Building Inclusive Community Conference

Impact Report

2025

DIVERSITY. INCLUSIVITY. COMMUNITY.

By the Community for the Community

Purpose: to encourage a welcoming and inclusive culture in our community by developing understanding and empathy through learning about issues and resources within our community.

"I really enjoyed all the speakers, and the group lunch with the opportunity to talk with students!""
- 2024 ATTENDEE

Overview

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Years of Community Engagement and Impact

- Keynote Presenter
- Performances
- Workshops
- Community Meal
- Non-Profit Resources
- CEUs for Teachers in '25
- Diversity of Topics, Presenters, and Leaders
- Spanish-Language Offerings
- 100 - 200+ Attendees / Year
- Strong and Positive Feedback from Attendees and Presenters

9
Community Planning Committee Organizations

20+
Resource Tables/ Support Organizations

71
Workshops

500+
Attendees



February 7, 2026 Keynote Speaker: Víctor Gómez, Illinois Teacher of the Year

2021
BUILDING AN ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY TOGETHER: ACTIONFOR ALL AGES



Willie Adams, Educator and DJ

2022
BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: SHARING OUR STORIES



Mathew Harris (D102 and D204 Graduate, Northwestern University

2023
BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: SHARING OUR STORIES



Dr. Ngozi Ezike is the President and CEO of Sinai Chicago and Former Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health

2024
BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE



Dr. Rachael Mahmood, Equity Teacher Leader, LLC

2025
BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: CULTIVATING COMMUNITY. GROWING TOGETHER. EMPOWERING CHANGE.



Nestor Gomez, creator, producer and host of 80 Minutes Around the World

Origin

April 2021

The murder of George Floyd in May 2020 had a profound and multifaceted impact on our global society and significantly moved our local community to take action through education, connection, and sharing of stories. As such, the Building Inclusive Community Conference was created in April 2021 and sponsored by CommUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange Area, LeaderShop, and Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ.

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