

# October 2014 Newsletter



## 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.*

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### GPSen News

Happy October! What a huge sustainability month ahead! With conferences and events every week, plus the EcoChallenge, there is something for everyone.

We had a great turn-out for our GPSen Launch in June, but perhaps you missed the party or would like to revisit the festivities. Thanks to PCC's video team, you now can! Watch [GPSen's Launch Party](#).

Last week, we also sent out a short survey to collect what you think are the biggest initiatives to highlight in our report to UNESCO in November, in addition to developing a sustainability education calendar for the year. Please add your ideas and events to the [GPSen survey](#).

*To share your news with the GPSen community, send your items to [news.gpsen@gmail.com](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com), by the **25th of the month** for the following month's newsletter.*

## **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.

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## **Community Events**

### **Growing Gardens: Garden Build Volunteers!**

Saturdays - Oct 4, 18, 25, Nov 1

10:00 am-4:00 pm

2203 NE Oregon St, Pdx, OR 97232

Do you like working outside in the crisp fall air? Are you looking to get some exercise and meet great people? Then join us this fall as a Garden Build volunteer! We're aiming to build around 30 gardens this fall and need YOU!

Contact: [cristy@growing-gardens.org](mailto:cristy@growing-gardens.org)

### **VOIS Green Drinks: CleanTech Open**

Tuesday, October 7

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Lucky Labrador Pub

915 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR 97214

Portland is home to many CleanTech startups, and every year hosts a CleanTech Open to draw attention to the cleantech industry, as well as assist cleantech startups to find funding and foster entrepreneurs with big ideas that address today's most urgent energy, environmental and economic challenges. Join in this networking event to learn more.

Cost: \$5 per attendee. For [Full details](#) To RSVP: [Please email](#).

### **SAGE and Literary Arts Present: A Conversation With 2014 Visiting Sage Nicholas Kristof**

Sunday, October 5

4pm (Doors at 3:30pm)

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1126 SW Park Avenue, Portland

Nicholas Kristof is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author, a New York Times columnist, and native Oregonian. He'll be speaking about his experience reporting from six continents and his new book, *A Path Appears*, about how each of us can make a difference by transforming lives and creating opportunity in our communities. For [Tickets](#)

### **Why Global Development is Succeeding**

Thursday, October 9

7:00 pm

Mercy Corps Action Center

28 SW 1st Avenue, Portland, OR 97204

Economist and author [Charles Kenny](#) has a decidedly upbeat - or pragmatic as the case may be - take on the global economy and America's growth potential. Conventional wisdom often says global development has failed. Not so, responds Kenny. He has the data to back up in his most recent book, "The Upside of Down: Why the Rise of the Rest is Good for the West."

Sponsored by [Global Envision](#), Mercy Corps' blog about market-driven solutions to poverty.

Tickets: \$10 Regular, \$5 student. Purchase tickets [here](#).

### **Tree For All Community Planting Events**

Saturdays October 4 through December 13

Various locations

Details at [www.jointreeforall.org/events](http://www.jointreeforall.org/events)

### **Tualatin River Watershed Council News Seasons Partner Benefit**

October 10-11

News Seasons Orenco Station

Donation of \$1 for every package of fresh New Seasons Market pasta sold 10/8-10/31. Visit noon-4pm 10/10-10/11 to meet Council members and staff!

### **Tualatin Hills Parks and Rec, Fall Native Plant Sale**

Saturday, October 11

Tualatin Hills Nature Park

15655 SW Millikan Way Beaverton, OR 97003

Details at [www.thprd.org/nature/](http://www.thprd.org/nature/)

### **Birds and Brews Festival**

Sunday, October 12

8 am to Noon  
Fernhill Wetlands  
Forest Grove, Oregon  
Contact [friendsoffernhillwetlands@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffernhillwetlands@gmail.com) for details.

### **Columbia Land Trust's Wild Splendor**

Thursday, October 16  
5:30-9:30 pm  
Montgomery Park  
2701 NW Vaughn Portland, OR 97210

Columbia Land Trust's signature event, enjoy Northwest food and wine and a walk down the green carpet. Join us to celebrate the premier of our new short film, "The River's Will." For more information and to register, [click here](#).

### **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](mailto:brian@tualatinriverkeepers.org).

### **Media Institute for Social Change: Annual Harvest Event**

Wednesday, October 22  
7:00pm- 9:00pm  
Mississippi Pizza  
3552 N Mississippi Ave. Portland, OR

An opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and look to the next year. Enjoy bands, a silent auction, and time to network.

### **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!

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## Workshops & Conferences

### **Coalition for a Livable Future's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Livability Summit**

Friday, October 3, 2014

8:30am – 5:00 pm

Portland State University

Smith Memorial Union | 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Ballroom

1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

The Regional Livability Summit is an annual gathering of local leaders and community members, including leaders from community-based organizations, students, government, and elected officials. Be inspired by workshops and keynote speaker Dr. Antwi Akom, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable, Economic, Educational, and Environmental Design (I-SEED).

[For more information and to Register](#). CLF is also currently volunteers for the event. [Volunteer Info & Sign Up](#)

### **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.

For more information and to register, [click here](#). As a GPSEN partner, receive a 30% discounted price, by entering promotional code: GPSEN.

### **Earth Advantage: Sustainable Homes Professional**

New classes begin October 17, 2014

623 SW Oak Street | Third Floor

Portland, OR 97205

Learn sustainable building best practices from building science experts in a hands-on learning environment and gain practical knowledge that you can apply immediately. Course modules include: Introduction & Integrated Design Process; Building Science Fundamentals; High Performance Building Envelopes; Mechanical Systems & Performance Testing; Health, Materials, & Water; and Synthesis, Final Projects, & Certification Exam.

[Register here.](#) Contact Ryan LaPoma for more information at [rlapoma@earthadvantage.org](mailto:rlapoma@earthadvantage.org).

### **Community Energy Project's New DIY Insulation Workshop**

Saturday, Oct 18

10am-1pm

Community Energy Project

422 NE Alberta St., Portland, OR 97211

This free limited time workshop teaches participants how to weatherize a flat attic. Topics covered include safety, air sealing, baffling, blown-in insulation, and incentives to help cover the cost of your project.

Learn more and register for the workshop at [www.communityenergyproject.org](http://www.communityenergyproject.org) or call [503.284.6827 x106](tel:503.284.6827)

### **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 soon!](#)

#### ***New Executive Workshop Added to AASHE Conference!***

Leith Sharp from Harvard's Center for Health and the Global Environment, in collaboration with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, will deliver a new one-day intensive session for senior leaders and experienced sustainability professionals who want to integrate sustainability into the core of their university or college as a driver of innovation, effectiveness and growth. [For more information and to register.](#)

### **International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP) Conference 2014**

November 12-14

Denver, Colorado

Early bird registration ends October 12th

Enjoy pre-conference events, keynote speakers, workshops, and networking events. Joel Makower of GreenBiz will tell us about *The State of Green Business* and Andrew Mangan, US Business Council for Sustainable Development, will explain *Why Scaling Up Sustainability is So Damn Hard!* And, don't miss the Sustainability Hall of Fame Wisdom Panel discuss their vision and insight on the sustainability field:

Take advantage of all these opportunities by [registering now!](#)

### **Intertwine Fall Summit 2014**

Friday, November 14

1:00 pm- 7:00 pm

The Oregon Zoo

4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR 97221

"Play, Learn, Serve and Work: Youth Perspectives on Conservation and Nature" Utilizing the Collective Impact framework, this fall's Intertwine Summit will focus on equity, inclusion and developing the environmental leaders of tomorrow. Take part in a youth-led workshop exploring the importance of including diverse voices in our planning and program development. Hear how Intertwine Alliance partners are empowering young people to step into conservation leadership roles, infusing their organizations and programs with new energy. Explore the ways that youth perspectives can strengthen the work of all Alliance partners. Presenters will include The Intertwine Alliance's Plant-Off! Team, Audubon's Talon Program, Project YESS at Mt. Hood Community College, Metro's partnership with Self Enhancement Inc., the OakQuest Project and the Momentum Alliance. Featuring the [2014 Force of Nature Awards](#) Ceremony.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

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### **Resources**

#### **Build Local Alliance (BLA) Marketing & Communications Intern**

Part-time, Temporary (12-15) hrs/week for 3 academic terms, ending June 15, 2015.

Application deadline: October 13, 2014

Start date: Open until filled. Ideal start date: October 20, 2014

Job Description: The [Build Local Alliance \(BLA\)](#) is a growing organization committed to improving the vitality of local forests and related human communities by connecting local, responsibly grown and processed wood with local building projects. The responsibilities of this position are to support the development of the BLA's membership, create effective communication lines with them and assist in developing marketing/outreach materials for the BLA. In addition, the Intern will work on additional responsibilities as needed including helping plan 2-3 events.

Compensation: graduate students: \$500 per month/\$1500 per term; undergraduate students: \$400 per month/\$1,200 per term (prorated for number of days worked). This position is being funded through the generous support of donors and the [Institute for Sustainable Solutions to the Sustainability Internship Program](#) to support student career pathways in sustainability.

To Apply: This position requires current enrollment as a PSU graduate or undergraduate student. To confirm that you are formally admitted and enrolled, please email your full name and student ID

to [vancem@pdx.edu](mailto:vancem@pdx.edu), with "Build Local Marketing and Communications internship" in the subject line. Once your status is confirmed, you will receive the full application instructions via email. You may call [503-725-4972](tel:503-725-4972) with any questions.

### **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](mailto: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](#).



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