



ICA is a member of ICA International, (ICAI) a global network of 35 organizations that use participatory processes for community development. ICA is working on creating and implementing programs to develop institutional capacities for partner ICA's, and partnering with sister organizations on project implementation.



ICA's Technology of Participation (ToP)<sup>®</sup> facilitation methodology harnesses the energy and wisdom of a group to build consensus and create and implement strategic plans. ToP participatory processes draw upon decades of ICA's worldwide community development experience. Currently, the ToP Network consists of over 130 licensed trainers and certified facilitators who deliver facilitation services and training around the country.



ICA-USA is the organizing sponsor of accelerate 77, a five year project which works to increase the role and positive impact of local community action across Chicago. The key strategies are to identify current sustainability initiatives in all of Chicago's 77 community areas; connect them with one another to inspire new ideas and practices; and engage them in collaborative action and peer interchange. Currently accelerate 77 is organizing the formation of the Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network.



The ICA GreenRise - Uptown Learning Laboratory is a demonstration site for living and working intentionally by creating a green culture among its diverse tenants. This includes establishing an energy efficient eco-system aimed to take the entire building off of the grid. Building tenants include over 15 direct-service nonprofits providing safety nets and resources to the Uptown community and Chicago at large.



### Our Strategies...

Youth Engagement

Participatory Processes

Community Development

Fostering Sustainability

Intergenerational Learning