

October 2014 Update



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

GPSEN connects organizations and individuals across our region in a collaborative network that multiplies our collective impact to educate for a more sustainable future.

GPSEN News

In response to our [October newsletter](#), sustainability education fans across the region have sent more events and resources to share. Please check out the details below.

Plus, don't forget to sign up for the [NWEI's EcoChallenge](#). It starts this Wednesday. We would love it if you could join our GPSEN team or feel free to start your own.

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GPSEN Events

GPSEN's NWEI EcoChallenge Team

October 15-29

Have you signed up to participate in this year's EcoChallenge? This annual Northwest Earth Institute event asks you to take on a two-week challenge to change your life for good. It's free, it's easy, and it's

fun. Please [join the GPSEN team](#) this year to take actions that make a difference in your life and community and even be entered for a chance to win prizes.

Community Events

United Nations: A Quiet Revolution -- Women's Empowerment, Rights, and Gender Equality

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Oregon Historical Society, Madison Room
1200 SW Park Ave, Portland

Our [United Nations Association Portland Chapter](#) celebrates U.N. Day and the UN's 69th birthday with a presentation by Suvira Chaturvedi. She has worked in international development in senior management positions for over 30 years with United Nations agencies in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council, this will be a very interesting and timely program.

Free and open to the public.

Tualatin Riverkeepers First River Professor Talk: Native People of the Tualatin River

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 pm-8:00pm

Tigard Library
13500 SW Hall Blvd, Portland, OR 97223

David Harrelson will speak about the Native People of the Tualatin River, past and present.
RSVP brian@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Mercy Corps Lecture: The Neuroscience of Resilience

Thursday, October 23

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Mercy Corps Action Center
28 SW 1st Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Sarina Saturn, Ph.D., Neuroscientist and Oregon State University Assistant Professor of Psychology, uses the evolving neuroscience of resilience to help us understand how we keep or lose control under fire. Nothing demands greater performance under pressure than a disaster, whether you are an aid worker or a survivor. What does our brain look like when we experience fear and how does that impact our behavior? Conversely, Saturn will also talk about the neuroscience of more positive emotions -- her specialty is bridging lab-based

neuroscience with the nuances of social psychology.

Regular \$10, Student/Senior \$5. Purchase tickets [here](#).

Lewis & Clark's Sustainability in Portland (SIP) Event

Tuesday, October 28

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Doug Fir Lounge

830 E. Burnside St.

Come network, have fun, and connect around sustainability. This year, we gather during the 2014 national conference for the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Lewis & Clark is proud to co-host the AASHE conference—bringing hundreds of professionals from sustainability-related organizations to Portland.

Complimentary beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres (Must be 21+ to attend.) The event is free and capacity is limited, so please [RSVP early](#)—this is something you don't want to miss!

Workshops & Conferences

Lewis & Clark Environmental Affairs Symposium: "We the Anthropos"

October 14 to 16

EcoTrust Building and Lewis & Clark College

What does it mean to dwell in the Anthropocene, when the earth has in many ways become a human creation? Lewis & Clark's 17th Annual Environmental Affairs Symposium explores this era of the Anthropocene via keynote dialogue, a wide range of scholarly sessions, and other events designed for participants to forge new environmental identities with eyes wide open to contemporary ideas—ultimately to recapture imagination and hope in a world shaped by the earthbound.

This year's keynote event will be held Tuesday Oct. 14 starting at 7 pm in the Ecotrust Natural Capital Center in downtown Portland, followed by sessions on the 15th and 16th at Lewis & Clark. Learn more [here](#).

GoGreen Portland 2014

Thursday, October 16

9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hosted Networking Reception to begin at 5 p.m.

Oregon Convention Center | Oregon Ballroom

777 Northeast Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard

"The Rise of the Commons: Investing in a Socially Sustainable Community." The 7th annual GoGreen Portland conference brings together private and public sector leaders to share their work on the key components of a framework for a socially sustainable community. Our experts will discuss social equity advocacy, the

development of new economic models, competitive city strategies, behavioral change, new innovations and corporate responsibility. GoGreen creates a platform for attendees to engage in interactive, peer-to-peer and solution-based learning to generate practical solutions to our region's most pressing challenges.

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference

October 27-29, 2014

Oregon Convention Center

777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

With nearly 2,000 participants, AASHE's annual conference is the largest gathering of higher education sustainability professionals and students in North America. In one of the most innovative sustainable cities in North America, attendees from around the world will come together to network and share new innovations, activities, frameworks, learning outcomes, tools, strategies, research, theory and leadership initiatives that are changing the face of sustainability. [Register now!](#)

Resources

Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO) Regional Leadership Coordinator

Application deadline: 5:00 PM Friday, October 17th.

Job description: The position will support [Environmental Education Association of Oregon \(EEAO\)](#) by establishing a regional environmental and conservation education network in the Portland Metropolitan Region. This individual will identify and engage a broad diversity of conservation education constituents and leaders, establish and track shared regional outcomes, and develop and implement an inclusive, lasting regional conservation education leadership model that represents a diverse cross-sector of individuals and organizations working together to build a healthy, just, and thriving Portland-Metro region. This work will specifically include partnership development with The Intertwine Alliance, The Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network, the Center for Diversity and the Environment, and other key regional networks and guide EEAO in strengthening additional regional networks across Oregon.

Compensation: This .5 FTE position includes a salary of \$26,000/year for two years.

To Apply: A Bachelor's degree and 5 years of experience in business, education or not-for-profit management is required. Candidates should submit a resume including education, chronological work history, and volunteer experience as well as a list of four references which must include a former employer/board member and employee. You should also include a cover letter stating your interest and special qualifications for this position no longer than 1 page (single spaced).

Send via e-mail to EEAO Board Co-Chair Matthew Collins at matthew@tryonfriends.org (only complete electronic applications will be accepted)

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Opportunity

Letters of interest accepted through Oct. 15, 2014

If you have ideas on how to make nature thrive in your neighborhood, park, school or city, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods capital grant could help make your vision a reality. These grants are funded by the voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure and support efforts to preserve or enhance natural features and habitats that will benefit communities now and for generations to come. While the grants fund only capital investments, a wide variety of projects can fit the bill such as property acquisition, integrating habitat in urban redevelopment projects, restoring a degraded stream, or helping your neighborhood become a place for people to interact with nature.

Full applications are accepted only upon invitation and will be due January 2015. Metro Council will award funding in spring 2015. To learn more about the capital grants, get a copy of the handbook or see all the Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants that have been funded to date, go [Oregon Metro](#).

UNEP's Think.Eat.Save Student Challenge

Students are invited to compete for thousands of dollars of prizes as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launches the Think.Eat.Save Student Challenge. The Think.Eat.Save Student Challenge aims to spread food waste self-awareness in more schools, with the overall objective of empowering the next generation to think differently and take action to overcome the daunting and growing problem of food waste.

There are many examples of innovative and practical solutions already being used in education institutions around the world. By undertaking one of the following activities, students or their schools can win up to \$5,000 that can be used to further implement their winning idea:

- Investigate how much food the school wastes every year and learn about the main causes of
- Take action to eliminate or reduce food waste in the school
- Raise awareness in the school and/or community on the issue of food waste and why it should be eliminated

Entries must be submitted between 17 September and 16 November 2014. For all terms and conditions, please visit: <http://www.thinkeatsave.org/studentchallenge/>

Sustainability: The Journal of Record

[Sustainability: The Journal of Record](#) invites you to get to know their publication: a journal that aims to be a major voice in the sustainability community. This bi-monthly publication documents sustainability programs in higher education and business; it provides the central forum for academia as well as for-profit and nonprofit institutions to share best practices and learn from one another's progress.

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