaboration is made up of cities and states on the west coast, including British Columbia and Vancouver BC. Participants can expect high-quality presentations from experts in the field, an update on the PCC effort and plenty of opportunities to connect ideas about development of food scraps management.

Note that full-time students and AmeriCorps volunteers can receive an [AOR membership for free](#), which allows you to register for this forum at a reduced price. For more information about the event [click here](#).

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## EarthEd: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet

**Thursday, April 20**

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

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. Check out the [event schedule here](#). Be sure to adjust for time zones.

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

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## 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](#).

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## Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

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### Volunteer: NW Outdoor Science School

March 12 - June 2

NW Outdoor Science School, a program of the NW Regional Education Service District, is looking for college students to volunteer for our program as Student Leaders, who spend a week leading activities and teaching environmental science to the sixth-graders. Student Leaders have the opportunity to learn many skills, including leadership, teamwork, and education. We provide a full day of training before the 6<sup>th</sup> graders arrive and staff are on-site to offer support at all times. Our Spring session runs from March 12<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> and we have 11 weeks of camp available within that time.

To learn more, visit our website: [www.nwoutdoorschool.org](http://www.nwoutdoorschool.org)

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## **Job: Forest Youth Success Program Coordinator**

**Wednesday, March 15 @ 4pm** (application deadline)  
**April 15 – August 31** (job duration)

The Skamania County [Forest Youth Success Program](#) is a summer employment program for high school students. The program's sponsors include Skamania County, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington State University Extension 4-H, and the Stevenson-Carson School District. The FYS program has a seasonal/temporary position. This job is full-time from June – mid-August and part-time April – June and the last half of August.

Click [here](#) to see the job description. Call [\(509\) 427-5674](tel:(509)427-5674) with questions or email: [director@forestyouthsuccess.org](mailto:director@forestyouthsuccess.org).

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## **Volunteer: Sustainability Mentorship Program**

**March 17** (mentee application deadline)  
**March 24** (mentor application deadline)

Support the next generation of sustainability professionals with career insight & advice this spring. The Sustainability Mentorship Program offers PSU students an opportunity to connect with professionals in a variety of sustainability-related fields for one or more academic terms. With the support of a Sustainability Mentor, students have the opportunity to discuss their professional goals, gain clarity on their career interests, widen their perspectives on workplace dynamics, develop their networking skills, seek input on their resume and cover letter, and get tips on interviewing.

As a Sustainability Mentor, you will have the opportunity to share your professional experiences with students, hone your leadership, guidance, and active listening skills, gain new perspectives from your mentee's interests and enthusiasm, learn about barriers facing entry-level professionals today, and support the up-and-coming wave of sustainability professionals. Time Commitment: A meet-and-greet + 3 conversations between April and June.

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

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## **Internship: CSA Partnerships for Health at Zenger Farm**

**Friday, March 17** (application deadline)

Interns will work as part a team implementing an innovative program to create partnerships between health clinics and vegetable farmers who operate Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. These partnerships bring healthy, local and seasonal vegetables every week to patients at health clinics. These powerful partnerships utilize farmers' skills and the health clinics' relationships to address the root causes of diet-related chronic disease. Interns must be available April 10 – November 17 on Tuesday afternoons as well as other days to be determined, 8-12 hours/week total.

For more information about this and other available positions at Zenger Farm [click here](#).

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## **Job: Toxics Reduction Educator and Outreach Specialist**

**March 20** (application deadline)

Do you have a passion for public service, education, sustainability and serving as a resource to people? If so, consider a great opportunity with Metro. The Toxics Reduction Educator and Outreach Specialist performs a variety of duties to support public outreach and education related to Metro's toxics reduction program. This position will work collaboratively with education specialist and is supervised by the Resource Conservation and Recycling Education Manager.

For more information and a full job description [click here](#).

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## **Job: Education Program Assistant (TechWizards)**

**March 21** (application deadline)

OSU Extension has an Educator position open to deliver out-of-School STEM and natural resource programming for high schools in Washington County. [4-H Tech Wizards](#) engages underserved, underrepresented youth in Washington County through a mentoring approach in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), natural resources programming and career and college readiness. The program includes in-school and out-of-school programming, field trips, service learning, internship, and camps.

For more information [click here](#).

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## **Job: Audubon Society Director of Education**

**Monday, March 27** (application deadline)

The Audubon Society of Portland seeks an experienced manager, environmental educator, and leader to lead one of the most highly regarded and influential environmental education programs in the Pacific Northwest. The department offers a broad array of fee-based as well as free programs for youth and adults.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Job: CDE Office Manager

You love technology, rock logistics, understand the power in gatekeeping roles and want to make the world a better place. This position will be beauty to your eyes. The Center for Diversity and the Environment is an amazing community of people working to transform the environmental movement.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Job: Audubon Society Director of Development

**Monday, April 3** (application deadline)

Audubon Society of Portland seeks a Development Director to manage a proven and diverse array of fundraising programs, applying steady leadership to untapped opportunities with major donors, foundations, and membership.

[Check out this link](#) for details.

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## Internship: Bilingual Outreach & Events for Columbia Slough Watershed

**Friday, March 31** (application deadline)

The [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) is a non-profit organization made up of a diverse group of neighbors, property owners, businesses, environmental groups, recreation advocates, and government agencies who work to restore and enhance the 60 miles of waterways, wetlands, and slow-moving channels known as the Columbia Slough. Through stewardship, education, recreation activities and active problem solving, the Council works to foster action to preserve, protect, and enhance the watershed.

The Bilingual Outreach and Events Intern will support the Council's Outreach and Events programs with the planning and implementation of spring, summer, and fall recreation events, including Explorando, Regatta and Aquifer Adventure. Secondly the intern will help to organize and deliver canoe and kayak-based educational programs and activities within the Columbia Slough Watershed. Upon interest and capacity, the position will also help to support aspects of the Council's strategic community outreach and communications programming, inventory, and database management.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Volunteer: Naturalist Training

**Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ridgefield & Steigerwald Lake NWRs

Join us for the most fun and interactive volunteer training of the season. Whether you have experience or are looking to learn something new, this training is for you! We meet at [Ridgefield](#) and [Steigerwald Lake](#) to give volunteers a well-rounded view of habitats, wildlife, and culture in the area. Volunteers teach students, engage visitors, help with on and offsite events, and much much more.

For the first time, the annual Plankhouse Volunteer Training will be a part of this naturalist training series. Those interested in being a Plankhouse volunteer should inquire on how to get certified to be a Plankhouse Docent. Docents help tell the story of the Chinookan Village of Cathlapotle, and share Chinookan culture with weekend visitors and/or educational groups during the week.

**April 1:** Connecting People to Nature (Steigerwald Lake NWR)

**April 8:** Culture & Tech of the Lower Columbia (Cathlapotle Plankhouse on Ridgefield NWR)

**April 15:** Wetlands & Wildlife (Steigerwald Lake NWR)

**April 22:** Wildlife of Oak Woodlands (Ridgefield NWR)

For questions or to RSVP email : [RidgefieldVolunteer@fws.gov](mailto:RidgefieldVolunteer@fws.gov) or call 360-887- 4106

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## Internship: Nature Education (Metro)

**Tuesday, April 4** (application deadline)

The Nature Education team at Metro is looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in engaging with children in the outdoors! Programs focus on local plants, animals and having fun with people in nature. The intern(s) will help us lead thousands of kids a year at Oxbow Regional Park near Gresham, Scouters Mountain Nature Park near Happy Valley, and Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area in North Portland. Metro's Nature Education team provides programs that are relevant and engaging for people of diverse backgrounds and experiences.

For more information [click here](#).

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## Volunteer: Sauvie Island Center

**Friday, April 7** (training)

Howell Territorial Park

13901 NW Howell Park Rd. Portland, OR 97231

The Sauvie Island Center is seeking passionate Volunteer Farm Educators for this spring season. On a field trip to the Sauvie Island Center, elementary school students from around the Portland area visit a working farm, participate in hands-on outdoor science lessons, and discover where their food comes from. Educators are asked to commit to at least five field trip days between April and June. Training will be held on Friday, April 7th.



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

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## Internship: Sauvie Island Center

**Friday, April 7** (application deadline)

We are accepting applications for our Summer Farm Education Internship. Summer interns help lead Summer Farm Camp, where campers spend the week exploring the farm, digging in compost piles, harvesting and cooking farm-fresh snacks, and more. Interns must be available for all five weeks of camp, from July 10th-August 11th, M-F, and

will receive a stipend.

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

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## Volunteer: Columbia Slough Watershed Paddle Team

**Monday, April 10** (applications due)

**Thursday, April 13** (orientation, part 1)

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Whitaker Ponds Nature Park

7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland

**Saturday, April 15** (orientation, part 2)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Kelley Point Park

N Kelly Point Park Rd, Portland

Each year the Columbia Slough Watershed Council hosts dozens of educational paddling events that expose adults and children to the wonders of the Columbia Slough. We're seeking paddlers who would like to volunteer to assist with our Evening Canoe paddles, Slough School kids' paddles and our summer festivals - no experience necessary!

For more information [click here](#).

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## Volunteer: Urban Nature Partners PDX

**April 15** (application deadline)

Are you an adult over 21 who wants to share the urban outdoors with a 4th or 5th grader from an underserved outer PDX neighborhood? Come join us! We are especially seeking: professionals in the environmental, education, and social services fields; males; adults of color; and Spanish speakers. If you can commit ~10 hours per month for a minimum of one year and have a reliable vehicle, get in touch with us! Limited transportation stipends may be available for mentors that need a little extra help to volunteer their time.

Read more [here](#). Download the full position description [HERE](#).

Can't make a commitment to long-term mentoring right now, but still want to help? [UNP-PDX](#) is seeking to add members to our [Administrative Committee](#) for Mentor Recruitment & Support and Youth Leadership Development. Find out more [here](#).

Want to learn more about any mentoring, volunteer, or internship opportunity? Contact Founder and Program Director Kristin Bowling: [via email](#) or 541-281-7162.

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## 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.

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## Grants & Resources

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### World Travel Scholarships

**Wednesday, March 15** (application deadline)

Explore the World Travel Scholarships are offering four \$2000 travel scholarships exclusively available to residents of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties with financial need.

[Explore the World](#) is administered by the nonprofit organization, Hostelling International USA (HI USA). We are committed to creating a more tolerant world, and these scholarships create a whole new breed of young travelers inspired to make the world a better place. Eligible candidates must be ages 18-30 years old, have a specific educational or service-learning journey overseas in mind, and meet specific financial need requirements. Applications are judged by local members of the community and will be awarded to four lucky metro youth in April.

For more information [click here](#).

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### Grant: Confluence AmeriCorps

**March 16, 2017** (application deadline)

Is your school or nonprofit organization committed to expanding environmental programming to under-served youth or adults? Is your government program ready to build meaningful relationships across differences to more equitably address environmental disparities? Is your culturally-specific organization eager to develop community-driven solutions that will improve health outcomes for the children, youth and families you serve?

If so, now is the perfect time to consider a Confluence AmeriCorps Member!

Contact us for more information or visit our [website](#) for details.

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### ISSP-SA Credentials for Sustainability Professionals

**April 8** (application deadline)

**April 22** (exam deadline)

As global events unfold, it's clear that the work of sustainability professionals is more important than ever. So is the importance of gaining recognition for that work. The ISSP-

SA credential is recognition of the knowledge, skills, and abilities you apply to your sustainability work each and every day.

In order to help you prepare for the exam, we offer an ISSP-SA [Study Guide](#) and [Flash Cards](#). Plus, you can take advantage of [ISSP Membership](#) for discounts on the exam and study materials. If you have questions, be sure to visit our [FAQ](#) or check out the [Candidate Handbook](#). If you can't find the answers there, please [email](#).

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

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## 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; or Pavement removal.

For more information [click here](#).

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## 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](#).

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## Resource: Water, Agriculture, and Sustainability module

Water is the most critical substance for the sustenance of life, but the prognosis for the quality and supply of water resources in much of the world is somewhere between troubling and dire. Developed by Nicole Davi (William Paterson University-New Jersey), Terri Plake (Northwest Indian College), Chris Sinton (Ithaca College) and Robert Turner (University of Washington-Bothell), [Water, Agriculture, and Sustainability](#) is a three to five-week module that provides a framework for students to learn about how people interact with water, peer into our water future, and consider ways we might foster more sustainability in water management. Water, Agriculture, and Sustainability is a great fit for courses in environmental science, hydrology, geology, natural resources, Earth science, and sustainability.

This module is part of a growing collection of classroom-tested modules and courses

developed by InTeGrate. The collection is freely available and ready to be adapted by undergraduate educators across a range of courses. For more information on InTeGrate, please see [our website](#).

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