



LISC Chicago: Chicago Plans Workshops 2015 Application

LISC Chicago is accepting applications for [Chicago Plans](#), a new workshop series for nonprofit and community leaders designed to strengthen engagement and facilitation skills and support meaningful neighborhood engagement in place-based planning.

LISC has partnered with the ICA on curriculum design and facilitation of Chicago Plans. Using a peer-to-peer format, participants will sharpen skills and practice tools to maximize participation and engagement; explore the unique role of community leadership in planning; reflect on personal skills in convening community stakeholders; and, study comprehensive planning, including participatory analysis, implementation and evaluation, along with resources available to leverage local plans. Chicago Plans will launch on October 2nd.



LISC is looking for teams of 3 individuals or organizations from community areas all throughout the city to apply. The workshop series will be beneficial to those just starting out in the field as well as seasoned veterans.

Applications are due September 4, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

[Click here to learn more or apply](#)



National ToP Trainers' Academy

The [National ToP Trainers' Academy](#) is a one-year comprehensive train-the-trainer model designed to qualify trainers to teach the [ToP Facilitation Methods](#), the [ToP Facilitation Methods Leadership Edition](#), One-Day [Focused Conversation](#), and [Accelerated Action Planning](#). This training assumes that the individuals are already [Certified ToP Facilitators](#) (CTF) who are experienced in the application of ToP Methods. **Candidates who are strongly anchored in ToP methods and well on their way to fulfilling the CTF requirements qualify for this program. The focus is on becoming a Qualified ToP Trainer.** It is not focused on becoming a facilitator of ToP.

This Academy is for you if you...

- * Have discovered the ToP methods make a difference in your own life and work
- * Have seen how effective the ToP is in all sectors of your community
- * Would like to realize your vision to build your own practice or deliver ToP

Trainees will gather quarterly for 3 days (12 days total) of intensive training and practicum

Session Outline as follows:

<p>Session One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Adult Training • Qualified to teach the Focused Conversation • Getting inside the ToP Trainers Manual • Establishing an Effective ToP Practice • Learning how to be a ToP register • Marketing your own ToP courses 	1
<p>Session Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to teach the consensus workshop • Qualified to deliver mentoring groups • Learn how to deliver feedback and coaching skills • Set up a Community of Practice • Accessing the ToP Network Resource 	2
<p>Session Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to teach Action Planning • Qualified to teach Accelerated Action Planning • Marketing Plan to Launch Your Own Training • ToP Training Business Plan (TBP) of becoming a Qualified ToP Trainer 	3
<p>Session Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified to teach the TFM and the TFM Leadership Edition • Effective Walkthroughs and Presentation of Theory • TFM relationship to the Coordinator of ToP Courses • Delivering training on additional short courses in the manual • ToP Training System and Structure • How does your local business plan and TFM fit into the larger ToP System • Next Steps as a Qualified Trainer 	4

methods within your own organization

* Have observed the passion of other trainers teaching the ToP methods and tools and considered the possibility of yourself in that role

* Would like to experience the fulfillment of enabling others to facilitate meaningful interactions within their organizations and communities

* Would like to experience the energy and connections of new-found colleagues as a cohort



ICA Building & Programs Win Awards This Summer

"Illinois Financing Roundtable Excellence Award" from [Council of Development Finance Agencies](#) (CDFA)

CDFA is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. ICA GreenRise Building Retrofit was announced as a winner of an Excellence Award for its creative building use and exciting financing proposals. This award will help the GreenRise attract interested investors and further its mission. On the right is ICA Property Manager Lesley Showers with the CDFA award.



"Partner of the Year" awarded by [Public Allies Chicago](#)

This year Public Allies Chicago (PAC) named ICA their Partner of the Year. ICA's commitment was demonstrated by hosting multiple Allies, leading a day-long training for the full cohort and offering programmatic housing to Allies. ICA is excited to be hosting our newest ally Joseph Taylor, a current GreenRise resident, to the programming team this fall. On the right is Program Coordinator Caitlin Sarro receiving the PAC Award





ICA Engages Youth in Service Learning in Chicago

While staying in the ICA GreenRise, two youth ministries participated in an abridged ICA Service Learning program. Northway Christian Church and the First Christian Church of Rowlett, both from Texas, arranged for their two ministries to learn, live, and volunteer together. Caitlin Sarro, ICA Program Coordinator, led the training with the group of 40 youth (aged 12-17) and their youth ministers to explore a deeper understanding of service work, causes of homelessness, and systemic injustice. The group's days were divided between reflective curriculum and hands-on volunteering with nonprofits across Chicago.



ICA Welcomes Samantha Sainsbury to the Programming Staff!

After completing her term of service with ICA through the Public Allies AmeriCorps program, Samantha Sainsbury has been hired as staff. In addition to working to facilitate the [Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network](#), Samantha also works closely on the community smart grid education program financed by the [Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation](#). Samantha currently lives in the 7th floor Intentional Community and enjoys a short commute.



Samantha Sainsbury, seen here in her 6th floor office.



Colleagues Gather at ICA to Remember Betty Chipman Pesek

While celebrating Betty's "great life lived and completed," guests shared many personal stories and common reflections. Elise Packard, now living in Santa Fe, wrote:

"Have you ever identified with Bridging Betty?... Can you imagine Betty telling her North Shore friends that she was going to take the train each day to (Chicago's) West Side, and therefore would not be available for tea? Can you imagine Betty recruiting these same friends for a weekend of study in a church basement, or a chance to make a safe haven for West Side children during riots, or beckoning these friends to a life of action sparking social justice?"

After the Daily Office, the morning worship service performed by staff of the Ecumenical Institute, Elise facilitated small-group reflections. Among the words offered by her colleagues to describe Betty were "elegant integrity," "gracious presence," "fearless," and "servant leadership."

Our Global Archives team named their room "The Betty C. Pesek Room" in her honor. Chris, her son, shared that his mother had an alternative to "look busy; God is coming." Instead she proclaimed "Get it done; God is already here."



[Read more about the Betty Chipman Pesek Memorial at Ted Wysocki's blog](#)



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

An Evening with James Priest on Sociocracy

Sociocracy 3.0 (S3) offers a reliable framework to tap collective intelligence, and bring greater awareness to the source of our motivations to act, in order for us to make more conscious and effective decisions together. Built on the same principles and processes that govern life's unfolding; based on the premise that all perceived problems, challenges and difficulties are symptoms of wisdom seeking emergence; S3 is a "social technology" for our time: unlocking ownership, engagement and a sense of purpose, while promoting respect, diversity and inclusion.

August 31st

6:00 - 8:30 PM

ICA GreenRise

4750 N. Sheridan

Chicago, Illinois 60640

Come discover how [Sociocracy 3.0](#) helps:

- Synchronize and align collaboration
- Build resilience and effectiveness to navigate change and complexity
- Tap collective intelligence & reveal opportunities in challenging situations
- Optimize flow of information and value

[Click here to register](#)

Hosts: [Institute of Cultural Affairs](#), [Chicago Time Exchange](#), [Art of Hosting](#), [P2P Foundation](#)

Get hyped for the Sustainable September Ride Series!

Sustainable September Ride Series

Slow Roll Chicago, Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network (CSLN) and LISC Chicago are joining their respective missions in order to connect communities and sustainability organizations across Chicago, through five community bike rides during the month of September. Rides will span the city over the course of the month with various community partners.

<p>SEPT. 2</p> <p>ROUTES, ROOTS & WHEELS: GROWING ENGLEWOOD 6:00 PM MEET / 6:30 PM RIDE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</p> <p>START/END POINT: DREAM CAFE 740 W. 81ST ST.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNERS: - GROW GREATER ENGLEWOOD</p>	<p>SEPT. 9</p> <p>WE RIDE JUNTOS: UNITY AND ACTIVISM IN GREATER LAWDALE 6:00 PM MEET / 6:30 PM RIDE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</p> <p>START/END POINT: GREEN TOMATO CAFE 3750 W. OGDEN AVE.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNERS: - UNIVERSITY POPULAR - ENLAGE CHICAGO - OPENLINES - LAWDALE CHRISTIAN FITNESS CENTER - 22ND WARD OFFICE - LITTLE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY</p>	<p>SEPT. 16</p> <p>RIDING TO BUILD CHICAGO 6:00 PM MEET / 6:30 PM RIDE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</p> <p>START/END POINT: BUILD CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS 5100 W. HARRISON ST.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNER: - BUILD CHICAGO</p>
<p>SEPT. 23</p> <p>GROWING FOOD, GROWING JUSTICE, GROWING POWER 6PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</p> <p>START/END POINT: GROWING POWER'S IRON STREET FARM, 3333 S. IRON ST.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNER: - GROWING POWER</p>	<p>SEPT. 30</p> <p>FROM ROOTS TO FRUITS: EXPLORING UPTOWN'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS 6PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</p> <p>START/END POINT: CLARENDON PARK 4501 N. CLARENDON AVE.</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNERS: - INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS - 00 EDGEWATER</p>	<p>SEPT. 30</p> <p>CSLN Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network</p> <p>LISC CHICAGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: SLOWROLLCHICAGO.ORG/SUSTAINABLESEPTEMBER

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As part of the Chicago Sustainability Leaders Networks Just Space Series, the communities of West Englewood, Little Village/North Lawndale, Back of the Yards, Austin and Uptown will be showcased each week in September.

These rides aim to connect communities and sustainability organizations across Chicago. Each ride is collaboratively organized by local community organizations, with the full series totaling over 15 organizations partnering with Slow Roll Chicago and the CSLN.

All are welcome, especially folks who are new to riding! There will be a small fleet of loaner bikes at each ride for people without bikes.

[More Info](#) or connect on [Facebook](#)

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Instagram: #SlowRollCHI



Faith & Sustainability Forum 2015

Friday, October 23rd

ICA GreenRise

9:00am - 3:00pm

[FAITH & SUSTAINABILITY FORUM 2015](#)

- Hear about upcoming opportunities to increase sustainability in faith communities
- See how local congregations are currently engaging in sustainability efforts
- Connect to resources through organizational services and peer-to-peer sharing
- Gain new understanding of the challenges facing our earth
- Develop a personal or congregation action plan

RSVP & Learn more @ www.ica-usa.org/?page=faithforum

Attend a pre-conference, focused conversation about Faith and Sustainability:

Sept 9th 6:30-8:15pm @ **Old St. Patrick's Church**, 700 W Adams St, Chicago, IL

Sept 17th 7:30-9pm @**St. Edmund Parish**, 188 S Oak Park Ave, Oak Park

Sept 29th 7-8:30pm @**Emanuel Congregation**, 5959 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago

+ Date/Time to be determined for a location in Englewood