**Greater Portland Regional Center of Expertise (RCE)**

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our October RCE Newsletter!  There are so many new opportunities. Check out the details below for news, events, workshops, and resources.***

**RCE News**

Now that we have submitted our final RCE application to the UNU, we are moving into implementation stage. In addition to submitting a Request for Information to the Oregon Zoo to become a partner in their new Education Center, a variety of projects were planned at our last Stakeholders Meeting. We invite you to get involved and look forward to making a difference through sustainability efforts in the region.

**RCE Events**

**RCE Coordinating Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, October 13, 2013**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Portland Community College CLIMB Center**

**1626 SE Water Ave  Portland, OR 97214**

Members of the coordinating committee volunteer their time to attend monthly meetings, serve as liaisons between the RCE and member organizations, provide input on RCE activities, coordinate quarterly RCE stakeholder meetings, help with RCE outreach, and conduct the overall business of the RCE. All stakeholders are welcome to participate in the coordinating committee.

**RCE EcoChallenge Team**

**Tuesday, October 15 – Wednesday, October 30**

[**http://www.ecochallenge.org/**](http://www.ecochallenge.org/)

Let’s participate in a project together! Organized by the Northwest Earth Institute, the EcoChallenge is an opportunity to change your life for good. We have created a Greater Portland RCE team and invite you to join in the efforts. For two weeks, we challenge you to change one habit for Earth.  [Choose](http://www.ecochallenge.org/about_the_challenge/choose_your_ecochallenge) your challenge, [connect](http://www.ecochallenge.org/list_of_participants) with other [EcoChallengers](https://vimeo.com/46440345), and collectively prove that small actions create real [change](http://www.ecochallenge.org/about_the_challenge/ecochallenge_benefits).

**RCE Networking Social**

**Monday, October 28, 2013**

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Hopworks Urban Brewery (HUB)**

**3947 N Williams Ave, Portland, OR 97227**

Enjoy a pint at this local brewery, while meeting and sharing ideas with other regional sustainability education providers and supporters.

**Workshops and Conferences**

**The Intertwine Alliance Fall Summit**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2013**

**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Oregon Zoo**

**4001 SW Canyon Rd  Portland, OR 97221**

**Staff/volunteers of Intertwine partners: $10; Others: $18**

**First time Summit participants: free**

**Limited scholarships are available.**

**Sponsored by the Oregon Zoo.**

One of The Intertwine Alliance’s highest priorities is to build community and share important information with our partners. Join over 300 of your fellow natural area advocates to hear about the latest environmental efforts in our region, learn how to improve your organization’s capacity, and connect directly with your peers. In the afternoon we will have two concurrent workshops - one on messaging to under-served audiences with a great panel of consultants and the other one will focus on a GIS viewing tool we are unveiling to be able to look at local habitats without needing GIS expertise followed by a discussion about how we develop larger multi-partner projects in the region. The full session following will feature an awards ceremony to recognize some leaders and organizations in the community followed by social time.

For more information and to register, go to: <http://theintertwine.org/summits>

**Regional Livability Summit 2013: Equity in Action: Map to a Healthy Future**

**Friday, October 11, 2013**

**8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Portland State University ~ Smith Memorial Center**

**1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201**

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| 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. The theme for the 2013 Regional Livability Summit is: [*Equity in Action: Map to a Healthy Future*](http://clfuture.org/news-events/regional-livability-summit).   This year’s Summit will be CLF’s first opportunity to use the findings from the Regional Equity Atlas 2.0 Project to initiate dialogue around substantial equitable change.  Using maps as a foundation, the Summit will provide analyses on key issues and discuss strategies designed to strengthen equity policies and practices in the public sector.  Additionally, the Summit will provide a forum to highlight stories of regional disparities from the perspective of community members who experience them. Using photos and videos, this participatory storytelling project will illuminate inequities through art and storytelling. |
| For information and to register for the Regional Livability Summit, visit Coalition for a Livable Future’s[website](http://clfuture.org/news-events/regional-livability-summit).  **Sustainable Homes Professional (SHP) Course**  **Friday & Saturday, October 11-12, 2013**  **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  **Earth Advantage Institute 808 SW 3rd Ave., Suite 800, Portland, OR 97204**  Join this interactive six-month accreditation program and learn sustainable building best practices from Stephen Aiguier as he guides participants through their own green projects by sharing practical tips on the following: building science fundamentals & moisture management; high performance wall & roof assemblies (insulation, air sealing, weatherization, etc.); integrated system design, mechanical systems & performance testing; and indoor air quality, green material considerations, health impacts of the build environment & water conservation; and so much more!  Each of the 6 two-day modules integrate lecture and discussion, hands-on exercises, a guest speaker and two tours of certified homes. A certification exam at the end of the course allows participants to earn the designation of an accredited Sustainable Homes Professional (SHP).  To register and learn more, visit: earthadvantage.org/shp    **Webinar: Sustainable Procurement: Issues and Case Studies**  **Tuesday, October 15, 2013**  **1:30 p.m. Central Time (Chicago, GMT-05:00)**    With presentations by:  Andrea Desimone, Program Support Specialist, Green Electronics Council  Sam Hummel, Director of Outreach, Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council  Erin Stanforth, Sustainability Manager, Portland Community College    How does one implement a sustainable procurement policy? What assistance can outside organizations provide in doing so? How can tracking purchases help colleges track GHGs? The presenters listed above will help answer these questions.    Registration is required and can be done in advance at: <http://www.jccc.edu/sustainability/events/webinars/index.html> |

**Institute for Sustainable Solutions Research to Action Symposium**

**October 25, 2013**

**10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.   
Portland State University**

**Market Center Building, Room 123, 1600 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97201**

**Lunch will be provided**  
  
This is an opportunity to share our collective work in the area of ecosystem services research, and to explore how we can align our efforts to help address key resource management issues in the region. This event will include researchers from across PSU who are working on ecosystem services research and regional practitioners engaged in ecosystem services implementation and research. The event will provide a platform for information exchange, as well as time for networking among participants. Are you currently working on an ecosystem service project that you’d like to discuss? Watch for a request for presentations coming soon.  
  
Faculty**:**Join us for a PSU sustainability research orientation before the symposium, 9–10 a.m.

Please help us reach new faculty by forwarding this invitation.  
  
**SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE RESERVE YOUR FREE SEAT BY OCTOBER 11**[**HERE »**](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?InstituteforSustaina/2a0eca2ab9/9d2a1ac711/14fdf1c63c)

Feel free to contact Jennifer Allen at [**jhallen@pdx.edu**](mailto:jhallen@pdx.edu) if you have questions.

**Resources**

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| [**White Paper: Integrating Sustainability into Teacher Education**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001ZrHZmZErWO9gE1iPALEM6A69sqcgX2wj7ycHhO6NM0o0TdUC-uAc7QkuGjOhATsPZmmHY5t2sTfoUip07ONjPqRE9r-bEnYtLtquyAxUlGt7QZ4V4ryV7vqMGuKFk58x9BQE19xSUrE=) |

This newly released guide from Creative Change Educational Solutions incorporates competencies and guidelines for the integration of sustainability into courses and clinical experiences. (Short registration required.)

[**“World’s Biggest Banks Move to Put a Price on the Planet’s Life Support Systems”**](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=banks-put-a-%20price-on-earths-life-support))

A group of the world's biggest banks has agreed to put a price on the natural world. 43 financial institutions, including the World Bank, are setting up a working party as a consequence of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, where large banks signed a Natural Capital Declaration. The declaration defined natural capital as "the Earth's natural assets (soil, air, water, flora and fauna), and the ecosystem services resulting from them, which make human life possible." The document went on to say that the food, fiber, water, health, energy, climate security and other essential services provided by natural capital were worth trillions of dollars a year, but that they were not adequately valued. So the bankers have set up a working party to put a price on the natural world. They want companies to begin pricing these essential services and they want a way to ultimately withdraw their credit unless the companies respond. (Scientific American, August 30, 2013, <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=banks-put-a>- price-on-earths-life-support**)**

[Campus Conservation Nationals (CCN)](http://competetoreduce.org/ccn/about.html)

**Campus Conservation Nationals (CCN)** is the largest electricity and water reduction competition program for colleges and universities in the world. In its fourth year, CCN gives a common voice and motivation to hundreds of thousands of students across North America, all working together to reduce consumption and mitigate the impacts of climate change.  Start planning for CCN 2014, by checking out the details here:

<http://competetoreduce.org/ccn/about.html>

**[EcoApprentice](http://www.ecoapprentice.com/)**

EcoApprentice is a problem-solving platform where sustainability questions are crowdsourced to a diverse pool of students and professionals. Businesses can post a challenge to get outside-the-box ideas good for profits and planet. Members can win a cash EcoBounty for finding a solution! To learn more, go to:

<http://www.ecoapprentice.com/>

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***Do you have sustainability education events, news, resources, funding opportunities or ideas for collaborating that you would like to share with others in the network?  Send them to***[***kdsmith@pcc.edu***](mailto:kdsmith@pcc.edu)***.***