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Dear Anna,

As autumn approaches and all the beauty of our state is on display, we are reminded of the importance of our work in combating the climate crisis and nuclear threat, among the many other issues that risk destroying our way of life in the Pacific Northwest.

From Zenith to the CEI hub, data centers to the constant push for nuclear power, it is clear that we have a lot of work to do going forward. However, I remain hopeful and extremely appreciative of the efforts of our staff, board, volunteers, coalition partners, and numerous supporters who have done remarkable work throughout the month to educate, inspire, and motivate the public to action.

At times this work may be depressing, and it may appear that we are not winning. But remember, this is a marathon, not a sprint. You never know what post, conversation, letter, email, poster, protest, or testimony may be the spark to ignite a movement. You are needed. You are appreciated, and I am honored to be in the trenches with you all.

Vincent Intondi, PhD
Executive Director
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Peace & Justice Action Team October Meeting

*Wednesday, October 29 · 5:30–6:30
PM (PT) · Virtual Webinar*

Join us for our **Peace and Justice Action Team October Meeting**, featuring a timely conversation on **Safeguarding Healthcare Facilities**. Guest speaker **Tess Hellgren** of [Innovation Law Lab](https://www.innovationlawlab.com/) will discuss ongoing efforts to protect healthcare spaces and workers in the face of rising threats.

[Register to join the webinar](#)

Peace & Justice Action Team October Meeting: Safeguarding Healthcare Facilities

Date: Oct. 29 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:30–6:30 PM (PT)

Where: oregonpsr.org/safeguard_healthcare

Featuring: Tess Hellgren (Innovation Law Lab)

Targeting Doctors in Gaza: Breaking the Silence

Thursday, October 30

7:00–9:00 PM (PT)

[First Unitarian Portland](#) – Elliot
Chapel, 1011 SW 12th Ave

Doors open at 6:30 PM

*\$5–\$20 suggested donation (no
one turned away)*



Join us for an evening of reflection and solidarity honoring Palestinian health care workers killed in Gaza. The event will begin with a **vigil for murdered medical professionals**, followed by a **screening of Jan Haaken's short film, "SUMUD: A Doctor's Report on Genocide and Survival in Gaza."**

After the screening, **Dr. Travis Meleen** will share insights from his experiences working in Gaza during the summer of 2025, followed by audience Q&A.

Hosted by Beaverton City Councilor Nadia Hasan.

Co-sponsored by Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, along with the [Economic Justice Action Group](#), [Peace Action Group](#), and [UUs for Justice in the Middle East](#) of First Unitarian; as well as [Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights](#); [Jewish-Palestinian Alliance of Oregon](#); [Portland for Palestine](#); and [Veterans for Peace](#).



[Join Multnomah County's Climate Justice Plan Community Forums](#)

As part of Multnomah County's ongoing Climate Justice Plan process, a series of twelve community forums held through the remainder of the year, will invite public input on the goals, strategies, and metrics shaping the County's climate and equity commitments. Each forum will focus on a specific topic area and bring together community members, partners, experts, and staff to strengthen strategies and identify actions with the greatest impact on equity, justice, and carbon reduction.

We are anticipating resistance from the fossil fuel industry on the [Air Quality Goal and Targeted Strategies](#) (pgs. 33-36), especially the nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions standards for gas appliances. *We need folks to show up and help combat any misinformation and push back at the community forum.*

Upcoming Forums in November:

Health

*Tuesday, November 4
3–5 PM*

Every community member has access to the resources and underlying conditions that promote health and well-being.

[Multnomah Building](#) Room 126 or via [Zoom](#)

Air

*Thursday, November 6
3–5 PM*

Every community member breathes clean and healthy air.

[Multnomah Building](#) Room 126 or via [Zoom](#)

(We are anticipating resistance from the fossil fuel industry on this goal so make sure to show up!)

[Contribute to Climate Justice](#)

Thursday, November 13

3–5 PM

Every community member has the opportunity to contribute to climate justice in Multnomah County.

Multnomah Building Room 315 or via [Zoom](#)

[Green Jobs](#)

Tuesday, November 18

3–5 PM

Every community member has access to wealth-building opportunities and green jobs.

Multnomah Building Room 126 or via [Zoom](#)

[Extreme Weather](#)

Thursday, November 20

3–5 PM

Every community member is resilient to extreme weather events and other climate threats.

Multnomah Building Room 126 or via [Zoom](#)

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) will make **ALL** remaining funding available for its [Heat Pump Purchase Program](#) starting **November 3, 2025**. This will add an additional \$12 million to the program budget, bringing the total up to \$24 million, supporting an additional 1,000 incentives for owner-occupied homes, 2,000 for new construction on homes, and an additional 3,000 incentives for rental homes. The agency will keep the [program website updated](#) with remaining funding available for each category.



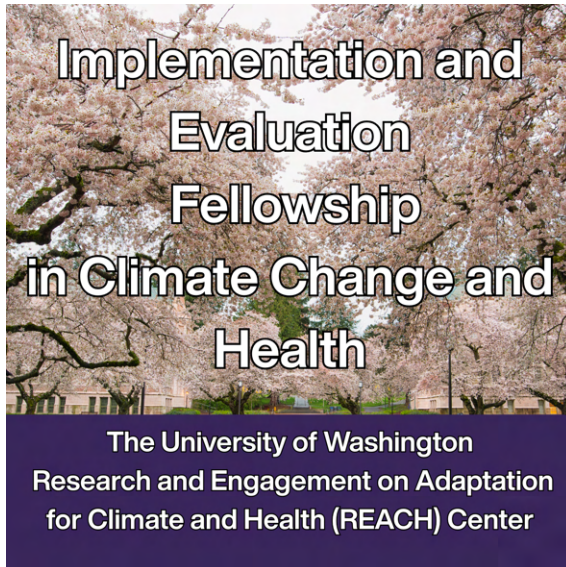
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The Heat Pump Purchase Program offers up to **\$2,000 per installation** for approved contractors to pass directly to customers, making energy-efficient, climate-friendly heat pumps more accessible and affordable. The program is an element of Oregon's broader **Climate Equity and Resilience Through Action** initiative, funded in part by the federal Inflation Reduction Act.

Key details:

- Funding opens **Nov. 3, 2025** for new reservations and applications.
- Open to **owner-occupied, rental, and new construction homes**.
- Prior applicants who were denied may **reapply** if eligibility is met.
- **Approved contractors** must apply for incentives on behalf of customers.
- ODOE contractor webinar: **Oct. 31 at 10 AM** ([details on ODOE website](#)).
- Interested contractors can [apply online](#).

Learn more, find an approved contractor, or register for the contractor webinar on the [ODOE website](#).



[Implementation & Evaluation Fellowship \(UW REACH\) — Application is open now through Nov 28](#)

Are you a health practitioner or researcher passionate about climate change and health adaptation? Are you interested in translating climate and health research findings into practice? The Implementation and Evaluation Fellowship application is open now through November 28. The program is led by the University of Washington's [Research and Engagement on Adaptation for Climate and Health \(REACH\) Center](#).

The Implementation and Evaluation (I&E) Fellowship provides fellow teams with \$60,000 in funding and training in implementation science research methods. Throughout the 18-month program (February 2026 - August 2027), I&E Fellows design and conduct an implementation science project to evaluate or improve the uptake of a climate and health-related project or program. Fellows will participate in monthly virtual meetings to facilitate longitudinal project support and travel to the University of Washington's Seattle campus for the August 2026 and August 2027 sessions of the [Implementation Science in Global Health Summer Institute](#).

Fellows apply and participate as teams of 2-3 people. Teams must include an academic researcher AND a health practitioner. Projects and practice partners must be based in Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, and/or Oregon.

Learn more about the Fellowship and access the application on the [REACH website](#). We invite you to register for office hours on [November 4 \(1:30-3 pm Pacific Time\)](#) for application support.

To apply, email your completed application to claremc@uw.edu by November 28.



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As we move into the holiday season, Oregon PSR would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to the incredible community who make our work possible. From our dedicated partner organizations and tireless advocates to the amazing volunteers who have supported us throughout the year, we thank you.

Your efforts, whether tabling, helping at conferences, or contributing to our programs and events, make our work possible. Time is a valuable commodity, and we are honored by your decision to spend yours with us.

As we reflect on all that we've accomplished together, we're reminded that this work is only possible because of the generosity and dedication of people like you. If you're able, we invite you to continue supporting Oregon PSR's mission by [making a donation](#) to help us build a healthier, more peaceful, and just world.



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