



## GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

### October 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.*

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## GPSEN News

A gorgeous start to October. May you have a wonderful month ahead!

We really enjoyed our GPSEN Partner Meeting, at Portland City Hall, yesterday. Great turn-out, insightful presentation by BPS's Solid Waste & Recycling Program Manager Bruce Walker, thought-provoking conversations on timely issues, and opportunities for networking. We appreciate everyone's feedback on the new partner model and for your engagement around the UN's newly adopted global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Let's keep the conversations going! 2015 is a big year for sustainability and the SDGs and upcoming Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21) will keep us all hopping. Let's be sure to think about how our missions and projects align with these big goals so we can position the greater Portland region well in helping lead the sustainability transformation, through education, training, and public awareness.

Now, to put it all into action! Don't forget to join our EcoChallenge team. It's a great chance to build community and make a difference! And, you can learn more about the SDGs at our big UN Day presentation, at the World Forestry Center, on October 22. Plus, there are lots of educational resources on the SDGs available through the [World's Greatest Lesson](#). Check out all of the details below.

Keep the faith, friends! The world depends on all of us to envision and work towards a sustainable future.

*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](mailto: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

### NWEI EcoChallenge Team

October 15-29, 2015



The [EcoChallenge](#) starts in two weeks. Join our GPSEN team today! This annual community event, sponsored by the Northwest Earth Institute, creates teams of participants who take on a challenge to change a behavior for two weeks. A great team-building and personal experience, the EcoChallenge makes a real difference in our own lives and the community. The teams are on-line, so people can join from across the region and around the world. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to learn something new and win prizes!

[Click here](#) to join our GPSEN team or learn more about how to participate.

### UN Day: Can We Create a "Sustainable" Future? It's Still Possible!

Thursday, October 22

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

World Forestry Center, Cheatham Hall  
4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221

Come Celebrate United Nations Day 2015: "UN 70: Strong UN, Better World"! With the adoption of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO's Global Action Program, the World Forestry Congress, plus the upcoming Climate Change Conference in Paris, 2015 is a watershed year.

Join Charles Hopkins, the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development, Eric Vines, the Executive Director of the World Forestry Center, Kim

Smith, the Coordinator of the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network, and Kyoko Shiota, Program Associate with United Nations University, to explore how to truly "think global, act local." Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of the vanguard, to find out how Oregon and Washington are helping lead the way in regional, national, and international programs and discover how you can engage in your own communities. The time has never been better to envision a sustainable future and recognize that we are all in this together!



This event is FREE but registration is required. Please register here: [United Nations Day Celebration](#)

Sponsored by: [United Nations Association of Portland](#), [World Affairs Council of Oregon](#), [Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network](#), [World Forestry Center](#), [Portland Community College](#), and [ONE](#).

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## Community Events

### Campus Sustainability Month

October 1 - 31, 2015

Campuses can celebrate Campus Sustainability Month (CSM) throughout October. The month will provide an unparalleled series of opportunities to engage and inspire incoming students and other campus stakeholders to become sustainability change agents, such as:

- [Kill The Cup University Challenge](#) (Oct. 5 - 30)
- The [#CleanEnergyU](#) live [tweet-a-thon](#) dialogue with clean energy leaders (Oct. 12 - 21)
- Northwest Earth Institute's 2015 [EcoChallenge](#) (Oct. 15 - 29)
- [Global Climate Change Week](#) (Oct. 19 - 25)
- [Food Day](#) (Oct. 24)
- [AASHE 2015 Conference & Expo](#) (Oct. 25 - 28)

Institutions of higher education, non-profits, and businesses can celebrate Campus Sustainability Month by organizing one or more events. These might include: announcements of new sustainability commitments or accomplishments, film screenings, award ceremonies, tree plantings, teach-ins, conferences, nature walks,

green product showcases, sustainability competitions, power plant tours, information fairs and more!

For more information [click here](#).

### **Stay Active in October**

October 1 – 31

Join thousands of other schools for fun events throughout October and keep your feet fired up! Encourage active, healthy behavior for our kids! 60% of kids don't get any exercise outside of school. Being active in school, walking or rolling to school and in their community gives them many opportunities to get their recommend 60 minutes of daily exercise. The Fire Up Your Feet Fall Activity Challenge runs October 1-31, and is a great chance for schools to incentivize students to get more physical activity in and out of school. Win a cash award to support your school's physical activity and wellness goals.

For more info about the Fire Up Your Feet Fall Activity Challenge [click here](#). To learn more about Walk+Bike Day activities and to order free incentives from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance [click here](#).

### **Fall Agent of Change Network Gathering**

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Downtown Portland, Location TBA

Please join us for a discussion on Benefit Corporations led by two of Portland's most prominent sustainable business leaders. B Corps have been certified by a nonprofit demonstrating that they take employee, community, and environmental interests into consideration when making decisions.

This month's speakers include Kristofor Lofgren, founder of [Bamboo Sushi](#), the first independent restaurant in the U.S. to be certified by the Marine Stewardship Council, reflecting its dedication to sourcing sustainable seafood; and Jon Blumenauer, owner of [The Joinery](#), where furniture is built by hand with old-world techniques, sustainably harvested wood, and natural finishes.

RSVP with a "yes" or "maybe" to give us an accurate headcount for the gathering: [marnie@earthleaders.org](mailto:marnie@earthleaders.org)

### **Parke Diem Volunteer Events**

October 9 & 10, 2015

Come join us for Parke Diem, a citywide work party for Portland's parks. 2 days - 50+ parks - 1,500 volunteers. All volunteers will receive a free Nike event t-shirt, KIND bar, and other goodies from our wonderful sponsors!

For more information [click here](#). To view a full project list with parks all across the city [click here](#).

### **Growing Gardens Need Your Support**

October 10th, 17th, or November 7th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This fall we have twenty-five families enrolled in the Home Gardens program who will embark on a three year gardening experience that includes cooking/gardening workshops, a savvy garden mentor, seeds, soil & starter plants. Our goal is to increase fresh food access for our Portland neighbors with limited resources. Growing Gardens staff and their new gardeners could use your support!!! Our goal is to increase fresh food access for our Portland neighbors with limited resources.

JOIN US FOR ONE GARDEN BUILD DAY on October 10th, 17th, or November 7th!  
For more details & to RSVP contact: [Cristy@growing-gardens.org](mailto:Cristy@growing-gardens.org)

### **Steady-State Economics — The Pathway to a Sustainable & Fair Society**

Thursday, October 15

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Forge Portland

1410 SW Morrison St. Suite 850, Portland

Many people believe that continual economic growth is not sustainable, but few have provided an alternative. According to Rob Dietz, author of *Enough Is Enough: Building a Sustainable Economy in a World of Finite Resources*, advances in the fields of ecological and behavioral economics point the way toward a steady-state economy that can meet people's needs without undermining the life-support systems of the planet.

For more info and to RSVP email: [Jeanne@earthleaders.org](mailto:Jeanne@earthleaders.org)

### **Van Jones: Environmental Justice for All**

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Portland State University - Peter Stott Center (PSC)

930 SW Hall St, Portland, OR

This is a great opportunity to hear CNN commentator, Van Jones, talk about issues of social justice, the green economy, and the environment. Offered as part of Portland State University's Social Sustainability Month and [Portland State of Mind](#).

This popular event will fill quickly, so get your tickets now. For more information [click here](#).

### **Howl - Annual Halloween Benefit for the City Repair Project**

Friday, Oct 30, 9pm - 4am

Saturday, Oct 31; 9pm - 5am

Euphoria Nightclub

315 SE 3rd Ave, Portland

21+ (bring ID)

This 13th annual Halloween party is a highlight of the year, with crowds of 1000s and local bands and performers on multiple stages. This year offers a special two-night edition of Portland's illustrious Halloween party, benefitting the good work of City Repair and the popular Village Building Convergence.

Tickets range from \$20-40. Tickets may be purchased online or at local retailers, Metro and Frock. For more information and to see the extensive line-up, [click here](#). You can also check out the [Facebook invite here](#).

## Classes, Workshops & Conferences

### **GoGreen Portland**

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

White Stag Building

70 NW Couch St. Portland, OR

The GoGreen Conference, created and organized by B Corporation, [Social Enterprises](#), is a sustainability learning experience for business and government decision-makers. Featuring regionally targeted content and recognized leaders from the community, GoGreen works across industry silos to foster peer-to-peer learning and collaborative solutions. We believe sustainability in the business setting is a powerful and indispensable tool for navigating the tumultuous waters of today's global economy and solving our climate woes. Our mission is to empower attendees with the strategies, tools and connections to green their organizations with profitability in mind. Speakers include Oregon governor, Kate Brown and Portland mayor, Charlie Hales.

To find out more, check out the [registration page](#). Tickets range from \$45 - \$175 (GPSEN partners can enter our discount code: GPSEN, to receive 30% off tickets).

### **Sustaining Sustainability: Sustainability Management Systems**

Starts Wednesday, October 7

10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET

In order to track and maintain progress on your organization's sustainability goals, you've got to develop an SMS - a Sustainability Management System. Project management is key to making sure a sustainability plan lines up with reality, and ISSP's upcoming course will help set you on the right course.

Taught by veteran sustainability consultant and ISSP Board Member Dorothy Atwood, our Sustaining Sustainability workshop walks participants through developing an SMS and sustainability metrics, maintaining continuous reporting, and prioritizing next steps as a plan comes together. It's a great introduction to the project management side of sustainability initiatives, and an important resource for any sustainability professional trying to make change in their industry.



Sign up by 9/30 and get \$50 off! [Register and learn more here](#)

### **Coastal Learning Symposium: Making the ocean and forest a natural place for student learning**

Friday, October 9

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Newport, OR

The 5th annual Coastal Learning Symposium invites pre-K-12 educators, informal educators, higher education and others to come together to share and refine their skills for using the ocean, forest and community as a context for learning across grades and subjects. The Oregon Coast Aquarium partners with the Oregon Coast STEM Hub and Oregon Forest Resources Institute to offer a unique learning experience each year.

For more information [click here](#).

### **Webinar: Identifying Resilient Terrestrial Landscapes in the Pacific Northwest**

October 14th

11am Pacific/12pm Mountain

Due to overwhelming interest in the recent science-management webinar hosted by the North Pacific LCC, Great Northern LCC, and Great Basin LCC with The Nature Conservancy, we have scheduled a second. Join us on for Identifying Resilient Terrestrial Landscapes in the Pacific Northwest with speakers Ken Popper and Steve Buttrick.

The Nature Conservancy's project, primarily funded by the [Doris Duke Charitable Foundation](#), identified the most resilient landscapes in the Northwest that could best sustain native diversity under climate change impacts and showcased these areas through comprehensive data maps. The project covered 92 million hectares across six states and eleven ecoregions.

[Register for the webinar here](#).

### **44th NAAEE Conference: "Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Movement"**

October 15-18, 2015

San Diego, CA

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical success factors for everyone working in the field of environmental education. This year's conference will explore ways to enrich and expand our work and workforce, along with other strategies for strengthening our field and achieving greater collective impact.

Browse the schedule and register [online](#).

### **Intertwine Fall Summit**

Wednesday, Oct. 21

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Oregon Zoo

4001 Southwest Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221

The Intertwine Alliance is putting a new twist on its biannual gathering of partners and friends. The fall summit at the Oregon Zoo will focus on you -- our partners -- and opportunities to network, share what you are doing, and hear what's happening with projects you want to learn more about. We'll spend the bulk of the afternoon rotating around the room for 10-to-20 person discussions on your choice of projects - - from the Connecting to Nature Continuum, OakQuest, youth engagement, equity and inclusion work, the new Quarterly Conservation Forums, and many others.

As always, we'll offer Intertwine 101 at noon for those new to The Intertwine Alliance or wanting to learn more about our work. And we'll devote 4:30 to 6 p.m. to a networking/social hour with free drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Event cost: Free for first-time Summit attendees; \$10 per person for partners; \$20 per person for non-partners

To facilitate small-group discussions, attendance will be limited to 200. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 16, at 5 p.m. So, [register](#) today! Questions? Email [kevin@theintertwine.org](mailto:kevin@theintertwine.org).

### **Guidelines for Excellence Workshop: Non-formal EE Programs**

Thursday, October 23

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge  
19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood, OR

This one-day workshop will introduce participants to the newest publication in the National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education series: Non-formal Environmental Education Programs – Guidelines for Excellence. These Guidelines offer a set of recommendations for developing and administering high quality non-formal environmental education programs. Environmental educators, administrators, or program developers who are concerned about the quality of non-formal environmental education programs.

Participants will receive: a copy of Non-formal Environmental Education Programs – Guidelines for Excellence. In addition, participants will receive a copy of Environmental Education Materials: Guidelines for Excellence, Excellence in Environmental Education – Guidelines for Learning (K-12), and Guidelines for the Initial Preparation of Environmental Education – a \$55 value.

Cost: \$35 (includes workshop costs, lunch, books, et cetera).  
Registration Deadline: Friday, October 16, 2015

For More Information: contact Jenna Mendenhall at [jmendenhall@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org](mailto:jmendenhall@friendsoftualatinrefuge.org) or  [\(503\) 625-5844 ext 222](tel:(503)625-5844)

Saturday, October 24

8 am – 4 pm

University of Portland, Buckley Center Auditorium

5000 N Willamette Blvd, Portland, OR 97203

Join us for a discussion about ethics and the future of the Columbia River. Modeled on South Africa's "Truth and Reconciliation" public meetings, "One River, Ethics Matter" is a conference series exploring the moral dimensions of the impacts of the dam-building era with a focus on tribes, First Nations and the river itself. Gonzaga University hosted the first conference from which issued the [Declaration on Ethics & Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty](#) signed by [religious and indigenous leaders](#) and many others. Please join us for the second of these conferences with a focus on flood-risk management, climate change, justice, and stewardship. We'll explore measures to correct historic injustice — including less environmentally damaging options to protect Portland from floods and restoring salmon to ancestral spawning grounds. Support is growing to expand the treaty's original purposes (flood risk management and hydropower) by adding a third purpose: "ecosystem function" to restore health to the Columbia River, including the return of salmon to ancestral spawning waters.

The Portland conference will open with Bishop William Skylstad, the force behind the [Columbia River Pastoral Letter](#), and Leotis McCormack (Nez Perce Tribe and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission) speaking on indigenous people, salmon, and the river. Other speakers will include [Virgil Seymour](#) who will describe the fate of the Sinixt Nation located in the Upper Columbia and declared "extinct" by Canada in 1956 during Treaty negotiations with the United States. [Crystal Spicer](#) will describe the valiant effort by her father to save their family home and farm while 2,300 people were forced by the B.C. government to relocate. The conference will conclude with a discussion of the current opportunities to modernize the Columbia River Treaty that governs management of the River, while underscoring the need to revisit flood risk management.

This event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be provided. RSVP deadline: October 16 RSVP contact: Belgin Inan [inanb@up.edu](mailto:inanb@up.edu) 503.943.8342

### **AASHE Conference & Expo: Transforming Sustainability Education**

October 26 - 28, 2015

Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) annual Conference & Expo brings together emerging and advanced sustainability professionals, senior leaders (e.g., presidents, chancellors, provosts, and deans), students, faculty, staff, businesses and media for a four-day conference that celebrates and inspires campus sustainability innovations. The conference will deliver workshops, case studies, panel discussions and keynote addresses to support the advancement of sustainability in higher education. Through this four day conference, you can expect to walk away empowered to lead the global

sustainability movement with new tools and tactics to take back to your institution. You'll be prepared to change the face of sustainability on your campus and surrounding community.

Don't miss out on the pre- and post-conference workshops too, including:

- [Exploring the Opportunities for Bilateral China-US Exchange in Sustainability](#)
- [Teaching Sustainability In Place: A Workshop and Field Experience at the University of Minnesota's Cedar Creek Ecosystem Reserve](#)
- [Large-scale Renewable Energy Workshop](#)
- [The United Nations' New Global Action Programme, Sustainable Development Goals, and You](#)

For more information [click here](#).

### **CDE's Racial Equity Training**

December 1-3, 2015

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 (October 1 through November 15, 2014)

Register [HERE!](#)

### **How To Get A Job In Sustainability**

On-line course

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



We've received some great feedback from ISSP members about topics for new Webinars that they would like to see, and we're looking for more! Members are invited to submit their ideas for webinar topics by visiting our [webinar page](#). We're also recruiting 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](#).

What topic do YOU want to teach? [Let us know!](#)

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## Resources & Jobs

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

*Applications due by November 13, 2015 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. Contact Mary Fifield at [mary.fifield@oregon.sierraclub.org](mailto:mary.fifield@oregon.sierraclub.org) for more information.

### **Job: PSU ISS Director**

*Applications are due by Oct. 13.*

The Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions (ISS) is the central portal for sustainability at PSU, fostering innovative cross-disciplinary research, critical skill-building curriculum, and effective community engagement to solve sustainability challenges in Portland and beyond.

ISS is currently seeking a new director who will lead the Institute in its collaborative and transformative work within the University and throughout the region, and serve as steward of the Institute's goals for an exceptional student experience, groundbreaking and applicable research, and vital community partnerships.

Please refer interested candidates to the [position description and further information available here](#).

**Job: PPS Program Manager for Building Operations & Energy**

*Closing Date: October 15, 2015*

The PPS Program Manager for Building Operations & Energy serves as a project manager, technical specialist, and active collaborator, working with and providing data to both internal and external stakeholders to track consumption of energy and other resources and to help the district become more efficient in the use of these resources. The position is also responsible for developing and managing the District's utility budget, by maintaining the District utility accounting database, prioritizing and implementing conservation, renewable energy, and other sustainability-related projects. The Energy Program Manager also collaborates with other internal and external stakeholders to develop and support broader sustainability plans, policies and awareness throughout the District.

[Click here for details.](#)

**Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails**

*November 3, 2015 Application Deadline*

October 6, 2015 Workshop

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland.

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.

Want to learn more? Attend a grant workshop on Tuesday, October 6 from

To learn more, [click here](#) or contract the grants coordinator, Crista Gardner, at [Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov)

**The World's Greatest Lesson**

On September 25th 2015, 193 world leaders committed to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. 17 goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years. End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. If every school in the world teaches children about these goals, we will help them

become the generation that changed the world.

From Teachers Guides to lesson plans and more, be sure to check out the [details of the World's Greatest Lesson](#).

### **14 Tips for Reducing 4 Hours from your Work Week**

Earth Consultants is giving away the “Time Savings Booster” guide for environmentalists and sustainability professionals, which will help you free up your work day, so you can spend more time at your job helping the environment, or allow you to finish early to spend your personal time improving the environment.

[Check out the 14 tips here!](#)

### **Intertwine Alliance - Education Poll**

We would like you to consider assisting with some important research regarding environmental education in our region. A hundred educators are needed to assess a newly created scoring guide for the Oregon Environmental Literacy Strand - Systems Thinking! A practicing teacher and a researcher from Portland State University’s Graduate School of Education are inviting you to participate by scoring a project about salmon completed by middle school students. Your participation will be maintained as anonymous and will take about 15 minutes. The researcher will use the scores to measure inter-rater reliability.

To participate, please complete the Google Doc Form by [clicking here](#).

### **Environmental Education Association of Oregon**

More jobs, internships, grants, and resources are available at [EEAO's website](#).

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