



Chicago Global Shapers

Annual Recap July 2018 – June 2019



We are a group of young leaders from Chicago committed to making an impact on Chicago and the world.

The Chicago Hub is part of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community - an initiative to build a global network of young people driving dialogue, action, and change. Since our founding in 2013, we have focused on partnering with mission-focused organizations across Chicago through impact projects, supporting the work of other international hubs, and providing professional development opportunities for the young leaders in our group. To best support our mission of driving a more inclusive and equitable future of work, Chicago Global Shapers collaborates with organizations, individuals and sponsors that compliment this aim.

You can learn more about us and our impact at our website:
chicagoshapers.org.



Local Impact

Annual Recap 2018 – 2019

In 2018-19, Chicago Global Shapers focused the year of impact on Preparing for the Future of Work. In the context of the rapid, accelerated pace of technology, cognitive tasks once reserved for humans are increasingly being done by machines. In light of persistent intergenerational poverty, systemic racism, globalization, climate change, and geopolitical crises, we have an opportunity to work with city stakeholders to proactively make every Chicagoan ready for the future of work.

We partnered with local organizations to advance this vision, from skills development to inclusive entrepreneurship. Below are some highlights.



MHA Labs Project

Local organization partnership

MHA labs is a non-profit organization that focuses on building and translating the 21st century's skills in young people to help them achieve personal, community, and economic success. The Global Shapers Chicago Hub partnered with the CEO to co-create the organization's future business model.

"MHA is unbelievably fortunate to have a team of brilliant thinkers acting locally on their global passions. We are empathetic, social, goal oriented, methodical and flexible. Our team is ready to change the course of progress where EVERYONE knows how awesome they are and where they fit in to shaping our collective future."
– Leslie Beller, founder of MHA LABS

Inclusive Technology and Entrepreneurship

Research, networking and report

Current Shapers, partner organizations, Shaper alumni, and visiting Shapers joined us for our annual Shape the City event in May 2019 focused on how we might make the tech and entrepreneurial ecosystems in Chicago more equitable and inclusive.

We leveraged outputs of the event, research, and interviews to develop a report with our recommendations. **Read the report [here](#).**



Global and Regional Engagement (1/2)

Annual Recap 2018 – 2019

Through our involvement with the World Economic Forum and connection to Global Shaper Community hubs around the world, we have had many opportunities this year to engage on global issues and represent a Chicago perspective.



Davos 2019

Chicago Shaper Julia Luscombe was one of six Shapers who Co-Chaired the 2019 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos. Read Julia's reflections on our Medium page.

Midwest Meetup

Chicago Shapers spent an engaging weekend in Milwaukee collaborating on regional and urban challenges with other Shapers from across the Midwest.



WEF Visits

Chicago Shapers and alumni had the opportunity in May to meet Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, at a gathering of Global Shapers and Young Global Leaders at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. We also had a visit in October from Adrian Monck, Managing Director/Head of Public & Social Engagement for WEF and member of the Managing Board.

Global and Regional Engagement (2/2)

Annual Recap 2018 – 2019

Climate Reality Leadership

Chicago Shaper Rajee Kanagavel attended the Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training in Atlanta, led by Al Gore, along with 48 other Global Shapers from 18 countries

Read Rajee's reflections on climate action [on Medium](#).

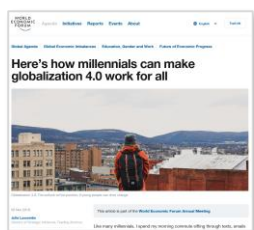


Caribbean Connection

The Chicago and Kingston, Jamaica hubs jointly planned an event in Kingston to build cross-hub connections, identify ways to support each others' communities, and get to know the work of the Kingston hub through a service event.

Young Global Leader (YGL) Event

Chicago Shapers were proud to host a discussion with WEF Contributor and Young Global Leaders Alumni Michele Wucker, CEO/Founder of the Gray Rhino Company, and best-selling author. It was an insightful conversation on how to recognize & strategically counter looming high impact risk.



WEF Agenda Articles

Check out Chicago Shapers [Julia Luscombe](#) and [Parv Santosh-Kumar](#)'s articles in the World Economic Forum's agenda related to Globalization 4.0!

Community

Annual Recap 2018 – 2019

Chicago Shapers also focused this year on building connections with one another, and learning/engaging on local and global topics. Below are some highlights of various events:

Supporting Our Partners

We kicked off the year by welcoming new Shapers at our fundraiser event for The People's Music School

We were also excited to be able to raise funds for a prior impact project partner and children's access to free music education in Chicago



Retreats

Our 2018 fall focused on our hub vision, goals, and impact for the next year... and many opportunities to play 'Mafia'.

We also had a spring retreat in March to reflect on hub milestones and set new strategic goals for 2019-20 as well as electing our 2019-20 Core Team



Getting out to Vote

Shapers got together at the Chicago Public Library to discuss local politics, elections and civic engagement to get ready for the 2018 Midterm Elections

We also published an [article on Medium](#) about the November elections and how everyone can get ready to vote.



And just debating for fun...

After Davos, Chicago Shapers got together for our own mock panel discussion with topics ranging from Chicago elections to the proper way to brush teeth





Thank you!
Learn more about us at
chicagoshapers.org