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The largest academic sustainability conference in the world brought over 2,000 change agents to Portland, with several core highlights, including an invigorating keynote speech by Annie Leonard and fascinating insights on ["disruptive sustainability"](http://www.triplepundit.com/2014/10/disruptive-sustainability-transformational-leader/) and transformative leadership, by Leith Sharp. Curious about what kind of change maker you are? Check out the [Story of Stuff's quiz](https://storyofstuff.secure.force.com/changemakers/quiz).  It sounds like the [NWEI's EcoChallenge](http://www.ecochallenge.org/list_of_participants/team_list/) was a great success too! With 207 teams and 1000s of actions taken, creating a better world is indeed possible, one step at a time. Thanks to all who participated in the GPSEN team and everyone who joined our partners' teams.  Next up, I will be representing GPSEN and the United States at four education for sustainable development (ESD) conferences this month, in Japan. These will culminate in the celebration of the end of the [Decade for ESD](http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001416/141629e.pdf) and the launch of the new [Global Action Programme](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/esd-after-2014/global-action-programme/) (GAP) at the [UNESCO World Conference on ESD](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/). There will be many opportunities for partners across the Portland region to develop a strategic roadmap and implement the forthcoming (GAP) and [sustainable development goals](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/focussdgs.html) (SDGs).  We will highlight and discuss opportunities at our GPSEN presentation at PSU’s Social Sustainability Colloquium and at our December stakeholder meeting.  And, the fun doesn't stop.  This month's newsletter pulls together another vibrant set of events, conferences, and resources.  Be sure to check out the details below.  Best wishes, Kim Smith GPSEN Coordinator | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *To share your news with the GPSEN community, send your items to* [***news.gpsen@gmail.com***](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com)***,*** *by the* ***25th of the month*** *for the following month's newsletter.* | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GPSEN Events**  **PSU’s Social Sustainability Colloquium Presentation**  Friday, November 21  2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Portland State University  PSU ASRC Room 660  1800 SW 6th Ave. Portland, OR 97201  Kim Smith and Jamie Stamberger, representing the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) will present on the launch of the new [UN Global Action Programme](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/esd-after-2014/global-action-programme/). This UNESCO-led effort looks to our region to help implement strategies that will help us all strive toward a healthier, just, and sustainable future. Join in this powerful conversation, at this critical time in history. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Events**    **Our Common Ground Plant-Off** Saturday, November 1  10:00am-2:00pm  Dirksen Nature Park (west) or Blue Lake Park (east)  Two teams of local youth -- one from the east side, one from the west -- are hosting tree and they need you in order to reach their goal! If they recruit at least 250 volunteers to join them at Dirksen Nature Park (west) or Blue Lake Park (east), each student wins a pair of KEENS and a trip. The high school and college students are gaining real-world job experience while learning about environmental policy, logistics, promotions, strategy, conservation and so much more. The two teams, the Sugar Skulls (think Day of the Dead) and the Green Team, have taken different approaches, with planned festivities ranging from face painting and fresh donuts to costume parties and music. So please join the fun as we plant trees, support local youth, and celebrate our communities at this event. [Read more, and sign up to volunteer.](http://pcc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=89da6e79a9737cbedf58549cf&id=efb9c4d30b&e=e3eb8f775f)  **VOIS Green Drinks** Tuesday, November 4  6pm-8pm  YOLO Colorhouse LLC 519 NE Hancock, Building B Portland, Oregon 97212  Since 2005, [Colorhouse](http://www.colorhousepaint.com) has provided no-VOC paint for interior painting needs. VOCs is short for "volatile organic compounds" that you may know as the "stinky stuff" in paint that is emitted as vapor when paint is drying. VOCs can be harmful to human health and the environment.   Located just across the Willamette in NE Portland, Colorhouse is opening its doors to PDX Green Drinks! We hope you can attend and learn about what Colorhouse is doing to "make the world more colorful and less volatile!"  ***Food and drink will be provided!*** **Attendance Cost:** $5 per attendee to cover food and drink costs **RSVP:** Please email [rsvp@pdxgreendrinks.org](mailto:rsvp@pdxgreendrinks.org) if you will attend.  **Sharing Economy meets the Driverless Car**  Friday, November 7  7pm-9pm  University of Portland’s Buckley Center Auditorium  5000 N Willamette Blvd, Portland, OR 97203  Emerging technologies bring the promise of progress coupled with the danger of disruption. Steve Brown**,** “Chief Futurist and Evangelist” of Intel corporation, Steve Gutmann**,** “a driver” in the car sharing industry, and  Diane Michelfelder**,** a leading researcher into the ethical considerations presented by emerging technologies, will discuss and debate the intersections of two potentially disruptive innovations: driverless cars and the sharing economy**.** Driverless cars present exciting business opportunities and potential social benefits, but also have tremendous disruptive potential. The sharing economy, and car sharing in particular, is a social innovation with equally impressive capacity for positive change and disruption. By thinking about these consequences **before** these technologies are widespread, can we as citizens get out in front and help to guide the development? Let’s try!  A chance to speak to the participants will be provided at a reception that will follow the symposium.  **PSU’s Social Sustainability Colloquium** Fridays  2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Portland State University  ASRC (Rec Center bldg), Room 660 (unless otherwise noted)  1800 SW 6th Ave. Portland, OR 97201  FREE and open to the public  *November 7 Learning Gardens Laboratory, Lettuce Grow and Growing Gardens Denissia Withers, Rima Green, and more!!*  *November 14 Gina Condon, Construct Foundation, Innovation in Education – through Design Thinking*  *ASRC 620*  *November 21 Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) and the new* [*UN Global Action Programme*](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/esd-after-2014/global-action-programme/)*, Kim Smith and Jamie Stamberger.*  **Safe Routes to School “For Every Kid” Kick Off**  Saturday, November 8  10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Linwood Elementary School – front steps 11909 SE Linwood Ave, Milwaukie  Please arrive at 9:45 if you would like to make a sign of support!  Mayor Jeremy Ferguson of Milwaukie, public health leaders, community organizations, and parents will kick off a new effort, For Every Kid. Metro-area kids who most need opportunities for physical activity don’t have the necessary safe infrastructure—sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes—in their communities and around their schools to support a healthy childhood. Advocates aim to improve the health of kids by calling for safe routes to schools in communities across the tri-county Metro region. Please join us to show your support for this exciting new effort. [Click here for more information](http://saferoutespartnership.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=88edfd25ae92304f5d305736c&id=cee7cfb01f&e=23fc150230)  **VOIS Green Drinks**  Thursday, November 13  6pm-8pm  Raccoon Lodge & Brew Pub 7424 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland OR 97225  Located in the Raleigh Hills neighborhood of SW Portland, the [Raccoon Lodge](http://www.raclodge.com) (Cascade Brewing Company) was established in 1998 by Art Larrance, who has been involved in Oregon's craft beer industry since its inception. Art co-founded one of the state's first microbreweries, Portland Brewing, as well as the Oregon Brewers Festival, which today is one of the world's preeminent craft beer festivals. Cascade Brewing is known for a focus on high quality ales made with locally sourced ingredients, and a line of amazing sour-style beers to match every palate.  Attendance Cost: $5 suggested donation per attendee  RSVP: Please email [rsvp@pdxgreendrinks.org](mailto:rsvp@pdxgreendrinks.org) if you will attend.  **Cultural Mentoring**  Thursday, November 13  7:00pm–9:30 pm  Portland State University's Lincoln Hall    Special guests Jon Young of the 8-Shields Institute, the world's foremost organization for training nature-connection mentors, and Mark Lakeman, of City Repair, will explore the attributes inherent in a healthy, sustainable, and nature-connected culture, and how to foster community culture based on intergenerational mentorship.    Hosted by 8-Shields PDX. For tickets, visit <http://8spdx.com/>. | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Workshops & Conferences**  **Empowering Communities**: **Consensus Facilitation Train-the-Trainer Series**  Introductory workshops: Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2  8:45 am-5:00 pm  University of Oregon's White Stag Building  70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR 97209  With over 30 years of national and international successes in consensus building, conflict resolution, and visioning for sustainable solutions, Jeff Goebel is a leading expert in helping individuals and communities attain their goals and remove the obstacles that lie in their way. Join Jeff for this workshop series which trains trainers via systematic instruction and practice in conflict resolution, productivity, peace, respect, and purpose in local to global contexts. Neglecting conflict management skills continues to affect every area of our lives, manifesting in the inability to negotiate conflict, scarcity, and change on every front: intrapersonally, in relationships, community, workplace, and ultimately—international relations. This workshop provides skills to facilitate consensus for conflict resolution, change, and scarcity mentality to create and amplify the best possible social, economic, and environmental outcomes.  The additional series dates are (Saturdays and Sundays): November 15 and 16; January 24 and 25; February 21 and 22; April 4 and 5; and April 25 and 26.  Price for the series: $1,500; University/college student price: $600  For information, check out [the climate change train-the-trainer workshop and other related presentations](https://www.dropbox.com/s/6ohkajya9vdozgf/Goebel-Schuetz%20Workshop%20info%206-19%20and%206-26-14.pdf) in the Portland Metro area. To RSVP, contact Deidre Schuetz at [schuetz.deidre@gmail.com](mailto:schuetz.deidre@gmail.com) or  [503-730-4452](tel:503-730-4452)  **Unleashing High-Performing Teams Workshop**  Wednesday, November 5  11:30am – 1:30pm Benson Hotel  309 SW Broadway, Portland  Ironically, many folks in the sustainability field struggle to sustain themselves and their teams. Are you being told to “do more with less?” That’s exactly what High Performing teams do.  This workshop by the Portland Consulting Group will help you understand the power of High-Performing Teams and how to support them in your organization, plus discover ways to have much more fun at work!  Besides a highly interactive workshop… you’ll have a plated hot lunch from the superb kitchen at the Benson.  Cost: $25 [Registration](http://portlandconsultinggroup.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=e34832870c418e3dc80227dd8&id=9d523fdbcf&e=a72f187971).  **Intertwine Fall Summit 2014** Friday, November 14  1:00 pm- 7:00 pm The Oregon Zoo  4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR 97221  "Play, Learn, Serve and Work: Youth Perspectives on Conservation and Nature" Utilizing the Collective Impact framework, this fall’s Intertwine Summit will focus on equity, inclusion and developing the environmental leaders of tomorrow. ​Take part in a youth-led workshop exploring the importance of including diverse voices in our planning and program development. ​Hear how Intertwine Alliance partners are empowering young people to step into conservation leadership roles, infusing their organizations and programs with new energy. Explore the ways that youth perspectives can strengthen the work of all Alliance partners. Presenters will include The Intertwine Alliance’s Plant-Off! Team, Audubon’s Talon Program, Project YESS at Mt. Hood Community College, Metro’s partnership with Self Enhancement Inc., the OakQuest Project and the Momentum Alliance. Featuring the [2014 Force of Nature Awards](http://intertwine.listmaster.org/cgi-bin/spacer.gif?newscenter=6457&release=329346&W8EA4FG87=3&redir_link=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.theintertwine.org%2F2014-force-nature-awards) Ceremony**.**  [REGISTER TODAY!](http://intertwine.listmaster.org/cgi-bin/spacer.gif?newscenter=6457&release=329346&W8EA4FG87=4&redir_link=https%3A%2F%2Ftheintertwine.org%2Ffall-summit-2014-registration)  **Systems Thinking Workshop for Educators**  Saturday, November 15  8:30 am – 4 pm  Catlin Gabel School  8825 SW Barnes Rd. Portland, Oregon  This all-day workshop with Mary Scheetz, of the Waters Foundation, will make systems thinking tools relevant to educators. Attendees will learn how to utilize systems thinking tools and concepts to deepen student understanding within their particular subject area, and how to address the systems thinking content strand of the Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan, as well as how it supports STEM and Sustainability.  The workshop is free for formal and non-formal educators, and limited travel funds are available. Lunch will be provided. Presented by the Sustainable Schools Collaborative, together with the Oregon Natural Resources Education Program and Portland Public Schools. Register early as space is limited. Learn more at [sustainableschools.org/ssc-workshop](file:///C:\Users\drkdsmith\Dropbox\UNU%20RCE\Outreach%20&%20Communications\Newsletters\sustainableschools.org\ssc-workshop).  **The Mind of a Mentor**  Saturday, November 15  Location: TBD  Jon will delve into a one-day workshop that will explore specific tools and models utilized in cultural mentoring and provide an overview of the year-long leadership training.    Hosted by 8-Shields PDX.  For details and tickets, visit <http://8spdx.com/>. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Resources**  **Funding: Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education Grant Workshop**  November 5, 2014  Metro Regional Center  600 NE Grand Ave., Portland    Do you have an idea to connect people with nature? Teach people about water quality, fish and wildlife habitat or to support healthier communities? Small conservation education grants up to $25,000 and large grants up to $100,000 are available for projects that connect neighborhoods with nature. A wide variety of projects can fit the bill, such as nature education for school-aged children, job training or internships for nature-based careers, or building capacity for groups to connect their communities to nearby natural areas.    Click [HERE](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/nature-neighborhoods-grants/nature-neighborhoods-education) to learn more about the conservation education grants and fill out a simple application by Jan. 13, 2015. For questions, contact the grants coordinator, [Crista Gardner](mailto:Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov).  **Funding: NFWF’s Developing the Next Generation of Conservationists Request for Proposals**  Accepting proposals through December 16, 2014.    This funding opportunity is led by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and is supported by the USFS, BLM, BOR and private sponsors. The effort is aligned with the [21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC)](http://21csc.org/) and provides nearly $2,000,000 in funding to support innovative partnerships that provide meaningful conservation employment for young people. In 2015, the Forest Service has committed $405,000 to support projects that benefit Forest Service lands and program. These federal funds must be matched at least 1:1 with non-federal contributions.    Visit the [NFWF NextGen website](http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/home.aspx)  to see if you might have opportunities that align with this program. ·         Eligibility – FS units cannot directly submit proposals, but partners must work closely with FS units in the development of proposals. 21CSC partner organizations will be given priority for FS funding.  ·         Funding - $50,000 limit on proposals; although projects that partner across agencies may be larger. Cross-agency partners are strongly encouraged!  All federal funds must be matched at least 1:1 with non-federal contributions.  ·         Process – Proposals are developed and submitted online through the [NextGen website](http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/home.aspx). Project selections are anticipated in early Spring 2015.    **Job Opportunity: Sierra Club Oregon Chapter Director**  This is an opportunity to work with the best environmental activists in the state on conservation issues close to home. We’re looking for that unique combination of a green fire in the belly, strong budget and team management skills, and the ability to work with a wide variety of stakeholders to accomplish great things, including increased financial support for our programs.  The Sierra Club offers competitive salary package commensurate with skills and experience plus excellent. If you’re ready to tackle a leadership role for an organization focused on keeping the Oregon air clear, our trees green and our wildlife protected, [**please click here for all the details and to apply**](https://ch.tbe.taleo.net/CH15/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=SIERRACLUB&cws=1&rid=484).  [**EPA’s Climate Change Indicators in the United States Report**](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/indicators.html)  The report pulls together observed data on key measures of our environment, including U.S. and global temperature and precipitation, ocean heat and ocean acidity, sea level, length of growing season, and many others. With 30 indicators that include over 80 maps and graphs showing long-term trends, the report demonstrates that climate change is already affecting our environment and our society.    The third edition of the Indicators report, which was last published in 2012, adds additional years of data and four new indicators: Lyme disease, heating and cooling degree days, wildfires, and water level and temperature in the Great Lakes. In addition, the report adds four new features that connect observed data records to local communities and areas of interest, including cherry blossom bloom dates in Washington D.C., timing of ice breakup in two Alaskan rivers, temperature and drought in the Southwest, and land loss along the mid-Atlantic coast.    To order a FREE copy of the report, send a request with your mailing address included to  [climateindicators@epa.gov](mailto:climateindicators@epa.gov)    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *Share your news with the GPSEN community. Send your items to* [***news.gpsen@gmail.com***](mailto:news.gpsen@gmail.com) *by the* ***25th of the month*** *for the following month's newsletter.*  Check out our [website](http://pcc.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=f3b4a1e329&e=3aad4c6930) to become a member and find out more information about GPSEN. | | | |
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