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There was a lot of good news this summer.  Several partners received Nature in the Neighborhood grants through Metro.  We are particularly thrilled about the shared grant with EEAO and the Intertwine Alliance to develop a comprehensive database of all of the environmental and sustainability providers and resources in the greater Portland region.  Keep an eye out for opportunities to participate!  Plus, one of the stars of this year’s [International Virtual Youth Conference](http://www.grandrapidsrce.org/vyc2014/) on food systems, Catlin Gabel’s [Planning and Leadership Across City Environments](http://pdxplace.wordpress.com/) (PLACE) program, won [some high praise](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/07/high_school_students_catch_por.html) for their presentation to Portland’s City Council, on SE Powell’s transportation options.  Led by PLACE director George Zaninovich, 21 students from Catlin Gabel, Central Catholic, Franklin, Wilson, Lincoln, and Grant High Schools spent a month learning about urban planning and government, honing their research skills, and applying their new-found knowledge to practical hands-on issues.  Congratulations, team!  Looking ahead, there are exciting opportunities for the RCE community. This year marks the end of the Decade for ESD and the start of the new Global Action Programme. RCEs around the world will be gathering in Japan for the 9th Annual Global RCE Conference, from November 4-7, and you are invited.  We would love to have more members of RCE Greater Portland attend.  Check out the [details and considering registering](http://www.rce-network.org/portal/9th-conference-program).  Be sure to check out the many events and resources coming up this month. You won’t want to miss our quarterly Stakeholder Meeting, as we highlight partners and prepare for the release of UNESCO’s new Global Action Programme. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Share your news with the GPSEN community. Send your items to* ***news.gpsen@gmail.com*** *by the* ***25th of the month***  *for the following month's newsletter.* | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Like us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greater-Portland-Sustainability-Education-Network-GPSEN/709357715761295?ref=br_tf)[Visit our website](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/) | | [Like us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greater-Portland-Sustainability-Education-Network-GPSEN/709357715761295?ref=br_tf) |  |  | | --- | | [Visit our website](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/) | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Contents**   * [Stakeholder Meeting](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc1) * [Northwest Earth Institute EcoChallenge](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc2) * [VOIS Green Drinks](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc3) * [Green Apple Day of Service](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc4) * [Movie Night: “The Clean Bin Project”](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc5) * [Wisdom of the Elderberry Harvest Celebration](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc6) * [People’s Climate March in Portland](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc7) * [FREE Natural Gardening Workshops](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc8) * [Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage a Year](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc9) * [Oregon BEST fest 2014](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc10) * [Environmental Identity and the Ecological Self](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc11) * [Earth Advantage: Sustainable Homes Professional](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc12) * [12th Annual Regional Livability Summit](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc13) * [GoGreen Portland 2014](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc14) * [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc15) * [Education intern](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc16) * [Program Manager, Energy Education](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc17) * [Nominations sought for the 2014 Force of Nature Awards!](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc18) * [Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Opportunity](http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=5e8ea1a005b67de6ae0ac0147&id=cabaad86b5&e=#mctoc19) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GPSEN Events**  **Stakeholder Meeting** Friday, September 12, 2014 10:00 am- 12:00 pm World Forestry Center 4033 SW Canyon Rd, Portland, OR 97221   It’s time for our quarterly meeting, with opportunities to discuss upcoming regional, national, and international initiatives, hear from representatives from the World Forestry Center, Outdoor School , Hands On Greater Portland, and vote on projects for the Annual Calendar.  Let’s catch up and see what ideas are percolating for fall and beyond.  Join us afterwards for some social time and a no-host lunch next door at the Oregon Zoo.   **Northwest Earth Institute EcoChallenge** Have you signed up to participate in this year's EcoChallenge?  This annual Northwest Earth Institute event is a great way to make a difference in your life and opportunity.  For a meaningful experience and a chance to win great prizes, [join the GPSEN team](https://www.ecochallenge.org/list_of_participants/team/greater_portland_rce_530/). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Events**    **VOIS Green Drinks: Bringing Socially Responsible Investors to Portland** Tuesday, September 2, 2014 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Migration Brewing 2828 NE Glisan St, Portland  Given that we're in harvest season, we're aiming for September's topic to be on "hyperlocal food". We're still working on a speaker for the topic and will keep you informed. For now, know that you can bring your thirst, and we hope this message is enough to whet your appetite. :) They have a nice, outdoor space that can hold a lot of folks.   Free with a $5 suggested donation.  RSVP:  Please email  rsvp@pdxgreendrinks.org so we can help plan accordingly.    **Green Apple Day of Service - Giving Back to Our Schools** September till October, 2014 Various schools in the Portland area  This September and October, join Portland’s American Institute of Architects (AIA) Committee On The Environment (COTE), the Cascadia Green Building Council (CGBC) Portland Collaborative, the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI), and various design and construction companies in transforming our schools into healthy, safe, cost-efficient and productive learning places.  From projects like 2012’s [outdoor learning garden](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=2SNDOYBZbdA) at Jason Lee K-8 School in NE Portland and courtyard transformation to removal of pavement and creating green teams in the schools the Green Apple Day of Service really makes a difference.  For updates and to RSVP to events:  www.mygreenapple.org   *Garden Space for Harrison Park School* Saturday, September 6 & 27 9am-12pm Harrison Park School 2225 SE 87th Ave, Portland, OR 97216   *COTE Greenbag- "From Asphalt to Ecosystems: Creating Living Infastructure in Urban Schoolyards* Wednesday, September 10 12pm-1pm AIA Center for Architecture 403 NW 11th Ave, Portland, OR 97209 Cost: Free   *Depave and Planting for Creston School* Saturday, September 13 Begins at 10am Creston School 4701 SE Bush St, Portland, OR 97206   *Depave and Planting for King School* Saturday, September 27 Begins at 10am King School- 4906 NE 6th,  Portland, OR 97211   *Playground Cleanup for Roseway Heights School* Saturday, September 27 Begins at 10am Roseway Heights School 7334 NE Siskiyou St, Portland, OR 97213   **Movie Night: “The Clean Bin Project”** Wednesday, September 10 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Northwest Earth Institute 107 SE Washington St. Portland   Back by popular demand, we are once again sharing “The Clean Bin Project” (see trailer here). The Clean Bin Project pits partners Jen and Grant in a competition to see who can produce the least amount of garbage in a year. Their light-hearted competition is set against a compelling examination of the sobering problem of waste in our ‘throw-away’ society. Renowned artist and TED lecturer, Chris Jordan, and marine pollution expert, Captain Charles Moore, are featured in interviews. “The Clean Bin Project” (76 mins) presents the serious topic of waste reduction with optimism, humor, and inspiration for individual action.   Please preregister at 503-244-8044 or email [greenhouseone@gmail.com](mailto:greenhouseone@gmail.com).  The upper floors of the building are locked in the evening, so arrive by 6:50 p.m. to insure that everyone is able to get upstairs on time.    **Wisdom of the Elderberry Harvest Celebration** Saturday, September 13, 2014 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm Wisdom Gardens 3203 SE 109th Avenue, Portland, OR 97266   The harvest celebration will focus on Wisdom's elderberry plants and the elderberry's healing properties to support a healthy immune system against winter’s cold and flu season. This will also be an open house for the community to learn more about Wisdom of the Elders and Wisdom Gardens. There will be tours of the gardens, an opening prayer of thanksgiving for the harvest, and an elderberry syrup making demonstration.   For more information, please contact Amanda Kelley-Lopez at [amanda@wisdomoftheelders.org](mailto:amanda@wisdomoftheelders.org) or call (503) 775-4014.   **People’s Climate March in Portland** Sunday, September 21 1:00 pm Waterfront Park Naito Pkwy between SW Harrison St & NW Glisan St, Portland  In September, world leaders are coming to New York City for a UN Summit on the climate crisis. Tens of thousands are taking to the streets there to demand the world we know is within our reach: a world with an economy that works for people and the planet; a world safe from the ravages of climate change; a world with good jobs, clean air and water, and healthy communities.  For those who won’t be able to make it to New York, [350PDX](http://www.350pdx.org/node/76) and others are organizing a solidarity march in Portland. Come out and show the world leaders that we are all in this together. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Workshops & Conferences**  **East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District:** **FREE Natural Gardening Workshops** Want to create your own thriving, chemical-free garden? EMSWCD’s Natural Gardening Workshops help people learn how to create low-cost, low-maintenance landscapes that conserve water, prevent pollution and create healthy habitat for local birds & wildlife. Check out these FREE Workshops and learn how to garden for clean water and healthy habitat! Perfect for *all levels* of do-it-yourselfers, you’ll  discover simple gardening tips & resources that will help you save water and save money while bringing your vision to life.  *Native Plants* Wednesday, September 3 6:00 pm– 8:30 pm, NE Portland   *Naturescaping Basics* Saturday, 9/6, 9am – 1pm, SE Portland Saturday, 9/13 from 9am – 1pm, SE Portland  Saturday, 9/20 from 9am – 1pm in Tigard   *Rain Gardens 101* Sunday, 9/21 from 9am – 1pm, N Portland   [See full schedule and register online](http://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/).    **Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage a Year** Tuesdays, September 9, 16, and 23  6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Northwest Earth Institute 107 SE Washington St. Portland   So many of us are concerned about the health of the environment and therefore ourselves, and it often feels overwhelming trying to figure out what to do to help. One of the simplest, most effective ways to cut the effects of climate change is through reducing your waste.   How great to know that there is something so simple that we can actually do!   Brought to you by the popular Reduce Your Waste Project, this class is presented as a series with information building on the previous session; please be sure that you can attend all three sessions before registering. To register, call 503-244-8044 or email [greenhouseone@gmail.com](mailto:greenhouseone@gmail.com)    **Oregon BEST fest 2014** September 15-16, 2014 Oregon Convention Center 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Portland, OR 97232   What does Oregon bring to the table that differentiates us on the national or global stage? What are the natural, intellectual, and business resources we can leverage? Should we be more focused on certain areas because of where we come from as a state and region? How can we scale up our efforts — the Oregon way? We envision [Oregon BEST FEST 2014](http://oregonbest.org/news-events/events/oregon-best-fest-2014/program/#sthash.T1Bm2QFS.dpuf) to be a rallying point to pursue this opportunity together.     **Ecopsychology Certificate program**:  **Environmental Identity and the Ecological Self** Saturdays, September 20 and October 11, 2014  1:00 pm-5:00 pm Lewis & Clark College 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road. Portland, OR 97219   Taught by Thomas Doherty, Psy.D., this course guides students toward self‐reflection regarding identity and experience related to place, the natural world, and other species; and motivations for integrating ecological perspectives into academic, professional or advocacy work. This course is the required prerequisite for our [**Ecopsychology Certificate program**](https://graduate.lclark.edu/programs/continuing_education/certificates/ecopsychology/). For more information and to register, [click here.](https://graduate.lclark.edu/live/events/27753-environmental-identity-and-the-ecological-self)     **Earth Advantage: Sustainable Homes Professional** Early Bird Discount ends Sept. 22!   Learn sustainable building best practices from building science experts in a hands-on learning environment and gain practical knowledge that you can apply immediately.  Course modules include: Introduction & Integrated Design Process; Building Science Fundamentals; High Performance Building Envelopes; Mechanical Systems & Performance Testing; Health, Materials, & Water; and Synthesis, Final Projects, & Certification Exam.  New classes begin October 17, 2014.   [Register here.](http://www.earthadvantage.org/education/sustainable-homes-professional-shp)  Contact Ryan LaPoma for more information at [rlapoma@earthadvantage.org](mailto:rlapoma@earthadvantage.org) or 503.968.7160 x25   **Coalition for a Livable Future’s** **12th Annual Regional Livability Summit** Friday, October 3, 2014 Portland State University   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.  This year’s theme is “Pathways to Prosperity: Advancing Economic Justice.”  Be inspired by workshops and keynote speaker Dr. Antwi Akom, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable, Economic, Educational, and Environmental Design (I-SEEED). [Click](https://clfuture.org/news-events/regional-livability-summit) for more information and to register. CLF is also currently seeking volunteers for the event. Volunteering at the Summit is a great way to get connected. We hope that you will be able to join us!  Click [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dG9aTTFBSEFJMGdxYUV0UGEwVlRJbVE6MQ#gid=0) for volunteer info & sign up.   **GoGreen Portland 2014** Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hosted Networking Reception to begin at 5 p.m. Oregon Convention Center | Oregon Ballroom 777 Northeast Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard   “The Rise of the Commons: Investing in a Socially Sustainable Community.”  The 7th annual GoGreen Portland conference brings together private and public sector leaders to share their work on the key components of a framework for a socially sustainable community. Our experts will discuss social equity advocacy, the development of new economic models, competitive city strategies, behavioral change, new innovations and corporate responsibility. GoGreen creates a platform for attendees to engage in interactive, peer-to-peer and solution-based learning to generate practical solutions to our region’s most pressing challenges. For more information and to register, [click here](http://portland.gogreenconference.net/registration/).    **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference** October 27-29, 2014 Oregon Convention Center   With nearly 2,000 participants, AASHE's annual conference is the largest gathering of higher education sustainability professionals and students in North America. In one of the most innovative sustainable cities in North America, attendees from around the world will come together to network and share new innovations, activities, frameworks, learning outcomes, tools, strategies, research, theory and leadership initiatives that are changing the face of sustainability.  [Register soon!](http://conference.aashe.org/2014/)  ***New Executive Workshop Added to AASHE Conference!*** Leith Sharp from Harvard's Center for Health and the Global Environment, in collaboration with the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, will deliver a new one-day intensive session for senior leaders and experienced sustainability professionals who want to integrate sustainability into the core of their university or college as a driver of innovation, effectiveness and growth. [For more information and to register](http://conference.aashe.org/2014/program/executive-education-for-disruptive-sustainability-workshop/). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Resources**  **Education intern - Slough School Education Program** Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Portland, Oregon Closes: Thursday, September 4, 2014  For the past twenty years, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council has offered environmental education activities, workshops, paddling events, and restoration opportunities to the diverse populations of Portland, Gresham, and Fairview. The Slough School Education Intern will prepare and deliver field-based educational and stewardship programs and classroom-based educational presentations to K-12 students attending schools within the Columbia Slough Watershed.  Click [here](http://columbiaslough.org/files/uploads/Education_Intern_Position_Description_Fall_2014.pdf) for complete job description and application. For information, contact Jane at [503-281-1132](mailto:503-281-1132) or jane.vandyke@columbiaslough.org.     **Position Opening at BEF:** **Program Manager, Energy Education** Closes: September 12, 2014   Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) Solar 4R Schools program is looking for an experienced trainer and program manager for a STEM renewable energy education teacher training program. Visit the website for [job description and application instructions](http://www.b-e-f.org/why-bef/careers/).    **The Intertwine Alliance:** **Nominations sought for the 2014 Force of Nature Awards!** Nominations deadline: September 26, 2014   The Annual Force of Nature Awards recognize efforts made within The Intertwine to advance a robust, region-wide network of interconnected naturals areas, parks and trails. We first introduced the Force of Nature Awards at our 2013 Fall Summit, with the belief that our community needed a formal opportunity to recognize and celebrate the individuals and organizations that drive this important work.  Over time, the awards will showcase not only a range of accomplishments, but also the broad geographic scope of these efforts.   Award Categories: Outstanding Organizational Achievement and/or Special Project; Outstanding Young Professional; and Lifetime Achievement.  [Nomination form.](http://theintertwine.org/2014-force-nature-awards)   **Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grant Opportunity** Letters of interest accepted through Oct. 15, 2014   If you have ideas on how to make nature thrive in your neighborhood, park, school or city, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods capital grant could help make your vision a reality. These grants are funded by the voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure and support efforts to preserve or enhance natural features and habitats that will benefit communities now and for generations to come. While the grants fund only capital investments, a wide variety of projects can fit the bill such as property acquisition, integrating habitat in urban redevelopment projects, restoring a degraded stream, or helping your neighborhood become a place for people to interact with nature.    Full applications are accepted only upon invitation and will be due January 2015. Metro Council will award funding in spring 2015.  To learn more about the capital grants, get a copy of the handbook or see all the Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants that have been funded to date, visit [Oregon Metro.](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/capitalgrants) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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