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

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our February, 2014, 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, workshops, and resources.***

**RCE News**

Where did January go? RCE committee members and working groups are developing sustainability projects in all directions, so time is flying by. We are thrilled that RCE Portland (soon to be renamed the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network) continues to grow, with new members and organizational partners joining every week. Many details, including FAQs and our Engagement Pledge, are now available on our [website](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/). Please check it out for ways to get involved and spread the word about our sustainability network efforts to your friends and colleagues.

We are in the process of planning our big Launch Party, for the beginning of June, to coincide with World Environment Day. Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved in the planning process. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and network with our regional partners and beyond.

**RCE Events**

**WNSF’s Speed Mentoring Exchange**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

**6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**Urban Nest Realty**

**3041 N. Williams Ave, Portland**

It’s time to get connected at WNSF’s (Women’s Network for a Sustainability Future) Speed Mentoring Exchange!

We have all found ourselves in a situation where we are stuck and in need of some new energy or ideas on how to continue forward with our goals. WNSF’s Speed Mentoring Exchange is one evening to pay it forward, share an intention and get the insight you need to propel into the New Year with grace and gratitude.

Drinks and appetizers will be served. Bring a friend!

[Get your pre-sale tickets now: 2 for $15 or 1 for $10](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-network-for-a-sustainable-future-presents-speed-mentoring-exchange-tickets-10120702293) At the door: 1 ticket for $15

More details are available at [wnsf-pacificnw.org](http://wnsf-pacificnw.org/)

**REEN (Regional Environmental Education Network)**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

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

**Oregon Zoo**

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

If you work with PreK-12 students, teachers and/or administrators to advance the vision of the Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan (OELP) where:

* Oregonians lead healthy lifestyles, enjoying frequent interaction with the outdoor environment.
* Oregon’s vibrant and comprehensive education system leads us to develop a sense of wonder and curiosity about our natural world.
* We understand the interconnections between community, economy, and environment, are able to examine issues from multiple perspectives, and exercise the rights and responsibilities of being an environmentally literate citizenry.

Please join us to:

* Learn about how the OELP is working to strengthen relationships between non-formal and formal education partners
* Explore the OELP Toolkit, an exciting new tool to help non-formal educators partner with teachers to achieve the OELP's vision.
* Gather to discuss how the OELP can promote easier integration of your environmental education programs into schools and alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core.
* Brainstorm ways to promote and market our collective resources and programs across the Portland-Metro region.

**CLF’s Equity Stories Project**

**February, 2014**

**Portland Community College Sylvania Library**

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

Stories are powerful.  They connect us to other people and help us understand their experiences. That’s why the Coalition for a Livable Future (CLF) launched the [Equity Stories Project](https://clfequitystories.squarespace.com/).  People from a dozen diverse community organizations throughout the Portland region participated in the project.  The stories are powerful reminders of the disparities people experience every day. But they also remind us of the richness, diversity, and resilience of the communities across our region.

PCC Sylvania’s Social Science Division, Multicultural Center, and Library, plus the Coalition for a Livable Future and RCE Greater Portland are proud to host this powerful photo exhibit. The Equity Stories Project photo exhibit will be on display at the [PCC Sylvania](http://www.pcc.edu/library/about/library-hours-winter-term) Library from January 30 to February 28. For more storytelling photos, videos, interviews, and personal narratives, go to <https://clfequitystories.squarespace.com/>

**Films: “Backyard” and “The Sky is Pink”**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

**6:30 pm- 8:00 pm**

**Clinton St. Theatre**

**2522 SE Clinton St, Portland, OR 97202**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

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

**Portland Community College Sylvania  HT 223**

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

Enjoy these award-winning films. Deia Schlosberg’s [“Backyard”](http://www.everyonesbackyard.com/) is a documentary film about fracking and its effects on five people's lives. Following stories in Pennsylvania, Colorado, North Dakota and Montana, an eerie similarity emerges amongst them, despite the vast differences in geography and personal histories. Animated interludes remind us to step back and consider the bigger picture. [“The Sky is Pink”](http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/sky-pink/) is an emergency short film from Josh Fox, the Oscar-nominated director of GASLAND addressing the urgent crisis of drilling and fracking in New York state.

**Workshops and Conferences**

**PSU Social Sustainability Colloquium   
Fridays**

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

**Portland State University**

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

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

**FREE and open to the public**

Friday, Feb 7: TBD

Friday, Feb 14: *The Role of Gardening Plots in the Social, Cultural, and Economic Inclusion of Low-income Housing Residents*

Friday, Feb 21: TBD

To get information on weekly events, join the listserv: <https://www.lists.pdx.edu/lists/listinfo/socsust_colloquium>

**Peter Yarrow Benefit Concert for Wisdom of the Elders**

**Friday, February 14, 2014**

**7:30 pm-10:00 pm**

**Augustana Lutheran Church**

**2710 NE 14th Ave., Portland, OR 97201**

You are invited to a**n evening of love and laughter on Valentine’s Day, with Peter Yarrow.** Singer/songwriter of Peter, Paul & Mary fame, Peter will perform to benefit Wisdom of the Elders. For decades, he has merged artistry with activism for social justice and equity, so his connection to Wisdom is hardly accidental. Wisdom is a nonprofit focused on preserving Native American culture, including The Wisdom Project’s Summer Field Science Camps for Native youth; Wisdom of the Elders Radio series focused on climate issues from the perspective of Northwest tribes; Discovering Our Story featuring 36 Native elders’ video recordings; and the Ninth Annual Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival scheduled for October 10-13, 2014. The evening will open with Native American flute music, Yarrow on stage singing and playing the washtub bass with his son, Wisdom activist and Portland resident Christopher Yarrow. One World Chorus children’s choir will sing “Puff the Magic Dragon” with Peter, and a Raven Song by Haida elder Woodrow Morrison will include the draping of Peter with a Pendleton blanket.

Tickets are available at [www.wisdomoftheelders.org](http://www.wisdomoftheelders.org/).

#### Future Livable Cities

#### Monday, February 17, 2014

#### 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

#### ****First Congregational Church****

#### 1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205

Chris Nelson’s research and practice have shaped the fields of infrastructure finance, smart growth, land use planning, and metropolitan development patterns. Dr, Nelson’s latest book (of over 20) Reshaping Metropolitan America, is recognized as a landmark achievement by planners like Bruce Katz and Peter Calthorpe, who writes, “Finally we have a comprehensive view of how the American Dream is changing and why.” Nelson is Presidential Professor of City & Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah where he is also Director of the Metropolitan Research Center. He will be joined by a panel of regional civic leaders.

For information: <http://illahee.org/lectures/2014/document_view>

**AASHE Webinar: Department of Energy + Campus Microgrids**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

[Register here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-doe-campus-microgrids-registration-10402380801)

The 2014 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Webinar schedule will provide the higher education sustainability community with tools and support in the areas of energy, social equity, purchasing, behavior change, certification and much more. New this year, AASHE webinars are free for AASHE members and $50 for non-AASHE members. Browse the [full schedule of topics here](http://www.aashe.org/events/webinars) and plan ahead for your 2014 AASHE webinar experience!

**Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development, Comprehensive Model for Planning in Complex Systems**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

**11:00 am**

Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development (**FSSD) is an approach to sustainable development based on The Natural Step's 20 years of practical experience researching, developing, and refining its strategic approach with countless global clients and partners.**The FSSD effectively incorporates other concepts, methods, and tools that seek sustainable solutions - such as Cradle-to-Cradle, LEED, and Biomimicry - into a shared, structured overview, making better use of them. It was specifically designed to offer a whole-systems perspective on the sustainability challenge and to help people collaborate across disciplines, organizations and cultures.

Paul Horton will introduce community, business, non-profit, and educational leaders to the Framework for Strategic Sustainable Development (FSSD) a strategic, structured, and science-based approach to addressing the multi-facetted complexity of the sustainability challenge. Paul Horton is an experienced strategy and organizational change professional with 21 years of experience working with the public, private and non-profit sectors. He is currently a principal of The Athena Group, where he acts as a facilitator, guide, and coach to help public and private clients implement collaborative approaches to large-scale change.

[**Register / More Info**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M55KPbKFkW1QomVfYWIkJUlgD11PdNLOj7kpw_y0Vpg9zakjsRVyh7DWcpOnEKqtkeoZOdPCg3QA1WQ-iTkuk5YIj1uQf5MB_xFDIokTtxiP2w9URSk-UDMtMgHnADtvfAjmTyyj__QeObknFinhTtrhaqejgQICBmnRGQ8p1SD9jnLJdiwpozSzbzEUZ99ayWwf0kjpDAlANSX6AoCcv9rmYpputptCxLYXM3sYGJUBPH8LG4bDmG_OnctZvgtuTb1i7n8KodKok-LW6kW6TwVK9jepskGYYtxDJfdcZn4un_FM7ZeNqJB2PlrDoVRSYhH5aUDaoomsdjj9YTB_GdnfLS9E8KWh2qpW-E1Ry0c8JfOhg8ob3h5PpRTNzVWxCVvWuJBjMiQIt9R3fR3cWg==&c=np-vp10z2WNgQo4-Sd4nSUMIqUb76TPcRhtjLll6X1tNCs5RqvhscA==&ch=OUoW6-kbSd1_mi3rrBProd_HF4seX9ze7xKZNvj2i2xTzFHhaIPsTw==)

**Research to Action Symposium: Social Determinants of Health**

**Friday, February 28, 2014**

**10 am – 3 pm**

**Portland State University, Market Center Building, Room 123**

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

The symposium is structured around brief 5-minute information blast presentations—think mini-TED Talks—that provide the opportunity for researchers and practitioners to share ideas, explore existing and potential projects, and build new connections to advance research and implementation of projects related to social determinants of health.

Research to Action, an initiative of the Institute for Sustainable Solutions, is a platform for identifying and linking PSU's diverse research expertise to advance the collaborative development of sustainable practices. The Social Determinants of Health Initiative consists of an interdisciplinary group of academic and community partners that supports community-engaged research, education, and action to address social determinants of health and improve health equity.

If you’d like to present a 5-minute presentation:  [Submit presentation idea here BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?InstituteforSustaina/9276fc916a/2ccb40faf6/91c9441433)

Lunch will be provided. [RESERVE YOUR FREE SEAT HERE »](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?InstituteforSustaina/9276fc916a/2ccb40faf6/c3d4f21e90)

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| **Biomimicry Webinar: Pathway to Innovation... Learning from Nature**  **Webinar starts Tuesday, March 4, 2014**  **Early Bird registration ends FEB 20**  **Special Discounts:**  **4-week Course price: $450 USD**  **Early Bird SAVE $50 through FEB 20 ISSP Members save $75 off anytime**  Biomimicry is an old practice and new discipline that emulates nature's time-tested strategies for surviving and thriving sustainably on Earth.  *Online Course with Mary Hansel*  A growing number of people are applying lessons from nature's treasure trove of tried-and-true solutions to spur innovation toward creating healthier, more resilient societies.   Through a series of interactive, online presentations, exercises, and a final deliverable, this workshop is designed to meet the following learning objectives:   * Ability to describe the concept of biomimicry and various ways (innovation tool, ethical gauge for sustainability, reconnection between humans and the planet) it is being used to advance sustainability. * Learn to translate challenges into functions that can be used to ask "How does nature...?" * Explore a system's perspective on Earth's operating conditions and learn deep patterns of biological design (Life's Principles) that have evolved in response to those operating conditions. * Practice using Life's Principles to both evaluate, and inspire strategies to improve, sustainability performance. * Identify biomimicry tools and resources.   Webinars are recorded. Certificate courses are open to all. Apply this core workshop credit towards the International Society of Sustainability Professionals (ISSP) Certificate. For more info and to register click  [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001M55KPbKFkW1QomVfYWIkJUlgD11PdNLOj7kpw_y0Vpg9zakjsRVyh7DWcpOnEKqtBLPsIdaApDC4BVj22sWNhrqVFMj-A0WEdnzYakoy9V3MCRp0W7IJgty5QDW77_ykxC2_FXG5S59flWG4e-yKLCKHnuWadRGCz_gTVJCl9-2i8gDvR-ZEuuo5RDaTlYuAcVdaY6q2iRF3lrHoVZWsJK7D8-OdzW6dsS2C50QzCf7cVc3FWhR6_rK5BKY7ywKecE3jSuQjkuQXFddRoU71SK3qUKdbRqeghwP2uRMbUlidkyhOIi-Kw5kLkNNBFBR3suDW7FMEf_TrT1qYNilc8kUL4j1RX-vKrw8NLPXs0VRvKK-h20mR5rkl41lPaKoCXo0Bu_O7m2-3I2qIDS3eOQ==&c=np-vp10z2WNgQo4-Sd4nSUMIqUb76TPcRhtjLll6X1tNCs5RqvhscA==&ch=OUoW6-kbSd1_mi3rrBProd_HF4seX9ze7xKZNvj2i2xTzFHhaIPsTw==) |

**Call for Proposals Open: AASHE 2014 Conference & Expo**

AASHE 2014: Innovation for Sustainable Economies & Communities, taking place October 26-29, 2014, in Portland, OR, will draw together a diverse group of campus representatives including faculty, sustainability officers, presidents and students. In one of the most innovative sustainable cities in North America, we will gather to examine:

• how communities and higher education institutions can come together to create vibrant local economies to help guide the sustainability transformation

• how higher education institutions are serving as a model for sustainability in the communities they are located

• campus and community partnerships that are creating innovative solutions to current environmental, social, and economic issues

[Submit your innovation, activity, framework, learning outcome, or leadership initiative by February 28, 2014](https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=KBBPCHVH).

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

**8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

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

Please join us for this not to be missed workshop offering a practical and holistic approach of sustaining ourselves individually and collectively. 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. Participants are welcome from all professional disciplines and life circumstances.

**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.

[For information and to register.](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8l3gz4ae74a24f1&llr=ehhej5iab)

**Resources**

[**"Charming Your Way to Sustainability"**](http://residenceonearth.net)

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 ["Charming Your Way to Sustainability"](http://residenceonearth.net/2014/01/15/charming-your-way-to-sustainability/), Clara Fang, Sustainability Manager of Towson University, shares some of her 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!

[http://residenceonearth.net](http://residenceonearth.net/)

[**Guide to Facilitating Youth Civic Leadership**](http://www.catlin.edu/makeyourplace)

This 121-page guidebook is an outgrowth of Catlin Gabel's PLACE urban studies and leadership program. We are pleased to expand our reach and share this curriculum with educators, activists, community leaders, and, above all, students. The book and webpage are fluid resources for use in classrooms or workplaces to help empower youth to be leaders for positive change. You may borrow and adapt as you see fit. The evolution of this book has been, and will always be, reflective of youth, peer, and community leader participation. http://www.catlin.edu/makeyourplace

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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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