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

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our August 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 turned in our second draft to the United Nations University-Institute for Advanced Studies on July 29 and we have received rave reviews from the UNU and our RCE mentor.  Yay!!!

We are now in the process of completing the final draft.  If you are interested in reviewing the application, we welcome your feedback. Whether you have been involved in the process already or are offering fresh eyes and insights, 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 will soon be available on our [webpage](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/), with a feedback form.  If you would like to check out the full application now, please let us know, as we can send a copy.

RCE Events

We have our first **RCE Networking Social** on:

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

**5:00 pm-7:00 pm**

**Hopworks Urban Brewery (HUB)**

**3947 N Williams Ave  
Portland, OR 97227**[**(503) 287-6258**](tel:%28503%29%20287-6258)

Come to our next **Members Meeting** to celebrate the submission of our RCE application and talk about projects:

**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)

***To be followed by an optional happy hour for socializing and networking.***

Workshops and Conferences

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| **Regional Equity Atlas Trainings and Workshops - Free!** |  |  |
| Sign up here for a free technical training on the Atlas online mapping tool. The trainings are designed for users who are interested in an in-depth, hands-on introduction to the mapping tool’s features and capabilities. Capacity at each of the trainings is limited, and pre-registration is required. If you are interested in hosting a technical training at your organization or agency, contact us for more details.  Next available date: August 14th  [Find dates, times, locations, and sign-up information Here](http://clfuture.org/programs/regional-equity-atlas/take-action/technical-trainings)  For questions, please email[scotty@clfuture.org](mailto:scotty@clfuture.org) | | |

**2013 Oregon Environmental Education Conference:**

**Fostering Partnerships, Networks, and** **Building Capacity for Change**

Thursday, August 15, 2013: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 16, 2013: 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 17, 2013: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

West Hall, Oregon State University

391 SW 30th Street

Corvallis, OR 97331

www.oregonstate.edu

Join us this August for an exciting and thought provoking three-day conference where you will have an opportunity to collaborate, network, and develop partnerships that will cultivate a lasting impression within our communities. You will broaden your skills to build capacity within your organization or school while linking resources and providers to collectively impact and foster a connection to nature for all Oregonians. Our hope is that you will walk away with concrete goals and vision to be an agent of change within your schools and community while creating a network of colleagues and partners to support your program.

**Cost:** Conference fee is based on a sliding scale $25-$125.

$25 contribution includes an Individual Membership to EEAO.Contributions of $100 or more include a free EEAO Organizational membership.

**Register for the event**[**here.**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=7kxnvwnab.0.wzpfsonab.wsgxfilab.0&ts=S0927&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheet%2Fviewform%3Fformkey%3DdEx5dGl1bW1LY0RrenM4Vm15bmNNYXc6MQ%23gid%3D0)

Transportation costs, EEAO Membership, overnight lodging, food, and materials are included in conference fee.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Basham at[jbasham@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:jbasham@mesd.k12.or.us) or [503.512.9453](tel:503.512.9453).

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

The Environmental Evaluators Network (EEN), which normally meets in the Washington DC area, will hold its first Regional Forum in Corbett, Oregon, at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.  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**

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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)***.***