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Summer Opportunities to Engage



[Join the CSLN Sustainable Communities Challenge!](#)

The Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network (CSLN) is highlighting sustainable practices all over Chicago, including yours! Click the link above to find a launch event near you and learn more.



[Volunteer at ICA! Contact Caitlin Sarro](#)

ICA has a long history of volunteer engagement. From individuals to groups, there is a volunteer opportunity for you at the ICA. Sign up today and make a difference in your community!



[Get a GreenRise Tour! Contact Lesley Showers](#)

ICA's landmark GreenRise is the largest social service center in the Midwest. Take a tour! See the renovated conference/training facilities, solar panel installation and budding rooftop garden.



Sustainability Leaders Shine at GreenTown!

The [Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network \(CSLN\)](#) made its public debut on May 22 at [GreenTown Chicago](#), a conference aimed at 'bringing together the public sector and the private sector to connect the dots, to inspire and to work together to remake our communities.'

ICA Executive Director Terry Bergdall facilitated a lively discussion among a panel comprised of seven members of the CSLN. The session covered topics such as the emergence and need for



the CSLN, the concept of holistic sustainability, and the importance of nurturing the space 'in-between' top-down planning and bottom up community projects.

[Click here to read more!](#)

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE VIDEO OF THE CSLN GREENTOWN SESSION!



NEW ToP Course Inspires Creativity for Innovative Action



What do a court judge and a french chef have in common?

It may seem strange, but taking a few moments to brainstorm commonalities between two unlike professions can stretch your creative muscles just enough to help lay the foundations for the breakthrough you have been hoping for.

This is just one example from a new toolkit of approaches for expanding group creativity presented in the new ToP course, [Facilitation for](#)

[Innovation: Inspiring Group Creativity.](#)

The methods are designed to take groups on a fun and productive journey that probes the edges of possibility, inspiring novel ideas to emerge.

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Do you need a neutral facilitator to help you engage groups effectively? A certified ToP facilitator can help organizations or communities with everything from strategic planning to team building.

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GreenRise Community Progressive

On June 1st, ICA GreenRise residents held their very first community progressive - opening their rooms and spaces to one another and the larger GreenRise community.

The progressive was organized by 7th floor resident Tara Gu, modeled after dorm room progressives, but with a new edge. The theme of the progressive was 'your community experience.'



Residents were encouraged to 'share a food or drink item that comes from their culture, something they grew up eating, introduce their residence, talk about their history with the community, talk about art on their walls, play music, put up a disco ball, or do anything else that would share their experience of living in this community.'

[Click here to read more!](#)

ICA Colleague Spotlight: Meet Alice Harriott

Alice Harriott is a familiar face at the ICA. Twice a week the delicious smells of international cuisine waft down the sixth floor hallways as she cooks for some of the residents of the GreenRise intentional community. Alice also caters, on an ad hoc basis, for the conference center.

How did you find the ICA?

The ICA found me! In Woburn Lawn, Jamaica, in 1980, through a program sponsored by the Anglican Church. I went to Venezuela for Introduction to Community Development training, then I did a summer program at the ICA building. I was assigned to the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona for two and a half years, then I spent time doing fundraising in Edmonton (Alberta, Canada) before coming back to the ICA building to work in the Student House in 1986.



How did you find yourself cooking at the ICA?

When I was working at the Student House, the kids didn't like the food that was being cooked. We started raiding the main kitchen at night and I started cooking for the kids. When the ICA needed a new cook, I decided to take the position.

What is an interesting fact about you?

I used to run marathons - I ran the Chicago Marathon until 1996.



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