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

**on Education for Sustainable Development**

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***Welcome to our January 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, resources, and job opportunities.***

**RCE News**

As we let you know last month, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Studies of Sustainability has acknowledged Greater Portland as a formal Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). This has come with many opportunities to learn from and partner with [RCEs](https://www.ias.unu.edu/sub_page.aspx?catID=1849&ddlID=183) around the United States and the world. For example, given that one of Portland’s sister cities is Guadalajara, we are looking into ways to connect with RCE Western Jalisco. We have also introduced committee members who are traveling abroad to RCEs in Guatemala, Malaysia, and Brazil. RCE Coordinator Kim Smith and Outreach Chair Judy Walton have both been asked to serve as Fellows with the U.S. Partnership for ESD, so we hope to be able to support some national initiatives. Perhaps these new partnerships will open up opportunities for you as well!!

Our focus right now though is to establish the structure and culture of RCE Greater Portland and begin offering projects and services that support the broader sustainability education goals of the community. We hope that we can align with the missions and objectives of diverse groups and coalitions and welcome your input, in order to increase our collective impact.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this great news and we look forward to sharing more information on our official launch party soon. Don’t miss our Stakeholder’s Meeting on Monday, January 27!

**Events**

**Film Premiere: Momenta**

**Thursday, January 16, 2014**

**Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 8**

**Patagonia Portland**

**907 NW Irving Street (in the Ecotrust building)**

350 PDX is proud to co-sponsor [Columbia Riverkeeper](http://350pdx.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=2083411049c90f335932cc64d&id=9790367d89&e=7e97c35b42)'s showing of the NW premier of [Momenta](http://350pdx.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=2083411049c90f335932cc64d&id=dda782d3da&e=7e97c35b42)! It's a powerful documentary about coal export that was named one of the Top 10 documentaries of 2013, and captures stories from the mines of Montana and Wyoming to the ports threatened by Big Coal.

$10 suggested donation at the door, includes raffle ticket for outdoor gear. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds from the Portland screening will support ongoing Power Past Coal efforts.

**PSU Social Sustainability Colloquium**

**Fridays**

**2:00pm - 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, January 17**

***PSU Village Building Convergence Initiatives - Past and Present***

***Presenters: Ridhi D’Cruz and Kenzie Eiden***

City Repair’s Annual Village Building Convergence has made a distinct impression on Portland’s landscape. From cob benches and intersection murals to community gardens and pizza ovens, VBC sites have created 100s of community spaces. Come learn about PSU’s VBC’s projects and hear about this year’s plans.

**Friday, January 24**

***Principles to Guide Assessments of Ecosystem Service Values***

***Presenters: Dave Ervin, Sara Vickerman, Fletcher Beaudoin, Simon Ngawhika***

A coalition of partners led by university engaged scientists, policy makers, and practitioners from a diverse range of backgrounds have developed a new set of principles designed to guide more comprehensive assessments of ecosystem services, such as natural watershed management and the multiple benefits of healthy forests and wildlife habitats. Come learn about some new tools.

**Friday, January 31**

***The Trajectory of Leaders of Color in Social Sustainability***

***Presenter: Alma Trinidad***

**Upriver/Downtown: The Milwaukie Festival of Short Film**

**Saturday, January 25, 2014**

**7:00 pm (doors at 6:30 pm)**

**Milwaukie Masonic Lodge**

**10636 SE Main St, Portland, OR 97222 (Downtown Milwaukie)**

**(503) 387-3364**

Join Milwaukie’s 3rd annual Watershed Event 2014. Past years have seen boisterous capacity crowds and spectacular environmental cinema. Films include: Walk On Water - Andy Maser Films; Backyard - Deia Schlosberg; Upstream America - Blue Legacy; and International Coal Resolution - Straw Bale Films. This event is free and seating is on a first-come basis. More information at <http://milwaukiefilmfestival.com/>

**RCE Stakeholder Meeting**

**Monday, January 27, 2014**

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

**Portland Public Schools Office~ Cafeteria**

**501 North Dixon Street  
Portland, Oregon, 97227**[**503-916-2000**](tel:503-916-2000)

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 regional sustainability organizations, discussion topics, and time for networking.

**CLF’s Equity Stories Project Opening Reception**

**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Portland Community College Sylvania Performing Arts Center Lobby**

**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 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’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 and invite you to the opening reception. Join us for refreshments, speakers, a short film, and a tour of the 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/](https://clfequitystories.squarespace.com)

**Workshops and Conferences**

**First Annual Oregon School Garden Summit**

Monday, January 13th, 2014

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

The 4-H Conference Center

5390 Four H Rd NW, Salem, OR 97304  
(503) 371-7920

The Summit is a project of the Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network with lead coordination by Upstream Public Health. Please join us for a day of learning, sharing, and networking.

Cost: $55. Reduced rates for long distance travelers. Lodging is available at the 4-H Retreat Center for Sunday night.

Cost is $20 for a twin bed in a bunk-bed setting (4-person rooms.) The lodge has a kitchen available for your use. Meals are not provided other than lunch on Monday 1/13.

For the agenda or to register, go to [www.bpt.me/520086](http://www.bpt.me/520086), through Brown Paper Tickets.

For registrations questions, contact [Jennifer@upstreampublichealth.org](mailto:Jennifer@upstreampublichealth.org)

**Environmental Leadership Program 2014 Pacific Northwest Regional Fellowship Program**

Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) offers intensive leadership training, network building opportunities, and time for personal and professional reflection with a cohort of supportive peers. Consisting of three immersive retreats, the Fellowship Program explores topics such as diversity and leading across difference, systems thinking, building an organizational culture of learning, strength--‐based leadership, network weaving and happiness.

Applications are due by January 17, 2014 <http://elpnet.org/pacific--‐northwest--‐regional--‐network>

ELP’s mission is to inspire visionary, action oriented, and diverse leadership to work for a just and sustainable future.

If you would like to learn more about their programs, please email [jenna@elpnet.org](mailto:jenna@elpnet.org) or visit [www.elpnet.org](http://www.elpnet.org).

**The National Climate Seminar**

**First and third Wednesdays of each month**

**12:00 pm (PST)**

Each semester, [The National Climate Seminar](http://www.bard.edu/cep/ncs) provides a twice-monthly call-in opportunity for students to engage with top climate scientists, economists, political leaders, film-makers, business pioneers, artists and others who are on the front lines of understanding global warming, and driving change to stabilize the climate.  Students can send in advance questions or ask questions in real time, and all conversations are available for podcast after the call. The Seminar is sponsored by [The Bard Center for Environmental Policy.](http://www.bard.edu/cep) To get on their mailing list and stay informed about upcoming calls, send an email to [climate@bard.edu](mailto:climate@bard.edu).

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

Join Jeff Olson, one of the primary architects of [NYC's bikeshare program](http://www.streetsblog.org/2013/09/18/after-100-days-architects-of-citi-bike-success-take-stock-of-nyc-bike-share/), one of the biggest in the world.

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

[Professor David Archer will discuss the latest science on methane releases from the Arctic,](http://geosci.uchicago.edu/people/archer.shtml) and the likelihood of a methane "bomb".

Later in the semester they will focus on the unlikely alliance between the Sierra Club and the Tea Party in support of solar power in Georgia, desalination as an adaptation strategy; the latest in clean energy breakthroughs; the intersection between climate, development and gender; and recent Chinese action on climate change.

**KidWind Teacher Workshop**

**Saturday, February 1, 2014**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)**

**1945 SE Water Ave, Portland, Oregon 97214**

[KidWind](http://learn.kidwind.org/) is an internationally recognized leader in K-12 renewable energy education.  They have held teacher workshops in over 40 U.S. states as well as countries around the world.  With formal, standards-based, [*WindWise*](http://learn.kidwind.org/teach/windwise_curriculum_files) is utilized by tens of thousands of teachers across the country.

In addition to 6 hours of training, all attending teachers will receive over $100 of classroom kits and curricular materials from KidWind. The workshop is *free of charge* to formal and informal K-12 educators. Lunch is provided as well!

Register Now:  <http://learn.kidwind.org/workshops_events/state/Oregon>

**Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference**

**February 6-7, 2014**  
**Western Washington University  
Viking Union  
516 High Street Bellingham, Washington 98225**

The 2014 Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WAHESC) welcomes faculty, staff and students to gain new ideas for curriculum, campus operations, and student initiatives. It will explore ways to advance campus sustainability through the sharing of best practices, presentation of cutting edge examples of creative solutions to common challenges, and the development of regional collaborative networks.  This should be an important and generative gathering!

To register, go to:  <http://wahesc.org/registration/>   Early Bird Registration ends on Friday evening, January 10th.

As a part of the Washington Center and Curriculum for the Bioregion networks, you can save 20% on the conference registration fee with the promotional code ATEAM2014(You must use this code when you register; it is valid for General Admission and Faculty & Staff tickets).

**16th Annual National Summer Institute on Learning Communities**

**July 14-18, 2014**

**The Evergreen State College**

**The Washington Center**

**2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW, Olympia, WA, 98505**

Create Campus Partnerships ~ Develop Assessment Strategies ~ Design Integrative Learning ~ Explore Possibilities Described as “the best boot camp for learning communities in the country”

Teams generally range in size from five to ten members. The participant cost for the 2014 institute is $1,290/person. This fee includes all materials, housing, and all meals with the exception of one dinner.

Application deadline: Feb. 3, 2014 To register, go to: <http://www.evergreen.edu/washingtoncenter/institute/index.html>

## AASHE 2014 Sponsor Opportunity

Now is the perfect time for businesses, nonprofits and other organizations to budget and consider taking advantage of early bird discounts for next year's AASHE 2014 Annual Conference & Expo in Portland (October 26-29).

Contact Melanie Horton at [melanie@aashe.org](mailto:melanie@aashe.org) to request 2014 Exhibitor and Sponsor information.

**Resources and Call for Papers**

#### ****Call for Papers: Eco-thinking, A Journal for the RCE Network****

With the launch of the Eco-thinking journal in 2014, RCE British Columbia's aim is to describe and support research related to a variety of international program developments within the global RCE network. Research around ‘eco-thinking includes: environmental education, global education, indigenous education, health education, eco-justice education, and education for sustainable development (ESD). The journal welcomes a broad range of perspectives and paradigms that critically inform our work as educators and as researchers within the RCE network.

RCE British Columbia is now accepting manuscripts and ideas for its inaugural ‘launch’ issue -- exclusively from the Global RCE network. Submissions are encouraged that highlight diversity in cultural perspectives, methods and contexts. Manuscripts (or general inquiries) should be directed to the editor, Dr. David Zandvliet, at [dbz@sfu.ca](mailto:dbz@sfu.ca).

All submissions considered for the launch are due to the editor by January 31st, 2014.

Find out more about the journal by downloading [http://www.ias.unu.edu/resource\_centre/CallforPapersEcothinking.pdf](http://mailing.unu-mc.org/wf/click?upn=mBOdyVnImCc5o-2Fb8tpKNAxAsA7JhkS7-2BcvQI1n4VyKfw-2Bs4roKSnT3noOIH9KlgdimzHedtxyoYaijc7OEYwSLx939iX1AzGus-2FGM9lpEaR6CIQtuvOxXalj3wX4cx08_UjEWKJlgtjtxAUEYsN23a8871RS5zmT1ePPhtnZPUb3wZoCX3iS1QJMeWbW8bapRWkRLbkHN-2BPAw90ReN-2BK268ot2Nia0ovpj0L-2BR3-2FiryzuXwlQM229xVwVMQb-2BXo2sB36rge3NeEFFRoaOBtBco5alXId2eyPryhitpeE1KLadRn-2FQzy-2F0K3GY5GIioFZGZOxqPfEqmEQyzGse8PcxsUWw-2FwZsIOnfto-2BysT1TVqA-3D)

**Call for Papers: World Symposium on Sustainability**

The World Symposium on Sustainability at Universities (September 3-5, 2014), in Hamburg, Germany, is accepting papers regarding research on sustainability, curriculum and campus sustainability activities. An output of the symposium will be the peer- reviewed book “Transformative approaches to sustainable development at universities: working across disciplines," with all accepted papers. The deadline to [submit abstracts](http://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-als/veranstaltungen/world-symposium-on-sustainable-development-at-universities-wssd-u-2012/accepted-papers011.html) is Jan. 30.

**Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity with a Focus on Culture**

The UNU-IAS has a wealth of resources. Be sure to check out this intriguing [UNU-IAS report](http://www.ias.unu.edu/resource_centre/Biodiversity%20Traditional%20Knowledge%20and%20Community%20Health_final.pdf) on traditional knowledge and biodiversity.

#### ****Climate Change Awareness-Raising Campaign****

Many people have indicated the usefulness of the UNFCCC Climate Change and regional ESD Campaigns. Please consider action that has been developed in collaboration with the UN Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness - a participatory climate change awareness-raising campaign. To participate, you are invited to fill out the following survey [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UNClimateAllianceSurvey](http://mailing.unu-mc.org/wf/click?upn=mBOdyVnImCc5o-2Fb8tpKNAxAsA7JhkS7-2BcvQI1n4VyKfw-2Bs4roKSnT3noOIH9KlgdimzHedtxyoYaijc7OEYwSMbIiB1oRoUh-2FH-2B3o9GQdJKIm709dYceBgzPzQQjdJjW_UjEWKJlgtjtxAUEYsN23a8871RS5zmT1ePPhtnZPUb3wZoCX3iS1QJMeWbW8bapREYAs6POas1CbqDA3pswNAUEXCns7Ks-2F6KJnt1MxcOMn56282Xy3TGZV5v9P-2B6gM9MK7-2F6blRvKzOeNcjCa-2FD9NG45CDyG6pN5abvmBnDAUx9VAkCMvS4RrYTYNkmQIdEQshP4ZeXl-2FEfps0xXc8jarGh3dsIh9wEWZA8sH4t-2FN0-3D).

**People’s Sustainability Treaty on Higher Education**

Partners and institutions around the world have signed the People’s Sustainability Treaty of Higher Education. You still can, so be sure to check it out at [this link](http://www.uncsd2012.org/index.php?page=view&type=1006&menu=153&nr=135).

**Job Opportunities**

**Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO) Conference Coordinator**

Thanks to a generous grant from the Gray Family Foundation, EEAO is hiring [an EE Conference Coordinator!](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?EnvironmentalEducati/1e9b3d6ad0/a5100ee279/3ea8f534da/utm_content=kdsmith%40pcc.edu&utm_source=VerticalResponse&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=EEAO%20is%20Hiring%20an%20EE%20Conference%20Coordinator%21&utm_campaign=EE%20News%20--%20GREAT%20JOBS%2C%20Contest%2C%20Film%20%26%20More%21) They are seeking an energetic, experienced coordinator to work on a contract basis with a planning committee and EEAO's board of directors to implement an outstanding conference for 100-200 educators in the late winter or early spring of 2015. [Click for the complete posting!](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?EnvironmentalEducati/1e9b3d6ad0/a5100ee279/43f1dbe3b8/utm_content=kdsmith%40pcc.edu&utm_source=VerticalResponse&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=Click%20for%20the%20complete%20posting%21&utm_campaign=EE%20News%20--%20GREAT%20JOBS%2C%20Contest%2C%20Film%20%26%20More%21)

**Center for Earth Leadership Program Coordinator**

The Center for Earth Leadership is seeking a [Program Coordinator](http://www.earthleaders.org/about-us/our-team/program-coordinator-job-opening) to be responsible for Center programs including coordination and outreach for classes, workshops, publications, events, and the Eco-School Network project.

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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)***.***

***For more resources on RCE Greater Portland, check out:***[***http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/***](http://www.pcc.edu/about/sustainability/regional-center-expertise/)

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