**Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN)**

**A UNU-IASS Regional Center of Expertise (RCE)** **on Education for Sustainable Development**

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

**GPSEN News**

From an international Youth Virtual Conference and our Social Sustainability Forum to our new Hands On Greater Portland TeamWorks team and Launch Celebration, there are many great events coming up this spring. Thanks to GPSEN’s Coordinating Committee, subcommittees, and working groups for their amazing efforts.

We also now have 82 organizational partners and 236 members signed up on our listserv. It is exciting to see the network grow. The [GPSEN Member Pledge](https://docs.google.com/a/pcc.edu/forms/d/1ZkMAtRUOkdDSeWUAiBX9emDjPCjg5em4wVdFkQWBt_Y/viewform) is now active too, so please be sure to fill it out. For the most current details and to explore ways to get involved, check out [our website](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/).

**GPSEN Events**

**TeamWorks: Dig into Sustainability's Four Es**

**Thursday, April 10, 2014 – May 1, 2014**

GPSEN is sponsoring a new Hands On Greater Portland TeamWorks team, beginning this April. Combining three educational seminars and guided discussions and four planned service projects, we will explore the foundations and actions of the four “E”s that underlie sustainability efforts across our region: environment, equity, economy, and education. Join us and learn how we can help create a healthy, just, and thriving region where everyone has opportunities to shape a more sustainable future!

If you're interested, [**sign up / learn more!**](http://www.handsonportland.org/HOC__Volunteer_Opportunity_Details_Page?id=a0CA000000X9Ab2)

**Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Finding Solutions through Sustainable Development**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**PCC Sylvania Campus, Room TCB 211**

**12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219**

Can you envision Portland as a healthy, just, and thriving region where sustainability education is prioritized and everyone has opportunities to shape a more sustainable future? We will join our Teamworks leader, PCC sociology professor Dr. Kim Smith, to learn about international and regional sustainable development goals and how the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) is building opportunities to participate in E4 solutions, focused on the environment, education, economy, and equity.

**GPSEN Stakeholder Meeting**

**Monday, April 28, 2014**

**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Metro 370 A & B**

**600 NE Grand Ave.**

**Portland, OR 97232-2736**

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to learn more about RCE initiatives and connect with regional partners and community members. The meeting will include presentations from EEAO and the Intertwine Alliance, discussion topics related to GPSEN programs, and time for networking.

**International RCE Youth Virtual Conference**

**Friday, May 2, 2014**

**May 2, 2014 6:00AM – 8:00 AM (PST)**

Portland has been invited to participate in the Annual International Youth Virtual Conference! Rex Putnum High School and Catlin Gable will join eight secondary schools (ages 14-18) from RCE cities in the Americas, Europe and Africa in a linked two-hour, peer-education symposium. Each class/student group will present their research on a sustainability- related food system of interest to them and their region. The conference will then stay open for up to one year, permitting the students to interact on their own or class-to-class, as together they seek solutions to some of the planet’s most challenging issues. More registration details to follow.

**Social Sustainability Forum**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Location TBA**

Join in a community dialogue to explore cultural assumptions around such terms as "sustainability," "development," "equity," and "social justice.” Sponsored by GPSEN, the goal of the forum is to buildthe movement for sustainability education by helping identify shared objectives, support collaborative partnerships, and contribute to creating a healthy, just, and thriving region.

**GPSEN Launch Celebration**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

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

**World Forestry Center, Miller Hall**

Save the date! Coinciding with UNEP's World Environment Day, our Launch Celebration will feature guest speakers, music by Amanda Richards, a Native American ceremony, lovely food, international guests, creative activities, and opportunities for partners to share their successes.  Registration details to follow soon.

**Community Events**

**April Green Drinks**  
  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Pacific Pie Co**

**1668 NW 23rd Ave, Portland**  
Voice for Oregon Innovation & Sustainability (VOIS) is moving April’s Green Drinks to the West side! Join us for savory delights, some awesome beers and wine, and good company. You’ll also have the chance to meet Sarah Curtis-Fawley who will talk briefly about some of Pacific Pie Co’s fantastic sustainability initiatives. We will be gathering in the back of the restaurant. [http://www.pacificpie.com](http://voisalliance.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0f8c43dfb2f0ffb013673de0f&id=f93db2f487&e=2433b5dec6)

**Wisdom of the Elders Film Screenings & Discussions**

**Wednesday, April 9, 5:30-7:30 pm**

**Midland Library**

**805 SE 122nd Ave.**

**Thursday, April 10, 11 am-2 pm**

**PCC Cascade Campus, Moriarty Arts Auditorium**

**705 N Killingsworth St.**

**Sunday, April 13, 4:30-6:15 pm**

**Laurelhurst Theatre & Pub**

**2735 E Burnside St.**

**Thursday, April 17, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**PCC Sylvania Campus, Room ST 107**

**12000 SW 49th Ave.**

Wisdom of the Elders is a non-profit committed to preserving and sharing traditional knowledge. Screenings will include two films about the Alaska Native response to climate issues and the importance of Native communities’ unique earth-based cultures. The films will be followed by a dialogue with local leaders, with time for audience questions and feedback, giving the community a voice in important local climate issues we will be facing in the years ahead.

**Northwest Earth Institute’s Earth Day Celebration**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Oregon Public House**

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

Celebrate Earth and our community at this free event, with options for tasty food and drinks. The Oregon Public House is the nation’s first non-profit pub and donates part of its proceeds to other non-profits. On April 22nd, the Northwest Earth Institute has been selected as the non-profit of choice for that day, so come join us for a good cause.

**2014 Earth Day Celebration: Booth Registrations**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014**

$75 ­ Non- vending (non-­profits & businesses not selling items) (10’ x 10’)  
$125 ­ Vending (selling any products) (10’ x 10’)  
$250 ­ Food Vendors (Must have all licenses and permits – see vendor form)  
Additional $60 for a vehicle access permit.  
  
If you are interested in becoming an Earth Day Sponsor (donating above your booth fee), please visit our Sponsorship page for more information. (Sponsor levels at $500, $750 and $1000 and include booth space in high traffic area, logo on poster, logo link on website) [http://earthdaypdx.com/](http://earthdaypdx.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=823153774ba112feefee7817a&id=092535e3b4&e=d764b0a1a9)

For questions, contact Bob New, Earth Day Coordinator, at [info@earthdaypdx.com](mailto:info@earthdaypdx.com).

**Workshops and Conferences**

**Cleantech Open**

**Brieﬁngs every Tuesday in April**

**3:30 - 5:00 pm**

**Portland Development Commission**

**222 NW 5th Ave. Portland, OR97209**

**Submission deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2014**

Be a Global Impact Entrepreneur! Train with Industry Thought Leaders. $900 Million raised by participants, with over 850 companies served. Up to $200,000 Prize!! International Visibility and Investor Engagements!

The Cleantech Open is actively seeking participants and volunteers to join and support our global impact accelerator. Our Global Forum needs solutions in these categories: Energy Generation; Energy Distribution & Storage; Energy Efﬁciency; Chemicals & Advanced Materials; Information & Communications (ICT); Green Building; Transportation; and Agriculture, Water & Waste.

**PSU’s 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, April 4, 2014**

[***Measuring and Improving Social Impacts***](http://www.amazon.com/Measuring-Improving-Social-Impacts-Nonprofits/dp/1609949773)***: A Guide for Nonprofits, Companies, and Impact Investors***

***New Book launch***

Join us for an energizing conversation with one of the authors (PSU’s Kristi Yuthas) about this important topic! And hear about the exciting new law in India – requires all companies with about 1 million in profits to spend 2% of their profits on corporate social responsibility!

**April 11: *Spring Colloquium series on Food Systems kicks off! 4 sessions (April 11 & 18 and May 1 & 8)***

**April 25: *Sustainability:  Western and Indigenous Worldviews Are Very Different - Larry Merculief***

**Center for Earth Leadership: How to Be an Agent of Change**

**New cohort starting April 7**

Want to learn tested tools and strategies to be successful in your Earth-minded initiatives? Join the growing network of over 900 Portlanders who have completed the *How to Be an Agent of Change*training, which was developed by veteran change agents Jeanne and Dick Roy and the Center for Earth Leadership. This sustainable leadership training imparts a proven framework for advancing sustainability or ecological awareness in a chosen “circle of influence” (school, neighborhood, workplace, etc.).

Sign up for the [Agent of Change](http://www.earthleaders.org/programs/agent-change-course/) training, starting April 7. After completion, trained “Agents” become part of the *Agent of Change Network*, which offers ongoing project support through events, additional trainings, and networking opportunities, all at no cost. Agents who select a school as their circle join the Center’s *Eco-School Network*withover 50 parents who are greening their respective schools.

**Reserve your spot now:**Six Mondays - April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, (break), June 2, 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. in Downtown Portland. This six-session leadership training is free, but advance registration is required.   
For information, or to reserve your space, contact Monica Moore at [503-227-2315](tel:503-227-2315) or [monica@earthleaders.org](mailto:monica@earthleaders.org).

**Media Institute for Social Change Summer Documentary Program**

**Applications due: Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

Each summer, the Media Institute for Social Change hosts a dozen college students and teaches them to produce engaging and effective radio and film documentaries. The program runs eight weeks--Friday, June 27, through Wednesday, August 13, 2014--and is hosted in Portland, Oregon. The program is a mix of classroom academics and a hands-on production house. We work with award-winning filmmakers, radio personalities, and local politicos to teach how media projects can effectively bring about positive social change.

Students come from schools across the country. All currently-enrolled undergraduate students are eligible, including current, about-to-graduate seniors. Tuition for the program costs $1750. A limited number of scholarships is available to help pay for travel and living expenses. The Media Institute wants to make certain that there are no financial barriers to attendance. All attending students are eligible for home stays. Academic credit can be arranged through Portland State University.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with first priority given to students who apply by April 15, 2014. Applications and more information are available at** [**MediaMakingChange.org**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eBAuC2fWwn6EvHbE6Ra3y4XVTVMdWE_yHOL2jpl-Vl1cb5UyKbVysQ-Nssz5-Cztw63vtI5HJZDcppLETcOXDEYabKsXcDO7clcqXgzI4dE5YS47DqpAvE5b7Kq2Es9ct_M1kKBZbR-FcYpiRrj288i7roAXOTy47pyePoUMpKx67x5FCL3Q5aZYSX6iPjMfgEihDUKMuJgQ3oOsFd8qnzNp2DAc0quFssjjfPTrCZpzwhQoBX5UXklQMWl1Y-hKTDcxvC4Zc05VRlp_foKpZgNCacprsOVFSug_4hhGo805JMXXP_q74JTVAHLDDm_l&c=dZrTzeVi096zaBQIcKR4tUsvqSikBn8SwbqlELqBzufFAXy2YCc7CQ==&ch=no6uVP257iBbm-NYzMv5xoMB0WyS_oL6rsqwlr3PaZsQXnmZRaOzzg==)**.**

**2014 Oregon Active Transportation Summit**

**Monday, April 21, 2014**

**8 am- 6:30 pm**

**Governor Hotel**

**614 SW 11th, Portland, OR**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

**Various Central Portland Locations**

Join the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and leaders across Oregon for two days of discovery, networking, sharing best practices, and shaping the future of transportation. Transportation, planning, tourism, and health professionals; policy makers; advocates; researchers; and visionaries will come together to share the latest and greatest on what investing in biking, walking, and transit means for our communities.

Summit Registration, $85.00, ends April 15!  
  
Your Summit Registration price includes a full day of keynotes, plenaries, and breakout sessions as well as a light continental breakfast, full plated lunch, and no-host bar reception on Monday, April 21st as well as a full day of tours, mobile workshops, and meeting opportunities on Tuesday, April 22nd. There is an additional charge for full-day NACTO trainings with AICP credits on Tuesday, April 22nd. No Tuesday meals are included in registration costs, but schedule will accommodate opportunities to explore downtown Portland's fabulous selection of restaurants, cafes, and food carts. To register, [click here](http://listmasterv5.clfuture.org/cgi-bin/spacer.gif?newscenter=40411&release=262352&W8EA4FG87=15&redir_link=http%3A%2F%2Fbta.nonprofitsoapbox.com%2F2014-oregon-at-summit).

**AASHE Webinar: The Impact of Sustainable Purchasing Decisions**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

**11:00 pm - 12:30 pm (PST)**

The webinar will address the impact that campus purchasing decisions have on overall campus sustainability as well as explore how these choices have influenced the relationship purchasing vendors have with their college and university clients. Attendees will gain an understanding of how sustainability has been incorporated into purchasing discussions and decisions at UC Boulder over time.  The influence of AASHE’s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Ratings System (STARS) on the campus’ approach to procurement will also be shared. The National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) will address how it is supporting members when it comes to incorporating sustainability into campus purchasing decisions.  The kind of support it offers, professional development, and case studies of what NAEP members are doing to try to incorporate sustainability into campus purchasing initiatives will be highlighted as well.

***Presenters:***

* Jeff Darling, Procurement and Supply Chain Specialist, CU Boulder
* Susan Nowicki, Manager of Business & Auxillary Services, Delta College & the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP)

[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)

**GoGreen Portland 2014: Call for Proposals and Speakers**

**Submission Deadline: May 2, 2014**

**October 16, 2014**

**Oregon Convention Center, Oregon Ballroom**

**Portland, Oregon**

The GoGreen Conference is a one-day, interactive sustainability learning experience. With a distinct

platform of bringing together leaders from across industries and sectors, GoGreen builds viable

networks and cross-pollinates sustainability best practices throughout the regional business

community. Our mission is to empower business and governmental decision-makers with sustainability

strategies, tools and connections to create positive impact at their organizations.

**2014 CFP Guidelines** here: <http://portland.gogreenconference.net/downloads/GGPDX14_CFP.pdf>

**2014 CFP Submission Form**: <http://bit.ly/Owd8LE>

**Resources**

**Camp Snowball: Education for Sustainability Scholarships Available** **for Teacher/Student Pairs**

[Camp Snowball](http://campsnowball.org/program/) is pleased to announce that scholarships are available for high-school student/teacher pairs who wish to attend Camp Snowball and focus on Education for Sustainability, at PSU, from July 14-18.

There are many events, conferences, and trainings that are promoted as a means to achieve 21st century student outcomes.  However, none are quite like Camp Snowball. Camp Snowball is a summer “camp” experience that brings together students, parents, educators, and business and community leaders to build everyone’s capacity for learning and leading in the 21st century. The theme for this year is “Scaling Up Student Success” - looking at the ways we identify, define and measure student success, in and out of the classroom. Co-hosted by Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization*—and a team of experienced faculty and staff—students, educators, community and business partners will join together to revisit what student success really means. How can we prepare students—our future leaders—for the roles they will step into in tomorrow’s organizations and world?

Each scholarship covers both of your registrations, and includes access to workshops, meals and evening activities. Travel, accommodations and expenses are the responsibility of the scholarship recipients.

To apply for the scholarship, you and your partner must:

* Be focused on Education for Sustainability
* Be a pair from either the same school or the same district
* Be able to travel to/from Camp Snowball in Portland
* Be available for at least two (2) post-camp follow-up coaching calls with the grantmaker, who has taught and developed curriculum in this area

New attendees and alumni are encouraged to apply! We have a limited number of scholarships, which will be awarded on a rolling basis, [**so apply EARLY!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GASwgGmlGAUzBX7UyOulmBdv-JqpaiJAGSlhbJU86eATdJ8msPUInYIKObvHzctoHAJDarUY2d4HyHWY6P82Hiz7oYCJUIsNIJqAEyd4hPD4Ce1R5xI2Dh-1U6_Ifj85WsJJcokuqjGeVAj6Qz7dG9d4_hC0HzyPRWLz3PmeaFkczXK2VY1PrO7a6YhR8oCzLgfb8AreBH9KdHYV8L8uoW6BpQxJ_HrFQnKz0s7csEDFB5g58274NqEqefRop56oNEf_0IBW4VxA_XuQK1BYvHXgRBC2wqKuDFiIBo9K0Wc_cE40L32h_VNuqqAxu44OrD1iNrVQ9MMUQQRnmt4vMFFlLf7v-QQ3zqStFBfMthX_bsFEcyOlAQ==&c=FzLBD6rU_tihZsGCJr5TxqycG2pePrljWQ8CEXrIfEzGOlVnaA-xmg==&ch=6-jhwGlypZUJBu5hK1tsaQ0QwqE6eGRFNWaexhC7z6UaF8Shh--2wg==)

Applications are available  here: [**https://soled.wufoo.com/forms/z7p9r7/**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GASwgGmlGAUzBX7UyOulmBdv-JqpaiJAGSlhbJU86eATdJ8msPUInYIKObvHzctoHAJDarUY2d4HyHWY6P82Hiz7oYCJUIsNIJqAEyd4hPD4Ce1R5xI2Dh-1U6_Ifj85WsJJcokuqjGeVAj6Qz7dG9d4_hC0HzyPRWLz3PmeaFkczXK2VY1PrO7a6YhR8oCzLgfb8AreBH9KdHYV8L8uoW6BpQxJ_HrFQnKz0s7csEDFB5g58274NqEqefRop56oNEf_0IBW4VxA_XuQK1BYvHXgRBC2wqKuDFiIBo9K0Wc_cE40L32h_VNuqqAxu44OrD1iNrVQ9MMUQQRnmt4vMFFlLf7v-QQ3zqStFBfMthX_bsFEcyOlAQ==&c=FzLBD6rU_tihZsGCJr5TxqycG2pePrljWQ8CEXrIfEzGOlVnaA-xmg==&ch=6-jhwGlypZUJBu5hK1tsaQ0QwqE6eGRFNWaexhC7z6UaF8Shh--2wg==)

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

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.

**North Face Explore Fund**

**Deadline: May 1, 2014 -**[**Apply Today!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001jIKw_ccAAFjjzGp-B2WOgB9MJIIZPJyBVZvNcNY4NXpe4dZG7yAwxW_uWCCA4N7tNg2ZJxUHN18LlLGjyfOnCnDBX8cBwsSxhzjJr1kSx99_-PpuKA28QEh5azTxZa_vUpXNPXnsAD1JhCsB7dLIEmMSNNxcB75pTpI1bxkIIURBlwd35l16PA==&c=h9geqsTT-neIuBBMoS2lr4BUf6HEiN6A4FveoiASQh1dy1vGsGhdZQ==&ch=DqNbKKzZioYOYZ6KpT17NudKT8LZOJXhuKRl05Mcw1LLwqCnbtv23A==)

The North Face's 2014 Explore Fund™ grant-giving program is now accepting applications!  The Explore Fund aims to inspire and enable the next generation of explorers by supporting organizations that connect children with nature.

In 2014, The Explore Fund will award 25 grants totaling $250,000.  15 organizations will receive $5,000 and the remaining 10 grants will be awarded based on online voting taking place this summer. The Explore Fund supports organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on:

* creating more connections of children to nature
* increasing access to both front and backcountry recreation
* providing experiential education for both personal and environmental health

For more information about grant guidelines and selection criteria, please visit the Explore Fund [website](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001jIKw_ccAAFjjzGp-B2WOgB9MJIIZPJyBVZvNcNY4NXpe4dZG7yAwxW_uWCCA4N7tNg2ZJxUHN18LlLGjyfOnCnDBX8cBwsSxhzjJr1kSx99_-PpuKA28QEh5azTxZa_vUpXNPXnsAD1JhCsB7dLIEmMSNNxcB75pTpI1bxkIIURBlwd35l16PA==&c=h9geqsTT-neIuBBMoS2lr4BUf6HEiN6A4FveoiASQh1dy1vGsGhdZQ==&ch=DqNbKKzZioYOYZ6KpT17NudKT8LZOJXhuKRl05Mcw1LLwqCnbtv23A==).

**Oregon Zoo Instructors**

The Oregon Zoo is recruiting for Instructors for our seasonal camps, classes and programs that promote conservation. Apply now to join our team. Part-time and full-time temporary positions are available. Pay is $10.50 - $13.50/hour. To apply, visit[www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs) for the complete job announcement and a link to our online hiring center.

**Northwest Earth Institute’s New Course**

NWEI’s new discussion course *“Seeing Systems: Peace, Justice, & Sustainability”* will be available in mid-April. For more information, check out their website: www.nwei.org.

[**Exploring Portland's Natural Areas**](http://exploreportlandnature.wordpress.com/) **Blog**

Are you interested in writing volunteer blog posts on children and nature? If you are working in the nature community in Portland or surrounding cities, perhaps you have a program or project you would like share, a natural history topic to educate others about, a park or natural history you'd like to write about, or thoughts about the children and nature movement. If you have an idea for a guest post, get in touch with Michael D. Barton at [darwinsbulldog@gmail.com](mailto:darwinsbulldog@gmail.com)

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***Do you have sustainability education news, events, workshops, 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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