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HIGHER EDUCATION SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

2023 Event Report

Exploring the Relationship Between Mindscapes and Landscapes

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Audience Breakdown

396

Attendees

101

Speakers

18

Campus &
Community
Partners

25

Sponsors &
Exhibitors

Attendees by Location

117

Washington

202

Oregon

78

Other

Attendees by Category



Student
47%

Facilities/
Operations
10%



Corporations/
Organizations **15%**

Instructional
Faculty | **7%**



Institutional
Leadership/Senior
Admin | **7%**



Other | **14%**

Attendees by School

- Agnes Scott College - 1
- Baker Charter Schools - 3
- Bellevue College - 7
- Boise State University - 4
- California State University - 1
- Cascadia College - 7
- Central Oregon Community College - 11
- Central Washington University - 13
- Columbia Basin College - 1
- Eastern Washington University - 1
- Edmonds College - 7
- Evergreen State College - 9
- Global Business Center, Foster School of Business - 1
- Gonzaga University - 4
- Lane Community College - 3
- Lewis & Clark College - 1
- Linfield University - 7
- Oregon State University - 97
- Portland Community College - 18
- Portland State University - 25
- Reed College - 5
- Seattle Central College - 1
- Seattle Colleges - 9
- Seattle Pacific University - 1
- Seattle University - 1
- Southern Oregon University - 7
- Spokane Falls Community College - 5
- The Village School - 1
- UC Berkeley - 1
- University of Oregon - 31
- University of Portland - 2
- University of Puget Sound - 1
- University of Washington - 12
- Washington and Jefferson College - 1
- Western Oregon University - 1
- Western Washington University - 17
- Willamette University - 3

"Hearing the stories and experiences from the indigenous speakers through the 3 days was impactful to me."

- 2023 Attendee

Program

Conference Theme:



Mindscape & Landscape:

The Intertwined Nature of Mental,
Social + Planetary Health

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"I really felt the connections between the operational aspects of this work and the more intangible inner practices/relationships that strengthen and support the outer work."

- 2023 Attendee

Our 2023 Program Included:

2
Keynotes



23 Breakout
Sessions



2 Plenaries



5 Tours



1 Sustainability
Action Challenge



"I really like the workshop format, it seems like there is more to takeaway from them, and they keep interest by being interactive."

- 2023 Attendee

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Sustainability Report

Host Venue – Oregon State University (OSU)

OSU self-guided sustainability tour at WOHEC showcased on campus EV charging stations, sustainability office, green building renovation, basic human needs, community engagement center, organic garden, OSU Used Store, green residence hall, horticulture restoration, energy center and a solar array as local renewable energy

Waste

All waste that was generated at the event was collected at monitored central composting collection carts

Transportation

- Promoted Public Transportation on OSU Campus for WOHEC attendees
- City of Corvallis has fareless public transit to navigate the city
- Oregon State University has a fareless Beaver Bus campus shuttle to navigate around campus
- Carpool options via OSU and Get There
- Train service on Amtrak to Albany, Oregon

Food and Beverage

- Service ware, including beverage containers, glassware, silverware, and plates, were all reusable.
- Napkins used were biodegradable.
- Food from the “Local 6” counties surrounding Corvallis were utilized as much as possible.
- Second day lunch provided by a local catering company that utilizes local farms with sustainable practices.
- Leftover, usable food is repurposed for the Food For Thought program or donated to the Linn-Benton Food Share

Printing and Signage

- Directional and podium signages was re-used from previous years
- Event signage is printed on DISPA - co-friendly paper boards for screen and digital printing made of FSC®-certified paper (FSC® C127595) and are 100% recyclable
- Reduce printed programs offering a digital program via Swoogo event app
- Signage that cannot be used next year was recycled by OSU

Registration

- Registration process utilizes a 100% paperless ticket system
- Utilized OSU borrowables reusable badge program for lanyards and covers
- Badges include attendee-selected pronouns

See You All in 2024!



Get involved with WOHEC! Contact us at info@wohesc.org or 1.855.740.8417