



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

August 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

Such a scorcher, as we enter August. May you find ways to stay cool and keep your spirits high.

While summer is often a quieter time in the education world, there were many highlights this July: Hands on Greater Portland started a new TeamWorks team focused on Nature in the City with [more Teamworks to come](#); Camp Snowball and the Intertwine's Antiracism Workshops were both big successes; and the film screening of "[Planetary](#)", at the Portland Hawthorne Hostel, was very inspiring. If you have not seen the film yet, be sure to do so, as the cinematography is gorgeous and the message of interdependence aligns with our core mission.

Our work is receiving increasing attention, with the U.S. State Department asking us to help lead the way in strengthening the [RCE network](#), writing up the [Global Action Program on Education for Sustainable Development](#) for the nation, and helping implement the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), which will be released at the end of September. GPSEN Coordinator Kim Smith will meet with RCE leaders at the RCEs of the Americas conference this month and will be sure to share the new developments. Our next stakeholder meeting in September will focus on these exciting efforts and opportunities.

Plus, this month's newsletter includes many resources. Need some training? How

about funding or a job? So grateful for the opportunities in our region and happy to share the details below.

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

2015 RCE Conference of the Americas

August 9-12 2015

Grand Rapids, Michigan

GPSEN is recognized as a Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) by the United Nations University and is part of a network of 136 RCEs around the world to help support a more sustainable future.

Organized into continental groups, we are joining the RCEs of North, Central, and South America this summer to share best practices and coordinate efforts. The conference will provide a global platform that elevates the conversation around ESD.

To learn more, please check out the [conference website](#).

Cultivating Courageous Sustainability Leadership: Harnessing the Power of Ecological Worldviews

Thursday, August 20

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Market Center Building - Room 123

1600 SW 4th Ave - Portland, OR 97201

Join Dr. Steve Schein for the release of his pioneering new book, which examines how the complexity of sustainability is driving new approaches to leadership. While much literature has explored how corporations must play an important role in solving the environmental challenges facing the planet, there has been little research, until now, on sustainability leadership at the individual level. Drawing on interviews with 75 leaders in more than 40 multinational organizations, NGOs, and academia, Schein explores the deeper psychological motivations of sustainability leaders and shows how these motivations relate to overall effectiveness and capacity to lead transformational change. By empirically grounding key theories from developmental psychology in sustainability leadership practice, the author encourages us to think about leadership, ecological worldviews, and conscious mindsets in a different way.

Co-hosted by PSU and GPSEN, this event is free and open to the public. As a brown bag lunch, feel free to bring your lunch along. Coffee and tea will be provided. [Copies of the book](#) may be available on-site for \$20.00.

Community Events

Educating for Peace: Never Again Series

August-September, 2015

Concordia University

George R. White Library Lobby

Concordia University and their co-sponsors invite you to a series of events this month focused on peace and the essential need to not repeat such horrendous events as the Atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Holocaust during WWII. With speakers, art exhibits, a prayer vigil, and receptions, join us in remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki and working for a nuclear-free future.

Saturday, August 1, 3:00-5:00 pm, Educating for Peace: Poets Respond to the Nuclear Age: 70 Years After Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Thursday, August 6, 11:00 am- 2:00 pm, [Wholistic Peace Institute Peace Lunch and Travelling Art Exhibit from Hiroshima, Japan's Ground Zero Museum](#)

Saturday, August 15, 2:00-4:00 pm, [Lecture by Jeannie Smith - daughter of Irene Opdyke, Polish rescuer of Jews from Nazi Germany](#)

For details on speakers and events, [visit our web page](#). No RSVP necessary / catered events / FREE.

PDX Green Drinks: Meet Renew Oregon

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 PM

Portland Cider House

3638 SE Hawthorne Blvd - Portland

Renew Oregon was created by Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon Environmental Council and Climate Solutions. Its mission is to fight climate change and transition Oregon away from a dirty, polluting energy to a clean, energy-efficient economy.

Come meet Susan Suffion from Renew Oregon, at the Portland Cider House. With dozens of excellent ciders on tap, including many of their own creation, it's a wonderful space to hold Green Drinks!

\$5 attendance fee. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Westside Green Drinks: Meet B Corporations

Thursday, August 13

6:00 PM

BestHQ

12745 SW Beaverdam Rd - Beaverton

B Corporations represent a growing movement in the global economy. They stand for business done with a higher level of ethics, with a requirement to uphold triple bottom line principles of people, planet, and profit, not profit alone. Come meet local B Corps and join the movement!

After last month's great GD turnout at BestHQ, we're thrilled to be back! BestHQ is much more than a collaborative workspace and training business; BestHQ is a thriving community of dedicated professionals and businesses that unite through relationship, empowerment, and inclusion.

Beverages will be provided free of charge. \$5 attendance fee. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Momentum Convention: An Unconventional Celebration of Equity

Saturday, August 22

6:00-9:00 pm (doors at 5:30)
PSU Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom
1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201

Our first-ever Momentum Convention will bring together 100 diverse young leaders and 200 established community leaders and supporters to spend a celebratory evening sharing stories between the generations, creating new connections and demonstrating equity, diversity, and inclusion in action.

Ticket prices are on a sliding scale: \$30-\$100. Pay what you can to support Momentum Alliance!

For information and tickets, [click here](#). FREE parking at PSU lots after 5:00pm on weekends.

Workshops & Conferences

Education for Systems Thinking Workshops

Monday and Tuesday, August 3 & 4

Grant High School Library

2245 NE 36th Ave, Portland

August 3, [Level A](#)

Participants will become more deeply acquainted with the tools and concepts introduced in Level A, and how these connect to the Oregon Environmental Literacy learning strands. They will expand their systems thinking toolbox with additional archetypes, feedback loops and an intro to dynamic computer modeling. They will report out about their progress using the tools introduced in Level A, and will have opportunity for collaborative planning.

August 4, [Level B](#)

Participants will develop an awareness of systems thinking concepts and tools (such as Habits of a Systems Thinker, Behavior Over Time Graphs, connection circles, “Fixes that Backfire” archetype, iceberg, feedback loops). They will begin to analyze systems with these tools, using exercises that can be repeated in the classroom. The Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan will be introduced and participants will consider how they can utilize the systems thinking tools to address the Plan’s learning strands, and STEM.

For more information [click here](#).

Student Alliance Project Summer Leadership Camp

July 13 - August 14

Monday & Wednesday (10am - 4pm); Friday (10am - 2pm)

Portland State University’s Native American Student and Community Center

FREE

Our mission is to inspire youth to realize their power individually and collectively and to mentor future social justice leaders. This 5-Week camp is for young people ages 14 - 23. Each week has a theme: Express Yourself! Achieve Your Dreams! What You Didn't Learn in School! Making and Managing Money! Learn the Game!

Participants must attend an orientation meeting on either July 6th or July 7th. Limited spots are available. Registration closes July 5th. Bus tickets and child care reimbursement will be provided upon request.

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

TeamWorks: Focus on Income Inequality & Economic Justice

August 9 - September 3

Join a TeamWorks team for a series of interrelated projects, designed to explore a local neighborhood or community issue through the lens of volunteerism. Learn, serve, and connect with others on this team-based commitment to your community!

This TeamWorks team aims to explore and support economic justice in our community and better understand how insecurity impacts different intersections of race, gender, and age. Through facilitated conversations and volunteer projects, we will delve deep into underlying issues of poverty and inequality, and how we as citizen volunteers can help enact change in our own lives and community.

To learn more about the schedule and how to register, [see our website](#).

Lead an EcoChallenge Team

Wednesday, August 12

11:00 am (Pacific)

Webinar

NWEI's [EcoChallenge](#) is coming this October and [registration](#) is now open! To help you and your campus, organization, or neighborhood group get ready, we're hosting a Webinar for EcoChallenge Team Captains. This short (30 minute) webinar is for you if you are interested in learning about how to create an EcoChallenge team, including easy steps and tips for success.

To register for the Team Captain Webinar, [click here](#). We look forward to kick-starting change with you this October - and hope you will join us!

Community Engaged Learning for Equity & Empowerment: Evidence-Based Practices for Racial Justice in Action

Friday, September 11

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Portland State University
1825 SW Broadway - Portland, OR 97201

Oregon Campus Compact is hosting a 6-hour institute taught by Dr. Christine M. Cress of Portland State University & Dr. Stephanie T. Stokamer of Pacific University on the power of community-engaged learning pedagogy and practice as a critical tool in every professional's toolbox who wants to promote equity and empowerment for students of color and first generation college students. Outcomes include sharing a common understanding of the role of Campus Compact in higher education, basic principles of community engaged learning, and data on racially based educational inequities; connecting personal experiences and passions to the institute topic to promote deeper and more extensive use of community engaged learning in higher education in Oregon; learning about best practice models from across the country; and gaining hands-on experience mapping courses and linking learning objectives to community-based learning approaches for delivering content, promoting learning, and developing projects.

Registration fees include coffee, light refreshments in the morning, full lunch, and access to training powerpoint and materials online. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

GoGreen Portland

Tuesday, [October 6](#)
White Stag Building
70 NW Couch St. Portland, OR

Save the date! Now in its eighth year, GoGreen Portland has established itself as the largest regional conference for business and government decision-makers to come together for one day to learn from recognized community leaders to advance sustainability best practices in their own organizations. GoGreen empowers attendees with the strategies, tools and connections through networking opportunities to advance the triple bottom line.

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).

AASHE Conference

Oct 26 - 28
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.

For more information [click here](#).

Resources & Jobs

Job: Environmental Program Specialist for the Clean Rivers Education Program

*Closing date: Monday, August 3, 2015, 4:30pm
OR when 75 applications have been received.*

The City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services is hiring a full time Environmental Program Specialist for the Clean Rivers Education Program. Clean Rivers Education offers free, classroom and field study science education programs for K - college students within the city of Portland. Students learn about watershed health, urban ecology, sewer infrastructure, green infrastructure, the causes and effects of water pollution, and what individuals can do to protect rivers and streams.

For more information, go to [Clean Rivers Education Program](#) or [Position announcement](#).

Job: Educational Equity Program Manager

Open until filled.

Join the Team at Oregon Campus Compact (ORCC)! We are currently hiring an Educational Equity Program Manager to manage our College Access Corps program and develop and manage our new Equity & Empowerment Corps program. This is an exciting position for someone with a strong commitment to racial equity and social justice and an in-depth understanding of program development and partnership building. The ideal candidate would also help lead organizational change efforts and facilitate trainings, and learning communities on equity for ORCC staff and campus members.

[Click here to view the job description and application instructions.](#)

Grant: Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails

Application Deadline: November 3, 2015

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. Funding for Nature in Neighborhoods community grants has more than doubled thanks to the parks and natural areas levy that voters in the region approved in 2013. 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.

To learn more, see the [website](#) or contract the grants coordinator, Crista Gardner, at Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov.

Environmental Education Association of Oregon

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

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