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Accelerate 77 Advisory Committee Meets to Discuss Phase III

The Advisory Board for Accelerating Green Initiatives in Chicago's 77 Community Areas (Accelerate 77) met on December 6, 2012 to discuss the start of the project's Phase III.



ICA CEO and President Terry Bergdall (right) talks with participants at the Accelerate 77 meeting.

The event brought together the Advisory Board for Accelerate 77, community activists and ICA staff members to discuss how to build on the success of the first two phases of the project, which included the Sharing Approaches That Work Conference at Truman College on September 15, 2012.

The goal of Accelerate 77 is to accelerate green initiatives at the local level. By engaging community-based leaders from each of Chicago's 77 community areas to share and apply their green efforts on a larger scale, the project will build and expand a tight network of collaborative leaders who will leave an invaluable impact on every community involved.

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Service Learning Program to Grow in 2013

ICA's Service Learning team has announced its spring and summer sessions for 2013. The two opportunities



will take place during May, June and July.

Some of the students who took part in the 2012 Service Learning Program.

The 2013 program will build on the successes of previous years, especially with the work done by the 40 interns as part of the Accelerate 77 project in 2012. The first session will be three weeks long and is scheduled for May 13 through 31. The second session will be a six-week period from June 17 through July 26.

Participants will balance challenging academic while experiencing purposeful civic engagement and intentional community life. The program is centered around three modules: creating a just and equitable society, shaping sustainable communities, and building the foundations for peace. Both sessions this summer will be residential, and participants will experience community life at the ICA's building at 4750 N. Sheridan Rd.

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ToP Annual Gathering in Durham, NC

The Technology of Participation (ToP)® Annual Gathering will be held at the Hilton Durham near Duke University in Durham, NC from January 11 through 14, 2013.

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The Gathering will enable ToP facilitators and trainers to promote peer learning; explore innovations; deepen practice of the methods; and advance the ToP Network. The organizers want participants to connect with colleagues, celebrate successes of 2012, and be rejuvenated for 2013. The theme for the event is based on the host city's name, with each letter highlighting a different goal.

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Global Archives Spring Sojourn from April 8-May 10, 2013

Teams of volunteers are working on tests of online presentations of the Town Meetings collection. The colleagues working on the collection will include descriptions and key creative aspects of the collection, finding aids and potential users. They will also determine how this information can be presented in two different online computer systems (FileMaker and Archon).



Contact the Global Archives Office at global-archives@ica-usa.org about your interest in working on any of these or a new subject from home during the winter.

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