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

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our September RCE Newsletter!  Sustainability educators and supporters in the region continue to do amazing things and there are many new opportunities. Check out the details below for news, events, and workshops.***

**RCE News**

The RCE application team has completed a final draft for your review.

If you are interested in giving the application a last once-over for any glaring errors, we welcome your feedback. We want to make sure that the application truly reflects the needs and opportunities of our community going forward, in order to create a healthy, just, and thriving region where sustainability education is prioritized and integrated across sectors; and where everyone has opportunities to shape a more sustainable future.

The application is available on our [webpage](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/).  Please email feedback to Kim Smith at [kdsmith@pcc.edu](mailto:kdsmith@pcc.edu), by Saturday, September 14. The application will be submitted to the UNU on Monday, September 16.

**RCE Events**

**RCE Stakeholder Meeting and Celebration**

**Thursday, September 19, 2013**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Portland Public Schools Office**

**501 North Dixon Street  
Portland, Oregon, 97227**[**503-916-2000**](tel:503-916-2000)

We will celebrate the submission of our RCE application and share ideas about upcoming projects. Don’t miss this opportunity, as Lyle Benko, our mentor from RCE Saskatchewan, will be joining us via Skype.

If you have time afterwards, join us for a partner event:

**Environmental Education Association of Oregon’s Summer Soiree**

**Thursday, September 19**

**6:00-9:00**

**Leach Botanical Garden**

**6704 SE 122nd Ave.**

Enjoy dinner, a silent auction, and an inspiring talk by Tony Deis, founder of Trackers Earth

Details and tickets available at <http://www.eeao.org/>

**Workshops and Conferences**

**Webinar: Using the New Poverty Data**

**Tuesday, September 10**

**11 a.m. - 12:30 (Pacific time)**

[***Register***](http://org.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=mtK9qe79hJlPCpUzeoj88gQu01IjwOth)*for this important training session, co-sponsored by CHN, the Community Action Partnership, and the Children's Leadership Council.*

The Census Bureau will release annual survey data about poverty, income, health insurance, housing, employment, and much more on September 17 and 19.  At the same time, Congress will be grappling with a set of urgent deadlines, and deciding whether to cut or protect human needs programs.  You can use the new information to show the extent of need in your state or community, and why Congress should invest, not cut.  This webinar will show you how. This webinar is 90 minutes, to leave plenty of time for your questions.

**American Rainwater Catchment System Association (ARCSA) “Accredited Rainwater Professional” Class**

**September 18-19**

**Vancouver, WA**

If you or your friends or clients are interested in conserving water resources and controlling stormwater, check out this class. Rainfall harvesting is not only used for irrigation, but also for stormwater mitigation on residential, public, and commercial levels.

For questions and to register, contact Clair Klock, with Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, at

[cklock@conservationdistrict.org](mailto:cklock@conservationdistrict.org)

**Environmental Evaluation:** **Networked Learning for Sustainable Systems**   
**September 22 - 24, 2013**

**Menucha Retreat and Conference Center**

**Corbett, Oregon**

The Environmental Evaluators Network (EEN), which normally meets in the Washington DC area, will hold its first Regional Forum.  The Pacific Forum will be a networking-intensive, learning-focused "evaluation camp" in an informal retreat setting where we'll discuss how our disciplines and organizations can make collective progress toward sustainable systems and societies in our region.

The forum welcomes professionals who conduct, commission, or use environmental evaluation and who work in conservation, environmental protection, natural resource management, or sustainable development in government, foundations, consulting, non profits, academia, and transnational institutions.  Attendees may register to stay overnight, or as commuters, though space is highly limited for commuters. Given the nature of the event, planning to attend the full event and stay overnight is highly recommended.

**More info and links on the**[**EEN**](http://www.environmentalevaluators.net/2013-een-pacific-forum/)**Pacific Forum website**

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

**Friday, October 11, 2013**

**8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**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). |

**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.**

**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.

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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)***.***