



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

November 2015 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.

GPSEN News

For many sustainability folks, October is conference month. This year was no exception. From the GoGreen conference and Lewis & Clark's Environmental Affairs Symposium to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) conference, GPSEN partners were very busy. The AASHE conference, held in Minneapolis this year, was especially inspiring, with college and university representatives from across our region presenting on many great practices and initiatives. We are particularly proud of Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus for winning the Best Case Study from a Community College for their efforts to address food insecurity through their Learning Garden.



We are also grateful to the many people who came out to our United Nations Day celebration, where we launched the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). PCC generously filmed the event, so we will make the link available soon. If you would like to learn more about the SDGs and how you can align your initiatives with these global goals, check out the details below on this week's AASHE webinar.

We hope you have a wonderful November!

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

For the most current news and resources, connect with GPSEN and the broader network via social media.



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GPSEN Events

AASHE Webinar: Creating a Sustainable Future with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO's Global Action Program

Tuesday, November 3
12:00-1:30 pm Pacific

The UN's new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been released! How do your initiatives align with the SDGs? Have you heard about UNESCO's Global Action Program (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)? Higher education institutions and regional networks around the world are helping implement the GAP and are stepping up to meet the SDGs.

Dr. Jacob Park, Associate Professor of Business Strategy and Sustainability at Green Mountain College, and Dr. Kim Smith, AASHE Board Member, PCC Sociology Instructor, and Coordinator of the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN), will provide an overview of the socio-political historical roots of sustainable development and the core goals of these international initiatives. This webinar will help participants explore how they can engage in the SDGs and GAP's five priority action areas through increasing education, training, and public awareness opportunities across public, private and civil sectors. Join in this presentation and dialogue on how we can shape policies, institutions, capacity-building, youth empowerment and mobilization, and community development in order to foster a more sustainable future.

[Register Today!](#)

Community Events

EcoChallenge Celebration Party & NWEI Profit Share Night
Monday, November 2

4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

[Hopworks Urban Brewery](#)

2944 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97202

Join us to Eat and Drink for Earth! The NW Earth Institute will receive 10% of purchases made on November 2 from 4pm-11pm (be sure to tell your server you are there for the NWEI Dine Out Night), AND we'll be there celebrating the 2015 EcoChallenge from 5pm-8pm.

[RSVP here](#) because we'll be buying drinks for some lucky folks who have RSVP'd! (And invite your friends and family!) We'll also have RAFFLE PRIZES for attendees and EcoChallengers, so be sure to stop by our table and say Hi and get entered for the raffle!

Social Justice & Sustainable Building Design

Wednesday, November 4

10:00 - 11:45 am

Cascade Campus, TEB 120

Come join the [Eco-Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship](#) class (BA 199C/278) to hear guest speaker Denise Roy on Social Justice and Sustainable Business Design. The talk will be followed by a Walking Tour of the [June Key Delta Center](#), a wonderful example of sustainable building and sustainable community. Dress for the weather if you plan to join the Walking Tour.

No Boundaries: High School Travel & Study Abroad Fair

Thursday, November 5

6:30 - 8:30 pm

PCC Cascade Campus, Moriarty Auditorium

705 N. Killingsworth Avenue

High School Students: Want to see the world? The No Boundaries High School Travel & Study Abroad Fair will have information about FREE travel opportunities to over 30 countries, available through the U.S. Department of State. Headline speaker Evita Robinson, Founder of Nomadness Travel Tribe, will share how young, diverse adventurers are shattering stereotypes of travel, one passport stamp at a time.

Alumni and program representatives will also be on hand to share about exchanges and resources such as:

[National Security Language Initiative for Youth](#)

[Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad](#)

[Youth Ambassadors Program to South America](#)

[Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program](#)

[The National Clearinghouse on Disability & Exchange](#)

Come get the tips and tools you need to turn your travel dreams into reality.

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

To share and invite your friends on Facebook [click here](#).

Collins Lecture: Native Americans, Christianity & the Doctrine of Discovery

Thursday, November 19

10:00 am - 6:30 pm (seminar)

7:00 - 9:15 pm (lecture)

[Trinity Episcopal Cathedral](#)

147 NW 19th Ave, Portland, OR

Three visionary Native American scholars and spiritual leaders — [Robert Miller](#), [George "Tink" Tinker](#), and [Kim Recalma-Clutesi](#) — will guide us in an experiential exploration of the meaning of the Doctrine of Discovery — the 15th century basis for European Christian claims to the Americas — as it plays out today in relations among church, tribe and state. They will lead us on a journey — rich in ceremony, music, story and shared meals — into the heart of our sacred connection to the ancestral stewards of this land, calling us to reflect and to move forward with hope into future action for the common good.

Registration: Seminar and lecture (includes lunch and dinner) - \$60 general, \$30 for Native Americans or Students.

Evening lecture only: \$25 general, \$15 students, and no cost for Native Americans.

To register [click here](#).

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

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Leadership Skills for Change Agents

Mondays, November 2 - 23 (four weeks)

4:00 pm

On-line

Making change is a one of the most valuable skills a sustainability practitioner can have. Foster your ability to make change with ISSP's November course, taught by expert instructor and corporate sustainability strategist [Bob Willard](#).

In this course, participants will learn to connect the dots between timeless leadership practices and how to transform an organization to a sustainability culture. Leadership Skills for Change Agents prepares sustainability professionals at any level in the organizational hierarchy, or as an external consultant/advisor, to lead an organizational change to a sustainable enterprise. It connects the dots between timeless leadership practices and how to transform an organization to a sustainability culture.

For more information [click here](#).

Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference

Proposal Deadline: November 6

Early Bird Registration Deadline: December 5

Conference: Feb 4 - 5, 2016

Lane Community College

Eugene, OR

Join fellow colleges and universities in the state of Oregon as we investigate societal challenges, test drive potential solutions and shepherd in a sustainable future. Spur the advancement and adoption of sustainability at institutes of learning and beyond, as attendees carry new knowledge, skills and connections into the broader professional and academic arenas. The conference will empower and inspire change making, facilitate action, and provide a venue for sharing, networking, and collaboration related to sustainability within Oregon's higher education institutions.

To submit a proposal [click here](#).

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

Prescribing Nature: Incorporating Ecotherapy Methods into Your Clinical Practice

Friday, November 6

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lewis & Clark University

Graduate Campus, Rogers Hall 220

A growing body of evidence demonstrates that direct exposure to nature is good for our psychological, emotional and physical health. Yet the focus of most traditional therapies stops at the urban boundary. This workshop focuses on broadening and deepening the practice of psychotherapy by extending the psychotherapeutic context to include the natural world in which we live. Participants will survey the empirical evidence in support of ecotherapeutic practices, discuss the triadic relationship of therapist, client, and nature, and discuss ethical considerations associated with ecotherapy. Future directions for ecotherapeutic practice and research will be discussed.

For more information [click here](#).

Conservation Psychology

November 7 - 8, 2015

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Lewis & Clark University

York Graduate Center, Room 107

Conservation psychology is an interdisciplinary field that explores the psychological basis of human's care for nature and motivation toward conservation and sustainability. This course provides a background on the development of conservation psychology and survey of topics including psychological benefits of contact with nature, nature and lifespan development, environmental identity and behavior, social justice, influencing conservation action, hope and resilience, and strategic messaging and communications. Conservation roles for mental health counselors, environmental educators and sustainability professionals will be explored.

For more information [click here](#).

Build Small Live Large Summit

Saturday, November 7

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Portland State University, Smith Student Union

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR

The summit will explore the leading edge of the space-efficient housing movement where design, cost, and care for the environment intersect with the needs of today's communities. The goal of this one-day summit is to increase the demand for space-efficient housing in the region by informing, inspiring, and connecting those interested in building small. Leaders in this movement will share what's working and what's next, including Sightline Institute executive director [Alan Durning](#), who will keynote the event. Registration: \$175 (students \$100)

For more information [click here](#).

Intentionally Designed Endowment Forum

November 9 – 10

Portland State University, Smith Ballroom

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR

This forum will be highly interactive, providing a safe space for exploring and demystifying concepts related to 'sustainable', 'responsible', 'ESG' and 'impact' investing. The [program agenda](#) will cover key topics, including: how to engage stakeholders in constructive dialogue on these topics; history, background, trends and terminology of sustainable investing; financial performance; fiduciary duty; sustainable investment products and strategies; and what's happening at other institutions. We will hear from experts in the field, and have plenty of time dedicated to working in small groups with your peers to address your specific questions and provide you with practical, actionable next steps to bring back to campus.

We encourage teams to attend and actively participate to gain a better understanding of the relevant issues as well as practical next steps your institution can take. There is a great group of administrators and endowment stakeholders registered - please see the list of [participating institutions](#) for details.

Please [register today](#), as registration closes Tuesday, November 3. For more information [click here](#).

Groundwater 101 Workshop

Saturday, November 14

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

[NECA - IBEW Training Center](#)

16021 NE Airport Way

Join the [Portland Water Bureau](#) and the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) for [Groundwater 101](#) – a FREE educational workshop that teaches groundwater basics, including local geology, hydrology, the role groundwater plays in our drinking water system and what can be done to protect this important resource. This interactive workshop is presented with a mix of hands-on and classroom-style teaching and is appropriate for adults and high school students aged 14 & up. Light refreshments will be provided. After the workshop, interested participants are invited to take a guided tour of the Portland Water Bureau Groundwater Facility.

To register for the event [click here](#).

CDE's Racial Equity Training

December 1 - 3

Eagle Creek, OR

[The Coalition for Diversity and the Environment](#) (CDE) is thrilled to partner with [Racial Equity Institute's](#) truly exceptional trainers to provide a historical overview of the history of race and racial inequity in the US, and an analysis of power in our systems and institutions. This work helps participants develop tools to question power & privilege and advocate for equity. You will have an opportunity to incorporate this racial equity awareness into your environmental work so that we can

imagine and implement more equitable and effective solutions to the environmental challenges of our time. Prices include course materials, room and delicious meals for 3 days.

Retreat Rates: \$1075 (til Nov 15)

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

Solving Environmental Problems with Lean Six Sigma

December 5 – 6

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

PSU: Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU) – Room 323
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR

The 2-day class will cover the 3 step process for reducing environmental impacts with your clients, or within your own organization. This approach can work for any type of problem, but our examples and focus will be on the 5 types of environmental W.A.S.T.E. (Water, Air Emissions, Solid Waste, Toxins, and Energy). After taking the course, you will feel confident in your ability to understand the “See, Solve, Sustain” framework, and determine what gaps you have in being able to follow this approach in your organization or with your customers or clients. You will not be an expert after just two days, but through practice and support from us, you will be able to make a huge impact on the environment. This approach will work with companies and agencies at any phase of their environmental journey, whether they are just getting started, or already industry-recognized for their stewardship. Cost is \$397 per person.

For more information [click here](#) or contact Brion Hurley at: brionhurley@gmail.com

On-line Course: How To Get A Job In Sustainability

Open enrollment

[International Society of Sustainability Professionals](#)

Whether you are looking for your first job in the sustainability field or seeking to advance your career, there are several ways to make yourself rise to the top of the résumé pile. In this module, you will learn some of the best practices for professionals looking to begin or advance their career in the sustainability field.

Key takeaways include:

- How to emphasize your sustainability experience on a résumé
- How to narrow your job search and hone in on key jobs
- How to plan and advance your sustainability career
- Best practices for networking and tips for talking to the right people

For more information [click here](#).

Help Plan ISSP Webinars

[International Society of Sustainability Professionals](#)

ISSP is now in the process of planning our next round of webinars - and we need your help! Members are invited to submit their ideas for webinar topics by completing our [Webinar Proposal Form](#). We're also looking for members who would like to

volunteer to help review and select webinar topics as they are submitted. To submit your name for the Webinar Review Committee, please [contact us](#).

For more information [click here](#).

Grants, Jobs & Resources

Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails

Applications due by November 3

Want to increase opportunities for hiking, biking and walking to access nature in your community? Apply for a regional trails grant. [Metro Nature in Neighborhoods](#) grants provide opportunities to plan, restore, and build regional trails to increase access to nature and increase nature for trail users in the Portland metropolitan area. In 2015, \$500,000 is available for regional trails grants. Apply for a small grant up to \$25,000 or a large grants up to \$100,000. Projects to be funded will implement the regional trails plan, specifically by increasing access to nature for regional trail users and increasing nature as part of our regional trails system.

For more information about the trails grant [click here](#) or contact Crista Gardner at Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov

For more information about other grants available through Metro [click here](#).

Volunteer: Become a Crew Leader with Friends of Trees

Thursday, November 12 (training)

[Friends of Trees](#) is seeking new [Crew Leaders](#) for the upcoming November - April tree planting season! Being a Crew Leader is a great way to meet neat people, develop valuable leadership skills, learn how to plant trees the right way, and contribute to greening Portland Metro area parks and neighborhoods. Crew Leaders help teach Friends of Trees [volunteers](#) how to plant trees and work together as a team. Each Crew Leader commits to guiding small groups of planters at 4 or more Saturday morning plantings throughout the planting season.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Help Shape the Future of the Sierra Club in Portland

Applications due by November 13, at 5 p.m.

Would you like to help the [Sierra Club in Portland](#) harness the power of the grassroots in the Portland metro area? We are forming a team of volunteer leaders to guide our new Columbia Network, which will launch engaging and effective

conservation and education programs in the Tri-County area and beyond. This is an excellent opportunity for creative, team-oriented, conservation-minded, and committed volunteers to make a real difference for our climate, communities, and wild spaces. Applications are now being accepted.

For more information about this position email Mary Fifield at: mary@amazonpartnerships.org

For more information about internships with Sierra Club [click here](#).

Grant: Small Projects and Community Events

Applications due by November 15

The [Small Projects and Community Events \(SPACE\) Program](#) provides grants of up to \$1,500 to support conservation projects, conservation education, and community events that promote natural resource conservation in the [Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District](#). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and Native American tribes. The types of projects/events that are eligible for SPACE Program funding include on-the-ground restoration or conservation projects, pollution prevention projects, education of youth and/or adults, and community events focused on improving the public's understanding of natural resource conservation. Completed application forms are due on the 15th of the month.

For more information about the SPACE program and other grants offered by the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District [click here](#).

Job: Chief Collaboration Officer

Applications due by November 20 at 5:00 pm

EcoDistricts is hiring our first Chief Collaboration Officer to advance district-scale development that deeply embraces equity, resiliency and ecological stewardship. The Chief Collaboration Officer is responsible for leading the organization's programmatic initiatives focused on advancing exemplar district-scale sustainable development projects. The work requires skills and experience integrating social justice, equity, and cultural competence to programmatic and service offerings and mentoring staff to work effectively with a rich mix of partners and communities.

For more information [click here](#).

Award: U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

Application deadlines vary from November - January

The aim of [U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools](#) (ED-GRS) is to inspire schools, districts and Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to strive for 21st

century excellence, by highlighting promising practices and resources that all can employ. To that end, the award recognizes schools, districts, and IHEs that:

- Reduce environmental impact and costs
- Improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff
- Provide environmental education, which teaches many disciplines, and is especially good at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways

Most participating state education authorities have December submission deadlines with some falling in November or January. For applications, interested colleges and universities should contact their [state higher education authorities](#), while schools and districts should contact their [state education agencies](#). Schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions are only eligible if nominated by state authorities. State education authorities' participation is voluntary. Hearing from interested applicants may be helpful to those states considering participation. State education authorities can find updated [criteria](#) and other state implementation [guidance](#) on our website. For more information you may also email the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools by [clicking here](#).

Curriculum: Oregon Forest Literacy Program (K - 12)

The Oregon Forest Research Institute has published four new forestry education publications and they're FREE! They're part of the Oregon Forest Literacy Program, which includes a forest education conceptual framework, scope and sequence, which together offer educators guidance for developing curricula and classroom lessons related to forests. It includes examples of service-learning projects that connect to Oregon forests. The program's built-in flexibility makes it useful for a wide range of applications to increase forest literacy, including classroom instruction.

For more information [click here](#).

Environmental Education Association of Oregon

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