CHICAGO PEACE FELLOWS

Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

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Executive Summary

The **Chicago Peace Fellows** is a unique leadership development program created by the **Goldin Institute** to support neighborhood-level initiatives to build safer and more peaceful communities across the city, in partnership with the **Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities**.

The Chicago Fund is a strategy of the **Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities**, a coalition of 40 foundations that are aligning their investments to support proven and promising approaches to reducing gun violence.

Designed in collaboration with past grantees of the Chicago Fund and with input from a wide range of civic leaders, this GATHER course provides a series of core **social change concepts and tools for authentic community engagement**. The curriculum encourages learning, practice and reflection augmented through in-person workshops led by partner organizations doing violence prevention work throughout the city.

Chicago Peace Fellows learn from one another, their local communities and the Global Alumni Network who are always available to offer advice and experience. The Goldin Institute provides **ongoing training, monthly workshops and facilitative support** so the Chicago Peace Fellows can share their wisdom about violence prevention with civic leaders in Chicago and beyond.

The **Chicago Peace Fellows** program connects and equips a select group of past grantees of the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities representing neighborhoods across the West and South sides. The Peace Fellows come together as a community of practice, learning and working together to promote peace at a grassroots level.

Chicago Peace Fellows utilize the technology of the **GATHER** platform, an online learning hub built by the **Goldin Institute** to empower grassroots leaders. Each Fellow receives a stipend and an **iPad pre-loaded with the GATHER platform** for shared learning and real-time collaboration. By connecting Chicago leaders through GATHER, their work is more effective, interconnected and sustainable.



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The Goldin Institute



Since 2002, the Chicago-based Goldin Institute has **inspired, equipped and connected grassroots leaders in over 50 countries** to lead community-driven social change. By linking grassroots efforts from around the world in our global network, we provide opportunities to build broad partnerships that both adapt to particular local contexts and draw from creative solutions and approaches from around the globe.

Over the past **17 years**, we've seen first-hand how real and sustainable change is rooted in the power of communities working together to build on their own assets, where everyone can contribute, and where the people most impacted by a challenge take the lead in designing the solution.

Our work has always been **shoulder-to-shoulder** with grassroots leaders who are making a real difference in their communities. At the same time, we **leverage new technologies** to connect our global network and deepen collaboration between them.

In this spirit, we launched **GATHER** to empower communities of practice. We applied the experience we gained from working alongside our partners to an online platform that connects them with other grassroots leaders across the world. GATHER allows them to learn and work together using practical tools with global peers.

GATHER

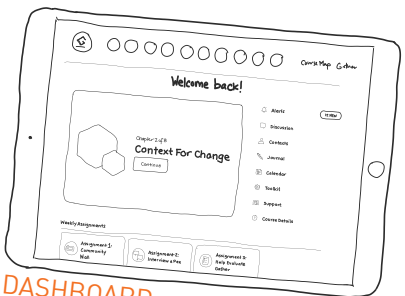
GATHER is an **online learning platform** designed to support shared learning and collaboration between a community of practice. The suite of tools on the GATHER platform enables Fellows to learn, work and reflect together on real issues facing their communities.

In our world, divide and conquer must become define and empower.

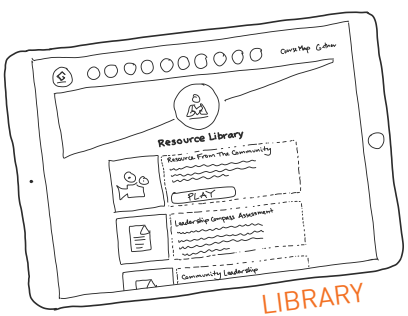
~ Audre Lorde



WELCOME



DASHBOARD



LIBRARY

Discussion Boards: A chance for the group to share reflections with each other about topics and practices.

Peer to Peer Chat: We invite Fellows to communicate with each other informally as well as through required interactive assignments with peers.

Resource Library: Fellows can dive deeper on key topics with curated resources and add their own knowledge and materials to the growing shared library.

Toolkit: Fellows earn badges to celebrate learning of key ideas or new skills. These are stored in their toolkit with easily accessible high-level overviews for use in the field.

Contacts: As Fellows meet new people through practical assignments, they capture contact information to grow their network and expand local partnerships.

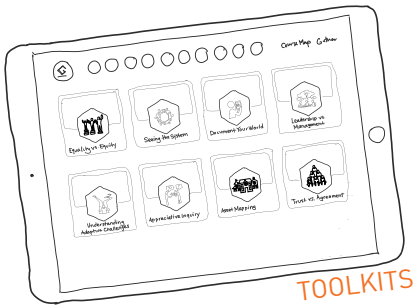
Budget Tracker: Fellows can keep track of their expenses using the budget tracker app to help them build a track record of fiscal management.

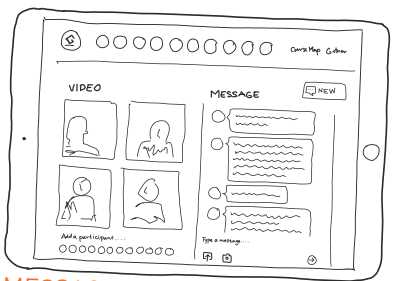
Weekly Roundtables: Through periodic workshops, key ideas and skills covered in the curriculum are presented and discussed with leading experts on the theme.

Digestable: Interactive content is designed to be mobile friendly so that Fellows can complete the curriculum and related activities in 2 - 4 hours per week.

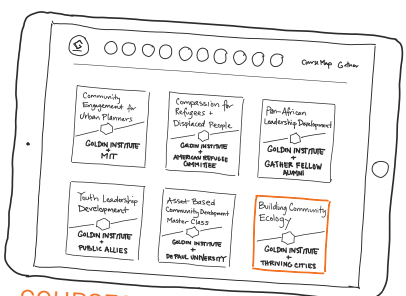
Interactive: Private journaling, discussion boards and practical assignments help Fellows learn, practice and reflect together.

Audio-Visual: Each chapter includes a mix of writings, videos, illustrations, photos and other forms of content to reach a wide variety of learning styles.

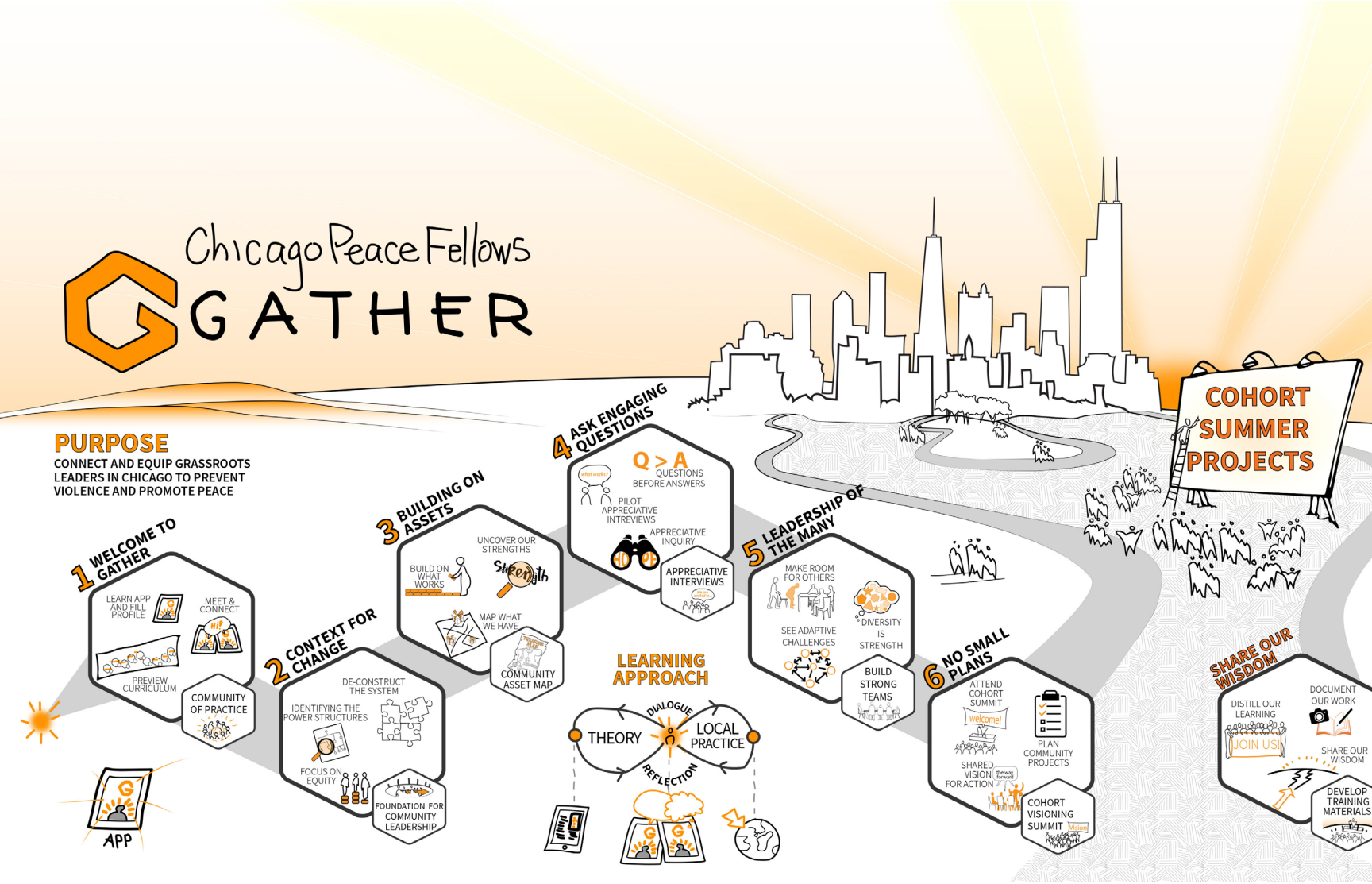

TOOLKITS



MESSAGING



COURSES


Chicago Peace Fellows
GATHER
PURPOSE
CONNECT AND EQUIP GRASSROOTS LEADERS IN CHICAGO TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND PROMOTE PEACE
1 WELCOME TO GATHER
LEARN APP AND FILL PROFILE
MEET & CONNECT
PREVIEW CURRICULUM
COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE
APP
2 CONTEXT FOR CHANGE
DE-CONSTRUCT THE SYSTEM
IDENTIFYING THE POWER STRUCTURES
FOCUS ON EQUITY
FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
3 BUILDING ON ASSETS
UNCOVER OUR STRENGTHS
BUILD ON WHAT WORKS
MAP WHAT WE HAVE
COMMUNITY ASSET MAP
4 ASK ENGAGING QUESTIONS
Q > A
QUESTIONS BEFORE ANSWERS
PILOT APPRECIATIVE INTREVIEWS
APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY
APPRECIATIVE INTERVIEWS
LEARNING APPROACH
DIALOGUE
THEORY
LOCAL PRACTICE
REFLECTION
5 LEADERSHIP OF THE MANY
MAKE ROOM FOR OTHERS
DIVERSITY IS STRENGTH
SEE ADAPTIVE CHALLENGES
BUILD STRONG TEAMS
6 NO SMALL PLANS
ATTEND COHORT SUMMIT
welcome!
PLAN COMMUNITY PROJECTS
SHARED VISION FOR ACTION
COHORT VISIONING SUMMIT
COHORT SUMMER PROJECTS
SHARE OUR WISDOM
DISTILL OUR LEARNING
DOCUMENT OUR WORK
JOIN US!
SHARE OUR WISDOM
DEVELOP TRAINING MATERIALS



1 WELCOME TO GATHER

Determine the principles and practices for a shared learning community.

2 CONTEXT FOR CHANGE

Commit to inclusion and equity in community leadership.

3 BUILDING ON ASSETS

Shift from a deficit-mindset to an asset-based approach.

4 ASK ENGAGING QUESTIONS

Learn how to ask questions that produce insight and motivate action.

5 LEADERSHIP OF THE MANY

Differentiate between leadership and authority and build a diverse team that can see and change the system.

6 NO SMALL PLANS

Design projects with your peers that will be implemented over the summer to leverage our assets to reduce violence.

7 SHARE OUR WISDOM

Reflect on our work together to uncover principles and practices for peace building we can share.

8 LAUNCH ALUMNI NETWORK

Share our learnings with Chicago and join the network of GATHER Fellows.

Learning Together

The Gather curriculum is not a traditional teacher-to-student course, but rather an opportunity for a community of practice to learn and work together. Interactive chapters guide Fellows through key concepts and provide them space for shared reflection after they put those methods into practice. Fellows also participated in over **25 workshops** with organizations doing violence prevention work throughout the city.

Start where you are.

Use what you have.

Do what you can.

~ Arthur Ashe

Building a Community of Practice

The Peace Fellows convened for the kick-off on **March 8th** at DePaul University to meet their peers and take the first steps in building a community of practice that will enable them to work and learn together in the months ahead. The Fellows shared their own "leadership styles" and discussed how collaborative learning is activated by sharing real-world experience in a spirit of trust and exploration rather than striving for consensus on tactics.



Workshop #1
DePaul University

Violence as an Adaptive Challenge

The Peace Fellows met on **March 22nd** at the University of Chicago Trauma Center to explore the theme of violence as an adaptive challenge with leaders on the front lines of peace building. The Fellows met with the violence interruption team and leadership of the Trauma Center to discuss systems-thinking and intersectionality as powerful frameworks for tackling "wicked problems" that require us to learn and work together to make progress.



Workshop #2
U of C Trauma Center

ROLE OF THE ARTS IN SOCIAL CHANGE

The Peace Fellows met on **April 2nd** at the Chicago Cultural Center for a guided tour of the photo exhibit "In the Company of Black" led by the artist Cecil McDonald, Jr. After the tour, Fellows met with Chicago artists Tonika Johnson, Rahmaan Statik and Jane Saks to explore the role of the arts in social change, especially the power of illuminating voices and modes of storytelling that lift up often unseen perspectives.



BUILDING ON OUR ASSETS

The Peace Fellows met on **April 17th** at the Humboldt Park Library to share their Asset Maps detailing the physical resources and organizations already present in their neighborhoods that could be connected and leveraged to support peace building initiatives. Fellows discussed their maps and the broader principles of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) in a conversation with John Zeigler, faculty of the ABCD Institute and Director of the Steans Center at DePaul University.



QUESTIONS THAT UNLOCK POTENTIAL

On **May 1st**, the Peace Fellows met at Breakthrough Ministries in East Garfield Park to discuss Appreciative Inquiry as a tool for asking questions that unlock potential and motivate positive action followed by practicing the approach with their peers. Fellows also participated in a walking tour of the neighborhood with Tony Rapp and the street outreach team to learn about violence prevention from the direct experience of on-the-ground experts.



LEADERSHIP OF THE MANY

The Peace Fellows met at the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago on **May 16th** to explore the theme of the "Leadership of the Many" and to learn about city-wide strategies for violence prevention, including an overview of the primary organizations leading the work. Following the presentation, Fellows met with the Institute's Violence Prevention Team to learn about the principles of Kingian non-violence and the practices of violence interruption with their street outreach team.



RACE, REPRESENTATION AND PEACE BUILDING

The Chicago Peace Fellows visited the Field Museum of Natural History on **June 19th** for a guided tour of the "Looking at Ourselves: Rethinking the Sculptures of Malvina Hoffman" led by curator Alaka Wali. Following the tour, the Fellows met in the Maori House for a discussion with museum staff and Advisors to the Peace Fellows program on the theme of the Role of Race and Representation in Peace Building.



Summer Workshop
Field Museum

ROLE OF DESIGN IN BUILDING SAFE COMMUNITIES

The Chicago Peace Fellows visited the Stony Island Arts Bank on **August 27th** for a guided tour of the exhibits and other projects of the Rebuild Foundation in the neighborhood led by Mallory McClaire. Following the tour, the Fellows met with Gia Biagi, principal of urbanism and civic impact at Studio Gang on the role of urban planning and civic design in making our neighborhoods safer by investing in our civic assets.



Summer Workshop
Stony Island Arts Bank

Working Together

Using a pool of **$30,000** donated by the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities and the Goldin Institute, the Chicago Peace Fellows **co-designed 8 collaborative peace building projects** informed by the principles and practices explored in the curriculum to reduce violence and build peace across the city.

There are no right answers to wrong questions.

~ Ursula K. Le Guin

PLANNING WORKSHOPS



Fellows collaboratively designed peace building projects over two workshops



Over 30 "Big Ideas" were generated during Planning Workshop 01

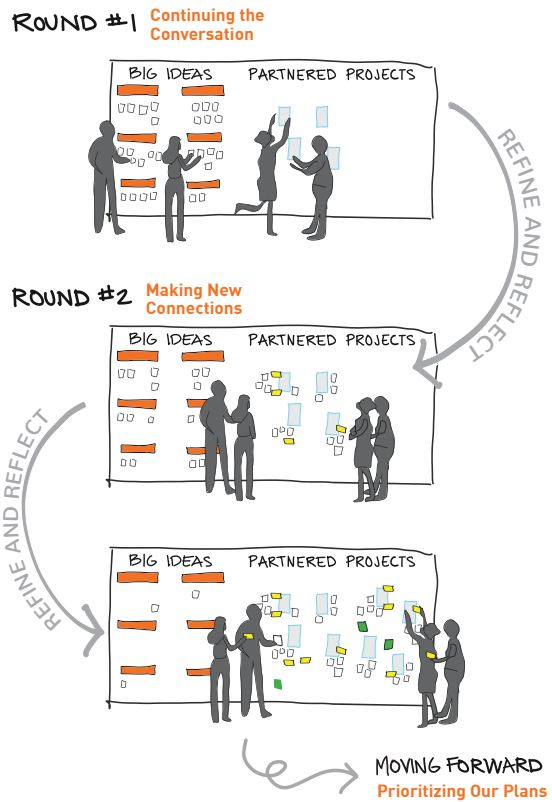
Fellows began the design process by establishing **project principles** to use as criteria as they narrowed down ideas. Fellows also **reviewed key concepts** explored during the GATHER course they wanted to apply to the shared projects.

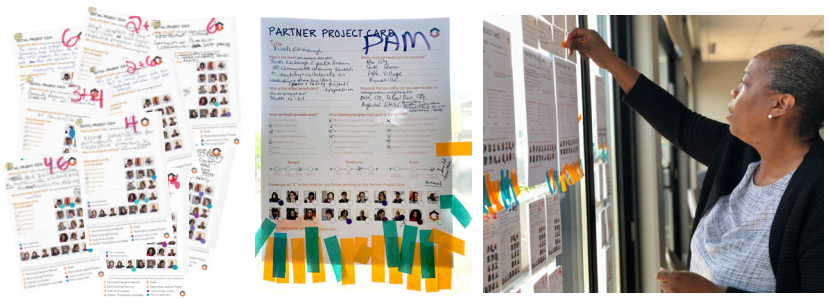
Fellows used **"Big Idea Cards"** to generate as many ideas as possible of how they could build peace and prevent violence together. The project cards were then grouped into categories we established together.

Fellows took all the ideas and reviewed them with their communities, organizations, and other Fellows who were not able to attend. They reflected on the ideas and reported neighborhood feedback on the GATHER platform.

Fellows then explored the trade-offs inherent in both the process and in our final projects that impact group decision making. Fellows used stickers to make visible their preferences on the range of options. They acknowledged that there is no correct way to proceed with any of these ideas, but that each way forward has its pros and cons.

Finally, the Fellows **reviewed and reaffirmed** their shared principles and reflected on what they heard from their neighbors and colleagues during the previous "Community Week." Based on this feedback, along with ongoing conversations with other Chicago Peace Fellows, participants refined 8 collaborative peace building projects and determined the next steps they would take as a cohort.





Fellows "voted with their dollars" at the end of Planning Workshop 02

Fellows next worked together to define final ideas on "Partner Project Cards" and presented them to the group. Each Fellow was given 15 stickers, each representing $100, and were asked to distribute their "money" among the 8 Partner Ideas. The results were reviewed as an **initial understanding of funding**.

In the final decision-making session, Fellows convened to share their refined project plans and teams, and each Fellow used an online platform to invest their equal portion of the $30,000 funding pool to collaboratively establish the final project budgets.

At the end of the meeting, Fellows established **Working Groups** for each of the projects and refined ideas about timeline, budget and roles and responsibilities.







YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Youth Exchange Project hosted an overnight retreat for 36 Chicago youth featuring a series of workshops and opportunities to learn team- building, leadership development, conflict resolution and other skills. This retreat created a network of young people who can work in solidarity across our neighborhoods to build peace.

PARTICIPANTS:
36 youths

DATES:
August 11-13, 2019

BUDGET:
$9,237

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
Private Donors, University of Chicago, Tilden High School, Bass Elementary School, Center for Nonviolence, Precious Blood Church, New Eclipse Church, DePaul University









"In addition to the relaxation and fun, the youth were challenged to address life challenges and, in some cases, had emotional moments related to their personal fears and frustrations as well as mistrust."

~Fellow Jeanette Coleman







PASSPORT 2 PEACE

The Passport 2 Peace consisted of three summits for Youth & Parents on the southside of the city. Each event offered participants an opportunity to earn stamps on their "peace passports" for completing a series of peace building trainings and activities ranging from inter-generational conversations, peace games, restorative justice circles and other interactive opportunities.

PARTICIPANTS:
250+ (over 3 events)

DATES:
August 17, Sept 7, Sept 28

BUDGET:
$6,000

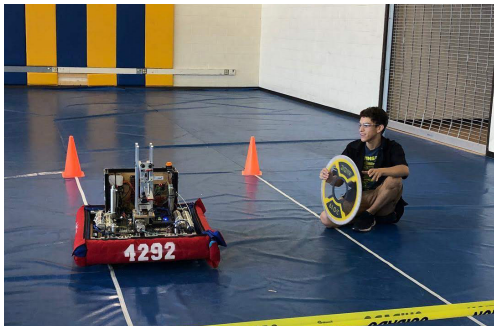
OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
Over 24 organizations contributed to the success of this 3-event series including the Chicago Alternative to Incarceration Collaborative and the Chicago Park District.





"The Passport 2 Peace is an inward journey to promote the place of peace that resides in every person and an outward journey to build community."

~Fellow Robert Biekman







CHAIN REACTION

This project made visible the huge impact possible when small individual actions are linked together to cause a chain reaction. Inter-generational teams participated in four meet-ups around the city to surface peace building ideas. After attendees create their own "metaphorms," youth facilitators connected these presentations together to trigger a chain reaction for peace.

PARTICIPANTS:
30 youths

DATE:
August 3, 2019

BUDGET:
$3,100

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
City Colleges of Chicago









"This was a real life application of the concepts I learned and amplified this summer. Working across organizations as a participant rather than a facilitator proved the 'GATHER' approach works."

~Fellow Jackie Moore







GET CLEARED

Chicago Peace Fellows participated in several events throughout the summer that supported individuals who are in need of clearing criminal records. On July 20th, Fellows hosted a culminating event where they provided information and support to help them navigate the process, including obtaining rap sheets, beginning the expungement petition process and providing career fairs and other opportunities.

PARTICIPANTS:
30 community members

DATE:
July 20, 2019

BUDGET:
$3,115

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
6th District Chicago Police Department, PNC Bank, US Bank





“Realizing the importance of connecting with gang members as an opportunity for them to contribute to peace-making rather than posing as a threat to the community was meaningful.”

~Fellow Jamila Trimuel







TRAUMA INFORMED CARE FOR SENIORS

This project provided human interaction and services over a series of events to Chicago area Seniors residing in Senior-L iving and Independent-Living facilities, as well as homeless Seniors, providing locally-sourced food and trauma-informed care.

PARTICIPANTS:
20 community members and seniors

DATES:
August 21, October 3, October 20

BUDGET:
$1,375

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
Grow Greater Englewood, Healing Home, GodTess, Atonement Church, Churchview Senior Living Facility and Darren B. Easterling Center for Restorative Practices







“Through this project, we helped connect, heal and restore Seniors through activities such as storytelling, gardening, tai chi, reflexology, chakra balancing, reiki, chair massages and peacemaking circles. We offered trainings on how to de-escalate conflict and prevent bullying.”

~Fellow Dr. Phoenix







FAMILY AND YOUTH PEACE DAY

Several Family and Youth Peace Days took place during summer 2019. The events targeted the Washington Park and Bronzeville neighborhoods, although they were open to any Chicago resident. They featured the building of "grow boxes" and many other options for children and inter-generational activities for families.

PARTICIPANTS:
270+ (over 3 events)

DATES:
June 6, August 17, September 13

BUDGET:
$475

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
Chicago Cares, Chicago Youth Programs, Community Builder, Bright Star Church, Cigna







"The GATHER course and partners provided excellent insight into the steps necessary to get a plan that impacts parks and communities. We were then able to observe them in the community."

~Fellow Sokoni Karanja







UPSTREAM INITIATIVE

As part of our attempt to uplift communities and challenge the current nature of non-profit funding, this team will create a platform in 2020 for local organizers to share back office services, especially targeting small or emerging community-based organizations. Services to be provided will be decided upon by the pilot participants, but may include Human Resources, accounting, communications, and the procurement of supplies and equipment.

PARTICIPANTS:
18 planning team members

DATES:
June 18, September 25

BUDGET:
allotted funds have not yet been spent

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
as this is an ongoing project, the team will continue to interview local non-profits





“Spending thoughtful time with others for longer periods of time both pushes our boundaries and builds connection and trust. It is a state of mind, of both risk and reward, that I wish we found more opportunities for. It was thrilling and a commitment.”

~Fellow Robin Cline







GATHER FELLOWS RETREAT

The Chicago Peace Fellows hosted a retreat to further develop relationships and offer a time for reflection and self-care. They convened over a weekend with an agenda that featured rare opportunities such as fellowship building activities reflecting on their values and conversations with funders.

PARTICIPANTS:
15 Fellows

DATES :
September 20-21, 2019

BUDGET:
$6,309

OTHER EVENT PARTNERS:
Crossroads Fund, Polk Bros. Foundation, Conant Family Foundation, Crown Family Philanthropies, Taylor Investment Partners, Chicago Foundation for Women, Chicago Creative Reuse Xchange







“The discussion with funders about the inequity in funding and how their acknowledgment that the playing field is not level was meaningful. It was also wonderful interacting with my colleagues and gain a greater appreciation for our individual and collective work.”

~Fellow Frank Latin

Building a Community of Practice

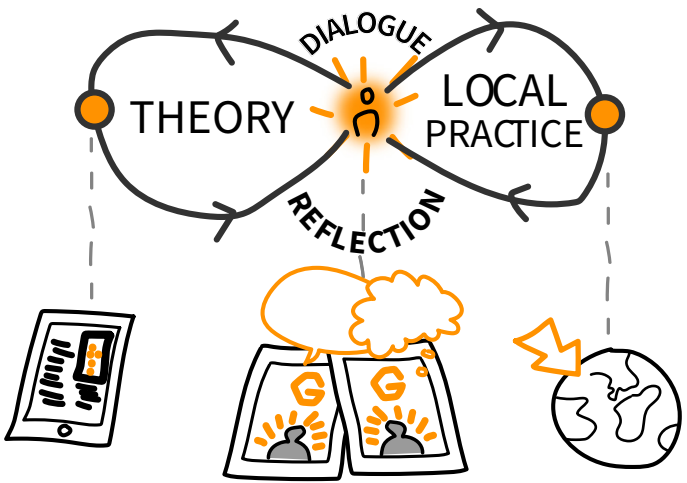
The Chicago Peace Fellows **collaboratively determined** their own P.E.A.C.E. principles for shared learning: Promote compassion; Embrace mutual support and accountability; Adopt an intergenerational and intersectional worldview; Communicate openly, honestly and respectfully, and; Embody a growth mindset.

A single tree does not make a forest.

A single string cannot make music.

~ unknown

LEARNING APPROACH



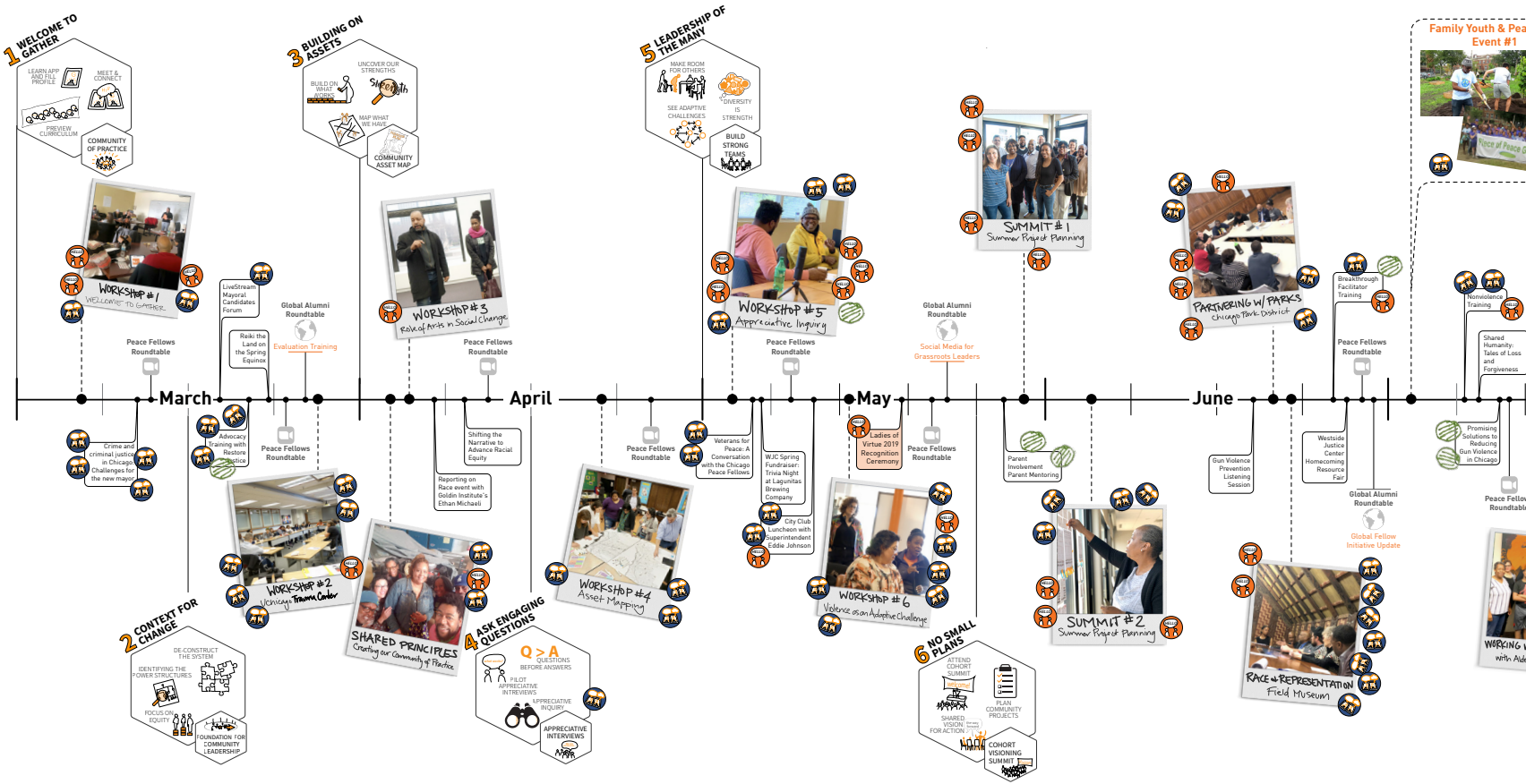
Goldin Events

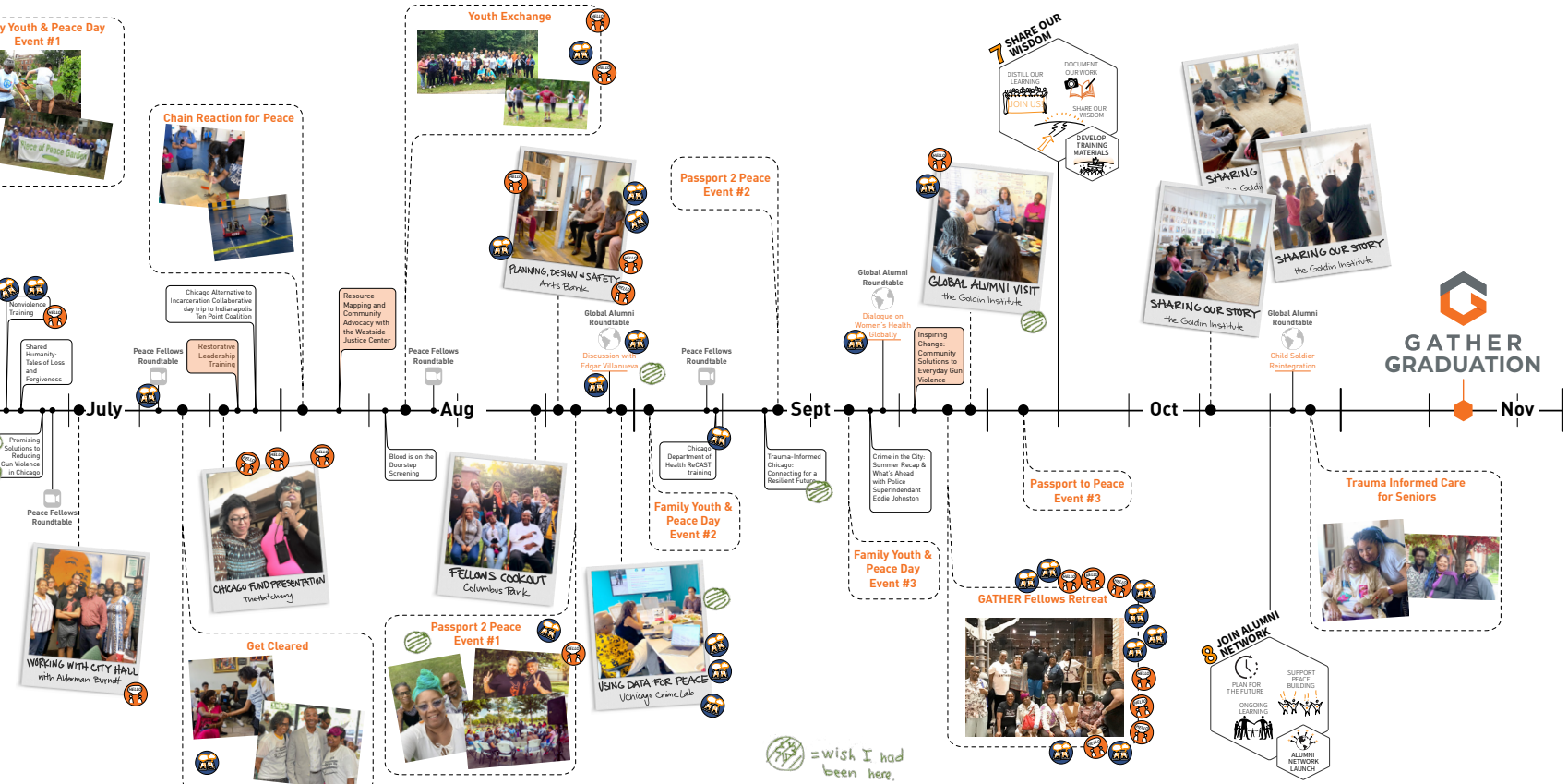
Workshop 1: Welcome to GATHER
Workshop 2: University of Chicago Trauma Center
Workshop 3: Illuminating Perspectives: The Role of the Arts in Social Change
Best Principles and Practices Workshop
Workshop 4: Highlighting What Works - Asset Mapping
Best Principles and Practices Workshop
Workshop 5: Appreciative Inquiry
Workshop 6: Violence as an Adaptive Challenge
Summer Planning Workshops #1 & #2
Conversation with the Chicago Park District
Workshop 7: Race & Context
Meeting with Alderman Burnett
Peace Fellows Presentation to the 2019 Grantees of the Chicago Fund
Chicago Peace Fellows Cookout
The Role of Urban Planning and Design in Building Safe Communities
University of Chicago Urban Labs Data Presentation
Alumni Roundtable: Gather Fellows Evaluation Training
Alumni Roundtable: Training on Social Media for Grassroots Leaders
Alumni Roundtable: Edgar Villanueva
Alumni Roundtable: Global Gather Fellows' Dialogue on Women's Health

Partner Events

Applying to the Chicago Fund technical assistance workshop
Crime and criminal justice in Chicago: Challenges for the new mayor
LiveStream Mayoral Candidates Forum
Advocacy Training with Restore Justice
Reiki the Land on the Spring Equinox
Reporting on Race event with Goldin Institute's Ethan Michaeli
Shifting the Narrative to Advance Racial Equity
Veterans for Peace: A Conversation with the Chicago Peace Fellows
WJC Spring Fundraiser: Trivia Night at Lagunitas Brewing Company
City Club Luncheon with Superintendent Eddie Johnson
Ladies of Virtue 2019 Recognition Ceremony
Parent Involvement and Parent Mentoring
Gun Violence Prevention Listening Session
Breakthrough Facilitator Training
Westside Justice Center Homecoming Resource Fair
Shared Humanity: Tales of Loss and Forgiveness
Promising Solutions to Reducing Gun Violence in Chicago
Chicago Alternative to Incarceration Collaborative delegation to Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition
Resource Mapping and Community Advocacy with the Westside Justice Center
Blood is on the Doorstep Screening
Chicago Department of Health ReCAST training
Trauma-Informed Chicago: Connecting for a Resilient Future

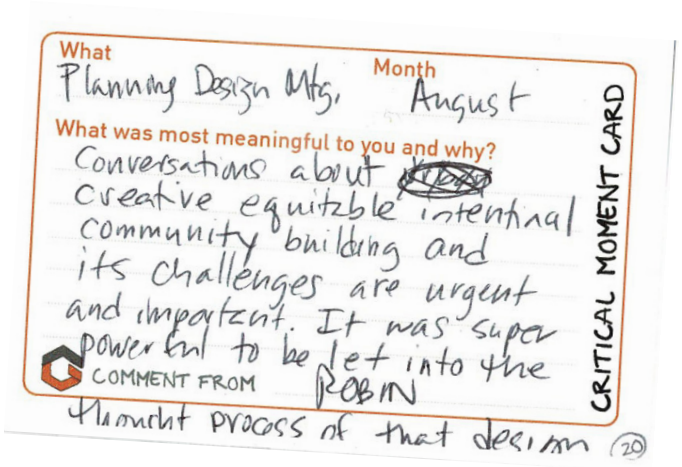
Chicago Peace Fellows Event Timeline




Youth & Peace Day Event #1
Chain Reaction for Peace
Youth Exchange
Passport 2 Peace Event #2
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Arts Bank
GLOBAL ALUMNI VISIT
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Global Alumni Roundtable
Dialogue on Women's Health Globally
Inspiring Change: Community Solutions to Everyday Gun Violence
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Discussion with Edgar Villanueva
Global Alumni Roundtable
Child Soldier Reintegration
GATHER GRADUATION
Nonviolence Training
Shared Humanity: Tales of Loss and Forgiveness
Peace Fellows Roundtable
Restorative Leadership Training
Chicago Alternative to Incarceration Collaborative day trip to Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition
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Chicago Department of Health ReCAST training
Peace Fellows Roundtable
Trauma-Informed Chicago: Connecting for a Resilient Future
Crime in the City: Summer Recap & What's Ahead with Police Superintendant Eddie Johnston
Promising Solutions to Reducing Gun Violence in Chicago
Peace Fellows Roundtable
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Blood is on the Doorstep Screening
CHICAGO FUND PRESENTATION
The Hutcheony
FELLOWS COOKOUT
Columbus Park
Family Youth & Peace Day Event #2
Passport to Peace Event #3
Family Youth & Peace Day Event #3
GATHER Fellows Retreat
Trauma Informed Care for Seniors
WORKING WITH CITY HALL
with Alderman Burnett
Get Cleared
Passport 2 Peace Event #1
USING DATA FOR PEACE
UChicago Crime Lab
8 JOIN ALUMNI NETWORK
PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
ONGOING LEARNING
SUPPORT PEACE BUILDING
ALUMNI NETWORK LAUNCH
= wish I had been here.

Key Learnings

As part of the ongoing team reflections and evaluation of the curriculum, the Peace Fellows reviewed the timeline of all activities and completed **30 Critical Moment Reflection cards** highlighting key ideas and connections that were most meaningful to them as a community of practice.



CRITICAL MOMENT CARD

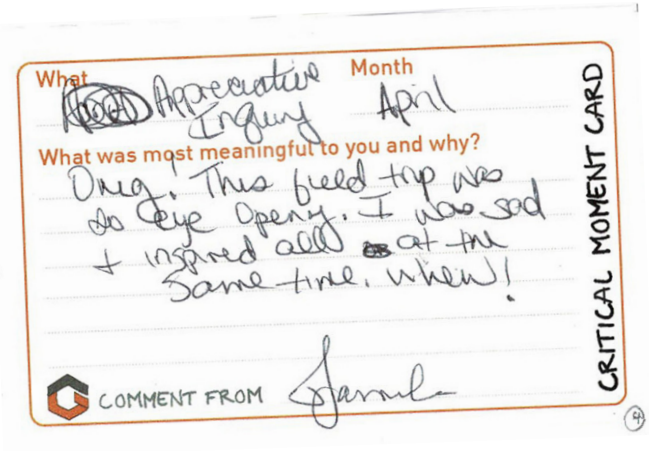
What: Planning Design Mtg. Month: August

What was most meaningful to you and why?

Conversations about [redacted] creative equitable intentional community building and its challenges are urgent and important. It was super powerful to be let into the thought process of that decision

COMMENT FROM ROBIN

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CRITICAL MOMENT CARD

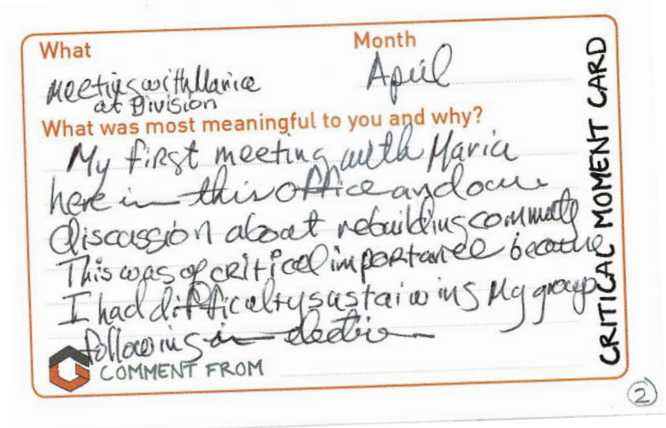
What: [redacted] Appreciative Inquiry Month: April

What was most meaningful to you and why?

Omg. This field trip was so eye opening. I was sad + inspired all at the same time. whew!

COMMENT FROM Jamila

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CRITICAL MOMENT CARD

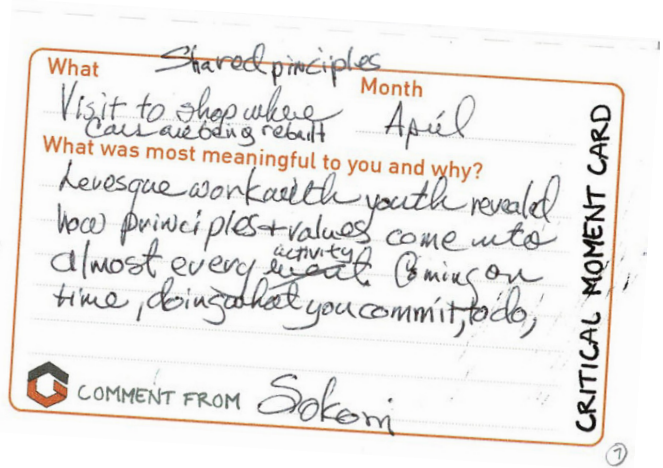
What: meeting with Marica at Division Month: April

What was most meaningful to you and why?

My first meeting with Marica here in this office and our discussion about rebuilding community. This was of critical importance because I had difficulty sustaining my group following in decision

COMMENT FROM

2



CRITICAL MOMENT CARD

What: Shared principles Visit to shop where Cau are doing rebuilt Month: April

What was most meaningful to you and why?

Levesque work with youth revealed how principles + values come into almost every activity. Coming on time, doing what you commit to do,

COMMENT FROM Sokeni

7

Meet the Fellows

The **18 Chicago Peace Fellows** were selected from a pool of over 50 applicants who were all past recipients of grants from the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities. The Peace Fellows live and work in community areas most impacted by violence on the city's south and west sides.

If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.

~ Lewis Carroll



ROBERT BIEKMAN

West Pullman

organization

Chicago Alternative to Incarceration Collaborative Inc.

position

Director

for more information:

www.facebook.com/chicagoATIcollaborative/

"Pastor B." serves the people of Chicago as the Senior Pastor of Maple Park United Methodist Church, Urban Ministry Coordinator of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church and Director of the Chicago Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Collaborative. Pastor Biekman has been a promoter of public policy reform in Chicago by leading the High H.O.P.E.S. campaign to implement restorative justice practices in Chicago Public Schools, implementation of the FAIR COPS ordinance and serving with the Grass Roots Alliance for Police Accountability Coalition. He is a proven public theologian, team builder, visionary leader that transforms the culture of organizations.

ORGANIZATION:

The mission of the Chicago ATI Collaborative is to end juvenile incarceration by restoring community connections and village functions. It envisions a society in which incarceration is no longer the response to youthful misbehavior and seeks to build a process through which young people are diverted to neighborhood-level supports.



Passport 2 Peace Planning Meeting



Summer Project Planning Workshop



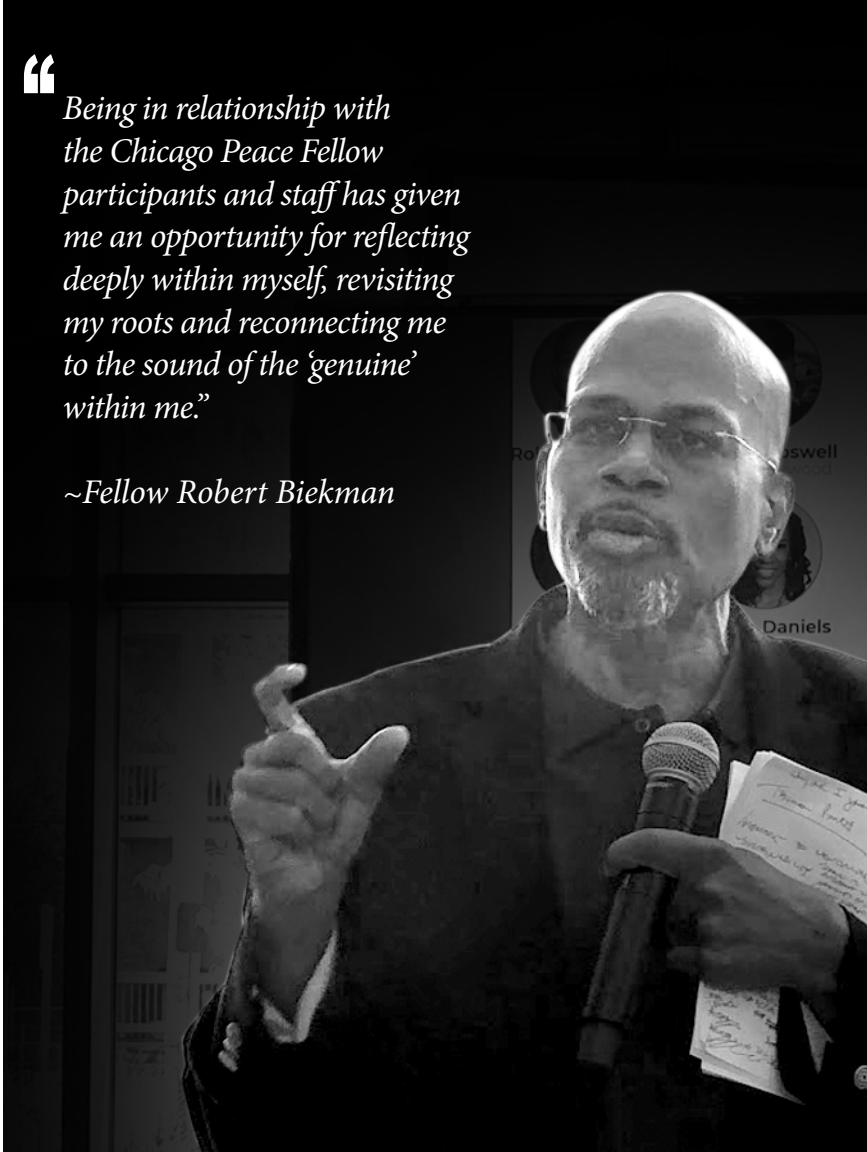
Pastor B. leading Chicago delegation to 10 Point Coalition in Indianapolis



Presentation to the Chicago Fund

"Being in relationship with the Chicago Peace Fellow participants and staff has given me an opportunity for reflecting deeply within myself, revisiting my roots and reconnecting me to the sound of the 'genuine' within me."

~Fellow Robert Biekman





VELVIAN BOSWELL

West Englewood

organization
Chicago Women's AIDS Project

position
Recovery Specialist

for more information:
cwapchicago.org

For almost a decade, Velvian Boswell has practiced peer counseling, preventative care and recovery coaching, consistently managing and recruiting an annual client base of over 80 participants. After years of her own struggles with substance abuse, Velvian turned her life around, earning her Recovery Coach Certification from Governor State University in 2014.

Velvian arrived to Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood at the age of 3. She is passionate about serving her clients and being a voice for her community.

ORGANIZATION:

Chicago Women's AIDS Project seeks to empower cisgender and transgender women to take control of their own health and to live as fully and as productively as possible. CWAP provides prevention and treatment education, advocacy, therapy, and support for women at risk or living with HIV in the Chicago.



Chicago City Club



Violence as an Adaptive Challenge Workshop at UofC's Trauma Center



Role of Design in Building Safe Communities Workshop



GATHER Fellows Retreat

“The Chicago Peace Fellows has allowed me to look at my community with a more positive eye. Learning how to ask questions based on an asset-based mindset allows us to think about the positive and try to get to a solution. Practicing motivational interviewing has inspired me to focus on the strengths.”

~Fellow Velvian Boswell



PAMELA BUTTS

New City

organization

New Eclipse Community Alliance

position

Director

for more information:

www.facebook.com/New-Eclipse-Community-Alliance-NECA

Pamela Butts holds a degree in Business Management and a Masters in Education, Counseling and Human Services from Roosevelt University. Pamela is the Director of Non-Public Programs for Chicago Public Schools. Her job is to monitor all the federal funds for program services under "Every Student Succeeds Act" for the elementary and high schools in Chicago, Illinois. Pamela has also served on the Community Development Advisory Council for the city of Chicago since April 2017. Pamela is very active in community service and outreach. Pamela is a professional, visionary, motivator and team player with exceptional leadership, relationship building, communication and interpersonal skills. Pamela is an advocate and encourager for all youth, the elderly and veterans; especially for those who seem to have "no voice," the underrepresented and under-served.

ORGANIZATION:

Pamela has served as director of New Eclipse Community Alliance 501(c)(3) community outreach agency since 2013.



Summer Project Planning Workshop



Community Walk, Chapter 2 assignment



Presentation to the Chicago Fund



Passport 2 Peace Summer Project

“This amazing experience has afforded me the opportunity to spend time with like-minded individuals with the same passion, who are properly placed, who understand their purpose and establish life-long relationships and partnerships for which I am forever grateful.”

~Fellow Pam Butts



ROBIN CLINE

Humboldt Park

organization

Opera-Matic;
NeighborSpace

position

Executive Director;
Assistant Director

for more information:

neighbor-space.org

As assistant director of NeighborSpace, an urban land trust in Chicago, Robin's leadership is multifaceted, involving neighborhood agency, creative stewardship, and program design. She supports community leaders throughout Chicago in developing, managing, and sustaining community land sites, with a special focus on community nature play and public program projects.

Robin is also the part-time executive director for the art group OperaMatic, a site-specific artist group that activates public spaces in Humboldt Park and Hermosa with playful, collaborative, and civic performances. In both her current roles, Robin advances community cohesion through creative effort and social play.

ORGANIZATION:

NeighborSpace is the only nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups so that community groups can focus on gardening and on their community-building vision, generating food, beauty, play, health, and safety for their neighborhoods.



Building on Our Assets Workshop



Passport to Peace Summer Project



Role of Design in Building Safe Communities Workshop



GATHER Fellows Retreat

“Chicago Peace Fellows has gifted us the time to think strategically about what skill sets are missing for the kind of work that needs to be done in our city. How do we build a shared language in Chicago for peaceful struggle, for compassionate public dialogue, for the ability to hold demographic complexity? We need this shared language to stay strong, connected, and motivated.”

~Fellow Robin Cline



JEANETTE COLEMAN

South Shore

organization

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITY DAY

position

Director

for more information:

iammybrotherskeeperunityday.org

Mrs. Coleman has a history of over 20 years at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She joined the administrative staff of campus housing in 1990 and was instrumental in developing the family housing program, along with providing conflict resolution for students adjusting to living with people different from themselves. After counseling several residents encountering traumatic incidents including suicide, Mrs. Coleman was led to pursue a degree in Social Work where she could be more resourceful.

Mrs. Coleman has a passion for working with youth and has utilized her administrative and crisis management skills with the youth in the South Shore community.

ORGANIZATION:

Jeanette Coleman, MSW, QMHP serves as the Director of I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER UNITY DAY, a not for profit community outreach program dedicated to making a difference in the lives of youth in the South Shore and surrounding communities of Chicago, IL.



Building on Our Assets Workshop



Summer Project Planning Workshop



Jeanette with her local Learning Partners



Veterans for Peace Meeting

“Becoming a Peace Fellow has restored my faith in humanity. Community organizers and civic leaders working together to change the ‘story’ of addressing violence in our city has been most impactful.”

~Fellow Jeanette Coleman



LISA DANIELS

Woodlawn

organization

Darren B. Easterling Center for Restorative Practices

position

Executive Director & Founder

for more information:

dbefoundation.org

Lisa D. Daniels believes firmly that is our humanity that connects us—one to another. Since the tragic murder of her youngest son Darren in July 2012—as a result of an incident where he was both perpetrator and victim—Lisa has become a staunch advocate in the field of restorative practice and lives life guided by the principle that no one is the sum total of the worst thing they've ever done or experienced.

ORGANIZATION:

The Darren B. Easterling Center for Restorative Practices is a behavioral health services organization serving Chicago's most under-served communities, founded on the belief that no one's legacy should ever be defined by their worst mistake. Our mission is to transform the individual behaviors we believe to be at the core of gun-violence by offering trauma-centered recovery services to women and children impacted by the loss of a loved one as a result of violent crime who was either a victim or an offender.



Role of Arts in Social Change Workshop



Leadership of the Many Workshop at the Institute for Nonviolence



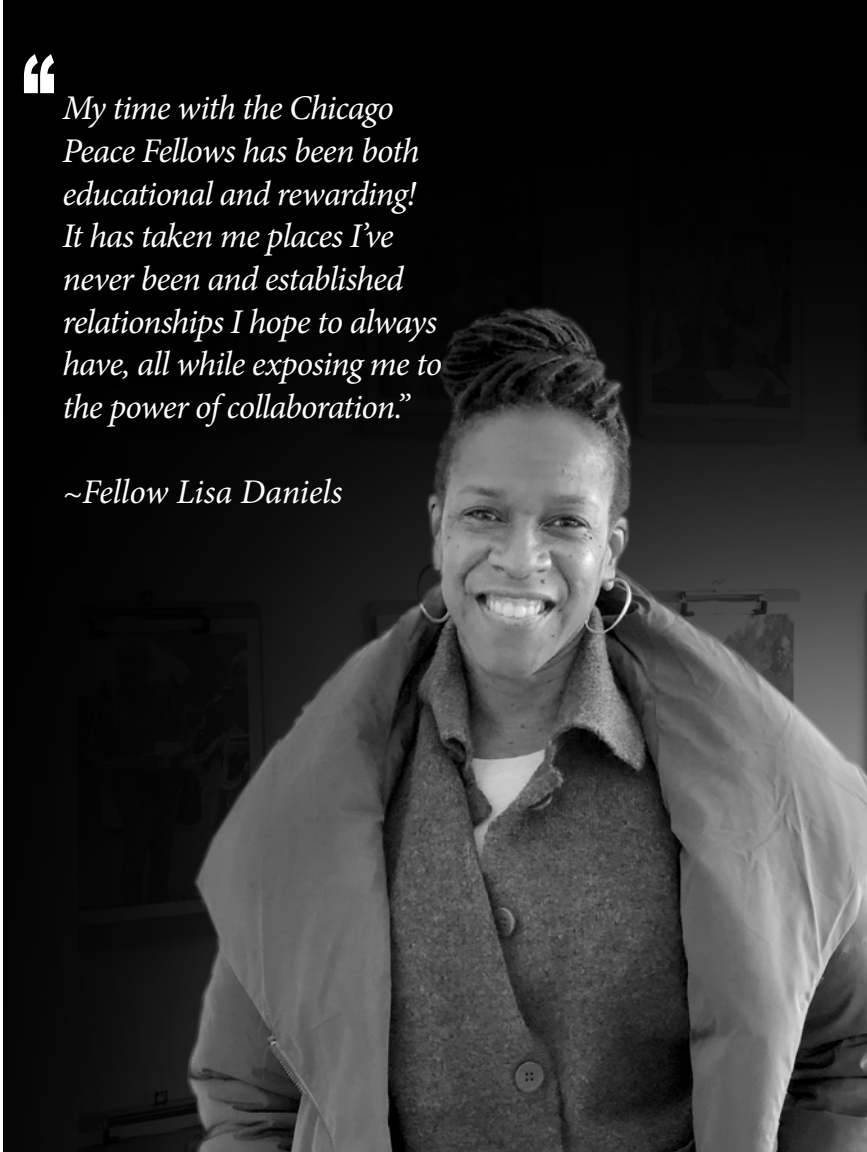
Lisa shares her experience during "Firsthand Talks" at WTTW



Adler University Panel with Alex Kotlowitz, author of An American Summer

"My time with the Chicago Peace Fellows has been both educational and rewarding! It has taken me places I've never been and established relationships I hope to always have, all while exposing me to the power of collaboration."

~Fellow Lisa Daniels





DAWN HODGES

South Chicago

organization

Imani Community Development Corporation

position

Executive Administrator

for more information:

imanicommunity.org

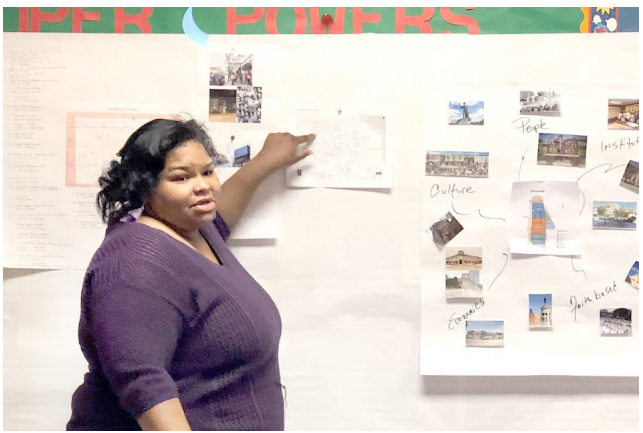
Dawn loves life and tries to enjoy every moment of it. She is graduated from DePaul University March 2019 with bachelor's degree in Nonprofit Management. Dawn has been a church secretary for over 15 years, and recently became the Executive Director of Imani Community Development Corporation. There the team primarily focuses on mentoring, out-of-school time programming, and food distribution. The Imani Community Development Corporation has been a pillar in the community for over 40 years. They host block club meetings and well as other events needed by the community; they love serving and helping others.

ORGANIZATION:

IMANI Community Development Corporation's mission is to improve the lives of our community, on the South Side of Chicago, by providing a holistic approach to servicing the needs of the entire family. We provide services and programs addressing specific challenges of the community, resulting in healing many of the economic, spiritual, social and emotional needs.



Violence as an Adaptive Challenge Workshop at UofC's Trauma Center



Building on Our Assets Workshop



Summer Project Planning Workshop



Fellows Dawn and Dr. Phoenix practicing appreciative inquiry

“I feel so honored to be a part of such an amazing group of organizers. The knowledge and experience that I gained already is priceless. I feel like we are propelling to next level together.

~Fellow Dawn Hodges



SOKONI KARANJA

Washington Park

organization
2016 Ma'at

position
Executive Director; organizer

for more information:
2016maat.org

Dr. Sokoni Karanja the founder of Centers for New Horizons and recently began a new endeavor as President of 2016 MA'AT.

Dr. Karanja is married and is the father of seven. A native of Topeka, Kansas, Dr. Karanja, in his formative years, was witness to the grassroots strategy meeting that led to Brown vs. the Board of Education, and began his first organizing experience by galvanizing support for desegregating his neighborhood movie theater. Dr. Karanja is a MacArthur Fellow and holds three master's degrees (psychology, social work, and community development), and earned his Ph.D. in urban planning from Brandeis University.

ORGANIZATION:

2016 MA'AT was founded on the belief that people who better know and understand each other are less likely to become violent towards each other. 2016 Ma'at then, will focus on the moderation and eventual elimination of violence by forging and strengthening unity in Chicago's neighborhoods of color. Its mission, in a word, is "peace."



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Questions that Unlock Potential Workshop



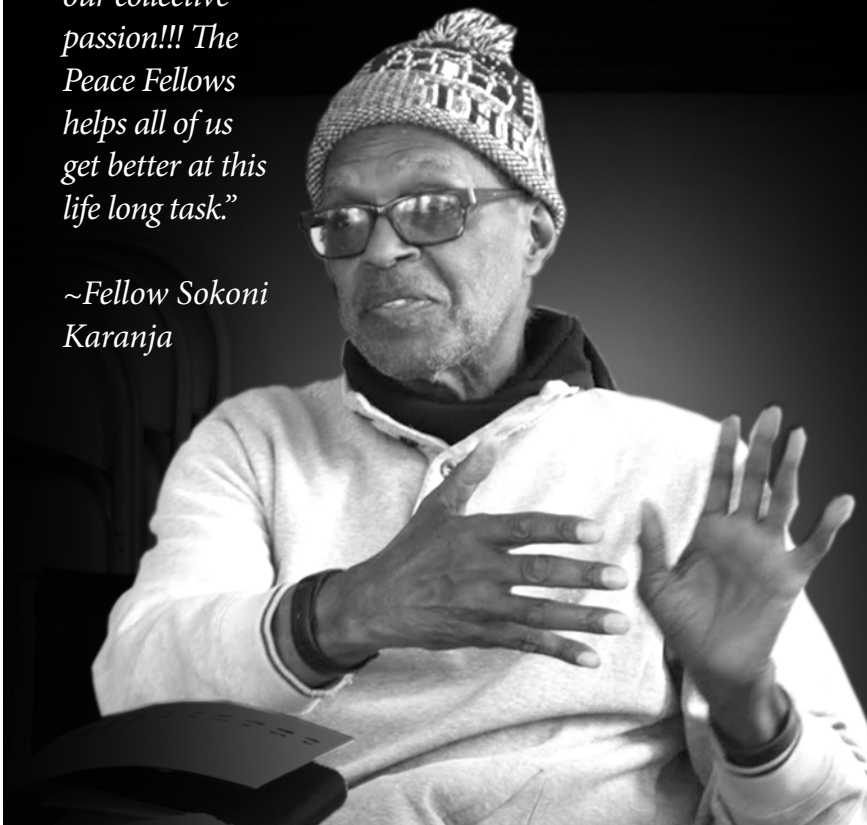
Building on Our Assets Workshop



Site visit to Washington Park with DePaul GIS asset map students

"I have tried to think of something I could say which would capture the range and fullness of this experience: so many people attempting to provide other people opportunities to make their lives better. Justice for the under resourced seems to bring out our collective passion!!! The Peace Fellows helps all of us get better at this life long task."

~Fellow Sokoni Karanja





DIANE LATIKER

Roseland

organization
Kids of the Block

position
Executive Director & Founder

for more information:
kidsofftheblock.us

The mother of eight children, Diane is a 30 year resident of the Roseland. Diane was inspired by her mother, Evangelist Ruth Jackson, who saw that the youth in the neighborhood liked and respected her daughter. Looking at her neighborhood children, Diane saw health professionals, doctors, lawyers, professional musicians, politicians, and actresses, and the list goes on. In 2003, Diane opened up her home, got young people off the streets and involved in programs that would benefit them for the rest of their lives. KOB started out with ten neighborhood kids, and now has impacted thousands of lives through love, nurturing and respect.

ORGANIZATION:

The organization reaches out to the most "at-risk" youth in Chicago with a path that leads away from self-destruction and economic impoverishment. KOB provides a multi-service youth program which focuses on those aspects of young people's lives which promote good health, educational achievement, and personal and social growth.



Building on Our Workshop



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Summer Project Planning Workshop



Mayor Lightfoot recognizing the work of Diane and Kids off the Block

“Being a Chicago Peace Fellow has opened my eyes to the ‘goodness’ in my community. The GATHER Platform has given me the insight on why we should focus on what works instead of what doesn’t.”

~Fellow Diane Latiker



FRANK LATIN

Austin

organization
Westside Media Project

position
Executive Director

for more information:
westsideproject.org

Frank Latin is the founder and Executive Director of Westside Media Project. He also formerly published Nitty Gritty News, a community newspaper highlighting marginalized communities across Chicago. Latin is a graduate of Roosevelt University where he obtained both his Bachelors and Masters degree in economics.



Questions that Unlock Potential Workshop

ORGANIZATION:

The mission of the Westside Media Project is to expose Westside youth and community residents to networks, opportunities, and pathways in media-related fields. We help them use their words and voices to tell their own stories for individual and community transformation. Our programs help Westside students develop a voice on the many issues impacting them and their neighborhoods, which leads to more civic awareness and engagement in our youth.



Race & Representation Discussion at the Field Museum



Leadership of the Many Workshop at the Institute for Nonviolence



Telling Our Story Workshop

“This experience has allowed me to meet and interact with dedicated people who are committed to working to improve communities all over Chicago. It has allowed me to see the entire forest and not just the trees.”

~Fellow Frank Latin





ADI LERNER

E. Garfield Park

organization
Westside Justice Center

position
Director of Programs

for more information:
westsidejustice.org

Adi is a Human Rights Attorney from Israel, who has spent her career supporting and working with communities as an organizer, educator, and advocate. Currently Adi leads a team developing an innovative model for community based legal support and holistic approach to justice.

Working as an attorney in Israel, Adi represented clients in a variety of cases, including Immigration law, state accountability for torture, criminal justice and prisoners' rights. Adi received her LL.B from Tel Aviv University, and a Master of Laws in International Human Rights from Northwestern University School of Law.

ORGANIZATION:

The Westside Justice Center promotes a holistic approach to justice by facilitating legal literacy to reduce recidivism, providing legal and quasi- legal assistance to individuals, and establishing and nurturing community trust through participatory deliberations and restorative justice practices. They hope to mitigate the consequences of incarceration on criminalized communities.



Summer Project Planning Workshop


Leadership of the Many Workshop at the Institute for Nonviolence



Summer Projects Planning Workshop



Role of Arts in Social Change Workshop

“Leadership is about connections. Creating space for individuals to come together, participate, engage, is not just about opportunities or networking. It’s about challenging ourselves and each other, it’s about trust, it’s about freedom. It’s the stuff communities are made of.”

~Fellow Adi Lerner



ALEX LEVESQUE

Back of the Yards

organization

Automotive Mentoring Group

position

CEO & Founder

for more information:

www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Automotive-Mentoring-Group

Alex Levesque is the CEO and founder of the Automotive Mentoring Group (AMG), a nonprofit that is designed to be proactive against gun violence and gang violence in Chicago. AMG works throughout the city in the number of neighborhoods and is designed to halt Chicago gang violence, send the participants back to school to get their high school diploma, and ultimately get them enrolled in colleges that have Automotive programs. AMG also works with more than 51 hiring partners to match participants with good automotive jobs.

ORGANIZATION:

AMG is proactive against gang violence. Chicago has the largest gang population in the country and in an effort to combat juvenile violence, AMG volunteers recruit gang members off the streets and train them how to restore classic cars from the late 1930s - 1970s. Alex founded AMG 24 years ago and since its founding, not a single member of the mentoring group has ever returned to their former life.



Shared Principles Workshop



The Role of Arts in Social Change Workshop



Summer Projects Planning Workshop



Telling Our Story Workshop

“My feeling is that if we share as many ideas as possible with one another, ask important questions regarding how other organizations are able to achieve excellence within their work, and explore questions like, ‘What are some of the most common obstacles that exist doing this kind of work?’ it would be beneficial to all of us.”

~Fellow Alex Levesque



JACQUELYN MOORE

Auburn Gresham

organization
Agape Werks, Inc

position
Executive Director & Founder

for more information:
agapewerks.org

After 25+ years supporting systems software in the finance industry, Jackie left corporate life with the knowledge that technology can remove or provide obstacles.

In 2002, determined to improve the trajectory of the youth in her community, she began offering free technology instruction that focused on how to apply it to improve the learner and the community. Jacquelyn founded Chicago's first community high school robotics team (Chicago Knights), America's first free, public facing makerspace for teens (LevelUP IRL), and the annual Chicago Southside Maker Faire. Jackie is proud to be called RoboticsLady and continue to serve Chicago's youth.

ORGANIZATION:

Agape Werks is a community-based organization committed to academic enrichment with a special emphasis on exposing Chicago youth to the opportunities that are possible through STEM topics. Firmly rooted in the spirit of inclusion, Agape Werks delivers programs in locations of greatest need, but serves all interested youth.



Questions that Unlock Potential Workshop



Summer Project Planning Workshop



Jackie meets with Global Alumni Dieudonne Allo from South Africa



Presentation to the Chicago Fund

“It has been said that when the winds of change blow strong, some build walls. I’m proud of my cohort of Fellows who consistently choose to build windmills, and to have learned through the GATHER platform, how to build them together.”

~Fellow Jackie Moore



JOHNNY PAYTON

West Town

organization

Brothers Standing Together

position

Outreach Coordinator

for more information:

www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Brothers-Standing-Together

Johnny Payton is a proud life-long resident of the Cabrini-Green neighborhood and went to school at Sojourner Truth, Frederick Von Schiller and Lincoln Park. Over his lifetime he watched the place that he called home, once named "The Worst Neighborhood in the USA," become the best neighborhood in Chicago. Now, some claim that Chicago "The Worst City in the world" but Johnny believes that together with a few other like minded citizens, they can change peoples perspective about Chicagoans and Chicago. Johnny Payton is a founding member of Brothers Standing Together.

ORGANIZATION:

BST was founded in 2009 to help decrease neighborhood violence in an effort to contribute to a safe environment for children and families beginning with serving our youth. BST mentors teens about the value of education and that violence is not the answer. As a result, a desire to help others avoid his mistake arose and BST was born. BST's vision is to see a complete cessation in violence and all people living happy, healthy, and whole lives.



Chicago City Club



Meeting with the Parks Department Leadership Workshop



Fellows Sokoni and Johnny practicing appreciative inquiry



GATHER Fellows Retreat

“Cabrini Green, the area I grew up in, has experienced drastic change in recent years and this has really impacted long time residents like myself. All things considered, change and has been wonderful, especially given that the area had the reputation of being one of the worst housing projects in America.”

~Fellow Johnny Payton



PAMELA PHOENIX

Englewood

organization

Grow Greater Englewood;
Phoenix Life Solutions

position

Consultant;
CEO

for more information:

www.facebook.com/phoenixdiverse

Dr. Phoenix is a United States Army Reserve Veteran who served from 1985- 1993. She earned a Doctor of Natural Health Degree from Clayton College of Natural Health in Birmingham Alabama on June 23, 2006. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Services Administration from Spertus College of Jewish Studies and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Kentucky State University.

Dr. Phoenix has over 25 years of Natural Health experience as a Holistic Consultant with community - based agencies and Chicago Public & Charter Schools. In addition to her work at Phoenix Life Solutions Dr. Phoenix works as a member of the team at Grow Greater Englewood.

ORGANIZATION:

Dr. Phoenix's work includes Reiki, Mental health therapy, chakra balancing, yoga, social emotional learning and stress reduction. She has specific interest in emotional health for the whole family.



Shared Principles Workshop



Local Learning Partners at Community Walk, Chapter 2 assignment



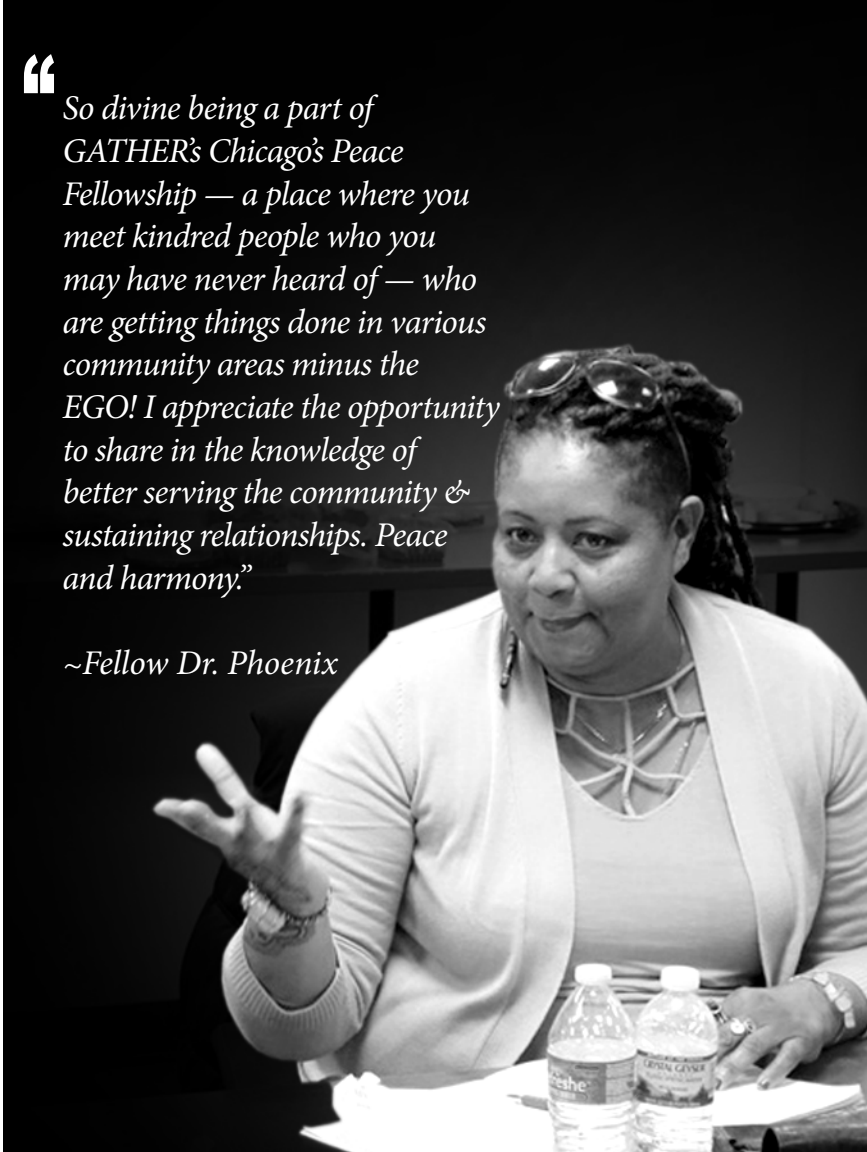
Passport 2 Peace Summer Project



Veterans for Peace Meeting

"So divine being a part of GATHER's Chicago's Peace Fellowship — a place where you meet kindred people who you may have never heard of — who are getting things done in various community areas minus the EGO! I appreciate the opportunity to share in the knowledge of better serving the community & sustaining relationships. Peace and harmony."

~Fellow Dr. Phoenix





GLORIA SMITH

Bronzeville

organization
Black Star Project

position
Executive Director

for more information:
blackstarproject.org

Gloria is an educator, administrator and dedicated community organizer. She has worked for over three decades with a variety of grassroots community initiatives – with a special focus on youth and families, social justice, and preparing students of color for college and professional education. In her work Gloria has coordinated a range of events and activities including public policy forums on economic empowerment and participatory democracy.

Ms. Smith has also worked with The DePaul University College of Law, the Chicago Kent College of Law, the Iliff School of Theology as well as other educational and community organizations.

ORGANIZATION:

The Black Star Project in Chicago was founded in 1996 by Phillip Jackson to close the racial academic achievement gap and to advocate for those in disadvantaged communities. The Black Star Program focuses on one on one interactions with students; but also gets parents involved so that they can have positive influences on their children's education.



Violence as an Adaptive Challenge Workshop at UofC's Trauma Center



Presentation to the Chicago Fund



Summer Projects Workshop Planning



Ceasar McDowell Lecture at DePaul University

“So pleased to be a part of the Chicago Peace Fellows - men and women doing amazing things to bring hope, peace and justice to Chicago communities. As the lyrics from Ella’s Song rhythmically urge, ‘We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest.’”

~Fellow Gloria Smith



JAMILA TRIMUEL

Bronzeville

organization
Ladies of Virtue

position
Founder & CEO

for more information:
lovchicago.org

Jamila started her career in strategic planning at Northwestern Medicine and has over ten years of experience in strategic planning and community engagement.

Jamila is a Steering Committee member for the Greater Bronzeville Neighborhood Workforce Development committee and the IL Council of Women and Girls, which was just signed into law. Jamila is the co-author of "A Status Report on Teen Girls in Chicago." Jamila is also the Co-Chair for the Status of Women and Girls Working Group led by City Clerk Anna Valencia. Most recently, Jamila gave her TEDx Talk at Rush University entitled, "Make Today Your Saturday: Live A Fulfilled Life of Purpose."

ORGANIZATION:

Ladies of Virtue is an award-winning mentoring and leadership program and a powerful sisterhood of young Black women that lead with purpose and dignity. Our mission is to instill purpose, passion, and perseverance in girls, ages 9-18, while preparing them for college, careers and to become change agents in their communities.



Questions that Unlock Potential Workshop



Presentation to the Chicago Fund



Ladies of Virtue Award Ceremony



Passport 2 Peace Summer Project

"The Chicago Peace Fellowship was truly a life-changing experience. From bonding at our Fellow retreat to sharing intimate thoughts on race relations at the Field Museum...I have never been a part of such a dynamic and fulfilling experience as this one. Thank you Goldin Institute!"

~Fellow
Jamila Trimuel



MARIA VELAZQUEZ

Little Village

organization

Telpochcalli Community Education Project

position

Executive Director

for more information:

www.tcepchicago.org

Maria Velazquez is passionate about taking action to bring humanity back to this country. As a Mexican woman rooted to strong moral values she advocates for equal rights for every human being especially youth and women in society. Maria feels strongly about being respected as a person with her own opinions, needs, views, and ways of doing things. Culture is very important to her and she tries to always go back to her roots and think about her ancestors who have inspired her to keep doing what is right and what she is passionate about.



Building on Our Assets Workshop

ORGANIZATION:

Telpochcalli Community Education Project provides the respect people need for their humanity to flourish. TCEP has been a support system and safe space for many youth and immigrants looking to better their lives. TCEP addresses challenges collectively and creatively developes supports systems that build peace and understanding. As people become aware of the power they have inside of them, community organizing projects arise, and change takes place.



Leadership of the Many Workshop at the Institute for Nonviolence



Presentation to the Chicago Fund



Passport 2 Peace Summer Project

"I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity to get to know beautiful people with a unified passion for social justice and service. Chicago Peace Fellows has been an experience of new relationships and new learning tools to implement in our community development efforts. I look forward in continuing building a community of respect, honesty, transparency and love as we keep sharing and listening to our insights ideas and advice. I feel blessed knowing that I have the support of the Chicago Peace Fellows as we continue this journey together. Thank you!"

~Fellow Maria Velazquez



A Global Network

After graduation, the Chicago Peace Fellows will join the growing **network of Global Gather Fellows** currently representing 14 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North and South America. The Peace Fellows will have access to an international network for mutual support, ongoing learning and global cooperation.

If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.

~ Toni Morrison



We know that systemic and adaptive challenges facing our communities will require **new approaches to see and change the system** by building on our local assets and unlocking the potential of emerging leaders.

The GATHER Global Alumni network meets online each month for workshops and discussions on themes selected by the alumni themselves. Recent workshops have include trainings on metrics and evaluation; children and armed conflict; decolonizing wealth with Edgar Villanueva; and preventing violent extremism.

Goldin Institute's


Global Network



Dawn Hodges
South Chicago



Diane Latiker
Roseland



Jackie Moore
Auburn Gresham



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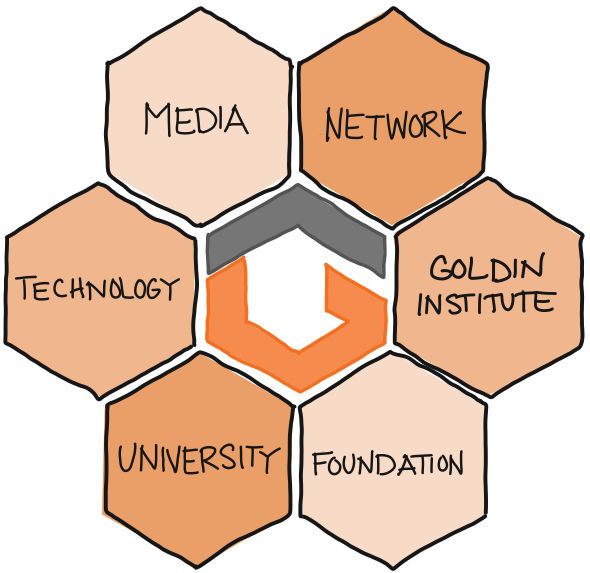
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The Goldin Institute is seeking partners who are committed to a new vision of shared learning and collaboration that upends the current models of distance learning, philanthropy and leadership development.

We know that systemic and adaptive challenges facing our communities will require new approaches that help us see and change the system by building on our local assets and unlocking the potential of emerging leaders.

By linking grassroots efforts from around the world in our global network, we provide opportunities to build innovative multi-sector relationships and solutions that both adapt to particular local contexts and draw from creative solutions and approaches from around the globe.

We invite new partners from the fields of technology, academia, philanthropy and the media to join us and our global network of allied organizations so we can make bottom up strategies add up to real change across the globe.

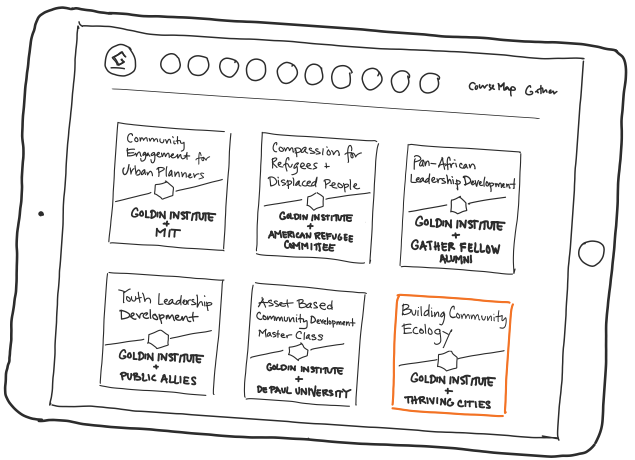
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The overwhelmingly positive response from the inaugural cohort of Chicago Peace Fellows has left us eager to implement it again in 2020.



Thank You

In many ways Gather is the culmination of the last 17 years of experience gained by partnering with grassroots leaders and their communities across the globe. Literally thousands of conversations with community leaders from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe the streets of Port au Prince to the Boardrooms of international agencies have informed the curriculum and improved the platform.

We wish to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our global team.

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We are proud to collaborate with each of you in our shared mission to build a more safe and peaceful future for Chicago as a model for communities around the world. We invite you to continue to support the Chicago Peace Fellows as they the join the global community of practice dedicated to authentic, community-driven social change.

Sincerely,

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