



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

Mid-May 2016 Newsletter

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

GPSEN News

Greetings! Hope this mid-May newsletter finds you well.

We want to offer big thanks to PSU for hosting our college network training on Hope and Resilience. Facing sustainability challenges can be daunting. Thankfully, the training offered new ways to overcome psychological barriers and recharge our hope for the future. If those sound like qualities you would like to foster in your organizations, please let us know and we will connect you with the presenters.

Our faculty training was also a big success, with an emphasis on environmental racism and social equity. Thanks to PCC for hosting and organizing such an educational train-the-trainer workshop for faculty across the region.

Finally, huge congratulations are in order for the Northwest Earth Institute. United Nations University officially awarded NWEI's EcoChallenge an international designation of *Outstanding Flagship Project* for its role in Contributing to Community Engagement in the field of Sustainable Consumption and Production. We are so thrilled to partner with NWEI and look forward to another successful EcoChallenge in October. We hope you will join our GPSEN team or host your own.

Now, be sure to read the details below and mark your calendars. Some of the events and resources are very time-sensitive.

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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World Environment Day - Save the Date

Sunday, June 5

HI-Portland, Hawthorne Hostel
3031 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214

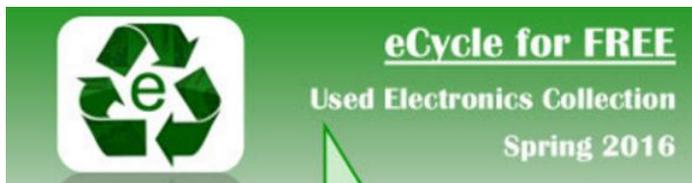
Each year, UNEP hosts World Environment Day on June 5. This year's theme is "Go Wild for Life", with an emphasis on zero tolerance on illegal wildlife trade. In partnership with Hosteling International - Portland Hawthorne Hostel and UN Association, GPSEN will explore how the booming illegal trade in wildlife products is eroding Earth's precious biodiversity, robbing us of our natural heritage and pushing whole species towards extinction. We will host a film and discussion, along with sharing opportunities for action.

Human Rights Day Film

In case you missed the presentation on education as a human right, the film is now available. Big thanks to PCC's Media Services team for capturing the insights from a stellar panel that explored core questions about the accessibility and affordability of education in our region and abroad.

To view the film, please check out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DlIpwI0cvo

Community Events



PCC eCycling

Spring 2016

Portland Community College Sylvania Library
12000 SW 49th Ave, Portland, OR 97219

We are fortunate to have an [eCycling program](#) at Portland Community College. We encourage you to eCycle your broken or antiquated computer hardware! You can bring in hard drives, laptops, printers, monitors, mice, disks and scanners. The program cannot accept TVs or cell phones. The collection bins are located on the first floor of the Sylvania library.

Working with [Community-based Learning](#), the eCycling program also brings in students to design events, create advertising, analyze collected data and create reports. This program is a wonderful example of how student volunteers can make a sustainable action easy for everyone.

Lean Six Sigma for the Environment - Happy Hour Meetup

Tuesday, May 17

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ex Novo Brewing

2326 N Flint Ave, Portland

Let's get together to talk about how we can help local businesses and organizations reduce their environmental impact (energy, water, toxins, trash) by using Lean and Six Sigma process improvement techniques. Open to all, regardless of your process improvement experience. Stop by anytime, and if you want to stay later, feel free! I will have a Meetup sign at the table, or you can ask the host where we will be located (either at a table or upstairs).

For more information or to RSVP [click here](#).

The Tualatin Indians and Wapato Lake

Wednesday, May 18

7pm (doors open at 6:30)

Washington County Museum - Hillsboro Civic Center

120 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR

Dr. David Lewis, Native American researcher, writer, and educator with over 20 years of experience in Anthropology and Native Studies, will be presenting on the First People of the Tualatin Valley. As part of the Crossroads Lecture Series, Dr. Lewis will discuss the lifestyle of the Tualatin, or Atfalati, band of the Kalapuya Indians and the importance of Wapato Lake to their culture. Wapato Lake, just east of Gaston, is a significant site for the Tualatins for thousands of years, was drained by early farmers who settled in the area. Much of the original footprint of the lake has been purchased over the last several years and restoration plans are currently underway.

Along with presenting information about the Tualatin culture and showing examples of their basketry, he will discuss some of the present plans to restore the lake for waterfowl, animals and native plants.

\$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors. Washington County Museum is located in downtown Hillsboro, on the MAX line.

For more information visit washingtoncountymuseum.org or call the Museum at [503-645-5353](tel:503-645-5353).

Visual Storytelling Workshop: Learn Infographic Styles & Strategies to Make Your Data Stick

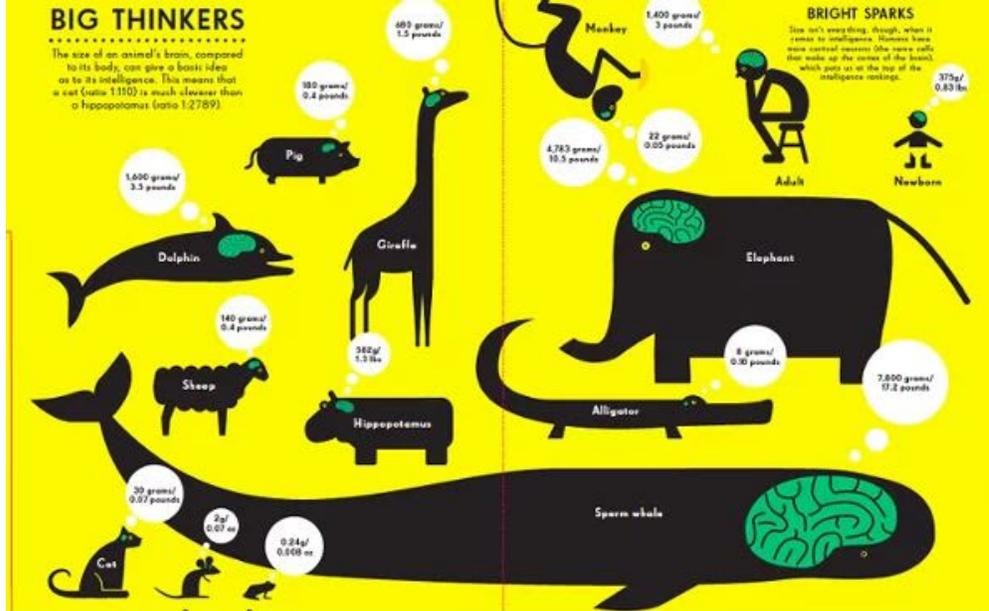
Friday, May 20

12:00 to 2:30 pm

PSU Market Center Building, Room 316

1600 SW 4th Ave, Portland

FREE Event, an opportunity for professional development and a free burrito!



Sharing your work can be challenging when your subject matter includes timelines, facts, charts, and data. As our audience becomes inundated with more information each day, it can be difficult to keep their attention. This workshop takes us through infographic styles and unfolds strategies on how to make your data stick.

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

Tualatin River Bird Festival

Saturday, May 21

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood, OR 97140

Join the Refuge and Friends of Tualatin River NWR for our 20th annual [Tualatin River Bird Festival](#), our annual celebration of International Migratory Bird Day. Flap on over for tips from experienced birders, storytelling, a scavenger hunt, covered wagon rides and so much more. Bring your family and enjoy a ton of outdoor activities, rain or shine.

PSU Annual Sustainability Celebration

Thursday, May 26

3:00 - 5:00 pm

PSU Smith Student Union Ballroom

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

Mark your calendar and RSVP today for the 9th Annual PSU Sustainability Celebration. There is no better way to learn about and celebrate our collective achievements than this action-packed event, which features annual excellence awards and a showcase of projects by students, staff, and faculty who are making a difference in our community. Come for the inspiration, stay for the party. This event is free and open to the public.

To learn about PSU's Sustainability Program [click here](#). For more information about the event and to RSVP [click here](#).

World Forestry Center's International Night

Thursday, May 26

5:00 - 8:00 pm

The World Forest Institute International Fellows are here! The 2016 cohort, consisting of eight exceptional Fellows, are bringing us stories of the natural resources in their home countries and the issues and innovations in forest management that are going on around the world. As we start showcasing the best practices in natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest, we are also introducing them to the culture and customs of the US and we would like you to be a part of this journey too! The night will be filled with food, drink, and engaging global conversation.

This is a complimentary event. For more information and to register by May 20th [click here](#). Or RSVP to Chandalin Bennett, Sr. Programs Manager, at cbennett@worldforestry.org or 503-488-2137.

City Repair's Village Building Convergence



June 3-12, 2016

Refuge PDX

116 SE Yamhill St, Portland, OR 97217.

This year's Village Building Convergence (VBC) is chock-full of activities. Daytime activities, with hands-on placemaking sites, will feature 35 community projects! There are 13 new intersection painting sites, 11 returning intersection paintings sites, 9 natural building sites, and 9 ecological landscape sites. You can find out what's happening, where and when by [clicking here and scrolling down](#)

The VBC 16 Line Up of evening events has also been released! Get your tickets now!

[Click here for speakers and workshops](#)

[Click here for music](#)

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

Webinar: Are the Right People Leading Sustainability in Business?

Thursday, May 19

11:00 am

Existing academic literature suggests that sustainability leaders need a wide-ranging and divergent mix of behavioral competencies to be successful. And, when individuals have more developed competencies, they are able to respond to sophisticated challenges in a way that others are not. However, in a profession where there is a consistent call for values-based and transformational leadership to drive the sustainability agenda, are the academics right about what the behaviors of such leadership are in practice?

In an effort to answer this question, Beth Knight, Head of Corporate Sustainability for EY's financial services business in Europe, the Middle East, India, and Africa, has authored a report with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. Aiming to test our assumptions of 'what good looks like,' Beth's study uses a psychometric questionnaire to assess the behavioral competencies of sustainability leaders. Join us to hear Beth's findings and participate in a live discussion, including the opportunity to reflect upon - and improve - our ability to deliver impactful sustainability initiatives.

For more information [click here](#).

Biomimicry - Pathway to Innovation

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28

(May 31 - Early Bird Registration Deadline)

10:00 -11:30 am

Biomimicry is an old practice and new discipline that emulates nature's time-tested strategies for surviving and thriving sustainably on Earth. Self-cleaning paint inspired by lotus leaves, networks that emulate slime mold, and management principles inspired by honeybees are a few examples. A growing number of people are applying lessons from nature's treasure trove of tried-and-true solutions to spur sustainability innovation toward creating healthier, more resilient societies.

ISSP's upcoming June course explores why a growing number of business leaders and sustainability advocates are drawing from ecology for solutions to build a more resilient society. Taught by the Biomimicry Institute's Mary Hansel, the online workshop will teach students how to develop the ability to describe the concept of biomimicry and how it can be used to inspire innovation and advance sustainability.

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

Ecopsychology Symposium

Friday & Saturday, June 10 - 11

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lewis & Clark Graduate Campus, South Chapel

0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR 97219

Our intuition and science tell us that humans are an integral part of nature. What are the psychological ramifications of our interdependence and interbeing with the rest of the natural world? How should this inform our identities, ethics and mental health, as well as our actions toward one another, and our actions toward the earth and other species? This two-day symposium will bring together scholars and practitioners to explore ecopsychology and kindred endeavors from the perspectives of creativity and self-expression, teaching and research, and socially engaged therapeutic practices. The event will feature expert speakers, networking, and large group dialogue. Attendees will have an unprecedented opportunity to see and hear a number of local experts speak to the “ecopsychological” in their work.

Mental health and other healthcare professionals, educators, sustainability professionals, environmental advocates, artists and creative professionals, and others interested in integrative perspectives on the psychology of human-nature relationships are all welcome to attend. This conference offers 12 CEUs or PDUs. For more information, partial scholarship info, and online registration [click here](#).

UNA-USA Leadership Summit: A Time for Humanitarian Action

June 12 - 14

Washington D.C.

Join fellow members from around the country for three days of dynamic chapter sustainability trainings, advocacy workshops, and networking opportunities. Meet with high-ranking U.S. government and UN officials, learn from global experts, and urge Congress to support key humanitarian issues. Full details, including travel and hotel information, are available online. Space is limited so we encourage you to [register today!](#)

For more information [click here](#). To apply for a scholarship [click here](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: U.N. Youth Observer

May 30 (*application deadline*)

Do you have a passion for international affairs? Do you think youth should be more engaged with the United Nations and better represented on the global stage? You just might be (or know) the next U.S. Youth Observer to the UN. Applications are open now for the year-long term, which begins in July 2016. American youth ages 18-25 are eligible to apply before May 30. This year's Youth Observer will have exciting opportunities to engage with youth across the nation and the international community.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Cascade Education Corps Crew Leader

Open until filled

Northwest Outdoor Science School
YouthSource / The Hub
9055 SW Locust St. Tigard, OR 97223

Lead teams of 6-10 youth in community habitat restoration projects as part of the Cascade Education Corps (CEC), an alternative high school program for at risk youth. Position reports to: Supervisor, Northwest Outdoor Science School. Salary is \$17.35/hr (.9 FTE), 190 days per year.

Start Date: June 13, 2016

For full position please go to [NW Regional ESD Website](#).

Summer Activist Jobs to Save the Bees!

The Fund for the Public Interest (aka "the Fund") works with some of the top progressive organizations in the country like Environment America and US PIRG. And we're hiring! We're looking for smart, hard-working students and recent graduates who are eager to make a difference.

Specifically, we're hiring full time Portland campaign staff working with Environment Oregon to protect Crater Lake. Average pay is \$4,000-\$6,000 for the summer. You can sign up to learn more [at this form](#).

For questions, contact Ian at 971-266-2464.

Job: ReBuilding Center - Community Outreach Program Manager

June 10 (*Application Deadline*)

ReBuilding Center
3625 N Mississippi Ave, Portland, OR 97227

The ReBuilding Center is hiring a Community Outreach Program Manager! As a

nonprofit founded in 1997, the ReBuilding Center's mission is to inspire people to discover and value existing resources to strengthen the social and environmental vitality of our communities. With a programmatic focus on supporting local social benefit initiatives, the Community Outreach Program of the ReBuilding Center works with organizations and individuals who seek to become the change they want to see in the world. The Community Outreach Program Manager will develop, plan, organize, support, and deliver the ReBuilding Center's Community Outreach Program.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Trackers Earth Camps

Spend summer teaching outdoors. Work with Trackers Earth's award-winning camps. Join a thoughtful community of expert educators. Help teach our kids:

- Outdoor Skills: stealth, archery, and wilderness survival
- Farm & Wild Craft: animals, wild gardens, and hand-craft
- Role-Playing Adventure: story quests with wizards, ninjas, and elves
- Mariner Arts: kayaking, fishing, and water foraging

Working with Trackers Earth offers a unique perspective on outdoor education. While we're known for our fantastic themes and adventurous programs, being mentored in our operational logistics, educational principles, and traditional skills makes the summer investment a truly remarkable on-the-job education. We work hard, doing our best to always take our learning community and outdoor ed to a new level.

For more information or to apply [click here](#).

Community-Based Learning Opportunities

Community responsibility is at the core of education. Community-Based Learning directly supports that belief through projects that deepen and contextualize course learning outcomes by addressing the needs of our community.

Community-Based Learning at PCC is an academic program that provides support across all disciplines through assistance with community-based learning course implementation, professional development, and resources.

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

GPSEN Internships and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN, either as an intern, volunteer, or committee or working group member. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available.

Grants & Resources

Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship

Deadline: May 16, 2016

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant can help get your idea off the ground. In 2015, Metro awarded \$600,000 to 15 organizations for local restoration projects. Read more about the projects [here](#) or see examples of successful applications [here](#).

Fill out a simple application [HERE](#) by May 16 for habitat restoration grants up to \$50,000.

If you have additional questions, please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/grants or contact [Crista Gardner](#) or [Heather Nelson Kent](#).

Grant: Renewable Energy Educator Lab

Deadline: May 25

Solar 4R Schools announces open Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Renewable Energy Educator Lab, which is a year-long STEM curriculum design opportunity for teachers. Participating teachers will be part of a small group of educators that collaborate throughout the year to design, test and implement exciting new lessons into their classrooms while diving deeper into renewable energy science and technology. Along with access to renewable energy content experts, teachers also receive a \$5000 stipend and up to \$3500 in materials to test and implement up to 3 renewable energy units/lessons. These new units/lessons will become part of the Solar 4R Schools [Online Educator Library](#), and available for use for teachers around the country. The Educator Lab runs from June 2016 - June 2017.

For more information about the opportunity and to download a copy of the RFP [click here](#).

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.

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>

Host a Visitor from Angola, Ghana, Rwanda or Tanzania Later This Month!

May 27 - June 4

[The World Affairs Council](#) is seeking host families for 15 high school students and 3 adult educators from Angola, Ghana, Rwanda and Tanzania. These teen leaders are visiting through a U.S. State Department exchange focused on social entrepreneurship and civic engagement. Students are 15-18 years old, English-speaking, and selected by their local U.S. embassy. Hosting a visitor is a great way to learn about another country and connect with young activists working to improve their community. Host families provide a supportive family environment, an individual bed, breakfasts, dinners, and assistance with transportation to and from the World Affairs Council's Portland office for 9:00am to 5:00pm program activities.

Invite the world into your home! Contact Andrew Neal at: andrew@worldoregon.org or (503) 306-5216 to learn more and sign up.

Outdoor School Petition

"If Ever The World Needed Outdoor School, It Is Now." There's increasing evidence that making sure kids have a strong connection to the natural world is much more than just a nice idea; it can change lives. Research from Portland State University now correlates Outdoor School participation with improved attendance rates. Check out this [great guest article](#) on the topic from the Portland Tribune.

The benefits of Outdoor School are many. In Oregon, the time is now to save it. You can help. Please learn how you can get involved and [sign the online petition](#) today.

Resource: AASHE's Campus Sustainability Hub

The [Campus Sustainability Hub](#) is an online resource library that allows AASHE members to connect, share and learn about sustainability in higher education. The Hub is designed to raise visibility of institutions' sustainability programs and materials, and to facilitate information sharing between campuses and

organizations. Users can submit resources to share information on their programs and achievements. Please see our [Submission Guidelines](#) to learn more.

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

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