



# 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](http://chicagoshapers.org).**





# Local Impact

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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

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## 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](#).

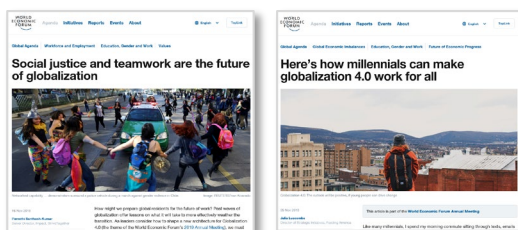


## Caribbean Connection

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

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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







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