

ACTIVATING HERITAGE CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY THE CHICAGO CULTURAL ALLIANCE

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TIME / ROOM

09:00 am - 10:30 am

Check-In & Breakfast

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IL-C

- Breakfast
- Vendor Hall Opens

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Opening Remarks

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- Mónica Félix, CCA Executive Director
- John Russick, CCA President

10:45 am - 11:30 am

Keynote Speaker

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- Iona Calhoun-Battiste, Senior Director of Collective Power, The Chicago Community Trust

11:30 am - 11:45 am

Coffee Break

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- Registrants to Head to the Breakout Rooms

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Session #1 (4 Rooms)

IL-AB

- Move Fast and Save Things: Building a Nonprofit Accelerator to Prepare Cultural Nonprofits to Face New Challenges | Case Study: Chicago Cultural Alliance's "Meeting the Moment".

Cardinal Room

- Weaving Memory and Roots: Indigenous Migrant Women, Cultural Resilience, and Community Healing in Chicago.

White Oak Room

- Archiving Resistance: Combating Political Erasure.

Dearborn B Room

- Volunteer Management for Nonprofits

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TIME / ROOM

01:00 pm - 02:15 am

Lunch

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Cardinal Room

- Main Lunch Hall
- Lunch & Learn with Arts Alliance Illinois

02:15 pm - 02:45 pm

Vendor Hall Opens

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- **Vendors:** Bridge Chicago, Forest Preserve of Cook County, IDE Interactive, and Chicago Cultural Alliance.

02:45 pm - 03:45 pm

Session #2 (4 Rooms)

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- Grants for Cultural Heritage Institutions

Cardinal Room

- Art in Response to Injustice

White Oak Room

- Making Visible Erased Urban Native Cultures

Dearborn B Room

- An Introduction to Know Your Rights Training

03:45 pm - 04:15 pm

Networking Coffee Break

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- Enjoy a beverage in the main room and connect with other attendees

04:15 pm - 05:15 pm

Session #3 (4 Rooms)

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- Community Gardens II: Green Placemaking and Environmental Justice in Chicago Neighborhoods

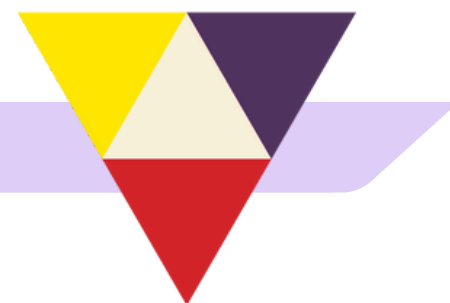
Cardinal Room

- When the Space is Gone: Reimagining Cultural Programming During Renovation and Disruption

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Session #3 (4 Rooms) - (Cont'd)

White Oak Room

- Media Relations for Arts & Cultural Institutions

Dearborn B Room

- Artist as Archivist: A Community Approach to Preserving Heritage Making Visible Erased Urban Native Cultures

05:15 pm - 06:00 pm

Closing Session & Activity

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- Join us for a final discussion of learnings from the day, make new contacts, and give feedback to the CCA.

06:00pm

End of Professional Program



Register via the QR Code

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