



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

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

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GPSEN News

What a month! In contrast to the news that can get us down, we have so much gratitude for all of the organizing efforts and participation of folks in the many events and trainings offered. From the focus on food diversity at our College Network event at PSU and food security at our regional faculty training at PCC to meetings to explore alternative economic models and civic engagement opportunities in our community, innovation and collaboration abound.

Did you see that the U.S. Department of Education announced the 2017 U.S. Department of Education [Green Ribbon Schools](#)? Big congratulations to the Portland Waldorf School, in Milwaukie, OR, for their LivingLAB focused on holistic, personalized, and experiential learning.

Now, onto the end of May and the beginning of summer. The UN's World Environment Day will be celebrated in Portland on June 3, at a [Global Goals Fair](#) the Hawthorne Hostel. Focused on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, we will be highlighting groups that are doing a great job to address these different goals. Be sure to try to make it to out for community organizations, live music, free beer from Hopworks, a food cart, and opportunities to network. See details below.

*Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?
Share them with the GPSEN community via our [newsletter submission form](#).
If you have questions, please email contact@gpsen.org.*

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GPSEN Events

KPSU's Shades of Green

Thursday, May 18

4:00 - 5:00 pm

This weekly radio talk show, with DJ Anky, features conversations about sustainability initiatives at PSU and throughout the city of Portland, from green energy and conservation to new technology and green social justice and economic issues. This week will focus on Hosteling International and GPSEN, and their upcoming World Environment Day Global Goals Fair. Learn more about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

[More details here](#), for live streaming and podcasts.

World Environment Day Global Goals Fair

Saturday, June 3

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

HI Portland Hawthorne Hostel

3031 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97214



For this year's World Environment Day, we will have 17 booths, one for each of the Sustainable Development Goals, to highlight how organizations in the greater Portland region are doing great work to address important social, economic, and environmental issues. Come learn how your neighbors are making a difference on the local and global scale

Featuring a local food cart, beer from Hopworks, and live music, plus a chance to win one of several nature based travel prizes, don't miss out on this signature event. Hosted by Hosteling International Portland, UNA Portland, and GPSEN, the event is free and open to all!

Community Events

World Climate Week 2017

May 15 - 21



World Climate Week is back! People around the world are running [World Climate Simulations](#) and you can too. We are asking you to [run a simulation in your own community](#). Last year we reached thousands thanks to events led by volunteers in the army, young people in churches, university students, senior government officials, intergenerational groups, and many more, from Nigeria to South Korea. This role playing exercise of the UN climate talks can help to keep up momentum toward ensuring a world where climate change is well below 2°C. At Climate Interactive we have also [updated the Climate Scoreboard](#) and made several analyses of how the world will look [under new climate policies from the US](#).

Check out the [materials and resources](#) to get started and [register your event](#).

Portland MSA Economic & Population Outlook

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 am – 11:00 am (*doors & breakfast at 7 am; event begins at 7:45 am*)

PSU Ballroom

Smith Memorial Student Union, Room #355

1825 SW Broadway, Portland

PSU's Northwest Economic Research Center is proud to announce the first ever Portland MSA Regional Outlook! After hearing from NERC director, and former State Economist, Dr. Tom Potiowsky (yours truly) about what the future holds, experts in housing, employment, and population will present and discuss the important trends in the Portland MSA (Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, Skamania, Washington, and Yamhill Counties) . In addition, there will be a feature presentation by Zillow Senior Economist Skylar Olsen and a panel focused solely on housing.

Individuals can sign up for \$65 and groups can reserve a table of eight for \$455. Breakfast is included. For more information [click here](#).

ISSP Portland Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

5:30-7:00 pm

Portland State University Market Center Building 541
1600 SW 4th Ave Portland, OR 97204

Gain unique international insights at this interactive working session conducted with our sister chapter in Indonesia. At the May ISSP Portland chapter meeting we will explore the application of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. After a short presentation by GPSEN Director Kim Smith on the goals, we'll launch into an activity to explore their relevance to sustainability efforts in Oregon organizations and businesses and then share the results of our conversation live with the ISSP Chapter in Jakarta Indonesia who will be having a simultaneous meeting. You'll not only learn more about the SDGs but have a chance to see how they are being viewed and used on the other side of the world.

Please join us. There is no charge for the meeting, but pre-registration is requested. Register by [clicking here](#).

Meaningful Conversations - Fear Itself: Is Xenophobia Ever Justified

Friday, May 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[PCC Southeast Campus](#) - Tabor Hall - Room #138
2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216

Portland Community College's Center for Civic Participation's "Meaningful Conversations" series has an informal, discussion-based format where we strive to create a place for open and honest dialogues that challenge participants to think about and reflect on difficult topics. The CCP@PCC is part of a broad movement to create alternatives to polarized, adversarial, and polemical conversations about important topics. Some of the questions we will discuss include:

- What is Xenophobia and how does it affect the community at PCC?
- When does a fear become a phobia?
- When are our fears justifiable and when are they not?

For background, visit the "[Fear Itself: Is Xenophobia Ever Justified?](#)" repository set up by the PCC Library.

PSU Sustainability Celebration

Wednesday, May 24

3:00 - 5:00 pm

PSU Smith Ballroom, Third Floor

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

This once-a-year extravaganza of inspiration provides a lively overview of sustainability initiatives, projects, and programs at Portland State University and the opportunity to mix and mingle with the most forward-thinking students, staff, and faculty on campus. The Sustainability Celebration features an awards ceremony, project showcase, live music, and free food.

Learn more about [PSU's Sustainability Program](#). To RSVP for the event [click here](#).

Tryon Creek - State of the Watershed

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tryon Creek Nature Center

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland

The Tryon Creek State of the Watershed is a community event that educates the public about recent projects and research in the Tryon Creek basin, including topics like migratory fish surveys by the US Fish & Wildlife Service; macroinvertebrate survey data by community science volunteers; Highway 43 culvert removal update by the Army Corps of Engineers; Backyard Habitat; and restoration project reports from Lewis and Clark College, Tryon Creek State Natural Area, and West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

This event is an open house format so attendees are welcome to drop in, peruse visual displays, and chat with our various presenters. This event is free and open to the public. Don't miss this fun evening of learning, celebrating, refreshments, and networking!

Please [RSVP here](#). While it's not required, it helps us with event planning.

Questions? E-mail volunteer@tryoncreek.org For more information [click here](#).

Vanport Day of Remembrance

Saturday, May 27

10:00 am - 11:00 am (OPB documentary screening)

[PCC Cascade Campus](#) - Moriarty Auditorium

704 N Killingsworth St, Portland

11:30 am - 3:00 pm (Education Workshop)

[PCC Cascade Campus](#) - Terrell Hall Auditorium (TH)

705 N Killingsworth St, Portland

Film Screening: This OPB documentary from [Oregon Experience](#) tells the story of Vanport's creation, its time as housing for the WWII shipbuilding industry, its postwar community, and its destruction by flooding from the Columbia River in 1948. Tickets are FREE, but seating is limited. [RSVP is strongly recommended](#).

Workshop: Engaging and informative, we are thrilled that Prof. James S. Harrison will be sharing his knowledge at several of [The Vanport Mosaic Festival](#) events. This

interactive workshop will teach participants how to craft a 15-30 minute lesson that wows students and helps them gain new insights and appreciation for our history. This year's festival themes of migration, housing, and displacement are central to the workshop, as well as the question of how unresolved issues with race-based displacement reverberates through future generations. Free, but space is limited, and registration is required. For more information [click here](#). To register [click here](#).

Women in Science Evening Forum

Tuesday, May 30

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Multnomah County Central Library - US Bank Room
801 SW 10th Ave, Portland

We are hosting an evening forum to tell you more about the upcoming changes to [Women in Science \(WIS\) Portland](#) as we pursue non-profit status. Join us to learn more about our new committees, our goals for the future, and other upcoming changes. The goal of the forum is to get your feedback. Do you have ideas about what WIS should become? Do you want to see more programs aimed at a specific audience? Let us know at the evening forum!

To learn more, [click here](#). To RSVP, [click here](#).

Cycle the Well Field

Saturday, June 3

8:45 am - 1:00 pm

Aloft Portland Airport at Cascade Station
9920 NE Cascades Pkwy, Portland

Join us for a tour of Portland's Columbia [South Shore Well Field](#). Located deep below the Columbia Slough Watershed, the City's well field is capable of producing close to 100 million gallons of high-quality drinking water per day. The well field is used as an emergency backup for the Bull Run source and to augment our water supply during the summer when demand for water is higher. On this 16-mile ride, experts from the [Portland Water Bureau](#) and the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) will reveal the mysteries of groundwater, discuss how groundwater provides flexibility and reliability to the City's water supply and explain how we can all protect this important resource. Bring your bike, helmet, water bottle and lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Dress for the weather. Space is limited so register early.

For more information [click here](#). View the [Facebook event here](#).

Make Jade Glitter, Pick Up the Litter

Saturday, June 3

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Jade/APANO Multicultural Space](#) (JAMS)
8114 SE Division St, Portland

The [City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability](#) and the [Jade District](#) invite you to the unveiling of their new garbage cans, as part of the "Public Trash Can" pilot project, featuring local art inspired by the [Jade District Vision Plan](#). One of

the most diverse districts in the city and state, the Jade District's rich culture is represented in the broad range of businesses.

The event will kick off at JAMS at 10 am, with a cleanup event, in partnership with [SOLVE](#). We will give folks vests, litter pick-up tools, and send you off to make the Jade glitter! Participants will reconvene at JAMS at noon for some food and beverages, storytelling about engaging with waste management and why it is important to the Jade, and a tabling session from some of our partners (like SOLVE).

For questions and accommodations, contact Alfredo Gonzalez, 503-823-6111 or alfredo.gonzalez@portlandoregon.gov. To RSVP on Facebook [click here](#). To register for the cleanup [click here](#).

Dinner: Outdoor and Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Private home - details with RSVP

Join SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) and Hands On Portland for an overview of fun and short-term volunteer opportunities, both outside and inside. Whether you want to be at the beach, on the river, in the mountains or a local park, we've got exciting opportunities for you with our nonprofit partners. And for those looking to stay indoors, we'll share easy, done-in-a-day roles that make a difference. This is an informational discussion, spotlighting a variety of volunteer opportunities that match your interests and skills, with no pressure to become a volunteer.

There is no cost to attend this event. To register, use the [online form](#) or call SAGE at [971-717-6570](tel:971-717-6570).

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Webinar: The Significance of Voluntary Sustainability Standards

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 am

Karin Kreider leads ISEAL, the organization that coordinates the activities of many of the most recognizable sustainability standards and eco-labels. Karin will introduce the audience to the complex voluntary standards landscape and explain the role of sustainability standards across various sectors and contexts. She will present specific case studies illustrating how the initiatives of ISEAL members utilize sustainability standards in the US and around the world. This webinar will assist sustainability educators in understanding the increasing importance of voluntary standards in the sustainability space, whether because of regulatory roll-backs, or in supply chain management, or as an emerging component of private governance. This workshop is hosted by the [Sustainability Curriculum Consortium](#) (SCC).

Questions? Email: admin@curriculumforsustainability.org. To register [click here](#). Find more class offerings [here](#).

Health & Nature Forum

Thursday, May 18

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

[JADE/APANO Multicultural Space](#)

8114 SE Division St, Portland

To further the connection between the health and environmental sectors, and to advance important cross-sector work being done in these areas, The [Intertwine Alliance](#) continues its series of biannual health & nature forums. Learn more about regional on-the-ground health and nature projects and how to engage and partner with them. Catherine Carlton, deputy director at the [Institute at the Golden Gate](#) in San Francisco, will give a keynote on how prescription play programs across the U.S., including the Portland metro area's own [RxPlay](#) pilot, have connected underserved audiences to parks and recreation.

Learn about other projects, too, including: Northwest Earth Institute's EcoChallenge; Greening of Schoolyards; RxPlay; Health & Outdoors, an Oregon Action Initiative; Multnomah County Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Oregon Climate and Health Program; Safe Routes to Schools; Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Centers; and ROSE CDC/Lents Green Ring.

The event is free and open to all. Light breakfast will be served. Please [RSVP](#). For more information [click here](#). Questions? Email [Lauren Gottfredson](#).

Webinar: Paris, Climate Action, and Renewable Energy Markets

Thursday, May 18

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join renewable energy experts James Lewis and Amy Haddon for an overview of the global RE market. James and Amy will discuss the drivers behind growing opportunities in Mexico, southeast Asia, and Europe, the types of products available in these markets, and how these products can help companies meet their own goals and the goals of their supply chain. Webinars are free for ISSP members. \$25 for non-members.

For more information [click here](#).

Seed to Supper Class

Thursdays, May 18 - June 22 (six weeks)

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Beaverton's Oregon Food Bank

1870 NW 173rd Ave, Beaverton

Tuesdays, May 23 - June 27 (six weeks)

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Portland's Oregon Food Bank

7900 NE 33rd Dr, Portland

[Seed to Supper](#) is a free 6-week beginning gardening course that gives adult gardeners the tools they need to successfully grow a portion of their own food on a

limited budget. Our garden education programs teach community members to grow food from seed and prioritize fresh produce as a part of a budget-friendly and healthy way to build self-sufficiency. Participants can obtain free produce, learn new gardening and urban farming skills, work outside and meet community members. Course topics include: Garden site and soil development; Garden planning; Planting a garden; Caring for a growing garden; and Harvesting and using garden bounty.

Note: There is a Container Gardening Class on Tuesday, May 16 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Lane Middle School and on Sunday, May 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at the Tualatin Library. For questions or to register for any of these classes contact: sbickford@oregonfoodbank.org.

Download a free version of our [Seed to Supper curriculum](#). Find out about more class offerings and how to get free seeds and plant starts [here](#). To sign-up for a class series [click here](#).

Global Reporting Initiative Standards Certification

May 19 - 20

8:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Lewis & Clark College

615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland

Lewis & Clark's Office of Sustainability is hosting a training for students as well as local professionals on the Global Reporting Initiative Standards (GRI). This is a great opportunity for students to expand their professional skills and enhance their resumes. GRI is the first global standard for sustainability reporting. They feature a modular, interrelated structure and represent the global best practice for reporting on a range of economic, environmental, and social impacts. The GRI Standards are suitable for organizations of all sizes, from all sectors, featuring sector specific metrics that can flexibly be adapted to communicate performance in key sustainability areas.

For more information [click here](#).

Webinar: Climate Convenings Toolkit

Tuesday, May 23rd

9:00 - 9:30 am Pacific

The Climate Convenings Toolkit shares the essential elements for effective public conversations on climate change, as well as the practical tools for planning and implementing a convening in your community. The 20+ page guide, geared toward anyone interested in catalyzing deeper conversation, understanding and action on climate change, will be free and downloadable from our website by May 23.

Join our Public Engagement Manager, Jothsna Harris, for the launch of our Climate Convenings Toolkit and practical advice on how to use it.

[Register Here.](#)

Webinar: Case Study Teaching for Sustainability & Environmental Education

Tuesday, May 23

1:00 pm

This webinar will be lead by [Cynthia Wei](#) of the [National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center](#), [Minna Brown](#) of [Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies](#), and [Meghan Wagner](#) a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Central Michigan University. The case study method has long been used as a pedagogical method in fields such as medicine, law, and business, but its use in the fields of sustainability and environmental education is far less established. These leaders in sustainability education are focusing on case studies and collaborating to describe what they see as the challenges faced in designing cases, building a collection of cases, and engaging faculty and others in the creation and use of these cases.

In this webinar, they will discuss efforts by four organizations to develop sustainability and environmental case study resources, in addition to challenges and approaches in designing and implementing case studies for teaching, insights gained through each of our efforts, and resources for case study teaching. This workshop is hosted by the [Sustainability Curriculum Consortium](#) (SCC).

Questions? Email: admin@curriculumforsustainability.org. To register [click here](#).

Exploring Power, Privilege, and Tools for Change

June 12, 13 & 14

Center for Diversity and the Environment
5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR

This course engages environmental leaders with a thirst for bringing their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion change work to the next level. This program is ideal for individuals at the intermediate level of understanding barriers to inclusion and equity, and who seek to refine their skills at approaching the work as well as wish to develop new tools for identifying action-based solutions at the movement wide, organizational, and individual levels. Participants can expect to go into a deep exploration of their individual lenses and filters, and to bravely examine the role of power and privilege in their lives, their work, and in the larger environmental movement.

Course Schedule:

- Monday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration includes materials and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. Cost: \$450
For more information [click here](#). Contact admin@cdeinspires.org to register or with questions.

Intro to Placed-Based Education Design

Saturday, June 17

9:00am - 4:00pm

Southwest Charter School
640 SW Bancroft St, Portland

This is an opportunity for educators to learn about place-based education and potentially bring it into their classrooms with ongoing support from our expert teachers. The workshop is made possible by a grant from the Oregon Department of Education so we are able to offer a stipend and mileage reimbursement as well as resource materials and ongoing mentorship to public school teachers.

- **Part 1:** The initial workshop will give participants an intro to place-based education design and prepare participants for creating their own curriculum.
- **Part 2:** Mentorship and Implementation (Summer 2017 - Spring 2018). Participants work one-on-one with Southwest Charter School teacher mentors to develop and implement their curricular units.
- **Part 3:** Sharing and Evaluation Workshop – (Spring 2018). In the final workshop, participants and mentor teachers come together to share their units and talk about next steps.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested (and we hope you are!), please feel free to contact the grant manager, Sarah Korach at: sarahkorach@swcharter.org.

For more information [click here](#).

Webinar: Lean Thinking - Process Management Made Easy

Tuesday - Thursday, June 20 - 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This six-hour online course will challenge your ideas about how you think about and evaluate the work you do. Our Lean Master certified instructor, Brion Hurley, is Principal Lean Consultant at [Rockwell Collins](#). He will introduce the history of Lean concepts, derived from the Toyota Production System, and explain how and why they have come full-circle back to the United States. Results of Lean initiatives have led to increased customer and stakeholder satisfaction, reduced costs, reduced risks, increased sales, and more flexible and agile organizations. Examples of lean successes can be found within city and state agencies, utilities, nonprofits, law firms, military, public schools, startup companies, movie studios and even farming!

After completing this course, attendees will be able to explain the core principles of Lean, identify waste in their processes, and become familiar with tools and techniques that can help reduce or eliminate the waste in the processes where they work and volunteer. This workshop is hosted by [WoodwardBizMedia](#), a business-to-business publishing company that publishes titles such as [Sustainable City Network](#) magazine and [Energy-Tech](#) magazine; and the [Northwest Environmental Training Center](#) (NWETC), which delivers tailored courses on current policy, standards, technology and regulations for environmental professionals.

For more information about the workshop [click here](#).

Growing Gardens Summer Camp

July 24 - August 25

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Abernathy Elementary School

2421 SE Orange Ave, Portland

Each week has a theme-oriented towards a certain age group. The teachers are [Growing Gardens](#) educators with years of experience using school gardens to

inspire young minds. When you register, you can select the week(s) you would like to sign up for:

- Week 1: July 24 - 28 (K - 2) "Little Farmers: Growing, harvesting and cooking"
- Week 2: July 31 - August 4 (K - 2) "Creatures of the Garden: Bugs, Worms, and Birds"
- Week 3: August 14 - 18 (3rd - 5th) "STEM and Roots: Science in the garden"
- Week 4: August 21 - 25 (3rd - 5th) "Let's Cook!"

Cost: \$295 per child for one week of camp. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Anna Garwood at: anna@growing-gardens.org . To register [click here](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Internship: Summer Environmental Education (Audubon Society)

Thursday, May 18 (application deadline)

Join the Education Team of the [Audubon Society of Portland](#) and tour the Pacific Northwest with youth eager to learn about the region's wild areas and wildlife. Day Camps are based in beautiful Forest Park in Portland, Oregon. Week-long overnight Summer Camps are based in a variety of settings including the coast, Mount Hood, and the San Juan Islands. Instructors work as a team, implementing innovative hands-on environmental education programs according to weekly educational themes.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Administrative and Events Coordinator (Intertwine Alliance)

May 19 (application deadline)

The [Intertwine Alliance](#) is hiring a part-time (20 hours/week) Administrative and Events Coordinator to join our small, close-knit team on the South Waterfront. The [Intertwine Alliance](#) is a coalition of 165 organizations working across sectors and jurisdictional lines to increase access and availability to nature in the Portland-Vancouver urban region. The Alliance is a fast growing and highly dynamic organization, and is at the center of many of the region's most significant natural area initiatives. The Administrative and Events Coordinator will be part of an innovative team working to integrate nature more deeply into the fabric of the Portland-Vancouver area -- thereby changing the face of the metropolitan region.

The position will be open until filled, with priority given to applications received by 5 p.m. on May 19. For more information [click here](#). Questions? Email Lauren at lauren@theintertwine.org.

Job: Metro Youth Educator

May 22 (application deadline)

Are you eager to help diverse youth from across the greater Portland region discover how they can positively impact quality of life and the environment for current and future generations? Do you have the skills and experience needed to develop, implement and administer dynamic, outcome-based educational programs that inspire, engage and teach 6-12th grade students? As a versatile educator you will conduct exciting, interactive classroom presentations with thousands of students while having many opportunities to research, design and evaluate curriculum and other educational resources that focus on important issues such as climate change, environmental justice, over-consumption of the Earth's resources, waste reduction and recycling. Plus, you will be joining a supportive team of six K-12 educators who serve thousands of students each year in all 18 school districts across the greater Portland region. Does this sound like a great opportunity to you? If so, please consider applying for the new Youth Educator position with Metro's Resource Conservation and Recycling division.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Global Zero Action Corps Fellowship

June 1 (application deadline)

At Global Zero, we're powered by the creativity and passion of young people who understand that nuclear weapons have no place in the 21st century. We face a new administration that jeopardizes decades of progress by increasing nuclear weapons spending and volatile, bombastic rhetoric that brings the world to the brink of nuclear war. Action Corps leaders are at the forefront of this fight: spearheading the campaign in their city or campus, directing outreach in their communities, and leading as the face of a vision for a world without nukes. Action Corps is a year-long organizing program designed to train and empower leaders across the country. Whether you're new to the fight or a seasoned activist, we'll provide the hands-on training, in-depth resources you'll need to make a difference.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Youth Ecology Corps

June 1 (application deadline for summer: July & August)

Sept 19 (application deadline for fall: October & November)

The [Youth Ecology Corps](#) (YEC) is hiring youth and young adults (ages 16-24) for paid conservation jobs this spring and summer. For those not familiar, the YEC is a conservation job skills and education program jointly run by [Metro](#) and [Project YESS](#), a youth-development organization based at Mt. Hood Community College. Participants are led in the field each work day by a highly skilled crew leader/educator, and they complete a wide variety of conservation/natural resource projects on Metro properties. They also receive in-depth conservation education programming from the one and only Dan Daly (a naturalist at Metro), as well as a variety of career and professional development opportunities. In addition, a number of successful program graduates have been hired directly by Metro for entry-level seasonal positions paying \$12+/hr.

Pay starts at \$10/hr, and we supply, at no cost to the participants, monthly bus passes as well as work boots, work pants, gloves, water bottles, and any other gear needed for the job. The spring season begins on April 10th, 2017. The application is due Monday, April 3rd. We'll also have positions open on our summer crew program, which runs for nine weeks over July and August.

For more information [click here](#). For questions email: Michael.Oliver@mhcc.edu

Job: Bike Camp Instructor

The [Bike Camp](#) program at the [Community Cycling Center](#) is a 5-day long day camp for kids age 6 - 14 years old to develop their cycling skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Instructors work in pairs to lead a group of 12 students and are responsible for planning each day's route, lessons, and activities. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on teaching experience in a collaborative, fun environment. This is a full-time, seasonal position that will run from June 12 through August 25, in two locations: Portland and East Portland.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Eco-Challenge Program Manager (NWEI)

[Northwest Earth Institute](#) (NWEI) is seeking an innovative program manager to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a knack for digital program engagement, at least 3 years of nonprofit experience, and a desire to work part-time. This position is a core role to NWEI's program delivery, managing a program that has doubled in participation each of the past three years. This role is responsible for developing the [EcoChallenge](#) program, managing public and custom EcoChallenge events, and collaborating with the Director of Learning to carry out our change model of "Connect. Reflect. Act."

For more information about this and other job opportunities at NWEI [click here](#).

Job: Development & Communications Manager (NWEI)

[Northwest Earth Institute](#) (NWEI) is seeking a skilled storyteller with the energy and creativity to take our development and communication efforts to a new level. The ideal candidate will have at least 3 years of experience with nonprofits, and a desire to work part-time (32 hours / week). The Development and Communications Manager is responsible for managing the Membership program, grants portfolio, and steering our overall message and communications efforts.

For more information about this and other job opportunities at NWEI [click here](#).

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.

Grants & Resources

Global Challenges Prize

May 24 (submission deadline)

Calling big thinkers, from all disciplines, everywhere. The world needs your brainpower and your best ideas as never before. We are delighted to announce the launch of the Global Challenges Prize 2017: A New Shape. This competition is a quest to find new models of global cooperation capable of handling global risks. It will award \$5-million in prizes for the best ideas that re-envision global governance for the 21st century. Be part of the effort to safeguard our world for future generations. Be part of the global conversation. Help to change the shape of things to come!

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

International Essay Contest for Young People

June 15 (deadline)

This annual essay contest is organized in an effort to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of the world's youth in promoting a culture of peace and sustainable development. It also aims to inspire society to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference in the world.

This year's theme is: "Learning from Nature." Modern civilization has developed through controlling nature and exploiting its resources. At the same time, we human beings are part of the natural world, and nature has many things to teach us. Scientists, philosophers, poets, and artists have all found inspiration in nature. What can we learn from nature, and how can we make use of that learning for the future? Please describe your ideas, including your own observations and experiences.

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: Powering the Future (\$1 million)

June 15 (application deadline)

UN DESA Energy Grant has a thematic focus for 2017: “Sustainable Energy for Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing World”. Its goal is to fund future capacity development activities in energy for sustainable development. The Grant is awarded to an individual, institution or partnership based on past and current achievements, with the objective of promoting leadership and innovative practices in meeting the global energy challenge.

For more information [click here](#).

Grant: Youth Innovation Challenge

North America is facing urgent and complex sustainability challenges. Citizen leadership—including youth—is more important than ever to keep momentum going toward adoption of cleaner, carbon-neutral technologies and policies that ensure sustainable growth and job creation across North America. As today’s visionaries and tomorrow’s decision-makers, young leaders will drive the green growth innovations that are critical to a sustainable future.

North American youth aged 18 to 26 are invited to enter the [Commission for Environmental Cooperation](#)’s (CEC) innovation challenge to compete for \$5,000 in seed funding and a chance to personally [present their idea](#) to North America’s top environmental officials this summer (June 27 & 28) in Charlottetown, Canada. Show us what you’ve got! Submit your bright idea and benefit from the collective intelligence of youth across North America.

For more information [click here](#).

Citizen Science Project Survey

Help us shape new citizen science projects that explore the atmosphere. Citizen science, also known as [Public Participation in Scientific Research](#) (PPSR) or crowdsourcing, involves the public in assisting with scientific research. The goal of this survey is to learn what citizen science project ideas related to the science at the [University Corporation for Atmospheric Research](#) (UCAR) and the [National Center for Atmospheric Research](#) (NCAR) are of interest to K-12 education, informal education, and the general public. We’d like to hear from you! The information you share will help shape how we involve the public and students with citizen science research projects in the future.

[Take the survey now!](#)

Resource: NGSS CLEAN Collection

The CLEAN collection is now aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). There are multiple ways you can search the collection using NGSS.

- 1) [NGSS browse](#) – a user-friendly search portal into the collection
 - 2) [NGSS at a Glance](#) – overview of all NGSS standards that are relevant to climate and energy with clickable resource links
 - 3) Use the [regular search interface](#) and use the filters.
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Book: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet

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 incorporate environmental education, teaching students to be eco-literate, deep-thinking, moral leaders, ready to face unprecedented challenges. The [EarthEd Project](#) 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 ebook is currently \$3.99 on sale, while a paperback book is \$25. For more information about the book [click here](#). To purchase your own copy [click here](#).

You can also view the [Full Webcast](#) from the recent [EarthEd Symposium](#).

Resource: Education for Sustainability Benchmarks

[Educating for a Sustainable Future: Benchmarks for Individual and Social Learning](#) was just released by *The Journal of Sustainability Education*. This 70-page account is authored by and represents the current and best thinking of forty-two of the major scholars and practitioners of the field of *Education for Sustainability* (EfS). The Benchmarks include the Big Ideas, Thinking Skills, Applied Knowledge, Dispositions, Actions, and Community Connections that define Education for Sustainability. They embody the essential elements that administrators, curriculum professionals, faculty, board and community members need to adopt: to align with it, to self-assess their own performance, and to intentionally and effectively educate for the future we want by design. In addition, The Benchmarks embody the consensus that the field needs to demonstrate the impact of EfS and to catalyze widespread implementation.

For more information and to download the publication [click here](#).

Education for SDGs - Learning Objectives

[UNESCO](#), as the United Nations' specialized agency for education, is entrusted to lead and coordinate the [Education 2030 Agenda](#), which is part of a global movement to eradicate poverty through [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) by 2030. Education, essential to achieve all of these goals, has its own dedicated Goal ([#4](#)), which aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.”

This new publication targets educators, policy-makers, and curriculum developers. It contains learning objectives and suggestions for classroom activities to address each of the SDGs as well as guidance on how to integrate Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into policies and teaching.

To download the publication, click [here](#).

AASHE's New Website

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) empowers higher education faculty, administrators, staff and students to be effective change agents and drivers of sustainability innovation. We work with and for higher

education to ensure that our world's future leaders are motivated and equipped to solve sustainability challenges.

We are excited to share the new website for [AASHE website](#), which includes everything you need to find resources, tools, and information that support your work in higher education sustainability.

Portland Region Environmental Education Network (REEN)

Join the new [REEN 2.0 Facebook group](#) and feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested. This group is intended to foster communication, collaboration, and outreach among environmental educators, supporters, participants, and allies in the Portland region to share information, news, and resources.

Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO)

EEAO's **mission** is to cultivate environmental literacy and engagement among diverse community leaders. Through leadership and support, we promote a vision for healthy, resilient communities and environment. Many events, jobs, and resources are available at [their website](#) and via their newsletter.

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

Check out our [website](#) to become a partner, get involved,
or find out more information about GPSEN.

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