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

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our March RCE Newsletter!  Check out the details below for news, events, workshops, and resources.***

**RCE News**

RCE Greater Portland’s Coordinating Committee, subcommittees, and working groups are developing projects in all directions. It is so fun to finally be in implementation mode! Thanks to everyone for their amazing efforts. For the most current details and to get involved, check out [our website](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/).

We also want to give you a heads-up that during our last stakeholder meeting, RCE members voted to adopt a new name for our local identity, which clearly captures our mission. While we are still officially RCE Greater Portland, as designated by the UNU-IASS, you will also begin to see references to the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN). It took a long time to decide on a good name, so we hope you like it. We are in the process of creating a logo and outreach materials and will transition to the new name soon.

Now, it’s time to celebrate! Our planning team insures that we will have a grand party, with music, speakers, lovely food, international guests, and opportunities for partners to share their successes. With UNEP’s blessing, we will coincide with World Environment Day. So, be sure to put a save-the-date in your calendars. Details to follow.

**GPSEN/RCE Launch Celebration**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**World Forestry Center, Miller Hall.**

**RCE Events**

**Networking Social**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

**4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Oregon Public House**

**700 NE Dekum St, Portland, OR 97211**

Come join in some good conversation and a networking activity with fellow sustainability fans and practitioners at the nation’s first non-profit pub. Each social has opened new doors and connections, so don’t miss this fun opportunity.

**Community Events**

**Go Play Outside!**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm   
Children’s Museum**

**4015 SW Canyon Road Portland, OR**

[**Get your pre-sale tickets now: 2 for $30 and 1 for $20**](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-network-for-a-sustainable-future-presents-go-play-outside-tickets-10523236283) **At the door: 1 ticket for $25**Join the Women’s Network for a Sustainable Future (WNSF) and discover new ways to support kids, nature, and a sustainable future. Bring a friend, expand your network, and enjoy a private, pre-opening tour of Outdoor Adventure at the Children's Museum with Executive Director, Ruth Shelly. Drinks and appetizers will be served.  Please contact us at [wnsf.portland@gmail.com](mailto:wnsf.portland@gmail.com) for information. [Click here for more about the evening.](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-network-for-a-sustainable-future-presents-go-play-outside-tickets-10523236283)

**Workshops and Conferences**

**University of Oregon Sustainability Leadership Program: EcoDistrict Realities and Implementation**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

**8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.   
UO in Portland, White Stag Block 148B**

**70 NW Couch Street, Suite 148, Portland, OR 97209**

Non-Credit Fee: $350

[Register for this course](http://sustain.uoregon.edu/webcart/cart.php?AddCourseKey=682857)

Sarah Heinicke will lead this workshop and introduce participants to the Lloyd EcoDistrict, the first fully operational funded EcoDistrict in Portland. This course will take you from the initial conceptual context, which led to the selection of the Lloyd District as an EcoDistrict to the framework as it was applied, the process of partnership and governance, determining the baseline conditions, the performance goals and areas of focus. Following the background introduction, we will examine the current projects and how they are being implemented with the partners and consultants who are helping frame these initiatives. Students will have a unique opportunity to understand the inner workings of the Lloyd EcoDistrict and work on specific aspects of current district initiatives.

For [more information](http://sustain.uoregon.edu/workshops/index.php) on the University of Oregon Sustainability Leadership Program.

**A Day of Transforming Trauma, with Laura van Dernoot Lipsky  
  
Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th, 2014**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**The Ambridge Event Center  
1333 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland 97232**

Please join us for this not-to-be-missed workshop offering a practical and holistic approach of sustaining ourselves individually and collectively. Participants are welcome from all professional disciplines and life circumstances.  
Whether you are a nurse, teacher, conservationist, journalist, doctor, police officer, firefighter, community organizer, biologist, or caring for a loved one in need, this day is for you.

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky will offer a compelling mix of personal insight, cutting edge research, personal stories, and countless *New Yorker* cartoons to help us understand the cumulative toll of being exposed to suffering over time and gain concrete skills to reconcile it.

**CEUs:** 5 hours are available for LMFTs, LMHCs and LCSWs. The cost for CEUs is $30 and must be paid for at the time of registration. [To register.](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8l3gz4ae74a24f1&llr=ehhej5iab)

**Learning Inside & Out**

**Thursday, March 6, 2014**

**9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Whitaker Ponds Nature Park**

**7040 NE 47th Avenue Portland, OR 97218**

Join the Oregon Natural Resource Education Program (ONREP) for a professional development workshop focused on engaging students in hands-on activities inside and outside the classroom. Nature connects content, curiosity, and culture while growing inquiring minds. Extend your classroom to the school grounds as you meet educational standards (including the CCSS’s and the upcoming NGSS’s). Community stewardship starts on your school grounds.

This is the last of a series of two integrated professional development events for teachers of grades 3-5.

Participants will receive a Project WILD Activity Guide. Substitute Reimbursement \* 1-2 hours of graduate credit available \* Lunch provided.

[To register](http://onrep.forestry.oregonstate.edu/workshops/registration). *Priority registrations will be given to the following urban schools: Peninsula, James John, Astor, Rosa Parks, Vernon, Ockley Green/Chief Joseph, Boise-Eliot, Beach, Cesar Chavez, Faubion, Rigler, Roseway, Heights, Scott, Shaver, and Woodland.*

**AASHE 2014 Call for Presentations**

**Deadline Extended to March 7**

Share your ideas on the largest stage for higher education sustainability thought leadership in North America at the AASHE 2014 Conference & Expo, in Portland, Oregon, October 26-29. From surprising attendees with your approach to sustainability to empowering others with the tools that have helped you, your participation is key to a better conference, and a better world.  [Submit your proposal here!](http://conference.aashe.org/2014/speakers/call-for-presentations/?utm_source=newsletter_Feb_Events&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CFP)

**PSU Social Sustainability Colloquium  
Fridays**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Portland State University**

**ASRC (Rec Center bldg), Room 660**

**1800 SW 6th Ave. Portland, OR 97201**

**FREE and open to the public**

***Friday, March 7, 2014****:* ***New 'Avenues to Advocacy'***

Mychal Tetteh, the CEO of Community Cycling Center (CCC), sees a big problem in the local advocacy ecosystem: too many people aren't sure how, where and when to get engaged. And as a result, their voices aren't being heard. His solution? A crowd-sourced and curated compendium of all the region's active transportation events, meetings, comment periods, open houses, and so on. All these things are "avenues to advocacy" that Tetteh would like to make accessible to Portlanders — especially those in underserved communities where many people have trouble meeting their basic needs.

The Community Cycling Center (CCC) has always worked to bring the benefits of bicycling to underserved communities, and Tetteh's new effort aims to do the same with advocacy. If lower-income and communities of color become involved with advocacy issues the thinking goes, the end result will better reflect community needs and bicycling (and walking) will become a more viable transportation option. And Appreciative Inquiry—the act of studying and co-designing a compelling future state of advocacy—is on the top of the agenda.

***Friday, March 14: Intro and Overview to Spring Colloquium Food Systems Series, Monica Cuneo***

**Whole Earth Summit: Conversations With 42 Global Leaders**

**March 11 – 13, 2014**

**Free and On-Line**

What’s your vision for a resilient world? How are you creating it now? Though our hearts know another world is possible, it’s not necessarily easy to create the regenerative culture we dream of. Whether in our own backyards, communities at large (or even within ourselves), how do we actually create the world we want? Join this first time gathering of extraordinary activists and on-the-ground leaders as they share what they’re up to, why it’s important, and what you can do about it in your own life. Gain valuable insights and inspiration to be a more dynamic, community-oriented, and effective change-maker. A whole earth is calling us…

• What if everything we did created a world that benefited all life?  
• Do you consider yourself an agent of change with a desire to make a difference?  
• How can you be a strong collaborator who connects the dots in your own community?  
• How can your local projects ripple throughout the landscape and shake up the status quo?  
• Do you want to be so awesomely inspired so that you’ve got to take your next leap?

<http://wholeearthsummit.org/>

**ISSP Webinar: The New Global Sustainability Goals**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST)**

Right now, the world is negotiating (via the UN) a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are expected to define the global sustainability agenda for the next 15 years. What will these goals mean? How can the global process be used to create more awareness -- and more change -- at the community and corporate level?

Alan AtKisson, President of the AtKisson Group, a global sustainability services network, will share how to connect to the SDG process and how to "build a Pyramid" for sustainability. This webinar will brief you on the process and introduce you to a free global volunteer initiative, "Pyramid 2030," that you can use to bring people together and explore new ideas for a sustainable future.

The International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP) is the world's leading professional association of sustainability practitioners. [Register / More Info](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M55KPbKFkW1QomVfYWIkJUlgD11PdNLOj7kpw_y0Vpg9zakjsRVyh7DWcpOnEKqtmhcSd60TqMft8RYLAirNx5uHYF9OXXidtn9v0BMVRjE3Qn0qqgmCQqjmmqqp628tsygV6A89v2_In90m49Rlxnljs1uOdJuibwWSmW5618OqNs6kbpiHTc9uKq2x3sQ9FL6qRVlv5Ef5qZMJMiRgUH2Yo3V915W4WI0Bdc8-sEFRUPfnH5NhcOflzoYUIYQiXuOiRVDKxmtqZjHmYbVCFpjAHFUu5kiqt9FYBheY2sIUCm2_lEjDhMe2IjsYW5MNLPjpxAgSr5e3tJyMiV_PpU_jaajFEmQYUCb9rYbj0pz07WTAcAu6XRl-aB_ux5AIWsWWxYIB2_M0q_jv1iy15A==&c=np-vp10z2WNgQo4-Sd4nSUMIqUb76TPcRhtjLll6X1tNCs5RqvhscA==&ch=OUoW6-kbSd1_mi3rrBProd_HF4seX9ze7xKZNvj2i2xTzFHhaIPsTw==)

**Call for Applications: AASHE Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop**

[Find out more and **apply here by March 17**](http://www.aashe.org/sustainability-across-curriculum-leadership).

Led by Geoffrey Chase of San Diego State University and Peggy Barlett of Emory University, this workshop is for faculty leaders of all disciplines who wish to develop curriculum change programs around sustainability on their campuses. Through an intensive two days of presentations, exercises, discussions, reflection, and planning, participants will become familiar with the philosophy of change in higher education developed through the Ponderosa Project at Northern Arizona University and adapted at Emory in Piedmont Project.Participants will also experience a range of workshop strategies, hear local experts, enjoy outdoor place-based activities, and dialogue with faculty from around the country as they gain help in adapting this model to their own campuses.

The workshop will take place July 10-11, 2014 at San Diego State University.

**AASHE Webinar:** [**Curricular, Co-Curricular Tools for Engaging Social Dimensions of Change**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-shared-learning-and-shared-action-curricular-and-co-curricular-tools-for-engaging-the-registration-10402675683)

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**11:00 am - 12:30 pm (PST)**

Join RCE partner, the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI), for this month’s AASHE webinar. Sustainability education should encompass much more than mere knowledge acquisition, instead addressing the “say-do gap,” which behavior change experts cite as being the difference between saying what we believe and actually doingit. This interactive webinar will provide resources for moving beyond mere knowledge acquisition to application, shared learning and shared action – thus enabling more effective sustainability education and engagement grounded in a transformative, participatory learning process developed by the NWEI offering a series of nine [discussion-based course books](http://www.nwei.org/discussion-courses-2/) for educators, sustainability officers, students and higher education staff alike.

The webinar will go over the importance of sustainability pedagogy, highlighting NWEI’s process of connecting and discovering in small groups as a model. Participants will participate in a brief discussion activity, which will highlight content from NWEI’s series of sustainability focused course books and offer participants the opportunity to experience NWEI’s methodology of change first hand.

AASHE webinars are free for AASHE members and $50 for non-AASHE members. [To register/ More info](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-shared-learning-and-shared-action-curricular-and-co-curricular-tools-for-engaging-the-registration-10402675683)

**The Intertwine Alliance 2014 Spring Summit**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Cascade Crest Banquet Center, Oregon Zoo**

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

Building on a foundation now two years old, The Intertwine Alliance is poised to advance our region’s larger agenda. Join us as we introduce the concept of the [Collective Impact Model](http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact): a successful pathway to achieve our partners' shared goals.

Our Spring 2014 Summit will be centered on important breakout sessions intended to help shape future priorities for collaborative Intertwine projects. Breakout groups include: Education and Communication; Parks, Trails, and Active Transportation; Nature and Human Health; and Conservation, Restoration, and Urban Forestry

[**Register**](https://theintertwine.org/intertwine-alliance-summit)(Register by Friday, March 7 to receive a free drink ticket for the Summit reception)

Registration is free for first time participants, $10 for Alliance partners, and $20 for non partners.

**Resources**

[**Metro’s Nature in Neighborhoods Grants**](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/grants)

**Restoration Grant Workshop**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Metro Regional Center**

**600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR**

Got a restoration project? Apply for a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and community stewardship grant.

Grants are available to individuals, community groups, businesses, neighborhoods, nonprofits, schools and school groups, government agencies, faith groups and service groups with nonprofit or other tax-exempt status. Metro is especially interested in restoration projects that engage underserved and low-income communities and people of color.

Projects must involve at least three partners and be completed within two to three years. Grant funds must be matched by other funding or in-kind contributions, such as materials and volunteer work.

Fill out a simple application by **April 22, 2014** at [www.oregonmetro.gov/grants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/grants) for small habitat restoration grants up to $25,000 and large restoration grants up to $100,000. Thanks to a 2013 parks and natural areas levy approved by the region’s voters, Metro anticipates awarding about $700,000 in restoration grants this year.

[**Charming Your Way to Sustainability**](http://residenceonearth.net/2014/01/15/charming-your-way-to-sustainability/)

The challenge for change agents who want to drive their institution towards greater sustainability often isn’t a lack of ideas, know-how, or even funding; it’s buy-in.  In my experience it’s 10% about what you know, and 90% how people feel about you that determines how successful you are. In that regard, creating change is rather like dating—you get more by exerting charm rather than force. In I share some of my ideas on the art of seduction. I'm no expert at this and wrote this as a way to help me remember what I should do. So I'd love it if you'd share some advice as well!

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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)***.***

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